



ELIZABETH MacDONALD WALTER DICKIESON ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Macdonald, York, announce the engagement of their daughter Joan Elizabeth, to Walter Ivan Dickieson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dickieson, Malpeque.

Marriage will take place Saturday, July 12, at 3 o'clock in Trinity United Church, Charlottetown.

ELLEN'S DIARY

James' Beloved Sister Tenderly Laid To Rest

Last seedlings of grain were made today on fields of the name, leaving James to remain a bit anxious as to whether or not, "that last round was seeded quite so well as the rest" since dusk had settled by then on the farmlands.

"I wish I had come there just a few minutes earlier," he observed bringing in to us the tale, "though there were no lost minutes today, were there?"

No lost minutes in the farming surely, but maybe because of too insistent endeavours, some loveliness of season passed unnoticed never again to be regained. When next, for instance, shall we see the old russet tree in the orchard so rosy with blooms? Or the farmlands about so lush and full of the Springtime?

"No short pastures now" we offered when with Granddaughter we caught a ride in the truck as far as "the other farm" when it carried thither to join the flock, the late-born lambskins and their ewes.

"Not many" the younger farmer agreed.

"Better farming nowadays" we commented, "Or perhaps no better according to the materials then at hand, but more extensive."

"Seems so" he nodded. "There is more fertilizer used now — more lime too. More stock on pasture, more stabled — more manure spread."

At "the other farm" the great oak is now in bronze leaf and the orchard is a bower of bloom. The flock grazes on the old fields of the valley and come down to drink at the stream that flows "on and on forever" there.

Continuing sunshine and a warmed wind brought folks to picnic and angle leisurely along the millstream at Alderlea. Not to rob it we supposed, but to enjoy the pleasant outing, to clear cobwebs from minds and come up fittingly in peace to the week-end.

This week passing brought its loss to this family and others of kin when all that was mortal of a loved sister to James was laid to rest in the Churchyard where her parents and others of the loved ones and friends now sleep. Although an invalid for years, her passing occasioned many memories and also many regrets, not only here and about but widely where she was remembered for the happy heart and kindly ways of the years that were young. No week, no season, no matter how beautiful but has Death stalking its days. Despite all, there come those times when the busy world pauses and its hush is everywhere about.

But today the birds sang as though there was no such thing as sadness or sorrow — the goldfinch and song sparrow, the robin. And over the fields came the notes of the wood thrush. One finds this message in the "Annals of the Thrush":

"I knelt to pray,
Through storied pane the
Sunshine spilled bright pools of
colored light
And all was still.
I knelt to pray — to ask — to beg
some boon.

And then a throistle sang.
In through the open windows,
loud and clear and passing
sweet.
His message came:
"Do you — Do you — Do you
Give Him thanks, give Him
thanks
As we do, as we do, as we do,
as we do
God! God! God!
To Thee be thanks, to Thee be
thanks,
For sunshine and for Spring.
I did it! I did it! I did it! I did it!
Do you do it? Do you do it?
Thank Him for everything.
I knelt and pray
And nothing did I ask, nor boon
nor gift, but said:
"We praise Thee, O God. We acknowledge Thee to be Lord,
All the earth doth worship Thee:
the Father everlasting."
Until Monday — Diary — — —
Good-night.

NEW LONDON W.I.

Mrs. J.R. Burgoyne was hostess to the New London W.I. on Tuesday evening, June 10th. The president, Mrs. Marion Cole presided. Meeting opened by singing, O Canada followed by the Mary Stewart Collect.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read. Eighteen members answered roll call by naming a famous Canadian Woman. There was one visitor present.

Correspondence was read and dealt with. Mrs. J. R. Burgoyne and Mrs. Morton Adams were appointed delegates to the annual convention. Money was voted for school prizes. School committee is to purchase school treat. School had been scrubbed since last meeting. Sick committee had no report.

Mrs. J. Stanley Brown gave a very interesting talk on First Aid. One premium blanket was sold. Program consisted of a car contest put on by Mrs. Claude MacEwen. Prize winners were Mrs. Morton Adams, and Mrs. William MacEwen. Collection \$2.59.

July meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wilbur MacKay. Topic — Literature. Roll call — A book I have read. Cotton, Mrs. Wilbur MacKay. Program Committee — Mrs. J.R. Burgoyne, Mrs. Harold Mayhew.

Meeting closed by singing, God Save The Queen. Lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge.

HOUSEHOLD HINT

A baby bonnet can be dried easily by placing it over a rounded bowl. This saves creases from ironing as well as the trouble of stuffing the bonnet with paper.

Some of the new plastic laundry baskets have a side compartment to carry clothespins or to isolate small items like handkerchiefs which are easily lost.

When you pack away those winter woollens and get out summer finery, it's a good time to give closets and storage chests a periodic freshening-up.

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