

Womens Institutes

INDIAN RIVER W. I.

August meeting of Indian River Women's Institute was held at the home of Miss Grace Easter, president Mrs. Keith Mann. Seven visitors attended and members answered roll call by singing a hymn. Money for the Institute, Mrs. Fred Tuplin, 2.N., was asked to attend the Resresher Course given for nurses by the Red Cross to which Mrs. Tuplin kindly consented.

A motion, that \$1 be the prize for the Scrap Books compiled by the pupils in each room, was carried. Mrs. Fred Tuplin and Miss Frances Pendergast were named to judge and award the prizes for those scrap books of the coronation. Cod liver oil capsules were received from Red Cross and sold to members.

The Institute had treated the school and pre-school children to ice-cream at the school picnic, also donated prizes for the highest marks in each grade.

Plans were made for members to sell hot-dogs and lunches at the School Carnival on Tuesday. Mrs. Hubert Gillis gave a short but interesting report of the Provincial Convention which she attended and she thanked the members for appointing her as a delegate.

Miss Grace Easter conducted an orange rolling contest after which she served home-made ice-cream and Mrs. Peter MacLellan and Mrs. Will Hickey served delicious cakes.

The next meeting is on Sept. 8, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Sinclair. Roll call will be a pickle recipe.

SPRINGFIELD W. I.

The monthly meeting of Springfield Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Reginald Haslam and Miss Muriel Haslam on September 2.

Twelve members answered the roll call with a pickle recipe. It was reported that the cans had been received and are at the home of Mrs. Clarence Haslam; also a supply of cod liver oil capsules which are to be distributed by Mrs. C. Haslam.

Committees were appointed as follows: school, Mrs. G. Dunning; program, Mrs. Gerrit Loo and Mrs. George Dunning; lunch, Mrs. Ivan Lambe, Mrs. John Hogan, Mrs. George Dunning and Mrs. Ernest Haslam.

A report was heard from Mrs. Andrew Hughes of the annual convention. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. William Haslam. Collection amounted to \$20.

ROSE VALLEY W. I.

Mrs. George Matheson was hostess to Rose Valley W. I. on Sept. 2. The president, Mrs. Wm. MacDonald, presided.

Roll call was answered by eight members; one visitor was present.

Ways and means of making money was discussed and it was

decided to hold a pantry sale in Kensington in the near future. Collection amounted to 50c.

Mrs. Erland Cousins invited the members to meet at her home for the October meeting when roll call will be answered by "Sing, Say or Pay". Program committee is Mrs. James MacIntosh and Mrs. George Matheson. Meeting adjourned. An apple contest put on by Mrs. Wm. Newsome was won by Mrs. James Cousins. Lunch was then served by the hostess.

ZION W. M. S. MEETING

The monthly meeting of Zion W. M. S. was held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Arthur King, Highland Ave.

The president, Mrs. Rendie Larter read the opening call to worship and also led in prayer. Mrs. Julia MacInnis was pianist. Mrs. A. A. MacDonald read the Scripture lesson, with the exposition given by the president. Prayers were offered by Mrs. Blair MacDonald, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. MacDougall.

The president suggested that at the next meeting roll call be answered with a Bible verse containing the word "thanks".

Mrs. Larter and Mrs. King were appointed delegates to attend the annual meeting of Eastern Division Presbyterial to be held in Sydney Mines, Sept. 30.

Cards of appreciation were read from several members. Thirty-one visits were made to sick and shut-ins.

Miss Doris Ferguson was appointed Mission Band leader for next year.

After the business, Mrs. Roberts read a challenging article on prayer for missionaries entitled, "Holding the Ropes". The duties of auxiliary president, secretary and treasurer were read by Mrs. French, Mrs. Darrach and Mrs. King.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Dixon, missionary in Formosa, showing it is more blessed to give than receive.

The meeting closed with a prayer offered by Mrs. Angus MacDonald.

A short Bible quiz was conducted by the president, and Mrs. Blair MacDonald was asked to have one for next meeting.

Next meeting will be held in the Church Parlor one week later than usual date owing to the Presbyterial.

GREENVALE W. I.

The monthly meeting of the Greenvale W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Albert Paul on Sept. 1st.

President presided and meeting opened by repeating the Creed in unison.

Roll call was answered by 8 members and 1 visitor was present.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

It was decided to send \$5.00 for food parcel to Care. It was decided to canvass the district for Cancer Fund.

Sick Committee reported send-

ing fruit and bill presented and paid.

Secretary reported that \$17.45 was made at pantry sale.

The letter from Mrs. MacGregor, "Home Economics Convener" was read. It was decided to ask school children to canvass the district for Protestant Orphanage.

Mrs. MacRae read a portion from the paper entitled, "Country woman have much to discuss during bus tour" and Mrs. Spence and Mrs. Weeks reported attending luncheon at Prince of Wales College.

Mrs. Earle MacRae invited members for next meeting. Meeting closed by singing "God Save the Queen" after which lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Arthur Houston.

ALEXANDRA W. I.

The monthly meeting of the Alexandra W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. John MacMillan with an attendance of 14 members.

Roll call was answered by an exchange of pickle recipes.

It was decided to hold a cake sale at Moore & McLeod's on the first available Saturday in September. Collection amounted to \$15.55.

Mrs. Clifford Sherren invited members to her home for the October meeting, where roll call will be answered by each member passing in a get-well or sympathy card. Lunch committee will be Mrs. Clifford Sherren, Mrs. Vernon MacLennan and Mrs. Aubrey Gamble.

CARLETON W. I.

The monthly meeting of the Carleton W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Wendell MacWilliams on Tuesday evening, September 1. Sixteen members responded to roll call with two quilt blocks. A lobster supper will be held early in September.

New committees appointed were as follows: school, Mrs. Donald Sutherland and Mrs. John Quigley; sick, Mrs. Keith Lord and Mrs. Elmer Stordy; new lunch committee for October is Mrs. Nathan Bell, Mrs. Donald Sutherland and Mrs. John Myers.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ralph MacCaull. Collection amounted to \$1.60.

SHERBROOKE W. I.

Sherbrooke Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Edward Laughlin on September 3 for their monthly meeting with an attendance of 11 members and two visitors.

Roll call was answered by an exchange of pickle recipes. Mrs. Ray Harris was appointed to act on school committee for the next two months and Mrs. Earle Chappell and Mrs. Elmer Warn were appointed on sick committee for the same length of time.

A report was made of the banquet served in the hall to the Hamilton W. I. members and their husbands on their W. I. anniversary. It was also reported that the hall had been scrubbed, the interior varnished and painted, the stage papered and a new door bought since the last meeting.

An interesting letter from Mrs. Stewart McGregor, East Baltic, the

Table Top

by Eden Phillpotts

CHAPTER X

As they steamed slowly west, a chasm opened in the low precipices and a black pathway penetrated amid the overhanging rocks. It struck into the heart of the hills and was quickly lost under their shadow. Above it towered the volcanic crags and from its depths there came a definite sound at last. Through the cleft, at intervals of about five minutes, burst a hollow hissing rattle that rose to a roar, belowered like a steam hooter, then sank away into silence, only to break out again a little later.

"That's the geyser," said Angus, — just the row a geyser would make."

They took soundings every few minutes and crept inshore. There a stream became visible emerging out to sea, while steam hung over its passage.

"It's boiling anyway," said Jane, "but probably no good for a cup of tea. You can smell the sulphur even out here."

"There's one bright thing about the gashly hole," said Tom. "Whatever made Benny call it 'Maneater Gorge' has long since cleared out, else we should see the signs. We shall probably be the only things to visit this god-forgotten furnace since he did."

And then came a whiff of sulphurous heat from the shore that set their thoughts in a new channel.

"Suppose we can't land at all?" asked Angus. "It may be a case for gas masks, or something of that sort, we haven't got with us."

"The sulphur comes from the steam," answered Pardo. "If we keep clear of that boiling water, we may breathe all right. The treasure is at the geyser, and that cannot be very far."

They longed to land, but it was now past noon and Tom directed that a complete circuit of the island should be made and any nearer approach postponed till the following day.

He told the captain of his pur-

pose and Costa trusted that they would make no long stay.

"I am not very happy," he explained, "because the glass does curious things, and though no threat is visible upon the sky, something may be going to happen here that I would not wish to wait for. My engineer has a great ache in his head, and when the head of Carlos aches, that means electricity and tempest. He is a barometer."

They went upon their way westward, where the highest elevations of Tabletop towered above them in twin peaks.

And then, when the sun began to near the horizon and shoot final, dazzling rays upon the island's face, a strange and startling thing appeared and all four of the watchers simultaneously marked it.

Already the base of the great cliffs had lost the sun and a dark shadow began to creep up from sea level to hide the land, but still the upper crags and turrets shone red as blood, and while the "Iguana" moved slowly south, a great plane of the cliffs was opened revealing something new.

Upon this region appeared a definite design that, at first glance, could only have been placed there by man's hand. Two great, eight-pointed stars were set aloft in perfect alignment. Seen at the distance of half a mile they appeared of no great size, but the regularity of their shape indicated plan and purpose.

They stood out very clearly—twin stars, pitch black in colour against their sun-lit background and visible to any eye. Costa joined them while they stared and soon shared their astonish-

ment. But he expressed no doubt as to what they saw.

"A signal," he said.

MYSTERY OF THE SIGNALS

"Where there's a signal, the man may still live who put it there," said Tom. "His eyes may be on us, Costa!"

But the captain thought it very improbable.

"Who can say when the stars were painted there?" he asked. He turned to get his telescope, but by the time that he brought it to them, the stars were no longer visible. Shadows had descended over the precipices and swallowed them.

The sun touched the rim of the sea and was quickly sped, while at his sinking, darkness swiftly followed. They completed their perambulation under night and marked one more sign of life before the day was done. But it was natural, though extraordinary, and man had no part in it. When off the forestal lowlands again, they saw them full of silver light, and it seemed that ten thousand flying lamps came and went, rose and fell, clustered and scattered above the trees. Jane guessed at Jack-o-lanterns sprung from the hot mire beneath the woods; but Captain Costa explained what they saw.

"These are a million fire-flies," he said, "but of a size so gigantic and burning so bright that we can see them out here. Close at hand their flash might almost blind our eyes and they must be far larger than any insects known to human kind."

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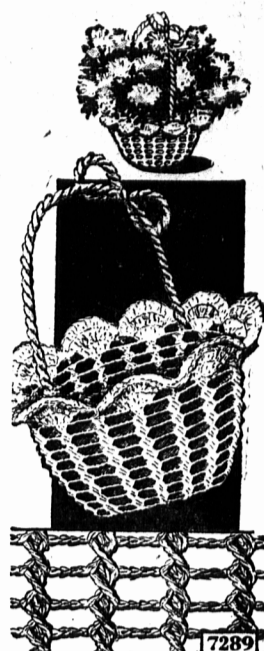
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