



MRS. GORDON HARDY

P.E.I. Collector Finds Hobby Fascinating And Historical

By Mrs. A. G. GREEN
Alberton Correspondent
 Mrs. Gordon Hardy of Alberton is one of several button collectors in this province. Recently we talked with her, read some magazine clippings about buttons and viewed her collection. Until then we had regarded buttons as a useful type of fastening for clothes and had thought of a button collection as merely a large variety of these pretty little discs. What ignorance! We learned that buttons have a history, that they once indicated social status, that they have been made of a wide variety of materials by endless types of craftsmen. Collectors have divided buttons into seven major divisions having 60 sections and 646 classes. They find their hobby both fascinating and educational for each button tells the history of the period in which it was made.

It is not known when buttons were first invented. One writer says that a button found in a Danish peat bog during an archaeological excavation dates back to Denmark's Iron Age, 250 B. C. to 45 A.D. There does not appear to be any evidence that buttons were commonly used in Europe until the beginning of the 11th century. From then on they reflected not only everyday life on that continent but the very structure of society itself.

King Louis IX of France made ornate buttons the mark of aristocracy. Use of metal buttons by the lower social classes was not permitted. By the 16th century buttons were being used lavishly on clothing for men. We are told

that Francis I of France had more than 13,000 gold buttons on a single costume and that Louis XIV spent \$600,000 on jewelled ones. At one time buttons were the visible signs of a man's prosperity. Some were of precious metals, finely wrought and covered with jewels. Others were decorated with copies of famous paintings. Any of these in existence today are rare and expensive.

Most early American buttons were imported from England but the American colonies came into the picture in 1706 when the manufacturing of buttons began in New England. Half a century later brass buttons were being made in Philadelphia and silver ones in Connecticut. Later they were being made of wood, silk, horn, pewter. Today most buttons are made of plastic or synthetic materials.

Through the ages almost every material known to man has, at one time or another, been used to fashion buttons. In creating them almost every art and craft has been employed - painting, sculpture, metal working, glass-smithing, pottery, ceramic, glass blowing, die cutting, wood carving, hair-work, stamping and needle skills.

Mrs. Hardy, who is quietly enthusiastic about her hobby, has her buttons arranged on three panels of black material. The largest panel measures 5 ft. by 3 ft. Two smaller ones are each 36 inches by 21 inches. She estimates the number of buttons at approximately 3,000 and laughingly recalls that at one time she considered 500 a large collection. The largest button is two and three-quarters inches in diameter and the smallest is one-eighth of an inch.

4822 SIZES 2-8
 7444
 by Anne Adams
 SUN-NATIONAL - cool, pretty, quick to sew! Just pop it over daughter's head to wear as a sundress, painting smock or beach coverall. Pattern includes bow-trimmed panties.
 Printed Pattern 4222. Children's Sizes 2, 4, 6, 8. Size 6 dress 2 1/2 yards 35-inch.
 FIFTY CENTS (50 cents) in no stamps please for each pattern. Ontario residents add 2¢ sales tax. Print plainly SIZE, NAME, ADDRESS, STYLE NUMBER.
 Send order to ANNE ADAMS, care of Guardian-Patriot, Pattern Dept., 60 Front St. W., Toronto Ontario.
 COME ALIVE FOR SPRING! Send for our new Spring-Summer Pattern Catalog - 125 top shapes for sun, fun, dancing, shining, everyday! One free pattern - clip coupon in Catalog. Send 50¢.

HAPPENINGS

Andrey Jenkins, Women's Editor, Phone 4-8500

The wedding of Heather MacPhee, New Dominion to Donald MacLeod of Bonshaw will take place this afternoon at 5:30 p.m. in North River Manse, with Rev. T. W. Howard officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schofield and family of Woyland, Mass., were recent house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Macdonald, Carleton.

Mrs. William Simmons, Sea View is visiting friends in Charlottetown.

James Livingston of Tyne Valley was a recent guest at the home of Mrs. Henry Callbeck and Mr. and Mrs. Lorne MacCaul in Central Bedouque.

Mary McQuaid, nurse-in-training at Charlottetown Hospital spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McQuaid, Richmond.

E. C. Caseley, Charlottetown is visiting with members of his family at Kelvin Grove and Wilnot Valley.

John Clark, Richmond is spending a holiday in Moncton, N. B.

Peggy O'Keefe, St. Dunstan's University spent the weekend at her home in Bear River.

Donald Brides and David Curley, Richmond, recently motored to Moncton, N. B. to visit David's brother, Peter Curley who is with the RCMP detachment there.

Ida Skerry, employed in Halifax, N. S. motored to P. E. I. to spend the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skerry, Grand River.

The first in a series of card parties to be held weekly by St. Martin's Church group (South Shore) took place on Monday, March 14, with a good attendance.

Prizes were won by the following: ladies' first, Mrs. Vince Murphy; gent's first, Edmund Handrahan; consolation Mrs. Jack Weatherbie and Tom Murphy. This is to be a six week tournament with a grand prize for the overall largest score.

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse McInnis and James Melnis, Gowan Brae, left recently for U. S. A. where they will visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Stevenson, accompanied by Mrs. Harold Muttart, Carleton spent a holiday with friends in Halifax, N. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon MacFarlane of Augustine, Que., recently visited with relatives and friends in Fredericton, N. B.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Drummond, Freetown, spent a brief holiday in Saint John, N. B.

Art Sullivan and Rob Ferguson have returned to their home in Montague after attending the Macdonald-Brier Curling Championship games at Halifax, N. S.

Mrs. H. M. Smith, Montague was a recent visitor in Halifax, N. S. where she attended the Macdonald-Brier.

Others attending the curling championship games in Halifax from Montague included Kenny Macdonald, Homer Moar, Jackie Murphy and Kenny MacKenzie.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stewart have returned to their home in Montague after attending the Macdonald-Brier Curling Championships which took place in Halifax last week. They were accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Harold and Mrs. Stewart and son, Paul of Kensington.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Nicholson marked their 50th wedding anniversary at their home, 107 Inkster Blvd., Winnipeg on March 7. The following Saturday, relatives and friends honored them at a dinner at the Horizon Room International Airport, given by their son Gerald, a Winnipeg teacher. There followed a reception at the home of their niece, (Mrs.) Lorraine Robson. Guests included Mrs. Nicholson's brother, Elwood Newson, and his wife Violet.

Mrs. Nicholson, the former Amy M. Newson, of Kingston, moved to Winnipeg in 1911 with her family. Mr. Nicholson left Wood Islands for Winnipeg the following year. They were married in Winnipeg, March 7, 1916, at St. John's Presbyterian (now United) Church, which they still attend.

Mr. Nicholson worked for many years as a mechanic, most of the time operating his own garage. Since the war, and until his retirement, he operated a weatherstrip-insulation business. Three of his brothers and sisters still reside on the Island: Allan, of Wood Islands, (Mrs.) May Murchison, of Glen William, and (Mrs.) Nan Gillis, of Melville. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson find pleasure in keeping in close contact with the Island through their numerous relatives, here and have enjoyed several trips back during the past ten years.

When he was 12 "I said I was older," that was back in the days of the twist. Maybe he'll be a dancing instructor when he grows up or maybe he'll study math or science, his favorite school subjects. He hasn't decided yet.

But for now, he goes to the station about an hour before show time, puts on his heavy TV makeup and chats with the groups who appear on the program.

"I hope to keep on doing this kind of dancing as long as I last," he says, and that'll be a long time according to one of his fellow performers, Louanna Apheker.

"It's lasted for six years already in the United States, and anyway, dancers never go out of style," says the 19-year-old Carleton University student.



MARILYN RICE

ENGAGED

Mrs. Pearl Rice wishes to announce the engagement of her only daughter, Leading Wren Marilyn Eleanor of HMCS Stadacona, Halifax, to Leading Seaman William Allan MacLachlan, HMCS Terra Nova, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. MacLachlan of Halifax. The marriage is to take place at St. Michael's Chapel, HMCS Sherwater Sherwater, N.S. on March 26, 1966.

Women

6 The Guardian, Charlottetown, Fri., March 18, 1966.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Auction Of Remnants Held At WI Meeting

Seven members and one visitor assembled at the home of Mrs. Gerald Roach recently for the March meeting of the Cross WI. The president was in the chair and after routine opening, roll call was answered by an Irish joke.

A financial statement was given by the treasurer and a discussion followed the correspondence of the following items: that a means of better garbage disposal for the school be brought to the attention of the trustees; that the Institute News be purchased and distributed to the eight members, and that the teacher be paid for school supplies purchased. The secretary offered to write to Simpson-Sears for remnants.

Geraldine Roach proved to be a worthy auctioneer when an auction sale of remnants was held. Refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Miss Roach, and a card game followed with a prize, donated by the hostess, being won by Mrs. Monty Kelly.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Kelly when response to roll call will be "a question or hint on housecleaning". Mrs. Francis McKenna will be in charge of the programme.

ALBERTON WI
 Mrs. James Hodgson was hostess to the March meeting of Alberton Women's Institute. Mrs. H. W. Matthews presided.

Correspondence including a questionnaire connected with a

SOURIS CWL
 President, Mrs. Fred Perry, chaired the regular monthly meeting of Souris CWL held recently at St. Mary's Parish Church Hall. The meeting opened with prayer by Msgr. J. A. Sullivan.

A substantial bank balance was reported by the treasurer, Mrs. Clarence MacDonald, and

'Hot Flashes'
 You can get help with Lydia E. Pinkham AT ALL DRUG COUNTERS

H. BENNETT CARR
 Sun Life of Canada District Supervisor Insurance Counselling Charlottetown, P.E.I. Phone 4-8817 - 4-5455

ELLEN'S DIARY

Avonlea Children Enjoy Yarns Of Bygone Days

Scenes of farm days gone by, our granddaughter brought with her this evening when she came by from the house across the lane, to provide the best of conversation pieces for herself and this household. "Our children don't seem to listen when we speak of the days when we were young," a farmwife observed recently. "They just aren't interested," she said.

The children at Alderlea much enjoy yarns which relate to bygone days of island life and living, especially as it applies to the farming. And we are often surprised to note that many an adult when visiting is happy to learn something he had not hitherto known of those now somewhat primitive times. And is pleased indeed, if the tale happens to include some name or names of his forebears. There are naturally the exceptions.

"Your great-grandmother was..." we offered, back in the years, mentioning her maiden name to a lad, in whom we, always much interested in tracing genealogies, (mostly to ourself) could see a marked likeness to

the great-grandfather, we remembered in his aged years. Same sharp blue eyes, same pixyish grin, minus the white whiskers, of course. Gosh, Mrs., he grinned in some surprise at the question. "I didn't know I had a great-grandmother! Oh, I suppose I did know," he corrected himself "but I just never inquired about her, not even as to her name. I guess - it's years and years since she died you know, and well, she didn't mean anything to me. I should have

reports were read from the conveners and units. It was announced that the annual meeting will be held on April 3rd at 2:30 p. m.

A nominating committee was elected to bring in a slate of officers for the coming year, with Mrs. M. J. McQuaid as chairman, assisted by Mrs. Angus MacCormack and Mrs. Lennie Hennessey.

Films were shown by Mrs. Camilla Paquet, a Red Cross nurse, and the meeting adjourned with blessing by Msgr. Sullivan.

RED POINT WI
 Mrs. Major Young was hostess to 13 members of the Red Point WI for the March meeting recently, when roll call was answered with a child's pair of mittens.

It was decided to send a donation to the UNESCO Gift Coupon Plan to help out Institutes in other parts of the world. A letter with regard to National Education Week was read and questions answered, and a discussion was held regarding the formation of a sewing class for young children if a suitable teacher would be available.

Red Cross knitting and sewing was handed in to the secretary, Mrs. Elwood Ching; also auction articles to Mrs. R. Garrett. Remnants were given out to members to be made up into different articles.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Alexander Robertson on April 5, with Mrs. R. J. Kitson and Mrs. Arthur Bruce in charge of refreshments and program. A social hour was enjoyed following the serving of refreshments.

And what a nice evening we spent thus, renewing pleasant memories, as by way of old snapshots, folks went happily back through the years.

Until tomorrow - - - Diary - - Good-night.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS
 To add lustre to a linoleum floor, add half a cup of sour milk to the water used in rinsing.

ASTHMA QUICK RELIEF
 CHRONIC BRONCHITIS
 Are you off work, unable to sleep because you wheeze, cough, gasp for breath? Take TEMPLETON'S RAZ-MAN specially made to help asthma sufferers breathe more easily, so you can work and sleep more comfortably. Only 25¢ and \$1.65 at drug counters everywhere. 753-10

ONE CENT SALE SEAMLESS HOSIERY

SIZES 9 - 11
 LIGHT & DARK SHADES
 REG. \$1.00 PAIR. BUY AN-
 OTHER PAIR FOR ONLY 1 Cent

ALSO INCLUDES STRETCHY TOP
 OPEN ALL DAY SATURDAY

THE FASHION SHOPPE
 Great George St. Dial 4-3555

Popular TV Go-Go Dancer Enjoys Science And Math

By MARILYN ARGUE
 OTTAWA (CP)—One of the most entertaining go-go dancers in Ottawa is a boy—a quiet 15-year-old who wants to buy a horse with his television earnings.

Sandy-haired Rick Lefebvre will be one of the smallest cowboys if he gets the pinto he wants. The blue-eyed, Grade 10 student is only five-foot-one and weighs a little more than 100 pounds.

He appears regularly with two girl dancers on Saturday Date, a teen-age dance party broadcast weekly by CJOH-TV Ottawa. He used to be just one of the frugging, jerking along that goes to the studio every Saturday to hear their favorite musical groups and wave to Mom.

Star status for Rick came by popular demand. The show received so much fan mail and so many telephone calls asking "Who's that kid with all the rhythm?" that it was decided to make him a lead dancer.

The boy's success is a family affair. His aunt, who wanted to be a dancing instructor, encouraged him to start dancing. He still has some of his daily practice sessions with her.

He's never studied dancing and tends to improvise his routines as he goes along, because he never knows what songs will be used on the show.

Rick's mother makes some of the braided-trimmed shirts he wears while performing. The rest of his clothes he picks out in Ottawa stores—

UNIFORMS
 We carry the Newest, Brightest and Smartest Look in Professional Uniforms.

- Terrylene and Cotton
- Blends
- Sizes Junior Petite 5-15 to 8-24 1/2
- Terrylene Taffeta
- Cottons
- Sanitized
- Priced from \$5.98 to \$17.98

THE FASHION SHOPPE
 144 Great George St. Open All Day Saturday Dial 4-3355

MARCH LAY-A-WAY
 FUR SALE
 Buy your Fur now!
 • No down payment
 • No carrying charges
 • Free storage and insurance until Delivery

island furriers Ltd.
 79 Grafton St. Dial 2-1273

ON THE ISLAND IT'S
 MOORE & McLEOD LTD.
 YOUR FAVORITE SHOPPING CENTRE

Spring SALE
 Now in full swing!

SHOP EVERY DEPT. AND SAVE!

SHOP
 Monday - Thursday 9 - 5
 Friday 9 - 5
 Saturday 9 - 12:30

ON THE ISLAND IT'S
 MOORE & McLEOD LTD.
 YOUR FAVORITE SHOPPING CENTRE