

MARY HAWORTH

'Mother's Distant Attitude Puzzles Son's Girl Friend

Dear Mary Haworth: I have been going steady for over two years with a college man. We are in our early twenties.

His mother is a widow in her 60s. She and John live in a downtown apartment, on the upper floor of a business building.

My problem is that she will not meet my parents. My mother has talked to her by telephone once or twice, inviting her to come to our house. She is nice to me, but avoids the subject of meeting my parents.

Do you have any suggestions on how to solve the problem? John and I are not formally engaged, but we plan to be married in the future.

Dear S.Y.: As I get the pitch, John's mother prefers to keep her distance from your folks. Doubtless she takes this attitude to indicate that she is cool to the idea of John's marrying you. She has her fingers crossed, hoping it won't happen, probably; and as a matter of policy and integrity, she isn't offering any encouragement; nor yielding to any social blandishments that might draw the two families closer.

I have no suggestions for forcing friendship. I think we must respect the rights of others to avoid us, if they choose. In my book, friendship is a free gift, not something one connives at, or bargains for. M.H.

CLINGS TO PAST
Dear Mary Haworth: I'd like to ask if it seems normal for a

woman in her mid-forties, married many years, with children, to be forever shouting in company about her sheltered upbringing.

The people in our set are all from good families and were brought up properly; but that was so long ago; and nobody ever replies to her. Don't you think she's immature to behave in this fashion? C.R.

FEELS INFERIOR
Dear C.R.: If snobbery, due either to superiority or insecurity feelings, is a symptom of immaturity, I suppose you might say this forthright matron is immature.

You write from the deep South.

where pride of family is traditional and conversationally emphasized, by many of its women-folk, since the War between the States. Possibly, because in the lean years that followed Lee's surrender, good family was so-called about all that some of the well-adjusted best people had left to trade on.

In forever shouting about her sheltered upbringing, your friend is making indirect claim to belonging to the "better class." I take it. Her insistence on the point indicates basic lack of social assurance, however. So perhaps she feels less educated, less traveled, or less talented than others in her circle; and tries to compensate by keeping her background to the fore. From what you say, she is guilty of the social sin of being a bore. M.H.

TALKS OF BOY TROUBLE
Dear Mary Haworth: I am a girl 14, having boy trouble. Last summer I met Bill, who lives in

another town. We exchanged letters almost daily. Then he said he was going to marry me.

Nearly three months later I met another boy, who lives here; and we like each other very much. Now I just have to tell you I don't like him; but I can't bear to hurt either boy. Please advise me. E.L.

THINK STRAIGHT
Dear E.L.: Try to think straight and behave honestly. Friendship isn't ownership. You don't swap one friend for another. Going steady is self-defeating, except as a prelude to marriage, when one is in love and ready to marry; and you are too young for that—by several years. Return Bill's ring and keep his friendship if possible. Explain that you value him as a friend but can't go steady because you aren't ready to settle down. If he breaks off, that's not your fault. M.H.

'Perfect Harmony' Is Theme For WA December Meeting

O'LEARY — The W.A. of the O'Leary United Church held their regular meeting in the Education Centre on Dec. 9th. The president, Mrs. Edwin Turner, opened the devotional with a hymn. The theme of the Christmas program was "The Perfect Harmony." Scripture reading followed with prayer and hymn.

Roll call was answered by 13 members. Treasurer gave her report and material was passed in to the members to be made up.

The nominating committee brought in the following slate of officers: President, Mrs. Ed-

MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS DESALES COURNEYA

Island Girl Becomes Bride In Ceremony At Toronto, Ont.

At a double ring ceremony, performed by Rev. Joseph Nolan in St. Vincent de Paul Church, Toronto, Mary Delite Bell, daughter of Mrs. Robert E. Bell and the late Mr. Bell, Charlottetown, became the bride of Francis Desales Courneya, son of Mrs. Edward J. Courneya and the late Mr. Courneya of Tweed, Ont.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Robert Bell, was lovely in a floor length white bridal gown of Italian chiffon with princess styling emphasized by a hand tucked panel fall-

ing to the hem of the full skirt and outlined with pure silk lace. A court bow fell in graceful folds at the back. A crown of lace and rhinestones held in place her shoulder-length veil. She carried a nother of pearl prayer book enhanced by pink roses and white stephanotis.

Miss Theresa Trainor as bridesmaid wore a gown of turquoise taffeta with a white nylon overskirt and a crown of seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Frontenac Arms Hotel. The bride's table was prettily decorated with pink and red roses and was centred with a three tier wedding cake. For a honeymoon trip to Montreal the bride travelled in a beige suit with rust accessories and a matching corsage.

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HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Parent entertained the staff of the Experimental Farm at a delightful Christmas party at their home, "Ravenwood", on Wednesday afternoon. The rooms were festive throughout with traditional Yuletide flowers and evergreens. A colorful and bountiful buffet to which the guests did justice added much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The 1st and 3rd Charlottetown Brownies packs held their Christmas closing at the Kirk of St. James Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. John Harris, District Commissioner of Girl Guides, who leaves shortly for Peterboro, Ont., was presented with a scarf in the Island Tartan by Brown Owl Mrs. Blanchard Mahon. Six Brownies were added to the enrolment. They were: Rebecca Wellner, Diane Ellis, Kathy Edwards, Janice MacWilliams, Marilyn Acorn and Judy Yeo.

Mrs. J.W. Hunter, Mrs. W.A. Smith and Ronald Smith left Friday morning for Toronto where they will spend the holiday season as the guests of Mrs. Lewis J. Moore.

Residents at Sunset Lodge enjoyed a rare treat on Tuesday evening when they were delightfully entertained by the Charlottetown Choral. The visiting guests were welcomed by Senior Major Barwick. A lovely selection of Christmas numbers were rendered under the direction of Mrs. G.E. Full, and a solo by Miss Barbara Rogers was much appreciated. Mrs. S. S. Carson was the narrator. Mrs. E. MacEwan on behalf of the residents of the Lodge, voiced appreciation to Mrs. Full and the Choral for their lovely entertainment.

Miss Florence A. Robertson, New York City, formerly of Charlottetown, is spending the Christmas season in Toronto where she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Robertson.

Pte. Harry Lloyd Dalziel, RC-EME, who recently arrived from Egypt, was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dalziel. After spending some time at his home here, Pte. Dalziel left for Camp Gagetown, N.B., where he is stationed with the RC-EME.

Mrs. Joseph Lanigan is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital, where she has undergone surgery.

Mrs. L.H. Coffin of Montague, on Wednesday left by plane for Halifax, N.S., where she will be the guest for some time of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Dewis.

Miss Sally Leard of Edmonton, Alberta, and Mr. Robbie Leard of Plaquid were visitors to Montague on Wednesday.

Mrs. J.J. Stewart, Mrs. Harvey Fraser and Miss Charlotte Fraser, R.N., on Wednesday motored to Summerside where they visited Mrs. Stewart's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Carle.

Miss Carol Livingstone of Murray River, is a patient in the Kings County Memorial Hospital where she underwent surgery.

Mayor Gilbert Bell and Mrs. Bell of Borden and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Crockett of Summerside, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Craig, Montague.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan MacInnis of Montague, who left re-

cently for Florida, have taken up residence at 1959 Prospect Street, Sarasota. They report cool weather in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gilson left Tuesday on return to their home in Keene, New Hampshire, after spending a brief vacation with Mrs. Gilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John MacKenzie, Lower Montague.

Mr. Leo Smith, Fort William, Ont., arrived this week to spend the Christmas season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Celestine Smith, 375 Notre Dame Street, Summerside.

Women's Guild Prepares Gifts For Aged, Shut-ins

SUMMERSIDE — Mrs. Lester Linkletter was appointed president of the Young Women's Guild of the Summerside. Presbyterian church on Monday evening at the annual meeting held in the church hall. Other officers appointed were: vice-president, Mrs. Milton Dymter; secretary, Mrs. Russell Hunter; treasurer, Mrs. David Larkin.

A report of the year's activities was given by Mrs. J. Donald MacKay, in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. John Walker. The retiring president, Mrs. Keith Johnston, presided over the first part of the meeting.

Christmas remembrances were wrapped by the members for shut-ins and older members of the congregation.

During the year the Sunday School classrooms were redecorated and furniture is on order to be used in them. The lunch hostesses were Mrs. Henry Bishop and Mrs. D.O. Stewart.

Brackley WMS Elects Officers

BRACKLEY — Mrs. Raymond Sellick was hostess to the December meeting of the Brackley Women's Missionary Society when 17 members answered roll call with a verse of scripture. The devotional leaders conducted the Christmas service after which business meeting was conducted by the president.

A box of used clothing had been sent to Overseas Relief. Proceeds from the Men's Association supper were passed in.

The program consisted of a reading by Mrs. Everett Gray and a solo by Mrs. Earl Clark.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Mrs. Harvey Jenkins, 1st vice-president, Mrs. Keith Custmore, 2nd vice-president, Mrs. E. MacMillan; treasurer, Mrs. E. Everett Gray; secretary, Mrs. Guy Pierce; Mission Band leaders, Mrs. Allison Bryenton and Mrs. Walter MacMillan; literature secretary, Mrs. Preston Rodd; correspondence, Marion Younker; community friendship, Mrs. L. Bryenton; Mite Box, Mrs. Willard Prowse; expense fund, Mrs. Hedley Stewart; citizenship, Mrs. Ivan Bryenton; birthday box, Mrs. W. MacMillan; temperance, Mrs. Ivan Bryenton; organist, Mrs. Earle Clark; auditors, Mrs. Keith Custmore and Miss M. Younker; press secretary, Mrs. Ben Newton.

Sybil MacMillan auctioned off the bazaar articles which netted a pleasing sum. The treasurer gave a report of the year's work.

SUPREME PENALTY
Under the old Roman civil law arson was a crime punishable by death.

Evening Auxiliary Of O'Leary Has Yuletide Worship Service

O'LEARY — The evening Auxiliary of the O'Leary United Church met for their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Vaughn MacDougall on Dec. 7th with fourteen members and one visitor present. The Christmas worship service was conducted by Lila Craswell assisted by Mrs. Thiren Ellis. One book was reported read. Friendship secretary reported making calls and sending cards and letters.

The offering was \$3.85. Mite boxes \$27.00. Cent-a-week \$1.28. Five dollars was voted to buy apples for children at the Sanatorium for Christmas.

The nominating committee brought in the following slate of officers for 1960: President, Lila Craswell, vice-president, Marcia Pate; secretary, Mrs. Winnifred

Bunbury WMS Names Officers

BUNBURY — The annual meeting of the Bunbury W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. Percy Crosby at 3 p.m. on Dec. 3rd. A worship service was led by the President, Mrs. John A. MacDonald, who brought the message of Christmas to all present. Scripture reading, was followed by prayer and the singing of Yuletide hymns.

Roll call was answered with a verse from the Bible by eleven members and one visitor. A new study book for 1960 has been ordered, and it is hoped our allocation of \$220, will be realized. A letter from the Presbyterian supply secretary, Mrs. Bruce, stressed the great need for supplies for Overseas Relief and for parcels to be sent direct to Missionaries.

The following are the new officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. John A. MacDonald; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Gorge Mason; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Hope Mutch; treasurer, Mrs. Harry Wood; recording and corresponding secretary Mrs. Percy Crosby; association helpers secretary, Mrs. Leslie MacDonald; supply secretary, Mrs. Wendell Mutch; community friendship, Secretary, Mrs. Russell Farquharson; Christian Stewardship secretary, Mrs. Lorne Kelly; literature and press secretary, Mrs. Collins Wood.

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