

# Women

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## HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Conrad and Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Goss entertained a number of friends at an enjoyable Yuletide party at the Charlottetown Hotel, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Parker, Euston Street, returned this week from Halifax where they attended the happy event of the christening of their grandson, William Kenneth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Parker.

The ladies of the Charlottetown Choral will be heard in a program of Yuletide carols and festive music over the local radio station at 6.30 p.m. Thursday; also over the Maritime network at 7.30 p.m. The Choral is under the direction of Mrs. G. Elliott Full with Miss Suzanne Brenton as accompanist. Mrs. S. S. Carson is narrator.

Miss Carol Chandler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Chandler, North River Road, leaves Monday for Halifax where she will

enter the Victoria General Hospital as a student nurse.

Miss Gertrude Rush, student nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, North Sydney, N.S., spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rush, City.

Harold Moore, Dale Moore and Boyd Good, City, left this week by car for Florida, where they will spend the month of January.

Mrs. James Archibald Campbell, Kensington, received word from her daughter and son-in-law, Captain and Mrs. Robert M. Carrell, stating they had arrived in Glasgow, Scotland, after a stormy crossing.

Mrs. Harry Dunning, Marshfield, left Saturday for Toronto, to spend a month with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George MacInnis and family.

Mrs. Louis Burdett, Toronto, Ontario, spent the Christmas season the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nell MacEachern, Rice Point.

## Women's Auxiliary Of CNIB Have Yule Party For Sightless

Members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian National Institute of the Blind were hostesses to another joyous Christmas party for the sightless people of Charlottetown held at the Clover Club on Wednesday afternoon.

Frank O'Neill acted as master of ceremonies while guest artists included Frank MacIntyre singing Ave Maria, the Jimmy Powers troupe; Al Blanchard at the piano; William McTague, harmonica; dancers Janet LeClair, Frank Ross, Gerard Greenan and the Archer twins, Lynda and Lorraine.

## Montague Ladies' Auxiliary Plans Annual Hospital Teas

MONTAGUE — The December meeting of the Kings County Ladies Auxiliary was held at the nurse's home with Mrs. A.F. MacKenzie presiding.

Mrs. L.H. Poole reported for the ways and means committee, and the treasurer presented the financial report which included a substantial sum realized from the recent rummage and food sale.

## N. Wiltshire WI Protest Against Trading Stamps

NORTH WILTSHIRE — An address in humorous poetry, composed and read by the president, Mrs. Douglas Younker, and the presentation of a crystal reliquary by past president, Mrs. William Easter, to the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Bruce Deacon, formed an amusing part of the program for the December meeting of the North Wiltshire Women's Institute held at the home of Mrs. C. R. Campbell.

Arrangements were finalized for sponsoring the annual hospital tea.

...the sum of \$100 was voted towards the current hospital campaign and \$30 towards Christmas treats for the patients and staff at the hospital.

At the close of the meeting lunch was served by Mrs. Poole and Mrs. R.G. MacDonald.

May you enjoy the Holidays as Fully as we enjoy you throughout the year.

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## THE VANIER AT TEA

### CANADA'S FIRST FAMILY

## Mme. Vanier's Daily Duties Designed To Help Husband

By CAROLYN WILLETT OTTAWA (CP)—A family feeling pervades stately Government House where the bride of a one-time aide-de-camp has returned as Canada's first lady—the wife of the governor-general.

Mme. George Vanier, the former Pauline Archer, is the first chateleine at Government House in more than seven years. Former Governor-General Vincent Massey was a widower.

Mme. Vanier has said she returned to Government House this fall with a feeling of being at home, although 38 years intervened since she first came to Ottawa as the bride of George Vanier, one of the first two Canadian-born aides appointed to a vice traditionally-British viceregal household.

Mme. Vanier has said her one-year stay at Rideau Cottage, a large family house on Government House grounds, gave her an idea of how the vice-regal residence is organized, down to such details as which study the queen's representative uses and which sitting room is set aside for his wife.

It is known that the tall, distinguished soldier-diplomat and his gracious, silver-haired wife regard their post as part of their duty to their country. It is likely to emphasize that and his wife function as a team.

As a team, and as parents of their own grown sons and a daughter, the sense of a family being at home — although none of the children is here — is felt throughout the large residence.

For the Vaniers, moving from retirement which came at the end of a rich military and diplomatic career, also has meant moving personal possessions here from a Montreal apartment.

Books from an extensive library now fill Government House studies. Around the couple are family pictures, an extensive collection of paintings and some of the works of their artist-son, earned.

ADOPTED SONS — And to make up for the absence of family, Mme. Vanier has been heard to refer to the adopted sons — "our adopted sons."

Of their children, only Michel, a philosophy student at Laval University in Quebec City, and Georges, a Trappist monk at a Que., are in Canada. A heretic is a doctor in London, and is studying philosophy at the Institute Catholique in Paris, and Bernard is in Provence, southern France.

Like her husband, Mme. Vanier is fluently bilingual. She is the daughter of Charles Hector Archer, a former Quebec Superior Court judge.

Tall and regal in appearance, with a dancing light in dark blue

eyes, Mme. Vanier is an accomplished hostess — a charming team-mate who has been at her husband's side in London, in both war-shattered and post-war France and in Canada.

She has described her duties as chateleine as those of looking after details which otherwise may burden her husband. As the wife of a Governor-General, Her Excellency rates a bow from men and a curtsy from women who wish to show a mark of respect when presented to her.

The details she must look after range from specific arrangements for a dinner party to a daily consultation with Jean Zonda, the French chef brought to Government House by Mr. Massey. With Zonda she shares not only a common language but a knowledge of French cuisine to help in deciding on menus.

But, she has said, Government House pretty well runs itself. On another occasion, her sense of mirth bubbled through with the remark that perhaps roller skates would be helpful in getting around the long corridors of the residence.

The woman who has known the life of an aide's wife as well as the life of an ambassador's wife — His Excellency was Canada's post-war ambassador to France until retirement in 1953 — brings to the vice-regal post an interest in travel within her own country and a keen interest in welfare work.

When it comes to participating in organizations, she likes to pitch into a group's grass roots work.

DID RED CROSS WORK — She worked with the Red Cross after the war in liberated France dealing with prisoners of war and deported persons, a job she still speaks of as one of her greatest opportunities to see many facets of welfare service at work.

To her new demanding job which promises extensive travel as well as a multitude of duties at home — including keeping up with a large correspondence — Canada's first lady brings a gracious dignity and a warmth that reaches out in gathering, large or small.

This warmth, and a sparkling sense of humor, was illustrated early in the Vaniers' term of office when the couple entertained at a large press reception. Many newspaper men's wives were received without their husbands, who were detained working on an important government report issued to the press in a locked room.

For more than one wife, the trepidation of the reception line was quickly overcome by the Governor-General and his wife's warm greetings and Mme. Vanier's understanding as she asked: "Is your husband locked up, too?"



OTTAWA CHATELAINE

to get treat for the children of the district. The president and secretary gave a good report on the leadership course they attended at Central Royalty.

CLYDE RIVER W. I. Six members of the Clyde River Women's Institute answered roll call with used clothing for the Protestant Welfare Bureau at the December meeting held in the school with vice-president, Mrs. Eric MacPhail conducting the business session.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$80.53 on hand. Sick committee reported cards sent. It was voted to send \$5.00 to the Multiple Sclerosis Society to treat the school children and the shut-ins at Christmas.

Mrs. W. A. MacLean, Mrs. Reg. MacKinnon, Mrs. Mervyn MacPhee and Mrs. Eric MacPhail were named to plan the meetings for the coming year.

Mrs. J. H. MacPhail and Mrs. Eric MacPhail will be hostesses for the January meeting when roll call will be answered with something for an auction sale. The lunch committee will be Mrs. Lorne MacNevin, Mrs. Mervyn MacPhee, Mrs. Harry MacLean and Mrs. Reg MacKinnon.

SPRINGVALE W. I. Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald was hostess to the members of the Springvale Women's Institute for their December meeting. Six members and three visitors were in attendance. The meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Austin Sentner. Roll call was answered with an exchange of Christmas gifts.

The Orphanage collection for the district amounted to \$26.25. The school committee was to purchase Christmas decorations for the school Christmas tree. Usual treats are to be bought for the school children and pre-school children of the district. The sick committee is to send

fruit to a member sick in the hospital. Correspondence was read and discussed.

Mrs. Murdock MacSween will entertain the members for the January meeting at which roll call will be answered by suggestions for raising funds. Lunch committee will be Lois Macdonald, Edith MacLeod, Mrs. Charles MacNeill and Mrs. Murdock MacSween.

WHEATLEY RIVER W. I. Eleven members were present at the monthly meeting of the Wheatley River Women's Institute held recently. Reports of the sick and school committees were given. The school organ is to be repaired by Mr. Bryenton. Each member is to make candy for the Christmas concert. Money was voted for treats for the school children. \$5.00 for the T.B. League and \$1.00 for membership with the Canadian Association of Consumers.

Mrs. John Ross, Mrs. Leonard Ling, Mrs. Harold Chandler and Mrs. Fred MacRae were appointed to plan the program books for the coming year.

Mrs. Leonard Ling and Mrs. Fred MacRae were appointed to the sick committee. Lunch committee will be Mrs. Theo Sellar, Mrs. Lloyd Stead and Mrs. James Wares. In charge of the program will be Mrs. Fred MacRae.

Mrs. Harold Buntain will be hostess to the members for the January meeting when roll call will be answered by paying subscriptions to the Institute News.

## Baptist World Wide Guild Holds Annual Yuletide Party

O'LEARY — The annual Christmas party of the O'Leary Baptist World Wide Guild was held at the home of their leader, Mrs. Dan Smallman on Dec. 18. The rooms were decorated for the occasion with their festive trimmings and lighted Christmas tree.

A fine devotional "I think of Christmas," led by Mrs. Raynall McNeill with Mrs. Stirling Baggole as prayer leader proved very interesting. Scripture readings were given by Mrs. Kenneth Smallman, Mrs. Ross Howard and Mrs. Laurence Harris. Mrs. Selden Buchanan sang a solo.

The president, Mrs. Wilbert Dennis conducted the business period. Roll call was answered by twenty members.

Reports showed a year of activity in all phases of the work. The officers for the coming year are as follows: President, Mrs. Ralph Bishop, 1st vice, Mrs. Wilfred Dennis, 2nd vice, Mrs. Laurence Harris; friendship secretary, Mrs. Lorne Adams; secretary, Mrs. James Harris; treasurer, Mrs. Norman McMillan; membership committee, Mrs. George Buchanan and Mrs. Foster Smallman; organist, Mrs. Ross Howard; nominating committee, Mrs. Raynall McNeill, Mrs. Herman Smallman and Mrs. Wilbert Dennis; press correspondent, Mrs. Raynall MacNeill; program committee, Mrs. Dan Smallman, Mrs. Stirling Ellis and Mrs. Selden Buchanan.

An exchange of Christmas gifts and the presentation of gifts to the leaders followed.

A beautiful candle-light service led by Mrs. Dan Smallman assisted by Mrs. Wilbert Dennis, Mrs. Foster Smallman, Mrs. Lorne Adams, Mrs. Herman Smallman and Mrs. Wilbur Harris as candle-bearers closed the prayer. Mrs. Ross Howard was pianist for the evening.

The members enjoyed a treat of candy and ice-cream from their leaders.

## Couple Honored On Anniversary At Montague

MONTAGUE — Mr. and Mrs. John R. Semple, Upper Montague, on Dec. 23, celebrated their fifty-first wedding anniversary. During the evening many friends and members of their family called at their home to congratulate them and a social evening was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Semple are well known members of the community in which they have resided for most of their lives and are respected by all. Refreshments served at the close of a most enjoyable evening.

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