



### 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wise of Harrington, P.E.I. celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 13, when they received relatives and friends at their home.

Rev. W. J. Howard was the officiating clergyman at the marriage ceremony 65 years ago at Pownal Methodist Manse, and George and Mae Hughes were their attendants.

George and Mae Hughes were their attendants. Mrs. Wise was the former Henrietta Maud Hughes of Winsloe. The couple has lived in Harrington most of their married life.

### MARY HAWORTH

#### Critic Rates Vocabulary Of Column Too "Bookish"

Dear Mary Haworth: I should like very much to know who you have in mind when writing your column. Surely you aren't addressing the very widely read, above-average intellects, for the most part?

I have read your column for several years and have become increasingly disappointed, not so much with your advice as with your choice of words.

I would need a dictionary in one hand, with your column in the other, in order to comprehend the full meaning of what you are trying to convey. Even then it would take several readings, indeed an interpreter almost, to have a clear idea of your thoughts.

I just cannot believe that the majority of people have an understanding of the vocabulary you use. I just wonder if you aren't losing some of us for this reason. Just an opinion. I'm sure you will continue to write as you see fit. Sincerely, D.G.

Dear D.G.: Communication is

very definitely a two-way street, whether it takes the form of a speaker addressing listeners, or a writer addressing a readership.

In order to get the message across, with contents grasped by the audience, a mutual effort is required. The transaction involves intelligent, interested, attentive reaching out by both parties, to achieve a "meeting of minds."

Nobody taught me this. I learn.

ed it for myself, long ago when I was a youngster, growing up.

One of my self-chosen diversions was reading, in snatches of leisure more or less stolen from the arduous daily routine of going to school, playing outdoors, helping with household chores, etc. And of necessity I read what was available, some of which, I am sure, would drive you up the wall, on the score of supposedly difficult comprehensibility, even today, at your present age.

Just for example, there was John Bunyan's "The Pilgrim's Progress" (dull, I thought, but I saw it through); and Ralph Waldo Emerson's "Representative Men."

There was a "collected works" of Alexander Pope in a massive musty calfskin volume; and novels, mostly English, reaching into the distant past. Also, as gift books to my brothers, sisters and me, there were fairy tales, fictionalized history, the James Fenimore Cooper series, books by Dickens, the Brontë sisters and many others whose names escape me now.

In later adolescence, still on my own, reader-wise, I began to catch up with such moderns (of that day) as Aldous Huxley and his contemporaries. It was while I was working my way through a Huxley novel ("Point Counterpoint" I think the title was), that it occurred to me to do something about the baffling procession of strange words I'd been stumbling over during the years of adventurous reading.

Beginning then, I assigned myself the tedious task, which really did irk me, of keeping a pencilled list of words I didn't understand, during a heart-to-heart session with a book.

As soon as convenient, sometimes immediately I would track down the words in a dictionary, weighing their shades of meaning. As I recall, I emerged from Huxley's novel with a list of 130 words to decipher. The task of digesting their essence was tiresome, but the net results were liberating.

Somewhat to my surprise and much to my relief, I discovered many books later that my lists of "strange" words were dwindling down to zero.

Nowadays I'm delighted to come across a graphic new word in some journalist's writing, or in some public man's utterance, though it seldom happens. Do you recall the press furore in the 1940s, when Madame Chiang Kai-shek, addressing Congress, used the simple word "probity" and sent Capitol Hill reporters scurrying to dictionaries?

Re your critique: In effect, you are asking to be kept happy in ignorance, reassured that there is nothing worth knowing that you don't already know, or can't readily grasp without exerting yourself.

I don't insult the public intelligence by assuming people can't widen their awareness, as by increasing their vocabulary, if shown the way. I figure that I what I can grasp, anybody can.



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### ELLEN'S DIARY

#### Tree Branches Move To Beat Of Stiff Breezes

"Do you hear the rain, Ellen?" James queried from his pillow, on awaking this morning. "Now this, I suspect is the sheep-storm!"

There was a sound of rain on the roof above. The branches of the lawn-trees moved to the beat of a stiff June breeze.

"The fields need the rain," we said.

"Yes. But let's hope it's not too cool on the sheep."

Cool the day continued and somewhat showery. We knew the short ewes could find shelter if need be.

"Not the best washday, is it?" Mama Staring called out in passing the door when we stopped there presently to look out on the new of the morning.

This may clear the sun may shine between showers the thought came. "Expect nothing Ellen, and then you will never be disappointed!" an old lady, and good friend of ours in days gone, used to say with a chuckle. Yet if no one ever looked hopefully to the future, if no one built "castles in Spain", what joys in life and living would be lost! If no one could picture sunshine beyond the temporary shadows, or the bright of clearing between showers, how very sad a place the world would be! Blessed are the to-days, the here and now, if we come to them as to a high adventure. Blessed too are the tomorrows, where invariably lies that lovely Land of Dreams - come - true.

Cool the day was. No youngster felt a yearning to discard his shoes, or feel the content of earth underfoot. The one pigeon of the farm, catching moments of respite from her family cares on the barn roof was wind-blown.

Ham and eggs we supped on. And pancakes spread with maple syrup. And wondered whether or not those saplings of the trees spaced about a lawn we knew, had this June leafed well... James had come in from building a creep in a piggery, an independent, self-service to which the piglets could repair for supplementary feed at a whim. Between showers there had been cleaning of sties, the takings spread on a field to nourish the grasses caught there. Motherless chicks quartered in a building, warmed by a heat-lamp and currently Mack's project and care were well tended.

"If a cat came to look in at the door - never walked in, would that harm them?" we overheard Peter, peering in at them from there, at the time ask of Mack who had just set the place out of bounds for all felines. "If she stayed right here at the doorstep?"

There was a silence. Mack was counting heads to see that no rat or other prowler had called in his absence.

"Would it?" Peter questioned.

"You heard me: no cats! Peter."

"It's been a coolish day, Ellen," James comments come now to his old armchair. "Dampish too. I did think one time this afternoon when there was a glimpse of the sun, the clouds would break away."

"There'll be sunshine tomorrow," we promise finding our warrent in tonight's stars.

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

### WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

#### Summerfield CWL Hears Provincial Meeting Report

St. James Summerfield Parish Council CWL members, at their June meeting held in the Parochial House, made plans to assist at a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pius Croken, Emerald, for Rev. Robert Croken, S.J. who will celebrate his first High Mass at Summerfield on June 20. It was also decided to give Father Croken a gift.

Mrs. John Hagan, provincial magazine convener, gave a report on the provincial executive meeting which she had attended in Charlottetown. Mrs. Leslie Trainor, convener of membership, reported 60 paid up members.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Thomas Sullivan, convener of ways and means, a committee of twelve members was appointed to collect cash donations in lieu of the usual pantry sales. Returns of the collection will be used to pay for re-decorating church floors and pews.

Delegates appointed to the provincial convention were Mrs. Elmer McCourt and Mrs. John Hagan with Mrs. St. Clair Croken as alternate. The members discussed resolutions to be presented at the convention.

The secretary read a letter from a former parishioner, Sr. Mary Loyola, O.L.M. now serving in Brazil, describing conditions in that country. She also read a letter concerning the Columbia Cultural Centre at Rustico.

Altar committee for next month will be Mrs. Everett Reeves, and Mrs. Elmer McCourt. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Bennett and

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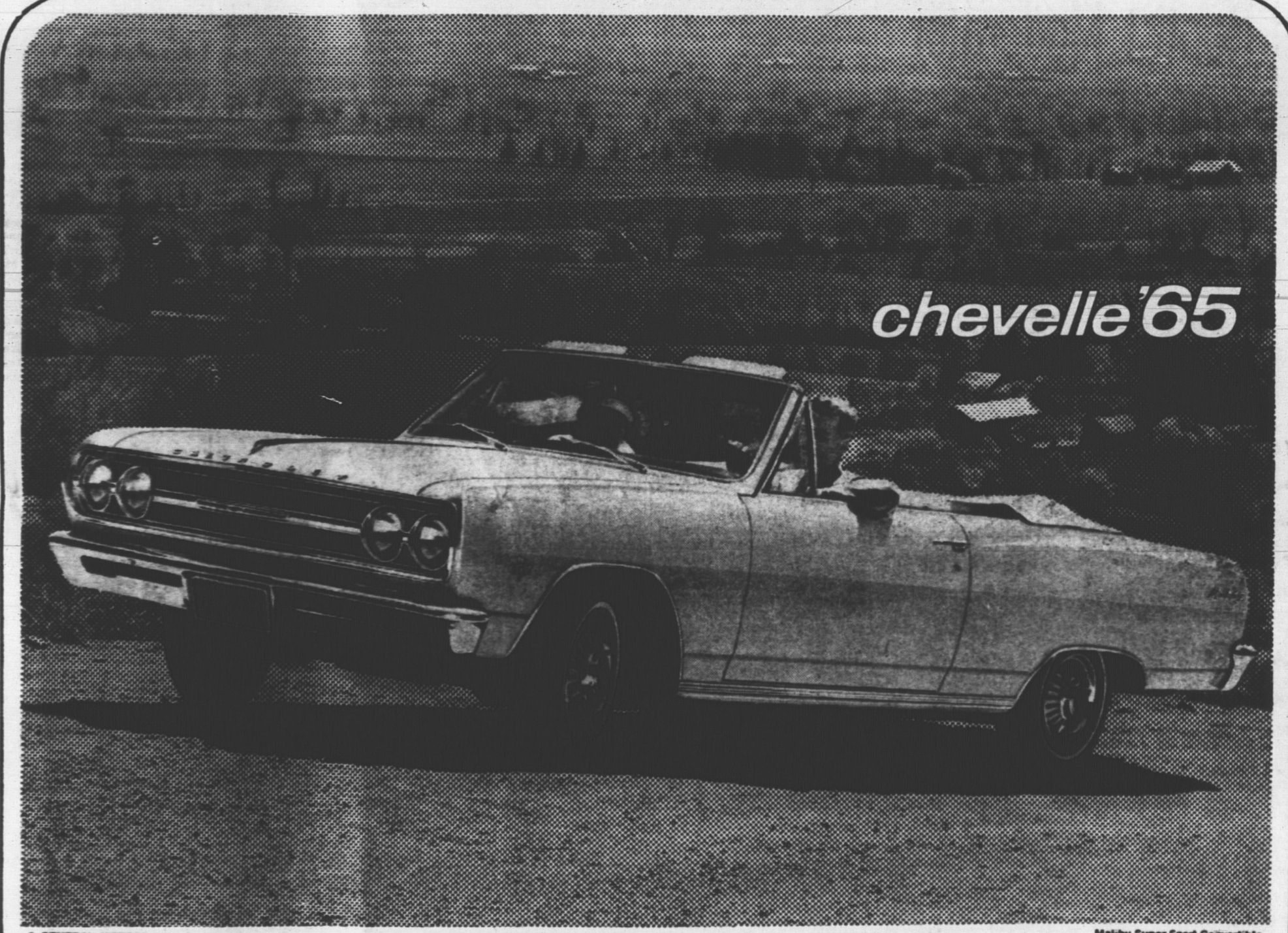
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