

# Women's realm

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## Happenings of The Week

The Misses Emma and Elsie Nicholson, who are leaving this morning for New York from where they will sail on Wednesday aboard the S. S. Constitution for the Mediterranean to spend the winter months, were entertained by Mrs. T. W. L. Prose Monday evening when a few of their immediate friends gathered to wish them bon voyage.

Senator and Mrs. J. P. MacIntyre have moved to Charlottetown from their summer home at Savage Harbour.

His Worship Mayor J. David Stewart and Mrs. Stewart and Dr. and Mrs. Donald Campbell entertained at a supper party Sunday evening at the home of the latter in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Foster, who left Monday for their new home in St. John's Nfld.

Mr. and Mrs. Heber Large motored through the New England States last week and spent a few days visiting in Boston.

Mrs. W. B. Allan and Mrs. Ivan Horne left Wednesday by car for Halifax, where they are spending a few days. They expect to return home tomorrow evening.

A buffet supper party was held last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Elliot, when members of the Board of the Nova Scotia Chapter of the Red Cross met to discuss the work of the organization. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Arsenault, who are moving to Montreal, and greet Mr. D. G. Sedgewick, who has been transferred to Charlottetown from Truro, N. S., and Mrs. Sedgewick.

Miss Audrey DeBlais, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel DeBlais has been in England and the continent for the past year. While in Paris for three weeks recently, she visited Mr. and Mrs. Guy Chappuis, nee Fricke, daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. A. E. Arsenault.

Mr. and Mrs. John Simmonds and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Blair are on a holiday motor trip to Boston, New York and Florida.

Mrs. R. H. Rurst entertained at tea Tuesday afternoon in honour of Mrs. H. C. Bekker.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Pierce left last week-end on a motor trip through the eastern United States.

Mr. E. B. Robb of Moncton, N. B. arrived Wednesday evening to spend a few days with his daughter, Mrs. E. P. Watson and Mr. Watson.

Mrs. Heber Large entertained last Saturday at luncheon and bridge in honour of the Misses Emma and Elsie Nicholson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Milligan spent a few days this week in Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel McGuire entertained at a buffet supper party Wednesday evening at their home in Amherst in honour of a number of Islanders who were attending the Maritime Winter Fair.

Mrs. Leo MacDonald entertained friends at bridge at her home on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Donald Seaman left Monday on a motor trip through the New England States.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. House were the guests of honour at a social evening Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George MacKnight, Malpeque Road.

Mrs. T. M. Gillies spent last week-end in Moncton, N. B. with her sister, Mrs. Leonard Davidson and Mr. Davidson, returning to Charlottetown on Tuesday.

Mrs. Milton Bell entertained at bridge Tuesday evening in honour of Mrs. Muriel Walker of Michigan, who is visiting Mrs. Toss Garrett.

Mrs. R. E. Mutch and Mrs. A. E. Wise are spending the week-end in Amherst, N. S.

Mrs. Wellington McNeill is returning tomorrow from Moncton, N. B. where she has been spending a few days visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Abel.

Mrs. W. M. Mellich and Mrs. L. H. MacFarlane motored to Rothesay, N. B. this week, accompanied by a number of students of Rothesay Collegiate School who were returning to their studies, and also visited Saint John before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Large arrived home last week-end by car after spending a holiday in New York and Boston.

Miss Kitty Gass entertained club members at a square dance party last evening, when the guest of honour was Master Andrew Bekker.

Mrs. W. R. MacNeill is motoring to Amherst, N. S. today accompanied by her daughters, Diane and Karen, and Miss Patsy MacDonald.

Mrs. K. M. Martin and Mrs. J. A. Macmillan are spending a few days in Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Gordon Hutchinson accompanied by their son David are leaving this week-end on a motor trip to Montreal, where



Above are the principals of a pretty autumn wedding in St. Mary's Anglican Church in Summerside when Joanne Woodside, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Woodside of Summerside, and William Hutchinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hutchinson, Saint John, N. B., were united in marriage. From left to right are: Mr. Allan Sullivan, usher; Mr. William Kierstead, best man; Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson; Miss Nancy MacFarlane, maid of honor; Miss Sally Woodside, bridesmaid.—(Photo by D. W. Sears).

### ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

For this Island housewife, who lives and moves among the items of farming, we remember now that this week has been one which kept us pretty well occupied with those incidents to it that ever fall to the lot of our sisterhood—the smallish, often seemingly inconsequential duties given over through the ages to be women's work.

And so these little tasks we did, looking as best we knew to the ways of this household. Accentuating wholesome substantial meals for the children—and for the workers, they upon whose shoulders and skills rests the welfare of Family and farm.

"Whatever will we do now?" we recall a hired girl of the old years, question with some dismay the farmwife to whom she was a willing right hand, at the unexpected arrival of company close to the supper hour. "Will we set the table for the visitors first—to have their meal over? Pretty soon now the men (farmers) will be expecting theirs."

"We can still see that farmwife and mother who had left for a moment her company in the parlor to peer into a cooking-pot on that Home Comfort range; and in a turn of the hand move the heavy iron kettle nearer the flame, then open the oven door to survey the plump sizable sugar cookies there baking."

She was a brisk, attractive woman—eyes quick and kind, brown hair drawn in a full round to the top of her head. Little tendrils of curls escaped from the side combs and the higher one at the back, to deck prettily forehead and neck. She wore a navy print dress to her ankles, a full apron of white lawn, the hem trimmed with a wide edging of hand-made lace, tied at the waist behind, in a trim bow.

"Why, Mary Ann," she said, "what a question to ask! Why should be fed first: the company or the folks that's putting the bite in our mouths? Well then!" she smiled. "But there'll be neither first nor second," she continued, "there will be room at the table for all except you and me."

"That's what I thought!" the girl nodded, "but I didn't like to say so." And which cloth—one of the Sunday ones?

"Yes—and the Sunday dishes!" So spreading meals for the farmers seems to have been one of our absorbing duties of this week, for the four that foregathered presently to harvest the mangel here, that, of course, with other equally "commonplace" things given over to be women's work. And while thus engaged, as favorite words, phrases, lines will, remembered verses from Cecily Hallack's "Dive into Office of Kitchen" came to mind:

"Lord of the pots and pipkins, since I have no time to be  
A sammy doing lovely things,  
and vigiling with thee,  
By watching in the twilight  
down and storming Heaven's gates,  
Make me a saint by getting  
meals and washing up the plates!

Although I must have Martha hands, I have a Mary mind,  
And when I black the boots, I try  
Thy sandals, Lord to find.  
I think of how they trod our earth,  
what time I scrub the floor.  
Accept this meditation when I haven't time for more!

Vespers and Compline come to pass by washing supper things  
And mostly I am very tired, and  
all the heart that sings  
About the morning's work  
is gone before me into bed,  
Lend me, dear Lord, Thy  
Tireless Heart to work in me instead!"

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