VIRGINIA HAPPILY WELCOME ROYAL VISITORS

Before the state dinner at Williamsburg Inn, which was held in honour of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinbrugh the above picture was taken. Reading from left to right are Mrs. V. Robert Hatcher; Mr. Hatcher; Mrs. Thomas B. Stanley; Prince Philip; Queen Elizabeth II; Governor Stanley; Mrs. Lewis A. McMurran, Jr., and Mr. McMurran. Mrs. McMurran is a daughter of Mrs. Lea and the late Premier Lea.

HAPPENINGS

Peace o'er the world this Christmas night,
With goodwill making all hearts light,
And with you may its warmth remain
Till Christmastide comes round again—M. Tock.
—There is a magic in the very name of Christmas. Dickens.

The Yorkshire County Federation of Women's Institutes have the above quotations on its 1957 Christmas card, which is founded by Ben Johnson and Co. Ltd. York and London. The cover is a nativity scene in purple, black and white. The design is by Mrs. Caine, Sawley W.I. The verse is by Miss M. Tock, Little Driffield W.I.

Mrs. David C. Mitchell, the former Eleanor Mary Duffy, is living with her husband Flight Lieutenant Mitchell in Yorkshire. Mrs. Mitchell is a member of the local W.I. in Yorkshire and planning to compere an evening on Canada which is to be held January.

Queen Salote of Tonga will broadcast to the Commonwealth on Christmas afternoon shortly before Queen Elizabeth. Queen Salote, the Commonwealth's only other official monarch, will recall her memories of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in 1953 during a Commonwealth Remebers feature leading up to the royal broadcast.

Miss Audrey DeBlois arrived home from Montreal Friday evening to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and and Mrs. Noel DeBlois, Crestwood Drive.

Mr. Noel MacMillan, who is attending MacDonald College at St. Anne de Belle Vue, arrives this Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. MacMillan, Fitzroy Street.

At Christmas time, within ancient walls of the Tower of London, the choir boys of the Royal Chapel of St. Peter ad Vincula, attended by a Yeoman Warder with lighted lattern, sing carols outside the Bloody Tower, the Byward Tower, the Wakefield Tower and the Queen's House. The Royal Chapel dates from the twelfth century and was rebuilt at the end of the thirteeneth century.

Mrs. Jennie C. Beer left this Saturday to visit her son, Lieutenant Colonel J. P. Beer and family in Kingston, Ontario.

Miss Anne Gavin, R.N., is spending the holiday season with her sister, Miss Elizabeth Gavin, Tignish.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. D. Kennedy and baby daughter Cindy are arriving Monday night from St. Lambert, Quebec, to spend the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie MacDonald, Bunbury, and Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Kennedy, Charlottetown.

Mrs. Haraszthy, whose playing of the harp is delighting Charlottetown audiences, is a native of Budapest. She is now residing with her husband Dr. Harasztly in Charlottetown. Mrs. Harasztly attended the conservatory in Budapest for four years and then the Royal Academy for six years. From the latter she received her diploma in the harp. To secure her degree in the harp, Mrs. Harasztly of course, completed the prescribed academic subjects.

Her home in Budapest was very near the Academy and she enjoyed attending the numerous recitals given by the professors and advanced and talented pupils. The academy had two halls, a lower and an upper. The children performed in the lower hall — ballets and —piano chiefly. The senior pupils were in the upper hall.

Mrs. Harasztly recalled one humorous incident which still was cause for laughter. The senior pupils were listening to a classical piano concert in the upper hall. Suddenly two six year old rather bewildered little ballerinas danced across the stage.

Their mothers had arrived late with them and did not know children's concerts were in the lower hall. Hearing the music in the Upper Hall, they hurriedly thrust the children through the stage platform door. The effect was a bit disconcerting to the pianist. However, the future Margot Fontyns were hastily removed from the stage and taken to the lower hall, there to perform for a good many years before making a more authentic debut in Upper Hall.

St. Nicholas Day in Hungary is observed on Dec. 6th. On that day St. Nicholas who resembles our Santa Claus leaves in the children's boots chocolate (if they have been good) onions and potatoes (if they have been naughty!) and gifts. There isn't any Christmas tree on St. Nicholas Day.

Christmas Day the children again receive more elaborate gifts which are placed around the tree which they have on that day. They are told the Little Jesus brings these gifts and are duly grateful.

Mrs. Harasztny has brought a high standard of music to Canada. Also she is a charming person and it was delightful to hear her tell about her native land Hungary.

Miss Mary Waddell arrived home Wednesday morning by plane from Calgary, Alberta. She will spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Waddell, Cape Traverse, and will also visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dickie, Euston Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul O'Rourke entertained at a very delightful bridge party recently at their apartment.

Miss Patsy Walker of the Royal Bank staff, of Halifax, will arrive Christmas eve to spend the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker, Euston Street.

Dr. Heath McIntyre is leaving for Vancouver to spend Christmas and New Year's with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon D. Bell and their children.

Mrs. J. W. Murdock of Montague is leaving to spend the holiday season with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Mills in Montreal and her other son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Goswell in Ottawa.

"An Evening with Music" which was so much enjoyed recently featured a spinet played by Mrs. Edwin Johnstone. In talking with Mrs. Johnstone about the ancient instrument, the spinet, Mrs. Johnstone was kind enough to give these first-hand impressions:

My first interest in English flutes (recorders) spinets etc. takes me back to the years when as a music student in Boston I heard the many artists who came to that music centre (thanks to a very good friend who covered many of the concerts for the Boston Herald and who was so kind to invite me to use her extra ticket) also the regular Symphony Concerts and smaller chamber music groups including "The Society of the Chamber Music."

I was charmed by the delicacy of tone and phrasing which could be achieved on these instruments and absolute 'rightness' of tonal timbre for the pieces played and why not? . . after all this music of the sixteenth and seventeenth century were written for these Instruments.

Much of the music we played on the pianoforte today was really composed for the harpsichord, the so called "pianoforte" works of Handel, Bach and Scarlatti, also the earlier "pianoforte" sonatas of Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven.

As you know I learned to play the recorder (or English flute). The next move seemed to be to add a spinet to our chamber music group. I had made many inquiries thru the years but never received satisfactory information, until last Spring I heard and saw on TV the Rowland Pack Recorder and Spinet group. I wrote to him in care of the C.B.C.

He very kindly told me where he bought his spinet. It was made by Mr. Kurt Sperrhake in Bavaria, Germany. I wrote at once to Germany and ordered one, the same as Mr. Pack's only that mine is made of African Pear wood. (Mr. Pack chose Poplar wood). Mr. Sperrhake writes that his instruments are used all over the world, in radio Chamber music programs from Rome, Amsterdam and Stockholm. I believe that more people are less interested in amount of tone and that there is a general trend back to the basic sounds simpler harmonies which we find in the music of Elizabethan times.

Those are the end of Mrs. Johnstone's comments. However, it can be added that Mrs. Johnstone delighted all with her playing of an instrument among the first records of which is found one in the Wunderbuch (1440) a manuscript preserved in what was formerly the grand ducal library at Weimar. First there was the virginal, then the spinet, followed by the clavichord, harpsichord and pianoforte.

There is a very famous painting "Lady at the Virginals" by Vermeer (1632-1675). This picture which hangs in the National Gallery, London, reveals the genius of the man who was one of the world's greatest painters. The painting shows a formal music room of that period. Beautiful portraits adorn the wall. There are velvet and gold brocaded draperies. The focal point, however, is a lovely lady seated at a highly decorative virginal. She is wearing a voluminous blue satin gown and with grace and elegance touches the keys of the instrument which gives the name to this famous painting of "Lady at the Virginal."

As we heard the spinet music and saw the picture of Mrs. Johnstone playing the old instrument here in Charlottetown, our thoughts went back to the painting at the National Gallery.

Mrs. Johnstone and her pupils have plans for further fine performances such as "An Evening with Music."

AND THE ANGELS SANG

"Christ, is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The spirit hymns arise,
Shepherds thrill on Mamrez plain
To the glory in the skies.

"Unto you a Child is Born!"
Clearly rings that sweet refrain
While the lustrous Star on high
Sheds a glory o'er the plain.

"Peace on earth," the seraphs' song
Glads the drowsing shepherds' ear,
And they follow 'neath the Sign,
Casting out all earthly fear.

Let us go with them tonight
To the Crib in Bethlehem,
To that place of fair renown,
Loveliest gem in Juda's crown.

And with thee, Madonna Sweet,
We will praise the Child Divine
While the music of the spheres
Speaks the rapture that is thine.

Regina Murray.
(Mrs. Frank Murray).

WIFE PRESERVERS

A thin coating of wax on cupboard shelves, before lining them with paper, keeps the paper from sticking to the wood later on.

Teacher's Students Have Received Special Honors

Home economics students at the San Rafael High School of San Rafael, California, are busy making Christmas cookies. These young girls have a wonderful time at their food, nutrition, entertaining and cooking classes, under the enthusiastic, able guidance of Wylma Cunningham, head of the home economics department.

Two of her students have received special honors.

In 1956, Sandra Mae Walton won the nationwide Search for the Homemaker of Tomorrow and in 1957, Sheila Bagshaw won first place for California in this contest.

SENDS RECIPES

Miss Cunningham graciously sent me several favorite recipes for Christmas cookies which her students will be making this season. She and her students are happy to share them with you.

Here are two of them. Others will follow.

All measurements are level

Sugar cookies (3 doz.): Sift together 2 c. already-sifted enriched flour, ½ tsp. baking powder and ¼ tsp. salt. Blend ½ c. butter or margarine with ¼ tsp. nutmeg. Gradually cream in ¾ c. sugar until fluffy. Add 1 beaten egg and 1 tbsp. milk.

Into this mixture stir the flour until blended. Chill 15 min.

Roll to ¼ in. thickness on a lightly floured surface. Cut the cookies with a floured cutter. Place on a baking sheet. Bake 12-15 min. in a hot oven, 400 degrees F.

Before baking, the cookies may be decorated with cinnamon candies or dusted with colored sugar crystals or shredded coconut.

Cookie wreaths: Shape the cookie dough with a doughnut cutter. Brush with unbeaten egg white. Decorate with cinnamon drops for holly and strips of green gum drops for leaves.

Fruit - nut cookies (3 doz.): Chop together ½ c. each walnuts and raisins.

Sift 1½ c. already-sifted enriched flour with ½ tsp. salt, 1½ tsp. baking powder, ½ tsp. cinnamon, 1-3 tsp. nutmeg and ¼ tsp. ground clove. Add the nuts and raisins.

Cream ½ c. margarine or shortening and 1 c. firm-packed brown sugar. Add ½ tsp. baking soda to ½ c. sour milk. Stir in 1 beaten egg.

Add the sour milk and flour alternately to the sugar mixture. Drop by teaspoonfuls 2 in. apart on an unoiled cookie sheet. Bake 12-15 min. in a moderate oven, 350 degrees F.

Sunday dinner: Salad of tossed avocado and greens, fricassee of chicken, potato puffs, green peas, chiffon cream cake, coffee, tea or milk.

Chiffon cream cake: Hollow out a good-size loaf of angel or sponge cake and fill with chiffon cream. Refrigerate 4 hrs. or until the filling is firm.

Whip ½ pt. heavy cream with 1 tbsp. sugar. Cover the top and sides of the cake with this. Decorate with maraschino cherries and canned pineapple chunks well drained on paper towels.

Chiffon cream: Stir 2 tbsp. unflavored gelatin into ¼ c. cold water. Add ½ c. sugar, ¼ tsp. salt and ½ c. boiling water. Stir until the gelatin dissolves.

Add ½ c. orange juice, 2 tbsp. lemon juice, ½ c. well-drained crushed or fine-chopped canned pineapple and 1 banana, diced small. Refrigerate until beginning to thicken.

Whip 3 egg whites stiff; fold in. Use as directed.

CAN FISH BE TOUGH?

There is no such thing as a tough fish, but it can be too dry. So cook fish only until it flakes when pricked with a fork.

Tomorrow's dinner: Celery soup, green pepper garnish, broiled mackeral, parsilled whipped potatoes, carrot rounds, tomato - lettuce salad; mustard cream dressing, cinnamon applesauce, cookies, coffee, tea or milk

Mustard cream dressing from the chef: Stir together 1 tbsp. table mustard, 2-3 c. heavy cream ½ tbsp. lemon juice, ½ tsp. sugar, 1-3 tsp. salt and ⅛ tsp. pepper.

BALTIC W.I.

On Tuesday evening, November 19th, 1957, members of Baltic W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Bruce Riley for their regular monthly and annual meeting. Meeting opened by singing the "Ode" followed by repeating the "Creed" in unison. Roll call was answered by eight members paying their dues.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, also minutes of the last annual meeting were read and both approved. Sick committee reported two sick calls. It was moved and seconded that their fruit bill of $1.00 be paid. School committee had no report.

The treasurer gave an itemized report. It was decided to sell tickets on a box of candy. Mrs. Gordon Cousins to purchase box of candy, Mrs. Bruce Crozier and Mrs. Edgar Mathews had the best attendance for the year.

The $9.00 loaned to the can fund was returned to Institute funds.

The following is the slate of officers for the ensuing year. President, Mrs. Bruce Crozier; Vice President, Mrs. William Cousins, secretary, Mrs. George Riley, Treasurer, Mrs. Gordon Cousins. Cans are to be taken care of by Mrs. Bruce Crozier, Sick committee, Mrs. James Wall and Mrs. Sutherland Cousins. School committee, Mrs. Bruce Crozier, Auditors, Mrs. Bruce Riley, Mrs. Edgar Mathews, directors, Mrs. James Wall, Mrs. Bruce Riley, Mrs. Bruce Crozier, Programme committee, Mrs. Keir Crafter, Mrs. William Cousins. Names were drawn for exchange of Christmas gifts. Correspondence was read and discussed.

Collection amounted to 35 cents. Mrs. George Riley and Mrs. Bruce Riley were in charge of the program for the evening. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess. Meeting closed by singing "National Anthem."

A CHRISTMAS SUGAR PLUM

This little Prince Edward Island darling is not too well acquainted as yet with Santa Claus. However she DOES know that something quite wonderful is taking place and those holiday spirit eyes of hers tell us that she is ready to enjoy it all.

MIDDLETON W.I.

The annual meeting of Middleton W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Wright. Meeting opened with singing Ode, followed by the Mary Stewart Collect. The roll call was answered by eleven members, each paying their membership fees.

Minutes of the last annual meeting were read, also minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

The retiring president gave a nice address and thanked the members for their work and cooperation during the year. The Secretary-Treasurer showed receipts of the past year to be: $184.59 expenses, $88.16 leaving a balance of $96.43. Correspondence was read and discussed.

It was moved and seconded that the president and secretary attend the leadership course in Kensington November 28th.

Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Wilfred Craig. Roll call to be answered with an exchange of Christmas gifts.

New officers for coming year, President, Mrs. Eldon Wright, Vice President, Mrs. Albert McCaull, Secretary, Mrs. Edward McCardle, Treasurer, Mrs. J.S. Wright, Directors, Mrs. Charles Wright, Mrs. Wilfred Craig, Mrs. Charles McCardle, Auditors, Mrs. Vernon Webster, Miss Sadie Bradshaw.

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem. Dainty lunch was served by hostess and committee in charge. Social hour followed.

SPRINGTON W.I.

Mrs. James Nicholson was hostess to members of Springton W.I. on December 4th. Meeting opened by singing Ode and repeating Mary Stewart Collect in unison. Roll call was answered by 6 members and three visitors with an exchange of gifts.

Treasurer reported $41.20 on hand. Christmas cards had been received and bill for same ordered paid. The school committee reported alcohol for science kit purchased. It was moved and seconded that bill be paid.

It was moved and seconded to send $2.00 to T. B. League. Five Shut-ins and school children are to be remembered at Christmas. Mrs. Elijah Rayner kindly invited members for next meeting to be held on January 3rd.

Collection amounted to 50 cents. It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Meeting closed by singing "O Come All Ye Faithful." A dainty lunch was served by hostess, assisted by Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Eleanor Thompson and Marion Bryenton. All were delighted to have Mrs. Flora Halliwell, a charter member, present.

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