

## Study of Science Should Begin Early

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Another year, another Education Week, but this year there is certainly more wide-spread interest and the prospect for basic improvements are bright. Changes there must come and soon. Scholars estimate it took some 25,000 years to turn mankind from a wandering hunter and berry-picker to a tiller of the soil with a fixed home; that it was another 25,000 years before the arrival of the Industrial Revolution or the Machine Age—but at the present age, the Space Age began only 150 years ago—a mere eye-wink. And that probably means, that research and experimentation began then—the average man has seen the practical results within a decade or two.

### PREPARATION FOR LIFE

It is no wonder, then that mankind has had no chance to absorb the sudden and terrific transformations that have taken place and are continuing to take place on this little planet of his. Scientific achievements, climaxed by the launching of Space Missiles have affected all man's relationships—domestic and international—and if Education is a Preparation for Life (and what else can it be?) our entire approach to education—and its entire content and organization must be reconsidered and adapted to the new world we're living in.

At present it is idle to discuss the merits of Science Teaching versus the Humanities. If our leaders are to be trusted, our very existence depends on our Scientific Know-how. That doesn't mean that every child must—or can become a scientist. But surely it is necessary that every child should be science-conscious.

## Noveltea Held At "Y" Is An Outstanding Event

The Boys' Tea held at the Y. M.C.A. Saturday afternoon was one of the most popular events of the season. This said: "Men give distinction to a gathering." Well Saturday's tea had many distinctions and also it was graced by many ladies. The latter may have come with a bit of that much talked of feminine curiosity, but certainly they stayed to praise, admire and eat!

"Open your eyes and look!" This was characteristic advice given to his students by the late William Richard Lethaby, architect and first principal of London's Central School of Arts and Crafts.

It can be said Saturday afternoon was an art exhibit of a kind. There was much to see—the beautiful, really massive, bouquet of spring flowers as one entered the "Y," and the happy laughing crowds.

Upon entering the large "Y" reception rooms one's eye was immediately attracted to the perfectly appointed table. Here the governor-designate and the city fathers were pouring tea and coffee—and with such care.

The young waiters in white shirts and bow ties were all consideration for the guests. If at times one could not refrain from the thought that they moved with the speed shown at a basketball game holding sandwiches and cake instead of said basket-ball, well, certainly, it was done with dexterity and manly grace.

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# Women

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## HAPPENINGS

A dinner meeting of the Canadian Club of Prince Edward Island will be held at the Charlottetown Hotel at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12th when the guest speaker will be His Excellency Doctor L. N. Palar, Ambassador of Indonesia. His Excellency will speak on "Behind the Headlines from Indonesia."

Dr. Palar received his early education in Indonesia then went to the Netherlands to continue his studies in economics, sociology and law at the University of Amsterdam.

He remained in the Netherlands for some years, and during the Nazi occupation was one of the leaders of underground resistance. After the liberation he was appointed to the Dutch Parliament.

In 1947 the Indonesian government sent him to New York to be spokesman before the U.N. Security Council and General Assembly. When Indonesia entered the U.N. in 1950 Dr. Palar became its permanent representative.

From 1953 to 1956 he was Indonesian Ambassador to India. He also accompanied President Sukarno to Bon and Moscow in 1956, being accredited as special ambassador.

He visited Indonesia during the summer of 1957 and has only recently returned to Ottawa.

Miss Louise Turner was the guest of honor Monday evening at a banquet at the Queen Hotel given in her honor by executives and colleagues of F. W. Woolworth and Co.

Mr. W. R. Shaw left Saturday morning for Ottawa where he will attend the meetings of the Canadian Horticultural Council. Mr. Shaw was accompanied by Mrs. Shaw. They will return the latter part of this week.

Rev. Father J. E. Trainor, O.M.I., Ottawa, and his sister, Mrs. Thomas Baxter, Hamilton, left Sunday by plane for Ontario. They had been attending the funeral of their mother, Mrs. J. J. Trainor.

Mrs. Gerald McQuaid (nee Joan Trainor) and her two daughters, Brenda and Valerie are visiting

her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McQuaid, Sr., in Vernon Bridge, P.E.I. Mrs. McQuaid and children are home for the funeral of Mrs. J. J. Trainor.

Miss Zeta Trainor is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spencer, Charlottetown, and her aunt, Mrs. Angus LaVie of Souris, P.E.I. Miss Trainor had been in the province to attend her mother's funeral.

Mrs. Duncan MacKinnon, Riverdale, P.E.I. has returned recently from a most enjoyable six week visit to Toronto. While there she visited with her two sons Berton and Henry and their wives, little granddaughter Cheryl Kim also her daughter Erma who is employed with the National Drugs Toronto. She also visited friends and relatives and many points of interest in and around Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Good and little daughter Eleanor Rose of Port Arthur, Ontario, are visiting Mrs. Good's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Glennie and Mr. and Mrs. Good.

### ALTAR SOCIETY

Members of the altar Society held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Amedeo Arsenault, with an attendance of 19 members. New committees were appointed.

A bingo will be organized to raise funds and will be held at the home of Mrs. Gilbert Gallant. Next place of meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Theodore Arsenault, and Rev. Wendell McIntyre will be guest speaker. Following the meeting, lunch was served by the hostess and her 2 daughters Theresa and Claudette.

### HOUSEHOLD HINT

Make a simple tool for replacing hard-to-reach light bulbs. Fasten the wire bulb holder from an old lamp shade to a broom handle or stick, adjusting the holder to the right tension to hold the bulb firmly while you unscrew it.

## St. Joseph's Sodality And Alumnae Had Feb. Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of St. Joseph's Sodality and Alumnae was held at St. Joseph's Convent February 23rd with a good attendance. The president, Mrs. Alex McLean, presided.

The meeting opened with the recitation of the "De Profundis" for two departed members, Miss Mary Bradley and Mrs. R.J. MacDonald. A prayer was also offered for the recovery of a seriously ill member.

Mrs. Frank Walker read the minutes of the January meeting which included a report of the membership tea held at this meeting. A large number of former St. Joseph's pupils attended the tea and were delighted to renew old friendships.

Correspondence included a letter from Reverend Sister Mary Henry C.S.M. thanking the members for their donation of fifty dollars to the Catholic Family Center at Christmas. Sister said she had purchased fifty bags of coal at one dollar a bag and had distributed them to fifty needy families. These families were very grateful to receive even this small

## ELLEN'S DIARY

### Black Cat - 'fess Up Now Did You Catch Rat Yet?

"There are none yet" Mack reported quietly, coming by this morning after attending to his first chores at the barns. "No lambskins" he explained, "from the four ewes we brought home yesterday from the other farm."

"These are a company not in accord with their masters' plans for later increase and brought to a near 'fold' to await their 'dateless' events. 'Yowies, silly things' we smiled to ourself.

"I always look in on them the first thing" Mack continued in happy anticipation "I'll find one or he nodded, 'maybe a pair of lambskins there. They're cute things, aren't they?' he queried.

Yes—cute when they nurse, they're so happy at it. And when they run races in the 'fold' or in the pasture on a pretty evening when the sun has just gone down and everything about is peaceful and still. Not a sound" we said softly "but the robins' bedtime song."

"And perhaps up the creek he nodded "or down by the dam, a bullfrog goes into his piping, starting the tune for the others, his voice strong and deep? Its a nice time of year that" he said. At Rob's the first lambskin of

die, have you or have you not caught that rat?" "Oh" he yawned widely. "Now" he said starting up in some surprise "did you hear that? I'm just afraid I dislocated my jaw that time! And if I did it would be all your fault for pestering me with your questions! But let's not continue this. It's silly" he grinned cuddling down lazily again, and besides "he put a paw over his eyes "I'm not in the mood."

"This is all very fine, Ellen—this lounging by the fire until nearly midnight. But I'm afraid, James says shaking his head "it won't be the tune in the morning! Until tomorrow — Diary — Goodnight. . . ."

### NORTH WILTSHIRE W.M.S.

The February meeting of the North Wiltshire Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church, was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. and Mrs. Reginald Clark.

The meeting was opened with the worship service led by Mrs. Ralph Noy. Hymn No. 5, "Come Thou Almighty King" and prayer by leader was followed by scripture reading by Mrs. A. Bowman.

"Talk by leader and Hymn 410, "Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" closed the worship period. An interesting study on "Youth in Japan" was led by Mrs. Bruce Deacon, assisted by Mrs. Frank Mitchell.

The business period was led by the president, Mrs. Frank Mitchell. The minutes of last meeting were read and roll call was answered by 11 members. The president read a list of "White Gifts" she had received and sent to port workers in Halifax.

The supply secretary reported having received several squares for quilts which are in the making. The treasurer's report was encouraging, \$217.00 having been sent to Presbyterial treasurer. Mrs. Mitchell gave a splendid

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report of the Presbyterial executive meeting held recently. Mrs. George Godfrey invited members for next meeting when the study period will be led by Mrs. Wm. Clark and the worship by Mrs. G. Godfrey. The meeting closed with benediction and lunch was served by hostess.

### YORK POINT W. I.

The members of York Pt. W. I. held their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening February 3 with Mrs. Gordon MacEwen.

The meeting opened by singing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," followed by the creed in unison. Roll call was answered by 12 members with an article for a grab bag.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed. Sick committee had no report. School committee reported towels and wax purchased. The treasurer reported the sum of \$118.72 on hand.

Correspondence was read. It was decided to canvass the district for the Red Cross. It was moved and seconded to donate \$10.00 to each society, the retarded children and the C.N.I.B.

Mrs. Jack MacEachern gave a reading on health. Mrs. A. C. MacEachern put on a cake contest which was won by Mrs. Reggie MacEwen. Roll call to be answered for the next meeting, "With an Irish Joke." Program—Mrs. Reggie MacEwen. Lunch committee, Mrs. Wil-

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