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MR. PERRY, KATHERINE, EMERY, ROSEMARY, MRS. PERRY

A BUSY HOMEMAKER

S'side's Lady Councillor Shows Community Interest

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Guardian-Patriot Staff Writer

SUMMERSIDE — Summerside's first lady of the Town Council, Mrs. Wilfred Perry, is a devoted homemaker, with a great love for the town in which she was born and a genuine interest in community affairs.

Her keen interest in civic matters and her abiding desire to see Summerside continue to develop and progress, plus the persuasion of many prominent citizens, were the influencing factors in letting her name be placed in nomination for the West Ward council seat. A letter in the press urging women to run for councillor was also a factor, Mrs. Perry added.

The move met with the approval of many of the West Ward taxpayers who elected Frances Perry with a majority of 182, over former councillor Fred Arsenault.

HAS NO ILLUSIONS

Councillor Perry has no illusions regarding the big business of municipal government. She realizes her great responsibility to the residents in her ward, "and I'm not going to make any major decisions until I find out the feeling of the people."

She modestly admits she has very limited knowledge of civic government and for the present, "I'll feel my way along."

Coun. Perry, who lives in a neat, red house on Duke Street with her husband and three of their five children, has no qualms about her invasion of what has been traditionally a male stronghold. She had no difficulties working with men, when employed at the Unemployment Insurance Commission, she pointed out and learned during that time the solution to co-existence.

However the new councillor realizes there will be differences with other members of the council but these will have to be resolved in the best possible manner and emphasizes she does not expect any quarter just because she is the only female member of the board.

FIRST WOMAN

Coun. Perry's sincerity and charm will be notable assets in the council chambers where she will have the signal honor of being the first woman to sit alongside five other councillors and the mayor to formulate the policies of local government.

But Coun. Perry's first love is her family and home. She is a superb homemaker and cook and enjoys the culinary art of turning out such family favorites as chicken paute or rawpur, both famous French dishes, or a rich chocolate cake, which may be partially devoured before she gets a chance to ice it, if this chore isn't completed before 8-year-old Emery comes bouncing in after school.

Emery is a grade three pupil, while his two sisters attending school, Rosemary and Kathryn are in grades eight and 12 respectively. Two other sisters, Dorothy, Mrs. James Kelly and Paula, who is to be married next summer, are both living in St. John's, Newfoundland.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry, who will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary next October, and their children are a close family team. One of their favorite pastimes during the summer is camping and they have their own tent, sleeping bags and other necessary equipment for living in the open for a week or two. The family also attends St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church together each Sunday.

Coun. Perry is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gaudet, and a granddaughter of the late Albert Gaudet who was the first town foreman in Summerside. Other firsts for the Gaudet family include the town's first restaurant owned by her father and the first beauty parlor, operated by a sister, Guelda, Mrs. Fred Blacquiere, now residing in Fresno, Calif.

Coun. Perry has been a member of the Catholic Women's League for 25 years and was it's president on two occasions as well as holding other executive positions and is currently the vice-president.

COMMISSION MEMBER

She is a member of St. Mary's Academy School Commission and was on the executive of the town planning commission during its brief existence in Summerside. Besides playing bridge, her main hobby is Girl Guiding, a movement she has been associated with as a leader for the past 10 years. The councillor "loves bridge" and was taught to play the game at the age of 12 by her mother who was also a lover of the game. She taught her children at an early age to be assured of always having a foursome, Coun. Perry recalls.

Mr. Perry, a Second World War veteran, has been employed with the cartage department of the CNR for the past 10 years, but is currently undergoing a third layoff period since sustaining a back injury three years ago. He is now on the rehabilitation list awaiting an opportunity to take over a position where the duties are of a lighter nature.

Although the job of being a councillor is often described as being "thankless" and many who have held the position agree with this terminology wholeheartedly, Coun. Frances Perry realizes it is impossible to please all the people all the time, or some of them any of the time, but she's going all out to make a determined effort to do her best for Summerside's West Ward.

HAPPENINGS

Miss Sylvia Taylor, household science student at Mount Allison University, spent the March holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Taylor, Part Terrace.

Hector MacDonald, Charlottetown, is holidaying on the west coast where he will be visiting his brother, Murdoch and family in Vancouver and his sister, Anita in New Westminister. He will be returning to the province the middle of March.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Harris and children, David and Wendy of Montreal, who have spent the past two weeks in Summerside with Mr. Harris's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allison Harris left on Saturday by plane for Seattle, Wash., where they will take up residence.

Mrs. Hal MacDonald, Charlottetown, spent the weekend in Summerside visiting relatives.

Mrs. Leigh Donald and children, Gregory and Gallyne of Truro, N.S., were weekend guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allison Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Wright and son Wayne were tendered a housewarming at their new home in Read's Corner on Saturday evening by friends and neighbors. Mrs. Francis MacQuarrie escorted them to a seat of honor after which Mr. Robert Hogg, who was chairman called upon Mrs. Eldred Simmons to read an address to Mr. and Mrs. Wright, while Mrs. Robert Hogg and Alfred Matheson made the presentations. The presentation to Wayne was made by Edward Simmons. During the remainder of the evening auction was enjoyed and the prize winners were: ladies, Mrs. George Small and Mrs. J.W. Murphy and gentlemen: Mr. H.S. MacEwen and Mr Lyman Huestis Lunch was served by Mrs. Hogg, Mrs MacQuarrie, Mrs. Eldred Simmons, Mrs. Clarence Simmons, Mrs. Keith Simmons and Mrs. Lyman Huestis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Arthur Allen leave Summerside today on a trip to Montreal, where they will visit their son, Mr. Lowell Allen and Mrs. Allen, and Ottawa, where they will be guests of their daughter, Mrs. R.V. Inman and Lieutenant Colonel Inman.

Mrs. C. Roy Ahern was bridge hostess on Thursday evening at her home in Summerside.

Mrs. George Smallman entertained at bridge at her home in Summerside on Wednesday evening with Mrs. Thane Baglole as lunch hostess.

Miss Cathy Murphy, student at St. Dunstan's University, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Austin Murphy, Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Warren have returned to their home in Summerside from a vacation spent in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison returned to their home in Summerside this week from Montreal where they spent a week with their daughter. Bonnie.

Mrs. W.E. Forbes left Summerside Friday to spend the weekend in Halifax, N.S., with her son, Gordon, who is a student at Dalhousie University, and her daughter, Maurreen, who is teacher of music in the school in Bridgewater, N.S.

Mr. and Mrs. George Meikle, Summerside, have had as their guest recently, their nephew, Edward Boates, student at Mount Allison University on the "March Break" vacation.

Miss Shirley Rayner and Miss Judy MacLean, students at Mount Allison University, spent a short vacation with their parents in Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alan MacFarlane have returned to their home in Summerside from a vacation trip in Florida.

Mr. J.B. Jenkins has returned to his home in Summerside after spending some time in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal.

Miss Brenda Brown, R.T., has returned to Summerside after spending a vacation in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Macdonald of Summerside have received word of their daughter, Miss Ione Macdonald, teacher with the D.N.D., Cold Lake, Alberta, spent a holiday recently in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mrs. William Wilson of Montague is visiting her parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McIvor, Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Parlee and daughter Susan of Moncton, N.B., are visiting in Summerside with Mrs. Parlee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert Johnston.

Mrs Paul Fleming and daughters, Sharon and Cynthia, of Dartmouth, N.S., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Wood, Summerside

At the Good Fellowship Group of the Summerside Baptist Church on Tuesday evening an interesting panel discussion on "Education" was held with Mr Charles Reid as chairman. Those taking part were Messrs. Murray Shanks, Wilson Ross, Thomas Hall and Clarence Mercer and an open forum followed. The worship period was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest MacKay. A social hour followed with Mrs. Howard Hooper and Mrs. Gordon Crandall as lunch hostesses.

Mrs. Heath Strong presided over the March meeting of the Ladies' Aid of Prince County Hospital in the Board Room on Wednesday afternoon. Plans were finalized for the Fashion Show and Afternoon Tea to be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Home on Saturday, March 31. The conveners appointed were Mrs. J.K. Beer. Mrs. Thomas Richardson and Mrs. JL Saunders with several assisting committees being formed

Mrs. Colin D. MacPhail, Meddowbank, recently returned to her home after being a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital for five weeks.

Mr. Roland Sherren, Hunter River, left recently for Ontario, where he is now employed at the Trenton Airport.

Japan Is Topic Of Discussion At UCW Meeting

The February General meeting of the Spring Park United Church Women was held in the church hall on Tuesday, February 26. Five guests were introduced and welcomed to the meeting by the president.

Mrs. E.S. Chandler was thanked for her part in making the recent valentine tea and bazaar so successful. Mrs. W. E. Dunsford and Mrs. Ross Parker were appointed to the Manse committee; and Mrs. James Sherran volunteered as a representative to the committee of Stewards.

Slides on Japan were shown by one of the members and an interesting discussion on this country followed during lunch.

MARY HAWORTH

Wife Is Concerned About Her Husband's Behavior

Dear Mary Haworth: Please advise me what to do. My husband, 68, too fond of little girls between the ages of 8 and 10.

He is a very devoted husband and father of a married daughter; but I am suspicious of his behavior around little girls this age.

Some days ago I came home from work unexpectedly and found he was alone in the house with a neighbor girl 8 years old. How should I handle the situation, to avert trouble for him and the family? L.L.

Dear L.L.: Let's take the story at face value. Let's assume that your husband's mental health is deteriorating, possibly due to glandular or vascular disorders that undermine his rational selfcontrol.

In such case, it is not only your husband and your family who need protection, but also, and especially, the gullible little girls who are the objects of his senile fancy nowadays.

As you are aware of the lurking danger, having observed dismaying changes in his personality and having surprised him alone in the house with a neighbor child, you have a grave duty to act immediately and authoritatively, to quarantine the danger, insofar as you can.

Where to begin? Well, you should have begun on several fronts simultaneously, I think. For example, on finding your husband alone with the child in your house, you should have instructed her (in a kindly tone) to leave at once, and never, never again come to visit when you aren't home.

Then, as soon as you had your husband in private audience, you should have rebuked him sternly for inviting scandal by permitting the situation which —no matter how he explained it —was definitely disreputable in appearance.

You might have told him also, that you've been concerned about him for some time; that he isn't himself recently; that you've noticed his peculiar infatuation with little girls; and, frankly, you think he needs medical help. Tell him his behavior seems symptomatic at present; and you feel a general checkup is overdue. Urge him to see the family doctor.

As soon as possible after this session—say, the next day at the latest—you should go into a huddle with a Family Service Agency counselor (or similar specialist in family relations and emotional disorders) to get firsthand guidance in coping with your husband's sick behavior.

If your husband is coasting towards compulsive misconduct you should get a specialist verdict today, on whether the parents of neighboring little girls should be advised (confidentially) to chaperone their children for security's sake. The family relations expert, or the family doctor, or your pastor, should seriously concern themselves to help you formulate the fair answer to that vital question. M.H.

Dear Mary Haworth: May I use your space to advice not-so-smart restaurateurs in America that they are losing trade, and missing the opportunity to do a civilized service to the human race, by not having a large table set aside for lone customers who don't want to eat alone.

I don't mean any lonely hearts deal. I refer to the gracious custom of European hosts who conduct the unaccompanied diner to a community table where everyone joins in conversation and has a pleasant meal; so much better than dining alone with one's thoughts.

There is no embarrassment to either man or woman. It is accepted common sense custom and one which Washington, D. C. in particular badly needs; a cosmopolitan city where I am a frequent visitor. F.F.

Dear F.F.: Well, a certain Washington restaurateur has just succeeded in transplanting the European sidewalk cafe to America. And possibly he has the pioneering spirit to introduce the community dining table too.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of The Guardian.

MRS. CAMPBELL AND MRS. CAMERON

P.E.I. HOSPITAL AID

Fashion Show Plans Are Announced By Convenors

Mrs. Bert Cameron and Mrs. Bert Campbell, co-conveners of the Prince Edward Island Hospital Junior Ladies Aid spring fashion show, recently outlined plans for the show, which is being held on April 9, 10 and 11.

There will be a total of seven showings, two each night and a luncheon showing on Tuesday at 1.30 p.m. The evening shows will be at 6 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.

The models for the show this year are: Mrs. Geddy MacLeod, Mrs. Tom Rogers, Mrs. Gordon White, Mrs. David Tweel, Mrs. Anson Pickering, Miss Gail Cameron, Mrs. William Boyles, Mrs. Jack Brown, Mrs. David Boswell, Mrs. Alvin Horne, Mrs. Sam Tibbo, Miss Peggy MacDonald, Miss Roberta MacPhee, Miss Laurie MacLean, Mrs. Gordon Tait, Miss Joan Auld, Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. Louis Johnston.

The children are: Tracy Hooper, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Temple Hooper; Jamie Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Simpson; Betty Ann Younker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Younker; David Cudmore, son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Cudmore; Carolyn Morrison, daugnter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Morrison and Donna Stein.

Mrs. Allison Rogers is the clothes convener for the show and other committee conveners are: booklet, Mrs. Ross Parker; national advertising, Mrs. Tom DeBlois; commentary Mrs. Lloyd Cox, Jr.; wardrobe, Mrs. Ralph Manning; make-up, Mrs. Sterling Beaton; music, Mrs. David Scales; photography Mrs. Alfred MacNeill; and door prize Mrs. Stewart MacKay.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Education Is Discussed By Pownal WI Members

Mrs. T.R. Goudge was hostess to the members of the Pownal WI on Tuesday, March 6. The meeting opened with the Institute Ode and creed.

Correspondence was read and dealt with and bills for sick treats and articles for the school were paid. The Red Cross committee reported that one sweater and two baby shirts had been passed in to Mrs. F. Osborne. The school committee was authorized to see about buying new maps for the school.

Mrs. Willard Jenkins invited the members to her home for the next meeting.

A letter from Mrs. Cook, convener of the education committee, was read and a questionnaire on education answered.

Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by the committee in charge.

LAKE VERDE WI

Mrs. Raymond Wood was hostess to the members of the Lake Verde WI at her home on February 14. The meeting opened in the usual manner and roll call was answered.

Mrs. Ivan Redmond and Mrs. William Shea volunteered to collect for the Red Cross. The sick committee reported one sick call and one membership fee was paid.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Curley.

Following the meeting lunch was served by the hostess.

KINKORA C. W. L.

The Kinkora Council of the Catholic Women's League held the monthly meeting recently The Director Rev. H. J. Croken opened the meeting with prayer.

The president Mrs Austin Hammill conducted the meeting The minutess of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Eric Hammill, secretary. The treasurer, Mrs. W. P McKenna gave the financial report

The Secretary read correspondence from the following convenors, social welfare, spiritual convener, Music Festival Assoc. Rev. T. J. Walsh, sacred Heart program

The council conveners gave their reports, Red Cross, Mrs Henry Trainor; condolence, Mrs. Edward McCardle; social welfare, Mrs. Austin Roberts; followed by reports from the CWL Units. Kinkora, Mrs. Ralph McCarville; Shramrock, Mrs. Louis Trainor; Emerald and Newton, Mrs. Charles Murphy. Lower Newton, Mrs. Hugh J. McIvor Middleton, Mrs Edward McCardle

Mrs. Henry Trainor who is treasurer of the "Church Redecoration Fund" reported it was growing steadily.

Mary Fyfe Is Guest Of Honor

STANLEY BRIDGE — Mary Carol Fyfe was the guest of honor at a shower given her by friends and relatives at her home in Stanley Bridge recently.

The living room was attractively decorated for the occasion and Mrs. Wilbur MacKay played appropriate music as the guest of honor was being escorted to her chair by Margaret Simpson.

Olga Woolner and Arlene Douglas opened the gifts and the verses were read by Beth MacFarlane and Kay Stewart. The gifts were arranged by Vivian Edwards and Valeria Woodside.

Lunch was served by the ladies of the district.

ELLEN'S DIARY

Granddaughter, Home At Alderlea For Weekend

"It's still a bit stormy, Ellen," James reported this morning from the bedroom window, which looks down on the mill and stream. "I'm thinking," he nodded, "there'll be no wheeling on this road before the plow comes by!"

His thoughts, we could appreciate, were with Granddaughter who, classes past by noon, would come homing then to Alderlea for the weekend. . .It so happened that with other students of the neighborhood, she came by horse and sleigh the last mile from the Highway. And seeing them come thus, we forgot for the moment, they were no longer children returning together from attending school down the River Road but a pair now of maids and a lad come to college classes.

"There's a great ado being made nowadays about education," a farmer who visited with us this evening offered. He smiled. "The cry is-get them off to schools and colleges, cram their minds full of book-learning!" "Now, Dear, it's not that way at all," his wife said. "You know as well as the rest of us, that they have to prepare to earn a living in what has become a highly competitive worl And not any living, mark you, but the one best suited to their ability and which will give them satisfaction and happiness in their - we hope - chosen work."

"Happiness in their work," James smiled, "that's the point in living. Otherwise, I would say, it would amount to little better than slavery-to be at some occupation or profession is one is unhappy there. . .I remember, hearing my Father say that on one of his trips away from the Island-He was something of a wanderer in his youth-he saw someone working at a task he considered would be very mono tonous. So he asked the man, 'Why do you work at the like of this?'

"'It's my work-the only thing I know,' the man replied.

"'And are you happy at it?' my father asked.

"'Happy? Yes'"

"Then, if you are", my father said, "I'd advise you to keep at it! Happiness in your work is the finest thing this world can give you!"

"And isn't it the truth?" James queried.

"The word 'Education' has been on my mind many times of late," the visiting farmwife said. "What after all is an education? What does it include? And I haven't found a definition to sum it up better than Milton gave in his day. His words are still, to my mind, apt:

"I call therefore a complete and generous education that which fits a man to perform justly, skilfully, and magnanimously all the offices both private and public, of peace and war.' "

So the children go off to their classes to fit themselves, Providence taking a hand in shaping their paths, for that niche in life they will, each in his own, if spared, one day happily fill.

"To each is given a marble
to carve for the wall,
A stone that is needed to heighten the beauty of all;
Ad only his soul has the magic
to give it a grace,
And only his hands have the
cunning to put it in place.
Yes, the task that is given to
each man, no other can do;
So the errand is waiting-it has
waited through ages, for you,
And now you appear; and the
hushed ones are turning their gaze
To see what you do with chance
in the chamber of days."

Until Monday — — Diary—— Good-night. . .

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