



### SHORT SPRING SONG

When it comes to the short evening dress, it would be difficult to select anything more entrancing, more typical of the vernal season, than this model. Roxane chose imported French flowers — poppies, pansies, violets and lilies

### Island Couple Write For United Church Observer

"Why We Gave Up Social Drinking" is the title of this pertinent, analytical yet kindly article which will be more effective than a more dogmatic attitude. Like the majority of adult Canadians, my husband and I were moderate social drinkers for many years. There was no indication that we ever would become problem drinkers or alcoholics — though one can't ever be sure.

But into our social activities there crept a sense of uneasiness, and purposelessness. Matters came to a climax seven years ago when we broke away from this life.

HOW AND WHY? As our social activities lost their appeal, we found ourselves spending more and more time in youth work — Home and School, the Y, and in the youth department of our own United Church (where we were, at least, nominal members).

Gradually it began to dawn on us that on the one hand we were helping to build up young Canadians, while on the other hand we were part of a tearing down system. We could not continue to close our eyes to the fact that social drinking is a destructive influence in the life of our youth, morally and physically, and particularly so in these days of high-powered motor cars.

However, it took many hours of soul searching before a clear-cut decision for total abstinence emerged. And what a temptation it is for the social drinker to rationalize away his responsibilities! We too, used all the customary excuses. After all, we were moderate drinkers! Surely that could not hurt anyone? Everybody's doing it, why should we be different? Perhaps we should teach our young people to drink in their own homes like ladies and gentlemen?

But as we thought through these questions more carefully we knew that we just couldn't justify our social drinking. Moderation? The moderates are the backbone of a system and of an industry which brings untold misery to thousands of men, women and helpless children.

Conformity? Human slavery was an accepted pattern of our western world until a minority dared to be different.

Teach our young people to drink moderately? What if our child becomes the one, the one out of every ten social drinkers, who is destined to be an alcoholic?

Well, in the end, like the proverbial tortoise, we decided to stick out our necks. How else does the tortoise make progress?

Here, I should say, that our United Church strongly influenced us. At first we resented our Church putting us on the spot. And how many times since have we heard other members make this same complaint. But as we look back on our own experience now we realize that sometimes the Holy Spirit has a very uncomfortable way of working within us — in this case through the Church and in us to a conviction of Christ and for total abstinence.

Incidentally, we don't equate Christianity with total abstinence, but we do believe the latter is one of our great causes today. DOUBLE STANDARD FAILED

However, in our case, the doubt

**ORWELL COVE W.I.**  
The regular monthly meeting of the Orwell Cove W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Wilfred and Mrs. Edison MacLean on February 12. The president presided. Meeting opened with Institute ode, followed by repeating creed in unison. 10 members answered roll call. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. The secretary reported results of Shur Gain Amateur Cavalcade held which netted the society a nice sum.

Sick committee reported treats sent to the sick of the district. School committee reported several needs for the school. A discussion took place on buying maps for school.

It was moved by Mrs. W.E. Morrissey, seconded by Mrs. Marcellus MacDonald that Mrs. James Rooney see about buying maps. Correspondence was read and discussed. Six thank you notes were received for treats sent.

Moved by Mrs. James Rooney, seconded by Mrs. D.M. MacDonald to send \$5.00 to Red Cross. Motion carried. Moved by Mrs. Wilfred MacLean seconded by Mrs. F.E. Rooney to send \$2.00 to Multiple Sclerosis. Motion carried.

March meeting with Mrs. J.A. MacLeod. Roll call question and silver collection. Programme committee: Mrs. W.E. Morrissey and Mrs. Walter MacLeod.

Two contests were put on by Mrs. F.E. Rooney and Mrs. John MacRae and won by Mrs. James Rooney and Mrs. Walter MacLeod. Meeting adjourned. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses, during a pleasant social hour.

**ENMORE W. I.**  
The Enmore Womens Institute met for their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Allison Raynor. Meeting opened with Mary Stewart collect, roll call was answered by seven members. A number of visitors were also present. Secretary reported sending donations to the M. O. D. Sick bills and bills for childrens treats were paid.

It was also decided to send donations to the Multiple Sclerosis fund and T.B. fund. A variety concert was also discussed and it was decided the secretary would send for suitable material and plays, with Mrs. Burns MacArthur, Mrs. Sidney Enman and Mrs. Lloyd Frost as selection committee.

It was decided to hold a joint baby shower at next meeting for three members, each member to donate three gifts. The Red Cross parcel of sewing and knitting materials was distributed among members. Completed articles are to be handed in at next meeting.

Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Burns MacArthur. Lunch committee as follows, Mrs. Major Noye, Mrs. Sidney Enman and Mrs. Lloyd Frost. Meeting adjourned and a social hour enjoyed.

**VICTORIA WEST L. A.**  
The Presbyterian Ladies Aid of Victoria West held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Clayton Yeo on Tuesday, February 11th, with thirteen members to answer to Roll call.

Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Ramsay MacLeod, Lunch committee is Mrs. Sterling Enman, Mrs. Arthur Moore, Mrs. Edward MacLennan, and Mrs. Gerald MacArthur.

**MILD CLIMATE**  
Average temperature range in the West Kootenay region of British Columbia is between 23 and 66 degrees.

of earshot; the very house seemed to shake with music, tapping and laughter. Our ears had become accustomed to these sounds and we were deep in sleep, when new vibrations assailed our ears — a hearty sing song had broken out.

After a while there were steps back and forth to the kitchen and a clink of glasses. But thank goodness there wasn't a hard drink in the house. All the gaiety, laughter and good fun was the natural outcome of youthful high spirits. For the record, the refreshments were sandwiches, cake and coke.

When we came down to breakfast next morning, the house was all shipshape and tidy — quite a contrast to the aftermath of a drinking party.

As former social drinkers who took a second look, there is no question in our minds but that total abstinence pays off in our home and in our community.

# Women

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## HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Alfred MacLeod, Charlottetown, was a welcome guest on Sunday of Rev. and Mrs. George Killen at the manse, Clyde River.

Mr. and Mrs. James Allen, West Covehead, accompanied by Mrs. Miller Bearst, Charlottetown, returned recently from a month's vacation in Florida.

Dr. Leo Frank was receiving congratulations on March 4th, the occasion being his birthday. A pleasing feature of the day was a lighted birthday cake presented to Dr. Frank by the Queen Hotel management at the evening dinner. All the guests joined in singing "Happy Birthday to You." March 4th was also the birthday of one of the transient guests, Mr. George Swift.

Mrs. Richard MacLean, who has been away six weeks visiting her son and daughter in Mar-

athon, Ontario, arrives home on Thursday.

Mrs. Cecil Jay, nee Miss Catherine Douglas, arrived last Saturday by plane from St. Petersburg, Florida. She is here to visit her mother, Mrs. Gordon Douglas, who is a patient in the Prince Edward Island hospital. Mrs. Jay is staying with her sister, Mrs. Michael Doyle and seeing many relatives and friends.

Mrs. Giles Cannon of Malton, Ontario, is visiting her sister, Miss Blanche MacLean, 28 Upper Hillsboro St., Charlottetown.

Mr. Stanley Doucette, formerly of RCAF Station, Camp Borden, Ontario, left this morning on a posting to his new unit RCAF Station, Chatham, New Brunswick. Mr. Doucette had spent his five weeks leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Doucette, 94 Weymouth Street.

## ELLEN'S DIARY

### Thirteen At A Table—Do Not Like It At All

"I never like to see a green Christmas" a visitor to this evening commented. "Not too healthful a winter follows — or so I've noticed. There's been a lot of sickness of late — colds and 'flu, though so far" he looked over to his wife "we've been free of them."

"Better touch wood!" we giggled. He immediately touched the arm of his chair. "Isn't it strange" she offered with a smile "we don't believe in such things — we aren't superstitious and yet we naturally observe the signs. They're so legendary we unwittingly have a respect for them."

"And it seems to be more than coincidence — or whatever you like to call it, but I've seen more than one."

"Queer sign and token?" we supplied.

"Yes" he nodded "in my day, Remember" he appealed to her "just before we got the word of my sister's death the other summer . . ."

"A swallow flew in at an open window" she said. "And for some days, then the dog cried and mourned — there was no stopping him."

"And do you mind" he asked her "that evening — oh it's a good many years ago now — we were at lunch and there came a sharp knock at the door? And when you went to answer it . . ."

"There was no one there!" she nodded.

"And before an hour's time we heard it again in exactly the same way. There had been a bad accident down the road and they needed help. Such things may be coincidences" he observed "but they're kind of hard to explain."

"James refuses to walk under a ladder" he chuckled.

"And Ellen won't sit at a table with thirteen" he teased.

"And remember when at cards in the young years, some of the players would rise and walk around their chairs to change their colorless run o' luck?" we laughed.

"Aye" James smiled over the old remembrance. "And . . . would not take a hand at all if he didn't have his rabbit's paw with him — wouldn't think of it!"

"And someone else had a lucky coin he had carried with him overseas and back — for his talisman?" we remembered.

And in lamplit days wasn't it a bad sign to have three lights on the table?" James queried.

"Seems to me I can recall grabbing away a lantern" he chuckled.

"It was only the other evening that someone visiting us wouldn't leave by the nearest door. She must 'go out the way she came in' lest she should 'give the house a bad name!" the visiting matron smiled.

"Well, I can recall overhearing a neighbour tell my grandmother that she 'had the sign' as they called it, the night her husband died" the man offered.

"I heard him draw water at the well — heard the sound of the bucket dropping and the creak of the windlass, the same as I'd heard it hundreds of times before" he said, "and it dark night and he on his sick bed. So I knew then there was to be no getting better for him. That" our visitor chuckled "was more than a few years ago!"

"And the lights, Ellen" James smiled. "Tell us about the burning ship that sails the Strait . . . and those seen before drownings!"

There is witchery in the subject. But enough was enough. Even though we may commune in fancy with a green-eyed black cat, we are only spicily superstitious. Life would be humdrum, the world, too placid, if there was no mystery to enhance our days.

Until tomorrow — — Diary — Goodnight. . . .

## WIFE PRESERVERS

Best cure for rain spots on suede shoes is a light rubbing with an emery board.

## House Offers Condolences To Hon. Dr. J. J. Bowlen

Members of the Alberta Legislature Friday, February 21st. observed a moment's silence in sympathy for the lieutenant-governor, Hon. Dr. J. J. Bowlen, whose son died Wednesday.

Dr. John Joseph Bowlen, 56, died at Akron, Ohio, where he was a practising surgeon. The lieutenant-governor kept the news to himself until Friday, and went through the opening of the Legislature and reading of the Speech from the Throne Thursday, February 20th.

Premier Manning rose as the House opened Friday and offered the assembly's condolences.

## LET'S EAT

### 50 Different Varieties Of Sea Food Are Handled

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN  
On a recent visit to Baltimore, I stopped at a fish stall in a Baltimore market for a chat with Mrs. John Faidley.

Her eyes sparkled with enthusiasm. "John and I operate this fish stall together," she explained. "He inherited the business from his father."

In reply to my next question she said: "No, I haven't found it too fiddly to run a household and raise a family, too. I also make most of my own and my daughter's clothes. As for hobbies, my interest is in school activities. Sometimes, instead of vacationing, I do substitute teaching."

"I can almost always tell when a customer is from out of town," she went on, "because so many varieties of fish are new to them. I usually close the sale by telling them how the fish should be cooked."

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Ash Wednesday Dinner: Cream clam chowder, celery, pickles, baked fish, oyster crumb stuffing, baked sections winter squash, orange — banana ambrosia, coffee.

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Beat 2 egg yolks with 1 tsp. water. Stir into the gravy.  
Trick of the Chef—Add milk instead of water when reconstituting canned clam chowder. Season with 1/2 tsp. curry powder.

## HOUSEHOLD HINT

Don't let acid foods like lemons, tomatoes and vinegars stand in an enamel pan unless you know the enamel is acid-resistant.

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