

Girl Guide Commissioners Hold Training Conference

It is hard to believe that anyone could come to a training such as this, without learning a lot, and "All year long you will be remembering something you gained here," were comments of two enthusiastic guides overheard at the conclusion of the Provincial Girl Guide Training.

Held at Clinton Heights Motel this past week-end, the sessions, which were open to all commissioners and guides, had an attendance of approximately 40.

Requested by the division commissioners this fall, the conference was planned and co-ordinated by Mrs. H. W. Cudmore, provincial training commissioner and Mary Donahue, provincial deputy training commissioner.

Using as the background theme "Knowledge through Love and Understanding," many aspects of Guiding leadership were evaluated.

Explaining the recently revised programme and new handbooks, Mrs. Cudmore emphasized that this is not a new programme, but the same basic one planned by Lady Baden-Powell. The new approach to it gives less importance to skills and testing, and more to developing girls as individuals. Thus Guiding is not interested in burning out girls from the same mould, but rather in letting a girl express herself through many and varied experiences.

Listening to a tape prepared at the National Training in Ottawa in 1955, gave many thought provoking ideas on leadership of girls, and the necessity of the guide being flexible and willing to try new ideas. No leader should consider that she has nothing more to learn about Guiding.

Recognizing that the problem of obtaining good leadership is vital, a session for commissioners dealt with warrants and the qualities to look for in leadership. All agreed that commissioners and guides should be fully trained and well aware of the complete guide programme.

A sense of humor, a love for girls, a willingness to accept the guide law and promise, a respected citizen of high ideals, a willingness to be trained and to give time and ability to her job were some of the qualities to look for in ideal leadership. Also, as one person remarked "it is important to have a co-operative understanding husband at home."

Guest speaker at one of the sessions was Rev. Owen Sharkey of St. Dunstan's University speaking on "The Psychology of the Girl". Giving an exceptionally interesting talk, Father Sharkey spoke of the need for companionship of people of all ages, and that leadership must cultivate the quality of listening—really listening to what others have to say to us. Children must be encouraged to develop their own individuality and they need leadership, though not of an authoritarian type. In encouraging ideas in girls, it must be remembered that the child with ideas is the one who becomes the leader.

"The good qualities in children must be encouraged, and the bad ignored," stated Father Sharkey. A colorful chart showing the complete guide organization was clearly explained by Mrs. Cudmore in another session. Starting with the brownies, she explained the various groups and their functions in the guiding movement, leading up to the World Organization. Again pointing out the aims of guiding she stated that guiding is a sisterhood in which all are equal, "all are on the same plateau with no ladders to climb", and all have responsibilities to each other.

The International aspect of guiding was discussed by Mrs. W. W. Reid and Mrs. B. W. Patterson who spoke of the need of learning of other countries, and gave suggestions as to ways this could be incorporated in programmes.

Further interesting discussions dealt with the importance of local associations and of the badge secretaries who are responsible for stimulating and organizing badge work and keeping records and badge slips.

A practical workshop on "Programme Planning" conducted by Mary Donahue gave guides an opportunity to work out programmes and have them evaluated.

Others contributing to the weekend training included Mrs. Z. Phaneuf, Mrs. G. Warner, Mrs. E. Jones and Mrs. J. A. Brophy.

Before concluding the session Mrs. G. M. Avar, provincial commissioner referred to the challenging weekend, the necessity of keeping the guide promise and law at all times, the ability to listen, and the need for patience, sympathy, humor and high ideals.

Concluding the training with a challenging note, the Training P.E.I. has a unique position in guiding in Canada. Though we are small in numbers we should try to polish our guiding, and excel in spirit and quality, because we have the opportunity to know each other as individuals.

A day training will be held at Girl Guide Headquarters 100 Upper Prince St., Charlottetown for all those who were unable to attend the weekend training on Saturday, December 3rd.

Graduate Nurse Of 1909 Sees Changes

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP)—An 80-year-old woman who enrolled more than 60 years ago at the Waterloo-Berlin (now Kitchener-Waterloo) Hospital school of nursing says today's nurse is as dedicated as Florence Nightingale was.

"There has to be that something or they wouldn't go into nursing," says Mrs. C. Ora Welper who spends one afternoon a week making surgical dressings at the Kitchener Red Cross branch.

A petite woman, the 1909 nursing graduate last wore her professional cap about 40 years ago.

As student nurses in just-below-the-knee uniforms hurry by, Mrs. Welper thinks of her ankle-length outfit with sleeves to the wrist.

A nurse 60 years ago worked 12-hour shifts compared to today's eight hours. Nurses aides didn't exist—the girls in white did everything.

Surprisingly, there wasn't as great a shortage of nurses then as now. There were fewer hospitals, of course, and they were used less.



MR. AND MRS. PRESTON CAMPBELL

HAPPENINGS

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A surprise community show was recently held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pauptit, Sherbrooke, in honour of Helen Laughlin, a November bride-to-be. Lohengrin's Wedding March was played by Roy Laughlin, as Wanda Steele escorted Miss Laughlin to a seat of honour. The gifts were presented by Coleen Matthews and Pauline Laughlin, and opened by Mrs. Donald Bearst. The cards were read by Mrs. Calbourne Clow, and the gifts arranged by Doris Arsenault. Mrs. Fred MacDonald, Mrs. Urban Laughlin, Mrs. Colbourne Clow and Mrs. Donald Bearst assisted the hostess in serving.

Miss Laughlin was also entertained at a miscellaneous shower given in her honour by friends of Summerside and area, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Matthews, Summerside. Doris Arsenault and Wanda Steele assisted the bride-to-be in opening her gifts, and Mrs. Bernard MacDonald assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barrett of Alberton celebrated the 48th anniversary of their marriage on Friday, November 25. Those members of the family who

live in the vicinity assembled at their home for a happy evening of instrumental music and singing.

Mrs. Parmlee MacLure, Murray River, was a recent weekend visitor in Meadow Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. S. McAssey, Summerside have arrived from Beloit, P. Q. where they were guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Irving.

Marvin Bell and his mother, Mrs. John Bell of Milton and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis of Windsor, were recent visitors to Freetown, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan MacKay, Glouce Bay, Cape Breton, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carmen MacNeill Tyne Valley.

Golden Wedding Is Celebrated

Many friends and relatives gathered recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Campbell, Tristown to honor them on the occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell (nee Etta Arthur of French River) were married in November, 1916 by the Rev. Alfred Watson of Kensington. The bride attendant was Adeline Campbell, now residing in Kensington, and the best man was Garnet Campbell of Fars Corner. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have two sons, Arthur in Freetown, and LeRoy on the home-stead, and three grandchildren, Roy, Kathryn, and Roney. The couple received many gifts, flowers, telegrams and cards of congratulations. Heath MacQuarrie, MP and Angus MacLean, MP, both sent messages of congratulations.

CHOOSES SNAKY PETS
Barbara Froom, a Toronto, naturalist, keeps snakes as pets.

AMONG those present at the 20th anniversary celebration of North Milton Women's Institute were: seated (L to R) Mrs. Robert Carter, first president, Mrs. Ira Rodd, old-

N. Milton WI Celebrates Anniversary Of Founding

On November 18, 1956 the North Milton WI met in Milton Community Hall to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their organization.

A pot-luck supper was enjoyed by the members, along with other women of the community and those who had been members 20 years ago. Ten charter members were present including the oldest charter member, Mrs. Ira Rodd.

Following the supper, the president, Mrs. Alton Rodd called on the secretary of the first organization meeting, Mrs. Brenton Coles, to read the minutes of that meeting, after

which the officers then elected, were asked to stand, and then the visiting former members.

The anniversary cake made by Mrs. William Gerbun, was cut by the first president, Mrs. Robert Carter.

Complimentary remarks were made by Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Wendell Craswell.

The guest speaker of the evening, Mrs. Fred Osborne, then gave a most interesting talk on her work as president of the Unitarian Service Committee of P.E.I.

After an enjoyable period of games and contests, the meeting was closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

est charter member; standing (L to R), Mrs. Brenton Coles, first secretary, Mrs. Vernon Coles, new secretary and Mrs. Alton Rodd, president.

Women

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ELLEN'S DIARY

Children Hail December With Much Anticipation

Comfortably settled down in its Fall setting, the older dwelling in this farm is tonight, and at present in darkness, as we see it from this house across the lane. By the signs, James has retired. Put down his reading, lunched, wound the clock in our absence, closed off the stoves drafts, and gone up the stairs to his rest, while we baby-sit here. Not that our company is needed, now that Mack has come in from the barn, nor was it actually before this. But as Peter explained it this afternoon, knowing that his parents were to be away this evening, "You see, we aren't used to being left alone in the house. And besides he smiled "sleep won't come to me unless I have been read to. And I have a book saved for tonight—one you will like."

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WCTU Executive Meets At Zion

Executive members of the Provincial WCTU met in the Zion Church parlour on November 22. The president, Mrs. L. M. Calbeck of Summerside presided. A brief devotional was conducted by a member from York.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and discussed. It was decided to approach the president of the P.E.I. Temperance Federation with the view of encouraging further meetings of that organization.

A communication from Premier Alex Campbell was read regarding resolutions and motions put forth at our '68 convention. Premier Campbell's request for further submissions re the problem of implementation of the 'Lord's Day Act' was debated at some length and referred to local groups for study.

During discussion on Youth Temperance Education Week for '67, York Union advised of their decision to place subscriptions of "Listen" in high-school reading-rooms instead of paying a radio or TV broadcast. This met with the approval of the other executive members. It was decided to use the church bulletin covers again and to request new posters be made for distribution.

David Boswell, Director of Alcohol Studies for P.E.I., volunteered to see about the issuing of the Proclamation previous to YTE Week. Mr. Boswell expressed regret that the National Convention, Mrs. Watson, was to visit here at a time when our youth are writing end-of-year exams and that Allied Youth programs for the busy Centennial year have already been scheduled.

Discussion on the WCTU history for P.E.I. brought forth no new data but members have promised to try again for items for the National archives.

swer, and problems to solve. At length Alex went to his room across the hall, and bed. How quiet it was now! No sound about. Not even Scamp's bark, welcoming or otherwise in the dusk of the rather foggy night without. We read on to the end. Put down the book.

"It was good, wasn't it? It's a new 'Comic' Mack brought me from town today. I never asked him to." His voice was drowsy. "He knows I like Woody Woodpecker," he reflected. "Oh, there are others too, I enjoy, but..." And sleep came suddenly, as it will to small weary ones, closing the eyes that have seen and absorbed, throughout the day, more of life and living than adults can ever imagine, taking them off into their own private Land of Dreams.

Light cloud-cover today gave Drift of fog at times, gray against the woodlands and hills A November day, truly. . . But now, the thought comes, first at hand, is December's first. The old year, white-of-hair, shoulders stooped steps slowing eyes fading, will have left it with us in a parting gift.

The children will hail its arrival, because to them, the same has a number of exciting meanings: gifts to choose and wrap—come at day's close to their pillows. The hours have wearied them, and the Sandman commences to dole out his charms. But still there are confidences to be trusted, young fears and worries to allay, queries to answer.

However this was of November, dampish, sunless, mild. Brown leaves underfoot, bare trees, wild geese on wing, gulls up from the River, night droppings too soon. Yet it has been a good day, all in all, taking the folks at Alderlea, happily, and most gratefully, to their rounds.

HAD GOOD TASTE
LONDON (CP)—Thieves stole six sweaters and matching miniskirts, six wigs and a range of top-price makeup from a West End store overnight. "They showed exceptionally good taste," said a spokesman of their choice.

CHALLENGES MEN
LONDON (CP)—A 36-year-old housewife wants to be London's first woman taxi-driver. Anna Parrish will have to spend two years memorizing every street, landmark, and important building before she can qualify and join her husband, who is already a cabbie.

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MARY HAWORTH

Reader Asks Opinions On Interracial Dating

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: I would like to have your views on interracial dating and marriage.

Today, especially on the college campus, but also among young working men and women, such marriages are increasingly common.

My concern is not with the person who recoils from a thought of interracial social interchange. It is, rather, with the young people who pursue this interchange, and with their families and friends who are asked (implicitly) to accept it.

Can anything be said to persuade young people to pause, reflect, and understand the possibly tragic ramifications of such alliances, before they become irreversibly involved in planning a marriage with so little chance of success?

What is their ideology? Is it just "to be different"? Is it an idealistic attempt to live above prejudice, even to the extent of going to extremes to seek out interracial contacts?

Is it ignorance of the reality of the stresses and strains in any marriage? Or naive unawareness of the intensity and effects of race prejudice in either camp?—and a selfish or shortsighted unconcern for the welfare of children who will bear the brunt of these pressures, internal and external?

Is it personal insecurity or lack of self-confidence in competing socially with "one's own kind", as the phrase is? Is there an element of defiance, as with the proverbial minister's son playing the devil?

The man's income, education and occupation no doubt regulate, in part, the degree of adverse pressure on the interracial couple and their children. But isn't there generally a rejection of interracial couples by both camps, forcing clusters of "mixed" couples into ghettos of their own?

Is there any research or other sound literature available on the subject, indicating success or failure of interracial marriage that might provide objective guidance to youth on the threshold of such a move?

Parents, other relatives and friends face a special dilemma: To speak up or not to speak? Even the faintest objections are quickly labeled "prejudice" and easily dismissed. And if the couple is immature, fear of provoking hasty decisions by ill-formed argument may lead to silence.

Today, many such half-decided couples aren't walking out on their families, but, instead, are "challenging" the families to extend a full welcome. Which means the family members must decide that it is to be their future accommodation to the couple, if marriage eventuates. And this is a painful process for those of us who live somewhere in between the pure practise of brotherly love and the repugnant doctrine of racial superiority. Please comment. A. D.

DEAR A. D.: In effect you are asking me to give you a reading of the mind of the youth of today, an impossible request inasmuch as the youth of today doesn't know clearly why it is

doing what it does, for the most part.

But perhaps the best explanation of what's going on has been stated already—by the late Teilhard de Chardin, world renowned scientist, philosopher and churchman (1881-1955). Those epochal literary estate is coming to light gradually in the years since he died.

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St. Peter's Hall Is Scene Of Presentation

A farewell party in honour of Mrs. Joseph Leslie, St. Peter's was recently held in St. Peter's Hall by members of the community. Mrs. Leslie has been the telephone operator in St. Peter's for 15 years.

Stewart MacEwen was master of ceremonies for the occasion and called upon Chester Pratt to read an address. Walter Auld, manager of the Island Telephone company was one of the speakers. On behalf of the company, Mrs. Leslie was presented with a cheque by Ted Moore, and a bouquet of roses by Mrs. Kay Frizzell.

Members of the community presented gifts to Mrs. Leslie, and also to Mr. Leslie and their daughter Mary.

Refreshments were served by the community women, and music and dancing completed the evening.



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