

Women's Institute Meeting

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A Country Garden

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Japan's New Government Is Solidly In Free Camp

TOKYO, (AP)—Two facts stand out after a week of confusing statements about proposed Japanese recognition of Red China and Russia in the interests of trade: 1. Japan's new government, led by Conservative Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama, is solidly in the free world camp and is not going to do anything it thinks might endanger that position. 2. Japanese businessmen, as individuals, will have to carry the ball for any expansion of trade with the Reds. About all the Hatoyama government will do for the present is perhaps ease travel restrictions for "non-political" visits to the Communist countries. Members of the new government have called on American ambassador John Allison and told him it "desires to maintain close and cordial relations with the United States."

CHILL RECEPTION

Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov's statement that Russia is willing to meet Japan on "normalizing" relations got a cool reception from most political leaders except the "leftist" half of the split Japanese Socialist party. Hatoyama said the "time is not ripe." Foreign Minister Namuro Shigemitsu said it is "a step forward" if the offer is sincere but that the Japanese government does not plan to sound out Russia now. At one time during the week, Hatoyama said he favored diplomatic relations with both the United States and Nationalist China. But while he was speaking for home consumption on a radio panel show, Shigemitsu told parliament the government already recognizes the Formosa regime and has no intention of recognizing both.

CHINCHILLA BREEDERS

SUSSEX, N. B. (CP)—An increase in membership from 58 to 135 was reported at the annual meeting of the Maritime Chinchilla Breeders Association. John H. Jarvis of Fredericton was re-elected president.

GEORGETOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hemphill motored from Pictou, N. S., on Nov. 27th to visit Mrs. Hemphill's mother, Mrs. Sarah Gotell, who is ill at her home in Georgetown. Mr. F. J. DeLory and Mr. John DeLory, left on Sunday, Nov. 28th on a visit to Halifax, N. S., where they will visit Mr. DeLory's sons, Maurice, who is entering in Victoria General Hospital and Cullen who is an engineering student at Nova Scotia Technical College. On Saturday, Nov. 27th, Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Scully and daughter, Kathleen, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Scully and daughter, Sheila, motored to Charlottetown. Mr. Raymond DesRoches, of Redmond Export Limited, returned to Halifax, N. S., on Sunday, Nov. 28, after spending a few days in Georgetown. Stewart Hansen, Grade XI student at St. Dunstan's College, spent the past week-end at his home in Georgetown. Mrs. Booth Scott of Ottawa, Ont., arrived in Georgetown, on Friday, Nov. 26th, on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Donovan. Many residents of Georgetown will hear with interest of the recent marriage of Miss Beatrice Loretta Caron to David Albert Lavender of Brockton, Mass. Mr. Lavender is the son of Mrs. Virginia Lavender of Brockton, formerly, Miss Virginia David of Georgetown.

AUTONOMY GRANTED

THE HAGUE (Reuters)—Queen Juliana of The Netherlands Wednesday signed a statute granting internal autonomy to Dutch Guiana (Surinam) on the north coast of South America, and the Netherlands Antilles in the West Indies. The centuries-old Dutch possessions remain within the Netherlands realm under the new statute, and defence, foreign affairs, and certain other subjects are reserved for treatment by the kingdom as a whole.

FORTUNE ROAD W. I.

The December meeting of Fortune Road Women's Institute was held in the school room with eleven members present. Meeting opened with members repeating Collect in unison, and roll call was responded to by members exchanging Christmas gifts. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed by the president. Correspondence was read and discussed and reports were heard from committees. Returns from the lottery of a fruit cake were passed in and Mrs. Jean McInnis drew the winning ticket held by Eileen Kichham, Souris West. It was decided to send Miss Claire Burge to attend the First Aid Course to be held in Charlottetown and it was moved and seconded that thirty dollars be voted as the Institute share on the purchase of a film projector, and the three dollars be given to the teacher for pupils Christmas treat. Roll call at next meeting is to be answered by members passing in a bingo prize. Program at next meeting to consist of a bingo game. Lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Mary McMillan, and a very enjoyable musical program followed. Meeting closed with singing of National Anthem.

CLYDE RIVER W. I.

The December meeting of the Clyde River W. I. met at the home of Mrs. W. A. and Mrs. C. D. MacLean with seven members present. In the absence of the president, the vice-president, Mrs. R. D. Matheson presided. Meeting opened with the members singing and the Ode, followed by Collect. Roll call was answered by a suggestion for a project for the coming year. It was decided that the music contract, with Mr. Raymond be signed as soon as possible. Correspondence was read and discussed. It was decided to make a further attempt to procure the Amateur Cavalcade. The school committee reported articles purchased for school, bill presented and paid. Mrs. Matheson was asked to purchase a treat for the Christmas school closing, with Mrs. Everett Murray and Mrs. John Cameron to distribute same at concert. The January meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. J. H. and Mrs. Eric MacPhail. Roll call to be answered by "Singing Saying or Praying." Mrs. Watson Livingston in charge of program. Collection for the evening was \$1.00. At the close of the meeting the retiring President was presented with a gift in appreciation of her service, following this a delicious lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge and a social hour spent.

BRACKLEY POINT W. I.

The December meeting of the Brackley Point Institute was entertained at the home of Mrs. John Cameron on Thursday evening, Dec. 2. Twelve members and two visitors were present. The meeting opened in the usual manner, conducted by the new president, Mrs. Gordon Shaw. The chief discussion of the evening was the planning of a Christmas school party. A committee of three was appointed in charge of the entertainment. Mrs. Gordon Shaw, reporting for the school, was pleased with the progress being made in the music class, and suggested that a song book and necessities for the wash room be purchased. The usual treat of apples and oranges for the scholars and trimmings for the Christmas tree will be purchased by the next school visitor, Mrs. G. G. McCallum. There were no sick calls. \$2 was voted for the T. B. League. The delegates to the leadership course gave an interesting account of the day which they found both pleasant and educational. Mrs. Fenton McLure invited the January meeting, where roll call will be answered by "The nicest gift I received at Christmas." and Mrs. Cameron will be in charge of program.

STOCKHOLM (CP)

A world congress of the Pentecostal movement here next June is expected to bring 5,000 delegates to Sweden, including 600 from the United States. A huge tent accommodating 10,000 persons will be erected for the meetings.

WHIM ROAD W. I.

Mrs. Richard Campbell was hostess to the members of the Whim Road W. I. at her home at Commercial Cross on Tuesday evening, Dec. 7. Thirteen members and four visitors were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Wesley Campbell. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Wesley Campbell, The Institute Ode was repeated by all. Roll call was answered by the exchange of Christmas gifts. Mrs. Robert Campbell, the secretary, attended to the business of the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting, which was read and approved. Copies of the Institute news were passed around. It was reported that the quilt which the Institute had been making was almost completed: It was arranged to have this project finished the following week. The Red Cross convener, Mrs. Cecil Campbell, advised members that she now had material and goods ready for the Red Cross work. It was moved and seconded that a donation be forwarded to the T. B. League at this time. Members were asked to have their gifts ready in time for the Christmas box to be sent to the infirmary. The different committees for the month gave their reports as follows:—The sick committee reported that several calls had been made and that treats had been provided on each occasion. It was agreed to remember the sick and shut-ins at Christmas time. Those on the sick committee for December are Mrs. M. J. Munro and Mrs. Garnet Moore. School—The secretary was asked to find out if towels, etc., were needed at the school. An amount was voted for the annual Christmas treats for the children of this district. Fudge would also be made, to supplement the treat. A committee was formed to take charge of packing the bags. At the next meeting, it was decided, all would take part in the program, or else pay a fine. There will also be an auction. Following an interesting game of "twenty questions" everyone enjoyed the dainty lunch served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Robert Campbell and Mrs. Cecil Campbell. The meeting closed with the Queen.

SPRINGFIELD W. I.

The December meeting of the Springfield Branch of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Keith Mayne with the new president, Mrs. Crawford Sinclair presiding. The meeting opened with the singing of "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and was followed by the Club Women's Creed repeated in unison. Roll call was answered with a gift for handicapped children, gifts to be sent to the Red Cross for distribution. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Over fifty copies of the history, "Springfield, 1828-1953" were bought and it was decided that the treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Haslam take charge of the unsold volumes. The seven premium blankets are to be sold at the January meeting. The Red Cross committee reported sending in the knitted squares and one pair of knitted socks were passed in. Mrs. George Dunning kindly invited the members to her home for the January meeting. Lunch committee to be Mrs. Keith Mayne, Mrs. Norris Sinclair and Mrs. Andrew Hughes. A very beautiful Christmas card was received from March St. Mary's W. I., Cambridgeshire, England. Suggestions for the year's programme were received by the programme committee and an interesting report was given by Mrs. John Hickox who had attended the Leadership Course at Parkdale. The following Christmas programme under the sponsorship of Miss Muriel Haslam was then carried out. Reading, Legend of the Christ-

CHRISTMAS

The wintry winds of Christmas That sweep the Eastern sky, Have hushed their strident symphony To sing a lullaby. The big bright stars of Christmas— A necklace for the night— Braid beauty round his bracken-bed Like lovely candlelight. The little trees of Christmas That grew where snow now drifts, Are locked in many upper rooms Aboon with toys and gifts. The golden dreams of Christmas, The frankincense of joy, Are all, as myrrh, a part of Him— This bracken-bedded Boy. Oh, dreams and trees and big bright stars Oh wintry winds that sing . . . Heaven and earth together greet The coming of the King! To all of you I wish . . . Many merry Christmases, friendships, great accumulation of cheerful recollections, affection on earth, and Heaven at last for all of us. —Dickens.

EASIER MARCHING?

OSLO (CP)—The Norwegian army is testing new types of footwear, including air-insulated rubber boots.

FOUNDED ZION ORDER

TORONTO (CP)—Mrs. Sara Leah Gelber, 75, a founder of the Daughters of Zion Order in Montreal in 1917, died at her home here during the weekend. A resident of Toronto for many years, Mrs. Gelber was born and educated in Montreal. She is survived by six children. "mas Bell," by Mrs. Keith Mayne; Memory Test, "Santa Packed His Sleigh for Springfield"—Prize won by Mrs. George Dunning; Demonstration, Gift Wrapping; Reading, "Legend of the Christmas Candle," by Miss Muriel Haslam; Trio, "We Three Kings of Orient Are," by Mrs. Crawford Sinclair, Mrs. George Dunning and Mrs. John Hickox. An exchange of gifts then took place and the prize for the most attractively wrapped was won by Mrs. Wm. Haslam. Balloting for the most interesting and enjoyable programme of the year resulted in the prize being awarded to Mrs. John Hickox, convener for the month. The meeting was then adjourned and lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge of refreshments.

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