HAPPY HONEYMOONERS

William Easton, 79, and Janet Paul, 80, were married in Hamilton recently and, happily, they admire a certificate which denotes their membership in the Nigara Falls Honeymooners' Club.

HAPPENINGS

The Queen Mary Needlework Guild carries on its grand work.

This week 3 large boxes of clothing were packed by the president, treasurer and secretary of the guild to be sent to the Unitarian service committee of Canada for overseas relief.

These 181 garments of exceptional quality and on excellent condition consisted of 2 fur coats, many coats, suits, dresses, blouses, skirts, shirts, infants clothes, bedding, towel and many articles too numerous to mention. All these were donations from members brought in at the annual meeting.

The members also have in hand a large quantity of work to be finished in June for the Annual Display of work. This work to be sent to the Prince Edward Island Protestant Orphanage and to he Queen Mary Maternity Home in London and also to the London Branch for relief distribution.

The officers of the Guild are as follows: Patroness, Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse, Honorary President, Mr. F. E. Smallwood, President, Mrs. H. E. Miller, Vice President, Mrs. G. D. DeBlois, Treasurer, Mrs. F. A.. S. Jones, Secretary, Mrs. A. B. Cosh. Executive Committee, Mrs. James Paton, Mrs. W. H. Pettick, Mrs. W. Chester S. MacLure, Mrs. A. G. Putnam, Mrs. A. B. Fisher, Mrs. R. R. Bell, Mrs. N. H. DeBlois, Mrs. Lyman Davison.

Col. Peter Fleming, O. B. E., scholar, soldier and distinguished author lectured at the Canadian Club Thursday evening. All present greatly enjoyed hearing him.

He was born 31st May, 1907, the eldest of the four sons of Major Valentine Fleming, D.S.O., Member of Parliament for South Oxfordshire. At Eaton he won the King's French prize and the Duke of Newcastle's Spanish prize. At Oxford he edited "The Isis." In 1933 his first book "Brazilian Adventure" was chosen as the Book of the Month club book in both the U.S.A. and Britain.

In 1935 Col. Fleming married Celia Johnson, famous British actress, whose rare quality is perhaps best known in America from the films "Brief Encounter" and "The Captain's Paradise." Celia Johnson acts only in the roles which appeal to her high artistic standard. Col. and Mrs. Fleming have three children, a son age 18, and two daughters 10 and 9. They reside on the family estate of 2,000 acres in Oxfordshire.

Rev. H. E. D. Ashford, Toronto, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Avard, Greenfield Avenue.

About sixty were present at the St. Valentine party given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Parent, Thursday evening, at their residence, Ravenwood. This historic old property is beautiful in the summer time. It is equally beautiful in the winter, with the trees along the driveway covered in snow and the lights welcoming the guests to another lovely party at Ravenwood.

Mrs. John Marshall of Ancaster, Ont., and Mrs. Douglas Haldenby of Toronto are spending a few days in Ottawa at the Chateau Laurier with their parents, Hon. Ross MacDonald and Mrs. MacDonald.

An Ottawa paper carries the following interesting item. A number of records were established by St. Columba's Anglican Church, Manor Park, under the first permanent rector, Rev. John Stewart. The outstanding growth of the Parish resulted in the acceptance of the highest budget for 1957 in the churches history $27,000. A 250 per cent increase in accommodation for the growing congregation was necessary and it is hoped a suitable church and hall can be built by 1960.

Officers for the coming year are: Vestry Clerk, Gordon Lattur; Rectors Warden, Group Capt K. C. MacLure; People's warden, R.N. Shouldice; Lay delegates to Synod. Donald Bell, A. M. Luce and Lt. Comdr. Peter Cosh; Treasurer , J. P. Stern; Auditors, J. C Burton and G. C. Purkis Secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Walton Every Member Canvass, Commander Peter Sinclair.

Three of the officials are intimately connected with this city Group Capt. MacLure is married to a grand daughter of the late Dr James Warburton, Commander Sinclair's wife is a grand daughter of the late Judge A. B. Warbuton and Lieut. Commander Cosh is a native of Charlottetown

Mrs. Daniel MacLean, widow of the late Rev. Daniel MacLean, has been ill in Grace Hospital, Winnipeg, since the New Year. Mrs. MacLean has recovered sufficiently to return to her home 440 Munroe Ave., Winnipeg. She will return to the hospital in a month's time for x-rays, Mrs. MacLean lives in a large house with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. H. C. Dunn and Mrs. Dunn (Ruth) and another daughter Muriel. Mrs. MacLean has a host of relatives and friends in this city. She is now in her 86th year and everyone is wishing her well in regaining a good degree of health and strength.

Mrs. Milton Bell, Miss Dorothea Stewart and Mrs. L. H. Poole returned Monday from their trip with the Curlers. Travelling with this group, the ladies had an entree which is not given to the general public. In this remarkable age of air travelling the Curlers had tea in Iceland on Sunday and on the following day were in their own Prince Edward Island.

Mrs. R. R. Bell entertained at luncheon, Friday, at her residence, Brighton Road.

"Morton's Toe"—Painful But Surgery Is The Cure

MONTREAL (CP) — A woman who keeps complaining that her feet are killing her may have "Morton's Toe."

And in such a case there's not much point trying larger size shoes or lower heels—the answer is a simple operation and doctors say the relief will be wonderful.

Dr. P. Eibel of the orthopedic department of the Jewish General Hospital told a meeting of the ety that the condition is named Montreal Medico-Chirurgical soci- after Dr. T. G. Morton who described it in 1867.

The condition is extremely painful is seen mostly in women and is generally associated with the wearing of high heels.

For many years Morton's Toe was believed to be caused by the pinching of nerves leading to the toes and it was treated, not very successfully, by modifying the height and length of the shoe.

In recent years the cause was found to be a small tumor between the third and fourth toe. When the condition is correctly diagnosed and the tumor is removed the relief is great to people who have sometimes been in pain for years.

Rumors Of Royal Rift Are Simply Nonsense

British newspapers today applied the adjectives fantastic malicious, baseless and ridiculous to rumors of a rift in the Royal family.

It was the first time British readers were informed that rumors have circulated in the United States and elsewhere that there is domestic discord between the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Baltimore Sun published a story Friday saying that "cafe society" in London was whispering about such a "rift."

The Manchester Guardian calls the reports "too fantastic to be worth bothering with."

It says, however, that absence of any mention of them in the British press may have given them a greater currency than usual. It denies there was any Buckingham Palace command not to print such gossip but says there may have been a general "instinct" among editors that such a "fantastic" report was not worth printing.

The Queen and the duke have been separated for four months while he was on a 25,000 mile tour to outposts of the Commonwealth.

The tour ended last week but he has remained in Gibralter where his wife will join him Saturday for a two-day private reunion. The Royal couple then will spend three days in Portugal on an official state visit.

The London Daily Mirror says "There is one simple way to scotch these malicious rumors. Let the duke fly home today to join the Queen and their children."

Its front-page headline was: "Fly Home, Philip."

The left-wing Herald comments that "palace relations with the public are so hedged around with privacy and protocol that gossip often runs riot before truth gets its boots on."

It reports fully on how various papers abroad used the story and the palace denial.

The right - wing London Daily Express says it does not "propose to reprint in its variations any aspect of this story."

The Daily Express does believe, however, that its readers should know that baseball speculation of this kind is now being read by people all over the world," it says in a front-page editorial.

London's afternoon papers ignored the reports entirely, devoting their front pages to a local murder, the Middle East situation, or the latest exploits of U.S. TV quiz - winners.

The Queen, Princess Margaret and the Queen Mother were expected back in London sometime today after a short stay at Windsor.

There was little immediate reaction from the genral public.

SMARTLY SIMPLE

The supreme example of the crisply casual classic, is doing better than ever by us this year. The designer is using a series of flower-printed cottons for dresses that are right for southern climes now and will be quite at home later on for terrace, beach or town wear. Deep purple and pale lilac are used for this Regency print in keeping with the new emphasis on these tones. The gored skirt is moderately full and the famous neat-fitting collar, a signature of this house, emphasizes the flattering neckline.

You should see "THE EDDY DUCHIN STORY" because ...It's a story with a love that sings...and an excitement that hums!

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ELLEN'S DIARY

An Ex-School Ma'am Quotes A Favorite Verse

And for an afternoon of February, we fancy, not soon to be forgotten so pleasant it was, the children, Granddaughter and Mack, and Gage their cousin from Rob's farm over the fields to the north, skated today on Kristy's Pond out beyond the hill top. Joining other youngsters from the neighborhood round they had a fine outing, returning hungry and it seemed a little weary from the continued exercise to supper. The weather was kind to them, it being sunny and only pleasantly frosty.

"We're in for a change shortly" James said coming in from the dusk.

"Milder-yes. One can feel it in the air. We've had such a nice spell of weather it seems a pity to have it broken. However, if we get it mild that will save both fuel and feed-stock eat more when it's cold, takes more to keep them warm then of course."

Yarding, with horses and sleighs, lengths of wood from the scene of the cutting earlier in the season to heaps in a field beside — this was the afternoon work of our farmers: all of them James, and the younger man of this place, Rob too, and Jamie. The harvest of soft-wood it was.

"Put a softwood stick on the fire? How shall I tell it from the hardwood?" a young matron, accustomed to modern cooking and heating fuels asked her husband recently, when they visited where a woodfire burned.

"Feel it?" he teased, with a chuckle.

These farmwives get the softwood for quick summer-fires. Presently now the scene of the woods' work will move to the hardwood groves at Alderlea, to provide us with substantial faring for another Winter to come. On farms, folks live ever with a forward look, dipping into the time ahead. The farmers speak of it: "We'll break that field this year, take a few crops, and put her back into pasture" — 'we should keep this heifer; in a few years she'd make us a fine cow." truly. If a farmer has no "vision," he is indeed apt to "perish" at the occupation that is his.

Nice days the week brought. And one afternoon of it James rested his farming to assist others in hollowing a grave by the "Old Kirk" for a good farmer — of — once of the community come now to that last earthy home. To return to us many long memories and to remind us that Death walks softly even in the midst of every loveliness of season.

And one evening the members of the local W.I. went to visit those of another district and were entertained by them most enjoyably. Our hostess — an ideal one — a tiny lady and fond mother of four an ex-school ma'am and once a lass of this community quoted this "favorite verse" in response to the roll call:

"Lord who am I to teach the way
To little children day by day
So prone am I to go astray?
I teach them knowledge, but I know
How faint they flicker, and how low
The candles of my knowledge glow. . . .
I teach them love for all mankind,
And all God's creatures, but I find
My love comes lagging far behind,
Lord if their guide, I still must be,
Oh let the little children see,
The teacher leaning hard on Thee '
Until Monday — — — Diary — Goodnight. . . . . .

DAILY PATTERN

Easy. Easy. See the diagram—you can make this stunning new topper in s-o-o little time. Have it in lightweight corduroy, pastel linen, or pique — to star above your spring fashions. Notice its graceful "go-everywhere" styling.

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COOK'S CORNER

CHOCOLATE MARSHMALLOW SQUARES

1 cup white sugar
¼ cup butter or shortening
2 eggs
2 squares
¼ cup milk.
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup flour
¾ cup walnuts
1 teaspoon vanilla.

Melt chocolate. Cream butter and sugar well. Mix in chocolate and well beaten eggs. Add milk and other ingredients.

Put in a shallow greased pan and bake 25 minutes. Remove from oven and cover with a layer of marshmallows. When cool, ice with chocolate icing.

HOUSEHOLD HINT

Do your cakes stick to the pans after baking?

Here are some of the reasons: Not greasing pan generously enough; open temperature was too low when you put cake into the oven; cake may have been left too long in the pan after baking; too much liquid may have been used; cake mixture may not have been beaten sufficiently, or you may have neglected to scrape the ingredients frequently from spoon and sides of the bowl during mixing.

FORTUNE BRIDGE W.I.

The February meeting of Fortune Bridge W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Harvey Aitken on Feb. 5. Fourteen members answered roll call by placing a Valentine in the Valentine Box. Two visitors were present.

Meeting opened by singing the Ode followed by Collect in unison. The minutes of the last meeting financial report given, showing a balance of $52.81. The Secretary were read and approved, also reported paying for the Porta Fund Map Set, also other bills.

Correspondence was read and discussed, $5.00 to be send to the March of Dimes Campaign. The members decided to scrub the school on Friday, Feb. 8, also to have a Card Party in the school room that evening.

Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Aitken. Roll call to be answered by a joke. Lunch committee will be Mrs. Earle Johnston and Mrs. Ivan Mitchell, Programme, Mrs. Henry Townshend. Mrs. Vernon Davidson then asked riddles. Prizes were won by Mrs. George Dingwell and Mrs. Sterling Burke. Lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.

ST. LUKE'S Y.P.

The regular meeting of St. Luke's A.Y.P.A., O'Leary, was held February 1st in the Church Hall. Meeting opened by singing hymn No. 583, followed by prayer led by Betty Phillips. Sixteen members answered roll call by a Bible Verse containing "Charity". One new member joined and one visitor present.

A letter was read concerning the Dominion Conference to be held June 16 to 22 at the Anglican Thelogical College, Vancouver, B. C.

Next meeting to be held February 15th, the following were appointed for that meeting: Prayers, Fairley Cornish; Bible reading, Roy Cornish; Entertainment, Fairley Cornish and Keith Webb; Lunch, Ida Wedlock, Betty Phillips and Adrienee Webb. Collection amounted to $2.00 and money received from "Grab-Bag" $2.00.

Meeting closed, following lunch, with prayer by the president, George Adams.

PARKDALE W.I.

The members of Parkdale W.I. met in the hall for their regular monthly meeting on Feb. 6th, with the president presiding. Meeting opened with the Ode, followed by the Creed of the Country Women's Association (Australia).

Roll call was answered by naming a service of the Institutes. After the reading of the minutes the treasurers report was given. The school committee reported a first aid kit needed, and the sick committee reported a first aid kit needed, and the sick committee had sen one sympathy, two get well, three baby cards and flowers to a member ill in hospital.

The convener of the hall committee, reported a banquet for the Agricultural Council on the thirteenth, and one for the Maritime Electric on the fourteenth. The proceeds from the two cake sales netted a substantial sum.

A daveno was bought for the teachers room in the Junior High School, and drapes were made for the windows, also a slip cover was bought for a chair. The board of trustees bought the extra piano the property of the W.I. for use in the Junior High School.

The correspondence included a letter from Mrs. Philip Matheson, and notes of thanks for gifts received at Christmas. A donation was made to the March of Dimes. The Brownies are planning a Valentine Party with some of the children from the Orphanages as guests.

The Scouts have dates reserved for a cake sale, a father and son banquet, and a concert all to take place in the near future. Social evenings are booked at the homes of Miss Anna Love, Mrs. H. MacDonald, and Mrs. Edwin Cook. Hospitality committee for the March meeting Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Seaman, Mrs. Trewin.

In recognition of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institutes, the program stressed Institute work around the world. It consisted of an illustrated talk by Mrs. F. Ross, using a lighted map to portray the spread of the W.I. movement.

The display was made up of material sent from links in Australia England, Ireland and Ontario, with Mrs. Douglas giving a word sketch of Ceylon, where the A.C. W.W. meets next July. A relief map of Ceylon was in the display.

Mrs. Found read the history of Woodslee Institute, and Mrs. Ross gave some interesting facts contained in a letter from Bollington W.I. Refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

KEEP IN TRIM

Toning Measures To Improve The Bust Line

By IDA JEAN KAIN

With fashion emphasis on the bosom, a common query is: Can sagging of the Bust be corrected when the cause is not faulty posture or excess weight?

In many instances the answer is yes, but first, it is important to understand about the glands, ligaments and muscles. While the breasts are not composed of muscle, they are held in place by muscles and ligaments. Also, the bust is infiltrated with fatty tissue. The tone of the muscle supporting the bust influences the position and contour of the bust.

The pectoral muscles are attached to the inner part of the collarbone, following down the whole length of the sternum, and fan out across each side of the chest. The handles of the fan insert into groove in upper arm.

The sagging breast is most always due to lack of tone in the ligaments and supporting muscles, resulting either from general loss of body tone or from the strain of excess weight, or slumped posture. Excess weight cannot be overlooked, since it tends to exaggerate the sagging. This not only points up the importance of weight normalizing on a protective diet, but also the need to wear a well fitted uplift bra. Particularly is this necessary during special periods such as pregnancy and nursing. Of equal importance are follow up exercises to restore tone.

If the sagging has continued for many years, no one can promise that the muscles and ligaments can be fully restored to tone. But exercise is a definite help for improving tone in the pectorals and general body tone.

The exercise movement must be toward the median line or the sternum. Here are two most effective toner-uppers.

Position: Sitting or standing, have arms out in front of chest shoulder level, elbows bent, and cross hands to clasp right hand to left forearm, left hand to right forearm.

Movement: Maintaining grasp on forearms, jerk hands toward elbows, using vigorous, staccato thrust movements—jerk, release —jerk, release—8 to 12 counts, twice daily.

Position: Standing or sitting, have hands extended in front of body, chest level, with hands crossed at wrists.

Movement: With a quick criss-cross motion, change position of hands, over-under-over-under 25 times. This movement, being toward the median line, reaches the pectoral muscles and tones this important bust - supporting muscle.

SEVEN MILE BAY

The February meeting of St. Peters Sub-division of the C.W.L. Seven Mile Bay was held in the church, February 3rd. The president opened the meeting with the League Prayer. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence consisted of thank you letters from president for treat sent during illness and from Springhill Disaster Community for donation sent. Letters were also received from the provinical correspondence secretary of Hungarian Relief, from the provincial president reporting on the National convention held at London, Ontario, from the spiritual convenor "Lay Retreats", form Rev. J. Lorne MacDonald, O.M.I. re, "Christ the King Cultural Foundation" and from the convenor of Nat. Scholarships, Our Lady's Missionaries and Resolutions.

A letter was also received from the Red Cross asking for assistance to help make clothing for refugee children. Mrs. Dan Keough was appointed Red Cross Convenor. It was moved and seconded that $5.00 be sent to Hungarian Relief Fund. The treasurer gave her report showing a satisfactory amount in Bank.

It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Everett Muttart and Arnold MacGrath be paid for material and workd decorating church for Christmas. Rev. Father MacDonald on behalf of Father Bradley expressed his thanks for gifts at Christmas and for treat sent during his illness. He complimented the women on the good work being done and asked all members to put forth an even greater effort this year when so much is to be accomplished. Collection was taken and meeting closed with Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

DARNLEY AND SEA VIEW

The regular monthly meeting of the Darnley and Sea View, Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Elmer Hickey on February 12th.

The meeting opened by singing hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," followed by the prayer of General Thanksgiving. Scripture reading was taken from Ephesians 2: 1-10, 3: 14-21, followed by prayer. Closing hymn was "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah.

Roll call was answered by six members, Mrs. A. MacKay read three letters which were discussed. It was moved and seconded that $2.00 be sent to the Maritime Temperance Federation Collection was taken and dedicated.

Mrs. A. MacKay had a reading on World Crisis, followed by the Lord's Prayer which closed the meeting. Lunch was served by the hostess and a social hour enjoyed.

WEST ROYALTY W.I.

The regular monthly meeting of West Royalty W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. John England on February 7th. with 10 members and 3 visitors present. One former member renewed her membership and was welcomed back to the group.

Mrs. Murray, the President, opened the meeting by repeating the collect, followed by roll call and reading of the minutes. In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. James MacInnis read the report and it was moved and seconded that all bills be paid. Mrs. John England gave the school committee report.

Correspondence was read and dealt with. It was decided to leave the questionairre on education over for another meeting. Mrs. John England volunteered to collect for Red Cross campaign and $10.00 was voted for the "March of Dimes" campaign.

A committee was appointed including Mrs. Lank, Mrs. Gates and Mrs. MacRae to see about putting on a play for concert.

In the absence of Mrs. Fred Gates, Mrs. Harold MacRae read a history of West Royalty W.I. written by Mrs. Gates. Mrs. Fred Gates is to be hostess for next meeting, with Mrs. Trainor, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Buell on lunch.

The meeting adjourned and a delicious lunch was served by hostess and committee in charge and a social hour enjoyed by all.

BAPTIST Y.P.U.

The weekly meeting of the Charlottetown B.Y.P.U. was held in the lower church hall, Thursday evening. In the absence of Rev. H. L. Mitton, Mrs. Mitton was senior counsellor.

The meeting opened with the reading of the minutes followed by roll call. Business was then discussed during which plans were made for a social.

The devotional thought for the evening was given by Betty Large supplemented with scripture reading given by Emma Sharam. A hymn-sing was held with Arthur Large at the piano.

Guests present at the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ballum. Mr. Ballem showed coloured slides taken at Camp Wegescum. New Brunswick, which he has attended for the past few years. He was thanked for his interesting slides and talk by the president, Joan Bryenton. The meeting closed with the benediction.

LET'S EAT

Lettuce Makes A Bowl For Any Kind Of Salaa

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Think of it. Here in Salinas, California, 50 per cent of all the lettuce consumed in the country is grown. Right now in the winter season, lettuce is being shipped from Arizona and New Mexico. But here, thousands of acres have already been seed with lettuce.

Soon green leaves will appear and "the man with the hoe"will take over to thin the rows so that the lettuce will "head up." This is the only hand operation in the entire industry.

Then the lettuce will be harvested by machines preceded by pickers and trimmers; loaded by a following crew and packed into cartons, 2 dozen heads each; then through vacuum coolers and into refrigerated cars en route the country over.

Here is a delightful way to serve a salad in its own lettuce bowl.

Lettuce Bowl Salad: Cut out the stem end of a large head of lettuce. Hold stem end up directly under a stream of cold water to wash and force the lettuce leaves apart. Scoop out the centre leaves to form a bowl to hold any desired salad filling. Shake out the water and drain the lettuce. Dry with absorbent paper towels.

Fill with shrimp, tuna, lobster, chicken or fruit salad. Tuck garnishes between the leaves.

Serve in a shallow bowl. Cut the leaves into wedge - shaped pieces. Pass additional salad dressing.

Tomorrow's Dinner
Waldorf Salad Relish
Pan-Browned Ham
Mustard Sauce
Whipped Potato
Steamed Lettuce Wedges
Spice Cake Squares
Coffee Tea Milk.
All measurements are level.
Recipes proportioned to serve 4 to 6.

Steamed Lettuce Wedges: If crisp lettuce is a bit difficult to digest try this—cut 1 large head crisp lettuce into 6 wedges. Rinse with cold water.

Place on a rack in a large saucepan. Pour in boiling water to the depth of ¼". Cover. Slow-boil 5 min. or until the lettuce looks wilted, is tender-crisp and slightly darkened. Drain.

Meantime, crisp - cook 3 slices bacon. Drain on absorbent paper; crumble. Drain off bacon fat, keeping 2 tbsp.

Mix in 2 tbsp. flour. Gradually add 1 c. dairy sour cream. Stir-cook until smooth and boiling.

Add 1 tsp. salt, ⅛tsp. ground black pepper, 1 tsp. minced onion, 2 tsp. lemon juice and the bacon. Serve spooned over lettuce.

Trick of the Chef:
Dust tsp. sugar in the frying pan before pan-browning ham.

MORNING SMILE

The sergeant was patiently instructing the newest group of rookies.

"When you clean a rifle, what is the first thing you do?" he asked.

"Look at the serial number," one bright lad replied.

"The number. What in Sam Hill for?"

"To make sure I'm cleaning my own rifle," was the reply.

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