

WOMEN

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Happenings

The Late Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, wife of a Canadian Governor-General, was among her numerous activities and accomplishments a very skilled painter in oils and water colors and a very clever photographer. Lady Aberdeen is the authoress of the book "Through Canada with a Kodak." A recent Kodak picture of Lady Aberdeen's has been sent to friends in this province. It shows a polar bear with its young seal prey. This picture was taken from the Allan liner "Parisian" in the Straits of Belle Isle on the way to Quebec in August, 1890.

Mrs. Walter Jones left Thursday for London, Ont., where she will visit Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stewart. Mrs. Jones was accompanied by her grand-daughter, Dale Dewar.

Mrs. J. A. MacMillan and Mrs. Clarence Coady entertained Monday and Thursday evenings at a supper bridge at Mrs. MacMillan's residence, Greenfield Avenue.

Mrs. Ira Douglas, Longworth Avenue, was given a very lovely surprise birthday party recently by her son, Mr. Leith Douglas and Mrs. Douglas. Relatives and friends offered their felicitations to Mrs. Douglas accompanied by gifts. Technicolor movies were shown by Mr. Leith Douglas and delicious refreshments served.

Mrs. John Clark entertained at bridge Thursday afternoon and evening at her residence, North River Road.

The regular meeting of the Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority was held at the home of Miss Heather MacLean on Wednesday evening. The business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. H. H. Simpson. The cultural program for the meeting was presented by Mrs. William Thompson. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Florence MacLean.

WHEATLEY RIVER W. M. S.
The January meeting of the Wheatley River W. M. S. was held on Wednesday evening Jan. 25th, at the home of Mrs. Fred MacLean. The program for the evening was presented by Mrs. William Thompson. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Florence MacLean.

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ing, followed by a reading by the leader, Mrs. Cora Ling, Mrs. Leonard Ling, Mrs. John Ross and Mrs. Harold Chandler took the four scripture readings.

Each scripture reading was followed by a discussion and answering of given questions by the members. Several readings were also given by the leader and members. Prayer in the morning by Mrs. Harold Buntain, Circles of prayer hymn closed the worship service.

Roll call answered by reading the 13 chapter of St. Mark. It was decided to start the travelling program. Moved and seconded that the Societies send in Memorial Cards to bereaved families instead of flowers. Mrs. Gordon Andrews and Mrs. Cora Ling are to have charge of this work.

Four hospital calls and 14 home calls and cards sent. Mrs. Gordon Andrews invited the group for the February meeting which is World Day of Prayer program. "Rise up oh Men of God" and Mizpah benediction closed the meeting. The hostess served a delicious lunch.

ROSE VALLEY W. I.

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Minutes of last meeting was read approved and signed. Correspondence was read a letter from Windsor Canning Ltd., one from Mrs. Hilda Ramsay convener of Culture. The president, Mrs. Wm. Newsome presided. Meeting opened by Mary Stewart Collect. Roll call was responded by seven members each member donating a card. Three visitors present.

Mrs. Wm. MacDonald Red Cross convener passed out knitting and sewing material to the members. It was decided to make a quilt. Each member to make two blocks and donate a flour bag. It was moved that paper towels be secured for school. Mrs. Jas. Cousins and Mrs. Wm. Newsome be the new school committee for next three months.

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Dior's "p" profile was a bit hard to follow, but the "arrow" described it better, with slanting width in the cut of the sleeves and bust. His dressy dresses were so full they looked like animated clouds.

The long torso dress has attractive squared neckline with bow trim and side tabs and pink rhinestones at the hip. (CP Photo).

Mary Haworth

She Wants Divorce Having Sighted Love Elsewhere

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: I am a woman in my mid-forties and my husband thinks the whole trouble is my age! I married in my teens and Burt is 10 years my senior. He is domineering and selfish and I let him have his way from the start. He lived exactly as he liked and I built my life around the things I had — my children and home.

My loneliness started about seven years ago, when my children began to leave home. With time on my hands I realized there was absolutely nothing between my husband and me. When I tried to tell him I was lonely and needed companionship, he called this symptomatic of my age. I tried to believe him...

Around that time I met a man who is everything Burt never was and never could be. He is kind and gentle, with a sense of humor that makes life seem so much brighter; and, as I know now, has been in love with me from the first — an unselfish devotion, and I was lucky enough to find it.

When I asked Burt for a divorce he was very surprised and for the next few days tried to be nice. But because I didn't swoon into his arms (though we haven't lived as man and wife for over seven years) he went back to his old routine. His attitude implied that I must have been out of my mind, and that he was the generous husband who overlooked such nonsense. I must say I hated him for that; he gave me a feeling of being lost.

Last week I brought up the subject again, and after acting brokenhearted he took the same hateful attitude as before, ignoring all I said. How can I make him understand? Why can't he believe I don't want him any more? He wouldn't really miss me, except as a housekeeper. And if he thinks he's heartbroken, that's just hurt pride.

There is no going back, now that I know how wonderful life can be, with understanding companionship. But there is something that puzzles me—I have a sense of guilt which I cannot explain. It disturbs and frightens me. Thank you for any explanation you can give me.

DEAR P.G.: Your recital is cloudy in one important particular: and maybe you are trying to veil the facts from your own eyes, so that you won't see clearly just how you arrived at your present angle. I notice a certain special significance attaches to seven years ago. It was about that time that you first became lonely, as the children were taking wing, you say. Also, it was approximately then that you first met the other man and simultaneously realized there was "absolutely nothing" between you and your husband.

But when did you first ask Burt for a divorce? Was it recently? Can't make it out. But according to your story, you and Burt had not lived as man and wife (except in name only) for over seven years



Viscount Stormont And His Bride Following Vows

Viscount Stormont and his bride, the former Miss Pamela Joan Foster are pictured following their marriage at the Episcopal Church of St. James, Cupar, Fifeshire, Scotland. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. Derrick Large, assisted by Rev. Albert Baynham. The bride is the only daughter of Lady Cochrane R. Aitken and the late Mr. Aitken.

The bride's gown, designed by Maggy Rouff, is of white French satin. On her hair and clasping her cascading silk tulle veil is a diamond tiara of Murray stars. She also wore a diamond necklace. A reception followed for 450 guests in the Gothic Hall of Crawford Priory. (Photo by Alex C. Cowper, Perth.)

before you asked to be free so I am wondering if the sex rift coincides with the dawn of loneliness that also dovetails with meeting the other man and "losing" the children? And I wonder what was the sequence of these events — which happened first? FEELS LIKE TURNOAT Given the facts, we might have a clue to the meaning of your sense of guilt and shame, as you look ahead to leaving Burt. Though

making a plausible case for yourself, perhaps you feel that you've betrayed Burt — by simply losing your taste for him, when he is no different from before. Maybe you know that whatever his faults, nevertheless he was the man you wanted — sexually at least — years ago; and that he hasn't changed. That it is you who have changed — and perhaps for the worse in terms of character, your conscience may

My advice is to stay in the traces, while studying the situation with psychiatric help, to discover if you are suffering through a siege of second emotional adolescence. If your yen for the other again, it can only lead to haunting regrets, if you try blindly to scrap the imperfect past. I think. In general, a worth-while life is all-of-a-piece. M.H.



TWO HOMES—Mrs. Leon Balcer wife of the new president of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada, spends half her year in Ottawa and the other half at her home at Trois-Rivieres, Que. In this photo, she relaxes at home with her two children, Pierre 10, and Nicole 8. While her husband has been Progressive Conservative member for Trois-Rivieres, Mrs. Balcer, the former Genevieve Theriault, is the daughter of Hon. Elise Theriault, former Liberal member of the Quebec legislature. (CP Photo)

Attractive Wife of Assoc. President Has Busy Schedule

By CAROLYN WILLET
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—It's not so easy to be a housewife at heart and the wife of a busy politician at the same time. But the attractive wife of the new president of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada has her own philosophy about merging the two.

"You have to make up your mind to enjoy your new life and still share your husband's life as much as possible," said Mrs. Leon Balcer in an interview.

"You also need a sense of humor," added the 35-year-old brunette whose warm personality sparkles with both humor and determination.

HARD AT FIRST
Speaking a bit wistfully at her hotel room window overlooking Parliament Hill, where Leon Balcer has been a member of the Commons for the Quebec constituency of Trois-Rivieres since 1949, his wife admitted she "missed home very much at first."

But, she added, one gets used to a life sometimes tiresome, sometimes exciting.

Mrs. Balcer lives in Ottawa about six months of each year, while her two children remain in Trois-Rivieres at school. The Balcers spend each weekend with Pierre, 10, and eight-year-old Nicole, saving Sunday as a strictly family day.

While she frankly admits to missing a quiet life with both her husband and children, Mrs. Balcer says it is important to be with her husband "because a couple can grow apart."

In Ottawa, she leaves formal politics to her husband. But as the former Genevieve Theriault, daughter of Hon. Elise Theriault, a Liberal politician and former member of the Quebec legislature, politics interest her, "especially when you know the inside story."

LIKES HOUSE DEBATES

Completely bilingual, she spends many hours listening to debates in the Commons. She is proud of the achievements of her 38-year-old husband and is his most enthusiastic supporter and guiding critic.

A native of Quebec City, Mrs. Balcer met her husband while he was a law student at Laval University. They were married in 1943 while Mr. Balcer was serving as a navy lieutenant.

When Mr. Balcer returned to Trois-Rivieres to practise law, his wife looked forward to having the home and family she'd dreamed about during the three years the

war had separated the couple. But destiny decreed otherwise. Mr. Balcer, as president of the Young Progressive Conservatives, took his wife along on his travels through Canada in 1950. A year later she accompanied him overseas to the United Nations conference and again last year to a NATO meeting.

To Mrs. Balcer, who likes reading biographies and travel stories, travelling and meeting people was wonderful.

Paris, she said, is a delightful city where women have a natural chic. But Parisian clothes were too expensive for her.

"Who wants to buy clothes when there's so much to see anyway?" she said with a laugh. Her personal taste in clothes is simple in style and dark in color.

With her husband, she shares a love of music and the theatre and, incidentally, a growing "but not rare" stamp collection originally started for Pierre.

Pierre, his mother said, is "fascinated by politics." He accompanies his parents on constituency visits and on occasions comes to Ottawa. He listens avidly to speeches and sometimes upbraids his father, asking him why he doesn't spend more time "on his feet in the House of Commons."

At this, Mrs. Balcer shakes her head and says: "He's so young... I don't understand."

Nicole, however, "has made an eight-year-old's resolution to marry a man who stays at home."

And that her mother can understand.

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Make-It-Yourself Paris Fashions Are Popular Items Now

PARIS (AP)—Make-it-yourself Paris fashions, at prices starting from about \$15 have been shown here at the end of the spring high fashion season.

Already on sale by mail order in the United States, the Gaston de Paris creations are shortly to be offered directly through American retail outlets. They will also be sold in a number of other countries, including France.

The plan for pre-cut dresses, suits and coats, with trimmings and materials, was started here experimentally last season. The clothes are designed by Serge Kogan, who worked with Dior, Leong and Lily Dache in New York before opening his own Paris dress house. They are aimed at the millions of women who do their own sewing.

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Waistlines and New "F" Line Make Headlines In Showings

By NADEANE WALKER
PARIS (AP)—Waistlines made headlines in Paris spring fashion openings last week. They're high and handsome.

Nothing really revolutionary enough to sweep out entire wardrobes has come out of the current style season. Dior's "F" or "arrow" silhouette was top-attention getter, but this has become a habit with Dior.

Good news for the ladies was the reappearance of the fitted small waist, which has too often been swaddled loosely of late. The new fashions are more flattering than they have been for several seasons.

Off white emerged as "the color" for spring, with popular support for the coral, pink and red range, watery and intense blues, navy, and green, with multicolor flower prints on white. Smooth woollens almost crowded out tweeds, and chiffon-type gauzy materials were leaders for late day and formal wear.

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MOSCOW TRIES YEMEN

CAIRO (AP)—Informed diplomatic sources said Wednesday the Soviet Union has offered arms to the Arabian kingdom of Yemen. The source said a three-man Soviet mission now is in Yemen discussing terms. The independent kingdom bordering on the Red Sea, Saudi Arabia and British-protected Aden has a population of three to five million. Its army consists of tribal levies equipped with the simplest weapons.

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