



NO CLASSES FOR THESE STUDENTS

Students showed up, as usual at many Hull, Que., district high schools, but their teachers did not. Lay teachers of 13 district high schools of the Outaouais Roman Catholic school board have gone out on strike for higher wages. These students at Immaculate Conception High School in Hull do not appear too concerned because they cannot attend classes. (CP Wirephoto)

ELLEN'S DIARY

Bluejays Came To Pick Up Seeds In The Yards

There is nothing more pleasant, we on this island farm consider, at this season which carries us on into the new year, than to gather about our fire-side in the evening with members of the family, kin or friends who have come by. Now the day's chores are done. The lights, that through the dusk shone from stables and pigsties, have disappeared. The animals, down to the youngest barn-cat have been fed and tended. And now, as one fancies, the old clock on the shelf, which has been more or less of a stern taskmaster all day has relaxed. It measures of its ticks with a more leisurely air as night deepens its shadows over the farm-lands. Not that the affairs of the farming are actually rested, however. A heifer may have indicated before this to the farmers that an event of much moment, a birth is now nearing. A sow, re-arranging with much zeal the already well-made bed in her sty, too may require the light of the master's eye before morning sets its flame in the sky. But not yet. The night's rest may be broken but now there is leisure to enjoy the family, to chat with kin or friend. Night is at the window. Stars shine over the hills. The moon rises above a barn-gable. There is a sheen of frost on the yards. A ring to footsteps on the paths, a creak to the opening porch-door, yet within there is light and warmth, and to us, good fellows, the fire crackles cheerfully. And as the hours spend away, you set the kettle nearer the coals. There will be "a bite of lunch". And as you prepare it, thoughts of the summer re-

turn to mind of long purple dusks and the night gently falling; of fireflies in the alders in the low of the valley, and last sleepy chirps of nesting in a lawn tree; of the children's happy play while you lingered out-doors in a veranda chair or on the old stone doorstep "for company", until they raced their god-nights and raced away home. And in the wake of their going, there was a hush and a stillness.

Yes, Summer was delightful. But this season too, with Winter hastening on to its zenith, its highest point of frost and snow and cold, also had its charms. Evenings like this, spent about the home-fire in good company, were not to be lightly regarded. They too would pass, would alas, become lost too soon in the seasons ahead.

"We didn't seem to get too much done today," the younger farmer reported this evening. "Just the stock tended, the stables cleaned, and the cleanings hauled back to a field. We did get stalls repaired, needed when we moved some of the cattle from one stable to another-put them in age-groups, you know. It makes for easier tending. No, we didn't get much done. But he nodded, "I guess it all counts in the farming."

Bluejays came up from trees in the valley below, not so much interested in forecasting the weather as to pick up seeds about the yards, and to add their color to the white of the winter day. Where is it now our day? Only a shadow, we fancy, there-against the horizon where beyond Time-past, gather it unto its own. Good-night.

MARY HAWORTH

Readers' Views Differ On Grandparents' Favoritism

Dear Mary Haworth: You could have a point in rising to the defense of grandparents, under pressure from the current parent generation to "shape up" in relation to grandchildren. Still I think your correspondent VF deserves much credit for persuading her parents and in-laws to manage in such a way as to make favoritism less obvious to the grandchildren.

We aren't all so lucky. Many of us have to accept, in large degree, the "as is" attitude of the older generation, though I applaud those families who are able to maintain open lines of communication between the generations, especially as regards child rearing policies.

How thankful I would be for such an exchange with my own parents and in-laws. Alas, any departure from the childhood patterns they knew is a threat to their views; hence any discussion becomes "an attempt to 'mange'."

They are good simple people, nonetheless, and loving grandparents; and we accept them as such. However, other fine people are capable of more flexible cooperative family relationships, which I think is wonderful.

As for favoritism, I was a favorite of one grandparent. And as No. 4 of six siblings, it helped compensate for lack of individual special attention from my hard-pressed parents.

The grandparents wisely avoided "showing" favoritism, but the message got through. I respected them for not letting me take advantage, but was human enough to treasure the knowledge.

I agree with you that parents must take care not to let children use jealousy as a weapon against one another. Some children are very clever this way and can "get" to parents readily with protestations of grandparental "favoritism."

When children manage to keep parents or grandparents on the defensive thus, it isn't healthy for anyone concerned.—V.S.

Dear Mary Haworth: Congratulations on the dexterity with which you ducked the issue of mental retardation in your reply to the second round of correspondence, re partisan grandparents.

You tell young parents to "come off it" as regards trying to translate flesh-and-blood grandparents into robots, neatly impartial in relation to grandchildren.

You rightly observe that God Himself, according to Scripture, has His favorites. Obviously my husband and I aren't among them.

He has afflicted us with a brain damaged child, two normal children and two sets of grandparents who insist that the retarded one is not only "normal in many respects" but actually "brighter in some." Meaning he is quicker at finding things to wreck, can hit like a pile driver and his lung power for bellying is phenomenal, when he is frustrated.

I am not brain damaged but I was the shy middle child between two born show-offs and I still resent the preferential treatment given them by my own deceased grandparents.

Dear E.B.: In the first round of correspondence the issue wasn't brain damage, but, rather, a matron's vexed inability to compel a desired performance from her mother-in-relation to the grandchild, one of whom is brain damaged and another of whom is grandma's favorite.

In the second round, still on favoritism, the brain damaged child of another household happens to be grandma's pet.

The issue is: Should grandparents concede the intermediate parent generation's "right" to dictate to them how to relate to the grandchildren?

According to my view, grandparents are persons primarily, even as parents and children are. Hence grandparents aren't to be construed as objects, to be manipulated as child-rearing conveniences by the intermediate generation.

Pain, tragedy and injustice can't always be minimized, compensated for, or ruled out of personal experience, try as we may. And efforts to robot-size other people's behavior to that end are sure to backfire. Such attempts only further cripple human relations; instead of involving the good hoped for.

To expand your awareness of that front you might read "The Problem of Pain" (MacMillan) by C.S. Lewis; or "The Meaning of Evil" (Kennedy) by Charles Journé.—M.H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of The Guardian.



POPULAR TWEED

This generously cut, double-breasted coat in an all-wool tweed with brushed back is on of the new coat stylings by Aquascutum of London.

will be Mrs. Harold Diamond, and Mrs. Eareth Hughes. Refreshments were served by the hostess and committee.

CORNWALL UCW
The annual meeting of Cornwall UCW was held in the Church Hall on Dec. 13th with 18 members in attendance. Mrs. Jack MacLean led the devotions assisted by Mrs. Elmer Frizzell. Mrs. Royston Reynolds conducted the Study Period on the chapter "Good News from Jesus Christ and the Christian Life."

A sum of \$600.00 was voted to be paid towards the Building Fund debt. The following officers were elected for 1966: president, Mrs. Reg. MacEwen; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. Hazen Howard; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. Victor MacPhail; recording secretary, Mrs. L. H. Drake; treasurer, Mrs. Ford Wilson; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Rita MacPhail.

Committee chairmen for 1966 are community friendship, Mrs. George MacMillan; community education, Mrs. Watson Livingstone; finance, Mrs. Stan Willis; literature, Mrs. Lawson Drake; membership, Mrs. Elmer Howard; flowers, Mrs. Stewart Drake; press, Mrs. L. H. Drake; program, Mrs. Earl Lowther; social functions, Mrs. Harold Scott; supply, Mrs. Ray Crosby; manse, Mrs. Stanley Murcheson; Christian stewardship, Mrs. Royston Reynolds; and nominations, Mrs. Victor MacPhail, Mrs. Jack MacLean, and Mrs. Gordon MacEwen.

A vote of appreciation was given to the retiring officers by Mrs. Victor MacPhail. Mrs. Harold Scott will prepare Worship for Jan. meeting and Mrs. Elmer Frizzell the

Study Book. Food committee will consist of Mrs. Pearl Scott, Mrs. Harold Scott and Mrs. Royston Reynolds and roll call will be answered with a verse of scripture beginning with the letter "J".

The meeting closed with an article on Christmas and prayer by the president, Mrs. Howard.

Yearly Reports Are Given At Highfield UCW Meeting

Mrs. Irving Frizzell was hostess to the annual meeting of the Highfield United Church Women recently.

In place of bible study, Rev. R. Goudge passed around leaflets on "The Story of Overseas Relief" and a group discussion followed. During the business meeting, it was decided to send Christmas boxes to the ill and shut-ins living in the district.

The nominating committee then brought in the new slate of officers for 1966 as follows: president, Mrs. Jack Thomson; vice-president, Mrs. Ellsworth Duncan; secretary, Mrs. Ian Dunning and treasurer, Mrs. Charles MacArthur. Standing committees: visiting, Mrs. Clayton Stevenson; publicity, Mrs. Jack Bell; finance, Mrs. Ellsworth Duncan; nominations, Mrs. Roland Sellick; program, Mrs. R. Goudge; manse, Mrs. Roy Weeks and Mrs. Stillman Frizzell; supply, Mrs. Harry Newman and membership, Mrs. Irving Frizzell. Yearly reports were presented and a vote of appreciation extended to the outgoing officers.

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The theme of the devotional period was "The Light of the World is Jesus", and was conducted by Mrs. Jack Thomson, after which an impressive candlelight service was held with different members of the group participating.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by the hostess and committee in charge, and a social hour and exchange of Christmas gifts was enjoyed.

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HAPPENINGS

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Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Nicholson, Commercial Cross, had as holiday guest their niece, Tanya Wellband of Moncton, N. B.

Dale Morrison, employee of TCC, Halifax, N. S. spent the holiday season with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morrison, Carleton Siding.

Jessie G. Murphy, Kensington, spent the holidays with her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. David Murphy, Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fiander, Louisburgh, N. S. have returned home after spending the holidays at St. Mark's Rectory, Kensington, guests of their son, Rev. E. J. and Mrs. Fiander.

Wendell MacNeill, Scarborough, Ont. spent the recent holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald MacNeill, North Rustico.

George Kennedy, RN, Truro, N. S. spent a brief holiday at home at Kensington.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ward, Commercial Cross, had as recent guest the latter's brother, Ralph Paquet, Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sherry and son Errol of Summerside spent the holiday with Mrs. Sherry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murphy of Augustine Cove.

Cathy Murphy, RN on the staff of the Grace Maternity Hospital, Halifax, and Pauline and Marial Hughes, attending PWC Charlottetown, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hughes, Norboro. Harry Hughes, Charlottetown also visited his home in Norboro.

Guests during the holidays at the Baptist parsonage in Montague were Mrs. Gordon Brown Doakstown, N. B.; and Mrs. Victor Lee and Dave Estabrooks, Moncton, N. B.

Mrs. Stanley Sharpe has returned to her home at Margate from Summerside East, where she was the guest of her son, Elton and Mrs. Sharpe and family.

Layton Stewart, Murray River, spent the holiday weekend at Tynes Valley, guest of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Grigg and family.

Errol Caseley, Halifax, spent the New Year weekend at his home at Kelvin Grove.

Gwen Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keir Clark, Montague has returned to London, Ontario after spending the holidays with her family.

Wayne Stewart who is stationed with the army in Germany is spending his leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stewart, Montague.

Sheila King and Sandra Steeves, Montague, attended the Billy Graham Youth Convention at the University of Moncton which was held recently.

Marjorie Clark, student at the Pratt Institute, New York City, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keir Clark, Montague.

Erma Morrison, student nurse at the Prince Edward Island Hospital, was a weekend guest of Bertha and Annetta Gordon, Alberton.

Melville Donald, Alberton, has left for an extended visit with

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Stewart, Carleton Siding, had as holiday guests their sons John, student at Acadia University and Everett at St. Dunstan's.

Mrs. John Myers, Carleton Siding, spent a recent holiday in Sheet Harbor, N. S. visiting with Rev. Ralph and Mrs. MacCaull.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson of Moncton, N. B. spent the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer MacRae, Malpeque Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy's Boshuis and family of Head of Hillsboro had as New Year's guest, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Graves and daughter Marliano, and Tom Monaghan, Charlottetown.

Mrs. Verna Nicholson, Whim Road, had as recent guest her

Mr. and Mrs. William Connor and son Michael, also Helen Daley of Fairview, N. S. spent a brief holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Daley, St. Mary's Rd. East.

Carl Wright of Falher, Alberta, has returned to his teaching position after spending the Yuletide season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Wright and other members of his family at North Carleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd MacWilliams, Carleton Siding, had as holiday guests their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Carl and

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Harrington, Fredericton, N. B. spent a holiday with Mrs. Harrington's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Quigley, Carleton Siding recently.

Margaret Mahar and Andrea J. McCloskey spent the holidays at Bear River at their respective homes. They are nurses-in-training at the Charlottetown Hospital.

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WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS Officers Are Re-Elected At Orwell UCW Meeting

Mrs. Sam Martin was hostess for the annual meeting of Orwell UCW with the president in the chair and 10 members in attendance.

Mrs. W. E. Grant was leader for the devotional part of the meeting and chose for her topic "Putting Christ back into Christmas". Her talk was both informative and thought provoking. Carols were sung and portions of scripture read by various members during the program.

Following the minutes, the treasurer gave her yearly report showing that the past year had been most successful. Plans were made for visiting the aged and shut-ins at Christmas time and articles of clothing (new and made) were donated and packed for the Welfare Bureau.

Plans were also made for decorating the church for Christmas service. A gift presented to the organist and secretary, was acknowledged by the recipient, Mrs. Sam Martin.

Reports of various committees were presented and Mrs. Murdock MacLeod was chairman for the election of officers. By popular request, the following slate of officers was re-elected with one addition: president Mrs. Walter MacLeod, vice pres. Mrs. John Shaw; secretary, Mrs. Sam Martin, treasurer, Mrs. Warren Dawson; supply secretary, Mrs. Harry Lavers; Flower comm., Mrs. Christine Deacon and Mrs. Galt Murray; card committee, Mrs. Garth Murray; and publicity and membership, Mrs. Ruth MacLeod. The chairman voiced appreciation to the president and her staff for their efforts in the past year and wished them success in the coming year. A Christmas tree in the room and lighted candles glowing in the windows added to the enjoyment of the social hour during which refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Deacon and Mrs. Murray.

SOUTH WINSLOE WI
Mrs. Glydon Maund, vice-president of South Winsloe WI chaired the December meeting held at the home of Mrs. Harold Diamond. Roll call was answered by paying of fees and exchange of Christmas gifts. Donations were voted to the Music Festival and CMHA.

Mrs. Daniel Coles conducted his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley K. Donald, Moncton, N.B.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Palmer, Alberton, motored to Fredericton, N.B., during the weekend.

Mrs. Edward Molins, Alberton, is visiting Mrs. John Bell, Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Andras Halupa and their niece, Anna Batini, have returned to Alberton after spending the holiday weekend in Halifax with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patak.

Betty Murray, Moncton, was a New Year's guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Murray, Alberton.

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