

Happenings of The Week

About 100 Americans met the King and Queen and Princess Margaret at Buckingham Palace.

State Secretary Acheson did not make the party because of business talks with Foreign Secretary Bevin.

The Governor General and the Viscountess Alexander received Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Rogers of Charlottetown at Rideau Hall.

Mrs. B. W. Robinson, of Summerside, is spending some time in Ottawa with Mr. J. W. MacNaught, M.P., and Mrs. MacNaught.

Mrs. M. W. Weeks and Miss Lorna Weeks who spent a short holiday in Montreal have returned to Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buntain have left to spend some time holidaying in New York and the New England States.

Mrs. Emma Holman and Mrs. H. L. Palmer are in Halifax where they will attend the Nova Scotia Musical Festival.

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Friends are welcoming back Miss Harriet Gibbs who has lately arrived from Brookline, to take up residence in her Charlottetown home, 5 Kent Street.

Dr. J. A. MacMillan and Mrs. MacMillan entertained at a benefit party for the Gyro Club at their home on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Keefer left Friday morning for Saint John, N.B., on a short trip.

Brigadier and Mrs. W. W. Reid entertained for the Mount Allison concert group after their recital on Thursday evening.

Miss Margaret Horne entertained for friends at bridge on Friday evening.

Miss Louise Avard whose marriage is taking place on Wednesday was entertained Sunday afternoon at a tea given in her honour by Mrs. Milton Bell.

On Monday evening Miss Peggy Beck entertained at a dinner party at The Charlottetown Hotel, where Miss Avard was presented with a beautiful guest-of-honour gift.

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Crosby-Munn Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. George Lawson Crosby photographed at their wedding reception held at The Charlottetown following their marriage at Trinity United Church. The bride, Margaret Eleanor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Munn, was attended by her sister Phyllis and the groomsmen were Mr. Carl Crosby. The groom is the son of Mrs. Lawson Crosby and the late Mr. Crosby of West Royalty.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Red tulips are rearing fat buds of promise now, a yellow narcissus is in bloom, and in a border to-day the slim green blades of daffodils were whispering of their hoarded golden treasure.

We remember of it the odd chilling winds of May but notwithstanding these the orchestra continued their engagement at pond's edge.

QUEEN MARY, WOMAN OF THE CENTURY

By Ingrid Eiter

As the dark limousine swung slowly through the gates yesterday morning, the lady in powder-grey interrupted her conversation with other occupants of the car to bow gravely to a girl on the kerbside.

The girl, who had been half-lounging and staring back with almost imperturbable lack of manners of her generation, straightened, then dipped into a curtsey. She was bushing.

I watched the car turn the corner from Marlborough House in the direction of Buckingham Palace and wondered... Did Queen Mary know that her gesture yesterday—the tiny incident repeated so many hundreds of times during each year—was another lesson of courtesy?

Her face was grave, but was there not a twinkle in her eyes, an understanding of the girl who did not mean to do reverence, yet could not help herself because—This was Queen Mary?

She has seen a hundred thousand deep genuflections and smiling bows—but that involuntary curtsy was as true a tribute as any to her power over the hearts of the British people.

What has she meant to Great Britain throughout the years? To the older generation she stands for courage and endurance, principles, pride and faith. To younger people the straight figure in toque and furs, leaning slightly on a cane or parasol, is our history, our vision of serene age.

Her straight carriage and clear eyes are a challenge to our strength. She has seen so much, and suffered unbowed. She is the Grandmother of England.

Paradoxically, Queen Mary is also one of the most modern-minded women in the country. No one could be more wholly part of the century—more closely in touch with any mechanical improvement, new device, problem play, controversial book.

Landgirls, for instance, or kennel maids, girls working in rabbit farming or in canning fruit and drying vegetables, owe their careers to Queen Mary's direct interest in women's work many years ago.

The first landgirls were her girls, trained in Hertfordshire during the first World War. Little Princess Mary of Teck, who described herself in those far-off days, when she was growing up in Queen Victoria's early home, at Kensington Palace, as "very naughty, very happy and very uninteresting," has never tried to escape from the discipline and responsibilities of her Victorian upbringing in a not wealthy family which contained three younger brothers.

She is finding time, at last, after a life-time of service for those things which she has always loved—books, needlework, art collecting, quiet informality.

Nearly every week you could see her, accompanied only by a Lady-in-Waiting, entering a Killburn cinema to see the programme of the day. Or her Daimeer will draw up outside a small shop, probably one specializing in antiques, while she slips unobtrusively inside to enjoy shopping.

Such informality is in keeping with her love of spontaneous gestures. From a Poor Law institution an old woman once wrote in 1922: "If only I could see you once." Queen Mary's answer was a prompt visit and greeting: "Here I am."

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On her birthday the year before he had sent her a bouquet on behalf of his neighbours. Queen Mary had called to say thank you.

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During the last illness of King George she overcame her anxiety in order to make public appearances in his stead, and to fulfil those engagements to which he was committed.

Their marriage of deep happiness and unity lasted over forty years. King George called her: "My constant helpmate."

She has seen, too, the birth of her first great grandchild, and those who thronged the Palace gates saw the tears of joy as she drove away after her first sight of Prince Charles.

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who will be 83 years old on May 26th, 1950. Our beloved Queen Mary has enshrined herself in the people's hearts. Everyone will join in wishing Her Majesty many happy returns of the day.

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That Body Of Yours

By James W. Harton, M.D.

RED BLOOD CELL RASTE CURES CHRONIC LEG ULCERS

World War II taught physician and surgeons some new methods of treatment because there were so many cases to be treated, cared for, and returned to duty in a short time.

Until recently treatment of chronic or old leg ulcers has meant the tying off of large veins in groin and injecting the vein or veins supplying the ulcer.

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DOROTHY DIX SAYS -

Old Maids

Spinsters Rate No More Pity Than Majority Of Wives

Why do people pity old maids? Why do old maids pity themselves? Why are mothers so anxious for their daughters to marry that they would rather they were unhappily married than not married at all?

Why does a woman feel that getting a husband is drawing the capital prize in the lottery of life, and that if she doesn't get one she is bound to spend her days in drabness and loneliness?

Nobody feels that way about an old bachelor. Nobody bemoans him with tears of sympathy, and least of all he is sorry for himself.

AS WELL OFF AS MAN Yet in these days of feminine emancipation, when every avenue of occupation is open to a woman and a woman's earning capacity and her achievements are only limited by her ability, wherein is the lot of the girl bachelor different from the lot of the man bachelor?

No one will deny that an ideal marriage is the nearest approach to a heaven on earth that any mortal can ever know.

When the average old maid compares her lot with that of her married sister she does not want to swap jobs with her.

She is treated with respect and consideration, and even jollied along by her boss, because if he knocked her work continually and gave at her with gruff and rigid and unyielding and unkind and ungentle and highly competent women assistants, such as she is, are hard to get and are valuable when got, whereas wives are bound to stay on, no matter what sort of treatment they receive.

Thousands of women marry because they are so afraid of loneliness, yet they could count on the fingers of one hand and have a thumb and little finger to spare all the wives they know who get any companionship from their husbands.

Now I am not trying to discourage any girl from getting married who has the cosmic urge to take a mate and who finds one ready to her hand.

When trying to amuse a child on a rainy day, take the wooden part of a handle used for carrying parcels and give it to the child for blowing bubbles.

A small piece of waxed paper held over the sharp edge of a small paring knife when cutting the butter into squares makes butter pats with smooth and even edges.

Soaking new sash cords in boiled linseed oil and drying well before installing them, will cause them to last indefinitely.

The Misses Virginia Campbell, Beryl Todd, Edith Palmer and Norma Leard, as joint hostesses, entertained on Thursday evening at Miss Campbell's home in Summerside in honor of Miss Olga Harris, one of the season's brides, at a miscellaneous shower.

Mrs. D. K. MacLeod, Fitzroy Street, and her daughter, Miss Mickey MacLeod, returned from Halifax where they attended the graduation exercises of Dalhousie University on Tuesday, when Mrs. MacLeod's son, Robert G. MacLeod, B.A., received his degree of LL.B. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. Frank MacMillan, Fitzroy St., who visited her son Kilmer MacMillan, B.Sc. Kilmer has put in his first year in studying for his M.Sc. and is doing research work at Dalhousie.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dick and two children Barbara and Stewart who are leaving next week for Hartland, N. B. will be greatly missed in the community as both Mr. and Mrs. Dick were active members of the P. E. Island Art Society and Mr. Dick an interested member of the Y's Men's Club.

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The Stars Say -

By Genevieve Kemble

For Sunday, May 21 CONFLICTING aspects of major planets make this a day of contradictory circumstances.

Those whose birthday it is are urged to employ strategy and a deep understanding of peculiar undertones, of sinister menace, which should be dragged to the surface and summarily dealt with.

A child born on this day, although ambitious and progressive, may meet sudden reversals and loss in possessions, standing and peace of mind.

For Monday, May 22 cast is not a very propitious one for matters outside of the conventional activities of the day.

Those whose birthday it is may be prepared for some disappointments, setbacks or interferences with the smooth and harmonious course of events looked for. Private as well as public, professional, artistic and business affairs may not measure up to expectations.

Q. What is the correct pronunciation of "decollate," and what does it mean? A. Pronounce day-tol-lay, with the accent on the last syllable. It is a French word meaning, "Leaving the neck and shoulders uncovered."

Q. Is it all right for a girl to ask a man to call at her home, if he seems desirous of her friendship? A. Yes, this is her privilege—and probably the best, and least embarrassing way, to do this is to

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By Anne Ashley

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Better English

By B. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "She is well adapted for the position that is open."

1. Say, "adapted to the position." 2. Pronounce vi-a, the i as in vine, and not as in vim often heard. 3. Credence, 4. Kindred in spirit, tastes, interest, etc. "They were congenial companions." 5. Phobia.

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