

# HAPPENINGS

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Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Martell and family returned to Georgetown recently following a visit to Montreal, Que.

Dr. Ernest P. Weeks, Ottawa spent a short visit recently with his father, Rev. E. S. Weeks at Bedeque.

Deanne Gallant, student nurse at Charlottetown Hospital spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Aubin Gallant of Wheatley River.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubin Gallant, Piusville, spent a week recently visiting relatives in Montreal, Que.

Mrs. Mervin Boyko and son Randolph left by plane recently visiting relatives in Montreal, after spending the past month with Mrs. Boyko's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Somers of Eustace St., Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Fay, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Fay, have returned to Tryon having vacationed in Miami, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gaudet, Richmond recently spent a few days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Gallant, Egmont Bay.

At the annual meeting of the Cerebral Palsy Association held at the Basilica Recreation Centre recently, the following officers were elected for the year: president, Mrs. Lloyd MacCallum; vice-president, Mrs. Patrick Murnaghan; recording secretary, Mrs. Howard Ross; and Mrs. George Carragher; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Paul Steele.

Mrs. John R. MacLean, Souris is now staying with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Townsend, Souris River following a lengthy illness in the Souris Hospital.

Mrs. John A. Jenkins, East Royalty, and daughter, Carol are visiting Mrs. Jenkins sister, Mrs. James G. Webster, Truro, N.S.

Sheldon Ross of Halifax, NS and Richard Hearn of Pictou, N.S. were recent visitors to Georgetown, where they attended the Clory-Llewellyn wedding.

Rev. R. M. Cameron, Bedeque, has returned from Sydney, N.S. where he attended the funeral of his aunt, Anne Cameron, who died recently in New York.



OFFICERS OF THE IODE bid farewell to the Toronto building that had served as national headquarters. The former Timothy Eaton home, it was donated to the IODE's Toronto chapter in 1934 by an Eaton daughter. The headquarters were sold in the fall of 1964 to an apartment developer. LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. I. M. Reattie, Frederic-

## IODE Officers Concerned Over Membership Decline

By JEAN SHARP  
Canadian Press Women's Editor  
When you ask senior members of some of Canada's national women's organizations why membership has dropped to pre-war levels, most look outside the clubs for reasons.

When you ask outsiders you get an unflattering picture of the clubs as time-wasting, elderly and social in the worst sense.

The senior officers are usually strong-minded, intelligent women. The posts can cost money, so the women who fill them are often drawn from the ranks of the socially established.

Mrs. D. W. McGibbon of Toronto, immediate past president of the IODE, said: "I think a lot of organizations, including our own, are finding it difficult to enlist new members partly because there are so many organizations clamoring for attention."

"When we were organized (in 1900) you didn't have hospital auxiliaries, symphony and art gallery auxiliaries. Perhaps they have the glamor our organizations had when they were founded."

Mrs. McGibbon said she thinks the modern mobility of families also costs the clubs members.

Mrs. Philip Matheson of Oyster Bed Bridge, P.E.I., national president of the Women's Institutes, blames jobs for taking women out of volunteer organizations.

"When they get home from work at night and finish feeding their families, they are just too tired to go to meetings."

What goes on at local meetings is often what outsiders say keeps them outsiders. Rightly or wrongly they envisage a local meeting beginning with a business discussion of the latest fund-raising project, including possibly a talk by a member as

a nod to the national body's program, and a tea break.

Sample reactions go like this: "My mother belonged for a while and quit because all they did was gossip and backbite. When I join a club it's because I want to do something."

Age is another factor. Even members sometimes say the clubs are run by old fogeys who have known one another for years and lost touch with what young newcomers want from a club.

Some young members join for a different sort of social reason. A suburban housewife who has been president of her branch said: "I joined because the membership convenor was a friend."

"These attitudes distress most of the national officers. They are convinced of the value of their goals as national groups and say members are involved with large issues of today or that it is a function of the club to involve them."

"Maybe sometimes national aims don't filter down to the individual member, but I think in most cases they do," Mrs. Matheson said.

"I think we are putting forth a bigger effort now to get through to each local member."

One of the national functions usually mentioned in a discussion of the gap between national and local aims is the drawing up and presentation of briefs and resolutions to government. Officers say these are effective, a legitimate and important function of the national groups and represent the membership's grass-roots opinions.

PLAY VALID ROLE  
Mrs. H. H. Steen of Vancouver, president of the National

Council of Women, said she believes the effort is worth while.

"I am satisfied the government people are sincere where they tell us they appreciate the drafts we send them. They treat us with interest and respect."

Mrs. Steen said a brief on income and estate taxes resulted in the appointment of council treasurer Mrs. S. M. Milne of Winnipeg to the Carter commission on taxation.

Mrs. N. I. Zemans of Calgary, immediate past president of the National Council of Jewish Women, said she believes this sort of thing is a valid role for the clubs, though she is less sure how effective it is.

Results apart, the question is how likely a brief on estate taxes is to draw and hold an ordinary member. Mrs. A. K. Richardson of Toronto, an IODE past president, said she doesn't think the average member cares or even knows of such work.

"You join because your friends join. I don't think in small towns members even read headlines about a club's national activities. I don't think national policy influences membership at all."

Tomorrow: Women's organizations urged to find useful work for members.

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Clayton Lewis of Spring Park United Church gave a most challenging address on the (World Theme) "Ye are my Witnesses" which was heard with rapt attention. The hymn "The day thou gavest Lord is ended" closed the service followed by benediction by Rev. T.R. Goudge.

KENSINGTON  
Mrs. E.J. Flander gave the meditation on the theme "Ye are my Witnesses" at the World Day of Prayer Service at St. Mark's Anglican Church last Friday afternoon.

Leaders were Mrs. Elmer Moore, Anglican; Mrs. Alexander MacKay, Kensington United; Mrs. Heath Mayhew Margate United; Mrs. John Thompson, Kensington Presbyterian; Mrs. Horace Paynter, "Myrtle Rhoad" Presbyterian WMS.

Scripture was read by Mrs. W.E. Johnstone, Kensington United, and prayers in response to special requests from various parts of the world, were offered by Mrs. Erskine MacMurdo, Mrs. Arthur Proffitt, Mrs. Eric Thompson, and Mrs. Ellis Proffitt. Mrs. Kenneth Pidgeon was organist. Mrs. Elmer Burt and Mrs. Ira Pidgeon ushered and received the offering.

YORK  
The World Day of Prayer was observed in York United Church along with Marshfield Presbyterian Church and Marshfield-Dunstaffnage United Church. The York CGIT girls took charge of the choir and rendered a special selection. Lenore Crockett was the organist.

The service was conducted by Mrs. Reubin Watts assisted by Mrs. William Dover, Dunstaffnage, and Mrs. Hugh Lowery, Marshfield. Scripture reading was given by Mrs. Willard Murray.

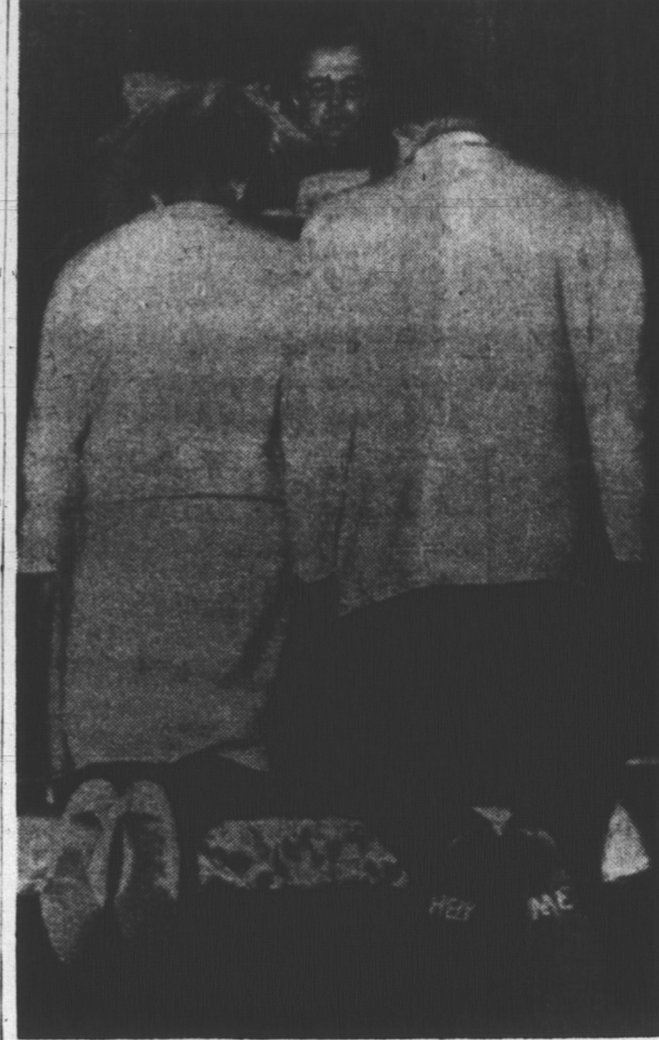
Mrs. (Rev.) Frank Lacey gave a very challenging address on "Ye are my Witnesses." Collection was received by Mrs. Rowell Boswell and Mrs. John Thompson.

STANHOPE  
Stanhope, West Covehead and Pleasant Grove united in a World Day of Prayer service at Stanhope United Church last Friday evening.

Mrs. Victor Deacon led the service while Mrs. Lloyd Howatt, speaker of the evening, presented a very touching message on the theme "Ye are my Witnesses." Members from the three groups led in scripture readings and prayers.

The CGIT girls, accompanied by Mrs. Warren Marshall led the congregational singing, and the service closed with a prayer by the leader of the evening.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS  
Slip old bobby socks over both hands to clean both sides of Venetian blinds at once.



TOO LATE  
Bridegroom Scott McIntire has a plea for help on the soles of his shoes, thanks to a practical joker when he and

Susan Carver, both of Salem, Ore. were married last Saturday night. (AP Wirephoto)

## MARY HAWORTH

### Woman Frustrated By Two Family Problems

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: I am a childless working wife, 44, confused and frustrated by two family problems that never go away.

One problem is my widowed sister, 51, an iron-willed person and a periodic alcoholic since her husband died. She was a very heavy social drinker before that.

My husband and I felt at first that she would get hold of herself in time; but now we know better. She won't do charity work, doesn't have anyone keep an eye on her. She cares about no one and does as she likes.

Her general health is excellent, the doctor says, except for a couple of drink-induced ailments. But my general health is failing, he says, since her periodic sprees became a problem. The doctor says I will end on the scrap heap and she will keep going. But how can I escape?

The other problem is my husband's brother and his wife, who have six children and little foundation for giving them security or educational opportunities.

He's never had a good job, in terms of promotion prospects, yet they never seem to worry about having more children. He had surgery four years ago and was in financial straits. We helped by paying off six months' house payments, sent extra money and at Christmas, gave them our Christmas savings fund of \$250, a gift we continued until this past year.

We hoped they'd be on their feet by now. But no. This year we sent part of our Christmas

fund, earmarked as our gift to the children. His wife took the money, bought each child three gifts and presented them as coming from Santa Claus.

She tells us, too, that she need help with the house payments. She says her brother helps, and that her husband pretends all is well when it isn't. My husband wonders why she doesn't get a job. He thinks she is a poor manager and could live within their income if she tried.

How can we justify not helping them indefinitely? Are we extremely selfish in our reactions? Why don't they help themselves more, and have more pride? Thank you for any light you can shed on our thinking. B. F.

DEAR B. F.: In your lengthy letter, her condensed, you speak of feeling overwhelmed by a sense of exhaustion and defeat, in respect to these two seemingly uncontrollable problem situations, as if you were in the embrace of an octopus.

Your feeling is recognizable. It is the stymied reaction that resourceful, intelligent, lion-hearted helpers feel, when trying to throw a lifeline to blood-sucker types who simply can't be bothered with disciplining themselves.

If these situations involving you with your problem sister and sister-in-law were such as would move you to literally open your veins to them - hopefully to put them on their feet by a transfusion from your blood supply - they would accept the last drop, if it came to that, with

## ELLEN'S DIARY

### The Train Sounded Clearly As If Behind The Fields

"I wouldn't give too much for the weather ahead!" James commented when he chatted with another farmer, who had come by this morning. "For I'd like to see a change." The signpost in the wind? James nodded. "And" he smiled at the thought, "as an old neighbor used to say 'When the opened piggy-bank there toward the east begins to swing, we can look out for a bit of a blow weather-wise!'"

"The smokes from the fires didn't rise too high this morning, I noticed" the visitor said. "And the sound of the train - I heard it so clearly. It was as though it were just back of the fields," James recalled.

"The hollow winds begin to blow. The clouds look black, the glass is low. The foot falls down, the spawls sleep. And spiders from their cobwebs peep. Loud cack the ducks, the peacocks cry. The distant hills are seeming night. Puss on the hearth with velvet paws. And see you rooks, how old they flight!"

They imitate the gliding kite. And seem precipitate to fall. As if they felt the piercing remembered lines from an old schoolbook, the selection written by one Dr. Edward Jen-

ner and among his 40 reasons for not accepting an invitation of a friend to make an excursion with him. Rather teasingly he repeated them. The morning was lightly overcast, came from the west. A quiet day it was, but content, the light breeze balmy when we met it at the door.

"Look now, Ellen!" James said minutes ago, calling us to a window. Yard-paths clear and well trodden up to the dusk, are now being quite lost in a snowfall. An increasing wind - "Hear that gust!" James offered - blows off white drifts from the roofs. "Didn't I say this morning, I wouldn't give much for the weather ahead?" James queried.

"March you know, does come in some times like a lion." This is apple-wood, Ellen" he says now of a stick he adds to the fire. "Where did it come from?" he queries. "Remember the broken branch from the orchard.?" "Yes" he nods, "we took it back to be sawed with the other wood!"

It is by legend an intriguing wood. We have seen some use its twigs to follow the course of some underground stream. In an elder day, witches brewed fine potions over its flame. Not that we could actually believe this. At the same time there is surely something bewitching about it - items summery, that is, as all on a stormy winter night the clock moves us along to the wailing hour.

Until tomorrow - Diary - Good-night.

## Margate WI Donates To Multiple Sclerosis Assoc.

It was decided to have a quilting and tea at a later date, and quilt patches were passed out to be applied at the regular monthly meeting of the Margate Women's Institute, held at the home of Mrs. Edward Adams.

The president, Mrs. Lorne Adams was in the chair, and 16 members responded to roll call by each "reading a verse from an old autograph album." The treasurer, Mrs. Heath Mayhew reported and it was decided to send \$20.00 to the Multiple Sclerosis Association.

School and visiting reports were given and new committees formed. On the visiting committee are Mrs. Roland Proffitt and Mrs. Heath Mayhew, with Mrs. Arthur Proffitt for the school.

A letter was read from Mrs. Herman Mayne asking for an apron and a table centre arrangement for display at the district convention. It was decided to hold a Bake Sale instead of a card party with each member paying \$1.00.

The program consisted of two contests prepared by Mrs. Roland Proffitt. At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Andrews, assisted by the committee in charge.

Their Work As Routine  
Airline Stewardesses Regard

By PEGGY MASSIN  
PARIS (Reuters) - Experienced airline stewardesses today regard their work as no more glamorous than taking a bus.

Solange Catry, senior hostess for Air France and head of the airline's women personnel, summed it up like this: "Jet aircraft have reduced flying time. Everything works precisely on schedule and the slight element of adventure has disappeared."

"Hostesses no longer even have the opportunity for prolonged conversation with the passengers."

"By the time we have settled people in their seats, made the routine announcements over the loudspeakers, checked the papers, distributed reading matter and served the drinks and meals, it is almost time to arrive." Solange said as she sat under the hair-dryer in a fashionable Paris hairdresser's salon.

A tall blonde hostess from Rouen, she joined Air France in 1946 when she was 24. She has been with the company longer than any other girl, and has 17,000 flying hours to her credit.

MOST MARRY  
Most hostesses either marry or seek another profession by the time they are 30 but Solange intends to keep on flying as long as the company will let her. When she is eventually "grounded," she will become a supervisor at the special training school for stewardesses at Orly airport.

Air France employs 673 air hostesses, with more than twice that number of young women working as ground hostesses and interpreters.

During the last three years, 60 air hostesses have married and been allowed to retain their jobs.

"But," said Solange, "marriage is not really compatible with the career of a flying hostess. The husbands don't like their wives to be away from home and the girls tend to worry about their husbands instead of the passengers."

Only 10 per cent of the girls who apply for posts as air hostesses are accepted. Applicants must be single, French, and between 21 and 30.

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