

# CRESCENT CARNIVAL

By FRANCES PARKER KEYES (Continued)

It was unfortunate that Madame de Gruy should take such offense when Julie accompanied Madame Lenoir and Estelle to the St. Charles for the purpose of taking the girl back to Royal Street after she had made the conventional call on her aunt, while her mother remained with her Tante Toine, waiting the arrival of her father from the office. Madame de Gruy had once asked Madame Lenoir in a very spirited way, whether the presence of a maid indicated that Estelle was ashamed to be seen on the streets with her country cousin, or whether Estelle's parents did not realize how much older and more experienced Allain and Myrthe were than their own daughter. Madame Lenoir could not find a way of tactfully telling her husband's relative that she considered them lacking in fine feelings no less than finished manners, and she specifically doubted their discretion.

There was, however, no pretext on which she could avoid the impending visit herself, or exclude her daughter from the earlier part of it.

"You have hardly mentioned the debutante luncheon and tea to which you went yesterday, eh?" Madame Lenoir observed, as they walked along toward Canal Street. "Were they in no way distinctive?"

"No, they were much like all the other parties and very much like each other. I hear the party last night was much more original," Estelle went on.

"You remember, the one you declined for me on the ground of a previous engagement. Clarisse told me this morning that the favors were particularly lavish. Mr. Breckenridge and Mr. Rutledge were the two leaders, and they were very successful. Mr. Breckenridge never gives debutante parties. He thinks they are very dull. But he includes a few debutantes on his list each time. This time he included Clarisse. And me, as you know."

Madame Lenoir looked at her daughter with increasing attentions. She resolved to tell her husband, that very evening, that there was even more cause for

alarm than they had feared. "Clarisse says she is sure Mr. Breckenridge will call on you and Page before long, and ask you to name a date when I do not have a previous engagement." Estelle went on. "Any date, no matter how far ahead. She says he must realize that it is unthinkable for any girl, however popular, to have as many engagements as I do. Aurore, who is the greatest belle in New Orleans, does not have half so many as you claim for me, Clarisse said. She is very curious, Maman, about these engagements of mine."

"There is no reason why you should satisfy the curiosity of Clarisse, Estelle. But we shall have to discuss this some other time, for here we are at the St. Charles."

Estelle's deportment, in the course of the call, left nothing to be desired. She sat quietly while her mother and her Tante Toine discussed the weather, the fashions, the undependability of their servants, and the state of their own health. Throughout the discussion, Estelle responded pleasantly whenever she was addressed, but did not speak unless she was. At the moment that Madame Lenoir thought she detected signs of restlessness in her daughter, Allain de Gruy came in and respectfully informed his aunt that he and Myrthe were going to take a short walk before it grew dark and hoped she would permit Estelle to join them. Of course they would see her safely back to Royal Street before they returned to the hotel themselves.

Estelle rose with exactly the right attitude of deference to her mother's wishes and reluctance to leave her aunt, mingled with alacrity in following her cousin's suggestion. The cousins were hardly outside the door when Allain turned to Estelle with a startling proposal.

"Myrthe and I weren't really intending to take a walk. We meant to go to the four o'clock drawing of the Lottery. Wouldn't you like to come with us?"

"Do you really mean it? Can you really take me?"

"Of course. What could be simpler?"

He saw Estelle's face light up when he first spoke, and now she was already rushing forward at his side, her eagerness unobscured. He did not fully grasp the cause of her extraordinary enthusiasm, but this made no special difference. He offered an arm to each girl and went

## MacDougall - Darrach Nuptials

A quiet wedding took place at the Clyde River Manso on Tuesday, December 19th, by the Rev. Donald Nicholson, when Audrey Jean Darrach, Clyde River, became the bride of Alfred Edmund MacDougall, Rice Point, son of Mrs. Charles MacDougall and the late Charles MacDougall.

The bride was attired in a taupe gabardine suit with wine accessories and was attended by Miss Helen MacDougall, sister of the groom, and Mr. Cecil MacPhail of Bonshaw as best man.

After the ceremony the bridal party went to the home of the bride's aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Norman MacKenzie of Long Creek, where a sumptuous supper was enjoyed by all, after which a merry crowd of serenaders gathered to wish Mr. and Mrs. MacDougall a happy journey through life.

The bride is a daughter of Ralph Darrach of Charlottetown and the late Mrs. Darrach (Jean MacLeod formerly of Hunter River.)

The hotel lobby was thronged with vendors, many of them women, who were making last-minute sales. Outside, the crowd was even more dense. The cousins had hard work wedging their way through it, and crossing first the banquet and then the street. But they did not have far to go. The lottery building stood almost directly across from the St. Charles Hotel, its opaque windows giving it an air of gloom and secretiveness. A door at the further end of the courtyard opened and two men, absorbed in each other's conversation, paused on the threshold to continue their talk. One of them was a heavy, elderly man, with grizzled hair and a commanding carriage; the other was young and graceful. The discussion was intense, but it was not violent and, after a moment or two, the large gray-haired man laughed in a way that showed he was assenting agreeably to something the other had said, and turned back into the building. The young man, laughing too, came down the steps alone, swinging an elegant cane and putting on a shining hat. He fitted this instantly again as he caught sight of the two girls. Then he stopped short with an exclamation of pleased astonishment.

(To Be Continued)

## Marshfield & Vicinity

Sympathy is extended to the Wakelin family of Dunstaffnage on their recent sad bereavement.

Miss Sadie MacKay is spending a few days visiting relatives and friends in Marshfield and Dunstaffnage.

Sympathy is extended to Boswell Stewart and family of Dunstaffnage on the recent death of his mother.

Miss Anna Matheson, the efficient teacher in Marshfield School, spent the week-end with her mother in the City.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church met recently at the home of Mrs. W. R. Godfrey with a fair attendance.

Dr. Charlotte Munn arrived home recently from the U. E. A. for a two weeks visit with her family here.

A Crokinole party was held recently in the hall, sponsored by the Girl Guides. A good time was had by all present.

The many friends of Mrs. John Munn, Sr., are glad to hear of her improvement in the Prince Edward Island Hospital and hope to see her home soon.

Last Wednesday evening a number of the Marshfield W. I. ladies called upon Mrs. Roland Roberts, Mt. Edward Road, and presented her with a suitable gift. An enjoyable and sociable evening was spent.

Sympathy is extended to A. A. MacBeath and family on the recent sudden death of his brother, Roy, who was a former resident of Marshfield and well liked by all who knew him. Interment was in Marshfield Cemetery.

The first hockey match of the season was played at Sandy's rink on Tuesday, Feb. 6 with a large crowd in attendance. A team from Charlottetown defeated Marshfield by a score of 13-3. One hour's skate followed the hockey match.

Despite the cold weather a very enjoyable concert put on by Suffolk W. I. was presented to a fair crowd in Marshfield Hall recently.

The program included choruses, dialogues, monologues and singing etc. Mr. George Johnson, capably acted chairman. There was also a sale of boxes and a grand total of about \$60.00 was realized.

Mr. Malcolm Lott, student minister of the Marshfield charge during the summer and fall months left on Feb. 2 for his home in Andrew, Alta. Mr. Lott is stopping off in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Winnipeg on his way home.

The final service was held in the Marshfield Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, Jan. 28, conducted by H. Malcolm Lott. During the service a presentation of money was made to Miss Dorothy McFarlane for her faithful service as organist and also to Mr. Talmadge Foster for his work as secretary-treasurer of the church. At the close of the service Talmadge Foster, representing the congregation, delivered an address to Mr. Lott, while Mrs. Stanley Scott made a presentation of money. Although taken by surprise, Mr. Lott made a suitable reply, and said he hoped to be able to return to P. E. I. again sometime.

## Y's Menettes Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Y's Menettes was held in January, in the banquet room of the Y. M. C. A. Mrs. Rupert the president, presided. The minutes of the 1950 annual meeting were read. The president gave a very favorable report on the year's work—the highlight was the Y's Men's Convention which met here that June. Also the Y's Men's concert which proved a big success.

Various committees gave their reports which were adopted as read.

Officers for the new year are: President — Mrs. Fred Osborne. Secretary — Mrs. Sidney Jeffrey.

Treasurer — Mrs. C. Wilkins. Additional members to the executive: Mrs. F. Gamble, Mrs. R. LePage and Mrs. W. Campbell. Ways and Means Committee — Mrs. L. McLellan, Mrs. K. Matheson, Mrs. H. Atkinson, Mrs. F. Johnson. Sick Committee — Mrs. E. E. Cawson and Mrs. R. Gillis. Lunch Committee — Mrs. M.

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## Forsythe and Mrs. W. McLeod

Programme Committee — four members each meeting — chosen alphabetically. The programme to consist of five minutes inspirational; five minutes comedy; five minutes educational; fifteen minutes, guest artist.

Auditor — Mrs. Livingston. Bowling Chairman — Mrs. E. Bell.

The new officers for the ensuing year took charge of the balance of the meeting. Mrs. F. Osborne presided. A lengthy discussion on the constitution took place. Mrs. MacLeod gave a vote of thanks to the retiring officers. After the Mizpah Benediction, the meeting adjourned.

## NEW GLASGOW W. I.

The February meeting of New Glasgow W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. W. L. Dickieson and Mrs. Ralph Dickieson on Tuesday evening, Feb. 6th. Meeting opened by singing the Ode followed by repeating the Creed in unison. Roll call was responded to by twelve members and two visitors. Secretary reported remonants received from Simpson's and Eaton's, same being distrib-

ed among members to be made up into different articles to be sold at a future date, all articles to be passed in by next meeting.

School report was given, tablet articles were needed same to be purchased by the Institute. In the absence of the committee no sick report was given. It was moved and seconded that the Institute send donations to help defray the expenses of members to be sent to the Leadership Course in Charlottetown on March 15th.

Several Thank you's were read by secretary for sympathy and get well cards sent by the Institute. Several letters were read and discussed.

The president's vice president, secretary, auditors and directors were appointed to prepare programme for the remainder of the year. Mrs. George Dickieson invited members to her home for next meeting, roll call to be responded to by an Irish joke. Programme consisted of readings, poem, also Mrs. MacLeod's radio address and letter describing meals in Copenhagen were read and enjoyed by all. New committees are as follows: Sick: Mrs. Elmer MacDonald and Miss Lynette Brown; School: Mrs.

## Nassau To See Royal Carpet

TORONTO, Feb. 15—(CP)—Queen Mary's carpet has been flown to the Bahamas for exhibition. Request for display of the royal carpet at Nassau came from Mrs. Arthur Sands on behalf of chapters of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire in the famous holiday resort.

Mrs. John H. Chipman, national president of the I.O.D.E. in Canada, has left for Nassau to attend the 15th anniversary of the national chapter there.

The carpet will be flown back to Canada for exhibition at Orillia and other towns starting Feb. 19.

Morton Larkin and Mrs. Earl Houston; Lunch: Mrs. Malvin MacLeod and Mrs. R. W. Stevenson. A delicious lunch was served by committee in charge assisted by the hostess. Collection amounted to \$1.15. Meeting closed with National Anthem.

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