

Queen Talks To Three Survivors Of Rail Tragedy

AUCKLAND, N. Z., (CP) — The Queen made a personal sympathy visit today to three of the survivors of New Zealand's Christmas Eve railway disaster.

She went to the suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Leman to talk to their 21-year-old daughter, the Falls, from Christchurch, who on their way to visit the Lemans for Christmas and their silver wedding anniversary when the Wellington-Auckland express plunged into a gorge, killing at least 166 persons.

The Queen spoke to the three for eight minutes. The monarch was deeply saddened by the disaster which came as New Zealanders prepared for the double celebration of Christmas and the visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

In her traditional Christmas broadcast to the Commonwealth, the Queen added these words at the end of her prepared text, and her voice wavered as she spoke:

"... I know there is no one in New Zealand and indeed throughout the Commonwealth who will not join with my husband and me in sending those who mourn a message of sympathy in their loss. I pray that they and all who have been injured may be comforted and strengthened."

Re-Dedicates Self In her broadcast, the Queen vowed to give herself heart and soul to furthering the Commonwealth ideal—an equal partnership of nations and races.

The Queen and the Duke spent Christmas with their host, Governor-General Sir Willoughby Norrie, and attended divine service at St. Mary's Cathedral, where prayers were said for the wreck victims.

During the day the royal parents spoke by radio-telephone to Prince Charles and Princess Anne, who spent Christmas at Sandringham, Eng. with Queen Mother Elizabeth.

CHARGE EX-EMPLOYEE WINNIPEG, (CP) — Police said Wednesday they have charged a former Winnipeg Free Press employee with conspiracy in connection with Monday's 841 hold-up in the newspaper building.

The United States completed its first transcontinental railway in 1869; Canada in 1885.

If You're TIRED ALL THE TIME Everybody gets a bit run-down now and then, tired-out, heavy-headed, and maybe bothered by backaches. Perhaps nothing seriously wrong, just a temporary toxic condition caused by excess acids and wastes.

How Can I... By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I prevent cracking when drying wet shoes? A. Do not place wet shoes on the register to dry. They should be dried very slowly to prevent cracking.

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That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

WHEN SHOULD THE RETARDED CHILD BE PLACED IN AN INSTITUTION?

I have written before of examining the boys of a reform school and finding several that could be helped by physical and surgical methods. Later I examined the boys of a school for mental defectives but was unable to suggest any physical or mental methods of helping any of them.

A little later I tried to enter a backward child in this institution and found that this and similar institutions had long waiting lists. Apparently, despite the great efforts of municipalities to help backward children, there are still long waiting lists.

Recently in the American Journal of Mental Deficiency (Albany, N. Y.) Dr. D. H. Jolly asks the question "When should a retarded child be placed in an institution?"

It is only natural that the parents of the retarded or backward child love the child even more because of its disability and try to look after it at home with great care, but the time arrives when keeping the child at home, not permitting him to get the instruction, discipline and fellowship of other equally handicapped children, is not fair to the child and his future life.

Dr. Jolly states that during the past 15 years there has been a general trend for physicians to place the backward child in an institution at an earlier age. Thus, first admissions before the age of five have almost tripled. However, it has been economically impossible to provide cribs or beds at the rate demanded. Consequently, long waiting lists have been built up in most institutions.

What is Dr. Jolly's suggestion? "To about the age of three the physical care of most retarded children is no greater than that of a normal child of the same age." It is usually better to have the parents work out their emotional conflicts gradually while caring for the child at home during the first years of life.

"Under the guidance of a physician who will take time to explain the possible causes of the defect, give the honest prognosis (what he thinks may happen in the years to come) and emphasize the 'positive' features of life in an institution, the parents will come to accept their misfortune and see the logic of being separated from their child. The request to have child placed in an institution will then come from the parents themselves and will have complete acceptance."

The thought, then, as expressed by Dr. Jolly, is that "early" infancy is not the right time for parents to place their retarded child in an institution.

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Record-Time Hit In T V For Nova Scotia Girl

By JOAN BARBERIS Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO (CP) — Perhaps the speediest success story on Canadian television is that of 21-year-old Marion Clarke of Pugwash, N. S., who bids to become known as a lovely, alert mistress of ceremonies.

She had just made a brief appearance on a program carried by the CBC television network from Toronto when a long distance telephone call from Ottawa brought the advice: "Don't let that girl get out of the studio."

The caller was Ernest Bushnell, assistant general manager of the CBC and co-ordinator of CBC television, one of many who were immediately impressed by Marion's personality.

Marion had been selected by a national magazine from 400 entries in a contest for girls who wanted help with grooming problems. She is a tall, outspoken brunette with political ambitions.

After arrival in Toronto, magazine photographers took pictures for a spring issue; she was entertained, given new clothes and a new hair-do.

The guest appearance on TV was an unexpected item in the program. "It just can't be me," she said in an interview afterwards. "These things don't happen."

Now working as clerk with an oil company in Halifax, she said she had been offered a number of jobs in Toronto besides television work. But she's going home to Pugwash to "talk it over with mother and dad" before she decides on her future.

Blue-eyed Marion describes herself as a staunch Tory. She attended normal college at Truro and won a scholarship to Mount St. Vincent. She's taking night courses in journalism and political science at St. Mary's College.

Her chief ambition is politics, and her main concern is the Atlantic provinces.

"The Liberals need a larger opposition in Parliament," she said. "It would be good for Canada." As for geographical rights, she says: "Upper Canada is self-satisfied and we young Maritimers must not be too complacent about it all."

She's concerned about high freight rates, among other things, but her political views do not subside her feminine feelings.

"Look," she said. "They plucked my eyebrows and cropped my hair. It's been one mad dash since I came here."

She was almost sure she would return to Toronto in January. "But that doesn't mean I'll give up Pugwash, or politics," she said.

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Jackson - Lavers Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Jackson and attendants

The above wedding was solemnized at Sturgeon United Church on Nov. 14 when Shirley Inez, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lavers of Sturgeon, P.E.I., was united in marriage by Rev. W. A. Patterson to Preston William, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jackson of Peters Road, P.E.I.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of white satin and lace. Her veil was three-quarter length, held by a pearl trimmed tiara. She carried a bouquet of roses.

Her bridesmaid was her cousin Grace Collings, who was attired in a deep pink gown of taffeta and net. She also carried roses. The groom was supported by his brother Murray. Mr. Harry Lavers and Mr. Charles MacLean acted as ushers.

The bride and groom took a honeymoon trip through New Brunswick visiting the bride's sisters in Saint John and Fredericton. For travelling she wore a light navy suit with white accessories.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Tobacco Smoke Odor To rid a room from the smell of tobacco smoke, place a lump of crystal ammonia in a jar with three or four drops of oil of lavender. Add a few tablespoons of boiling water and let the jar stand uncovered in the room.

Washing Clothes will wash easily, if they are soaked over night in cold, soft water, to which one tablespoonful of ammonia, to each bucket of water, has been added.

Dried Fruit The flavor of dried fruit will be improved if a pinch of salt is added to the warm water in which the fruit is soaked.

WINSLOE NORTH W.M.S. The annual meeting of Winsloe North W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. James Cudmore on Monday, Dec. 22, 1953. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. John MacInnis and Mrs. A. D. Shaw as leaders.

Hymns "Silent Night" and "Angels From the Realms of Glory" were sung, followed by prayer by leader. Hymn "Good Christian Men Rejoice" was read in unison, followed by a scripture reading. Reading "New Born King" and prayer by Mrs. MacInnis. Hymn "Gloria Be To God The Father" and remarks by the president closed this part of the meeting.

Six members answered roll call. Election of officers resulted as follows: president, Mrs. John MacInnis; vice-president, Mrs. Clayton Cudmore; secretary, Mrs. Walter Roberts; treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Cudmore; temperance, Mrs. C. L. Cudmore; flowers and cards, Mrs. A. D. Shaw; organist, Mrs. Walter Roberts; community friendship, Mrs. Earl Carter; Christian stewardship, Mrs. Bruce Younker; corresponding secretary, Mrs. James Cudmore; associate members, Mrs. Omar Younker, Miss Inman. Trinidad was chosen as missionary for special prayer.

There were nine cards, three calls, one box for month, totals for year, 163 cards, 39 boxes, 62 calls. Leaders for January meeting are Mrs. A. D. Shaw and Mrs. Walter Roberts. Word for roll call is "Kingdom."

Cook's Corner

Looking for quick supper suggestions Read's Corner W. I. has a few ideas for supper, as well as dessert recipes to give the busy "little woman" time to relax and enjoy the festive season.

SHIPWRECK Into a buttered bake dish slice 1 large onion. Over this put a layer of thinly sliced raw potato, a thick layer of hamburger, then a thin layer of chopped celery. Season each layer with salt and pepper and paprika.

Top with a can of tomatoes or a can of tomato soup and a can of boiling water. Cover and cook 2 hours in a moderate oven. If necessary, add more water. Celery can be omitted and celery salt used.

—Wanda Mathieson, Read's Corner W. I.

Do you shrink from making friends?

When you feel like starting a friendly conversation with a stranger, does shyness hold you back? Don't let it, advises noted author A. J. Cronin in January Reader's Digest.

Read how easy it is — by overcoming that moment's shyness to turn strange faces into familiar ones, win interesting new friendships, and enrich your whole life.

Don't miss "A Thousand and One Lives" in January Reader's Digest. It's just one of 36 articles of lasting interest, condensed from leading magazines, current books.

Umbrellas From Paris Are Chic Also Outlandish

PARIS, (Reuters)—Umbrellas are in season again and the Paris designers are featuring them in everything from chic but practical models to such outlandish creations as one which features a live goldfish swimming around in the plastic handle.

Many designers this season rely on the umbrella to give the final touch of color to a costume. Christian Dior, Jacques Fath and other pace-setters favor a brilliant shade of cognac, cornflower blue or plum, which picks up the tones of gloves or hat, highlighting sombre basic shades of grey, brown or black.

Sometimes color is restricted to linings, beneath a dark puritanical exterior. A sedate black model suddenly reveals an exotic tangerine lining. Handles continue the slender, long-line effects, with crooked tops as well as the graceful straight ones.

Sports umbrellas are featured in skin, such as lizard and crocodile, and fur, and matched by their separate case. A forerunner for spring 1954 is seen in light pastel lizards. Full size with leopard or unborn self repeating another fur touch on the hat or scarf.

For the "laziest woman in the world," there is a power model which opens and shuts by itself. Other attractions are umbrellas with a miniature thermometer set in the handle, or the thin straight-handled one topped with a gilt cigarette box.

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

FOR satisfactory results this day, stick to a prearranged schedule of activity. And, in planning your program, concentrate on the essential. Don't concern yourself with trivia and don't let minor disturbances annoy you. There is a strong possibility that, quite suddenly, a great burden may be lifted from your shoulders.

The evening hours are auspicious for plans dealing with entertainment and the extension of hospitality. The next two days give promise of lively activity shared with friends and relatives, so get necessary tasks out of the way quickly and prepare for a period of relaxation, enjoyment and stimulating diversion.

For the Birthday

If tomorrow is your birthday, you may look ahead to an unusually lively and stimulating year. Two factors are responsible — your personal vibrations which, for the next few months, augur well for ambition, initiative and high purpose, plus aspects which indicate the favor of persons of influence.

Financial trends are better than they have been for some time past and you may, quite unexpectedly, find a way to reduce expenses. Thus a spirit of enterprise during the period immediately ahead would be backed by both influence and funds. Take advantage of both. Domestic and romantic matters are under good aspect, and there is a

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Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. What is the proper sequence of pages in a social letter? A. It is correct to write on the first page, then the third — or on the first, second, third and fourth. The letter order is probably the better in the case of very long letters, as it avoids confusion.

Never write sideways or crosswise, as it leads to difficulties in reading. Q. Should a woman remove her wraps when in a theater? A. This is entirely optional. She should however remove her hat, especially if it is a style that will obstruct the vision of those seated behind her.

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

That Defiant Age Girl, Nearing 18, Anticipates Wedding Against Parents' Wishes

DEAR MISS DIX: I will be 18 next month, and of legal age to defy my parents and marry whom I choose. So my problem will be solved with my marriage to Jack, who is 28. However, I wish you would write a few words to parents in general, including mine, to keep from meddling in their children's personal affairs.

Jack and I have been keeping company for six months. Until I met him I had had few boy friends. My parents indulged me in every whim until it came to the most important thing of all. Following is a list of their objections: they claim I'm too young and emotionally immature to know my own mind; that I don't know the difference between love and fascination; that an extra adjustment must be made in a mixed marriage; that I'm making too great a sacrifice in made in a mixed marriage, particularly when I don't believe in it; that he's not as well educated as I am, speaks with a "tough-guy" jargon, ignores his widowed mother, hates his job and doesn't know what he wants to do with his life, isn't trained for any special work, likes to drink once in a while and can't give me the material things I've been accustomed to. Even though all this is right, which I admit it is, I still love Jack. Doesn't that count with parents? Ina

DEEP-ROOTED OBSTINACY

ANSWER: Your parents should have started interfering long ago. After indulging your every whim for so long, they led you to believe life would always be easy and you were robbed of all capacity for making decisions. When you were faced with a problem, you proceeded to take the wrong turn. Your folks are absolutely right in their stand on marriage to Jack. While some of the factors you outline in your letter are not obstacles, in themselves, the overall picture certainly marks your choice as a bad bet for a husband. Your stubbornness is so deep-rooted that you won't admit the error until a few years of miserable married life force the conclusion upon you. How a man of 23 who won't hold a job, treats his mother contemptibly while she supports him, isn't interested in improving his manners or speech, and likes to drink, can be expected to become a dependable family-head is a mystery. In fact, you both need quite a bit of growing up. And, incidentally, you're doing no one a favor by embracing a religion in which you don't believe.

DEAR MISS DIX: I'm in love with Paul, who is 26, and he, in turn, is in love with a girl whom he met while serving overseas. He knows he can't get back to her, but can't seem to forget her. I'm the only girl he goes with here. If I have patience, do you think he'll learn to love me? I am married now, but expect my divorce in a few months; I'm saving for it. Mildred

ANSWER: Better save for two divorces. You'll probably win Paul yet, and as a matrimonial prospect he lacks the virtue of permanency. I very much doubt if marriage with him would be successful. Miss Nissen cannot reply personally to readers but will answer problems of interest through this column.

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likelihood that you may travel in the late Spring. A child born on this day will be ambitious, sincere and endowed with an insatiable curiosity.

Morning Smile

The delivery boy from the fish-monger's delivered his package to the servant girl with the simple announcement: "It's C. O. D." "The girl bristled up and said, 'You needn't spell it out for me — and besides, the cook asked for hake.'"

BAGS RARE BIRD

BELLELEVILLE, Ont. (CP) — A great horned owl was shot by Herb Brown while rabbit hunting. Brown thought his target might have been a porcupine or racoon in the tree-top, but found he had bagged an owl with a wing span of four feet, eight inches.

On The Road To Health And Happiness



Cleveland's Siamese twins, identified only as Nancy, left, and Ellen, set a new medical record when they recently celebrated their first birthday. It marked the first time in medical history that both Siamese twins survived a year after their separation. Their mother, who asked the sanctuary of anonymity, said they are "chubby little rascals," each weighing about 18 pounds. Dr. Jac Geller, who performed the operation shortly after the girls were delivered by Dr. Hyatt Reitman, said the twins are "doing very well."

"Weaker Sex" Lay Rails In England



Housewives and plate-laying might seem to have something in common—but not the plate-laying which occupies these two young mothers of Leicestershire. Mrs. Edna Hughes, left, and Mrs. Edna Pickering—work for British Rail-

ways and are responsible for eight-miles of track around Bagworth. They shun overalls and trousers, preferring a dress or skirts for the day's work. And while they admit plate-laying's a tough job, none of them is willing to change. Their foreman praises them — a third member is absent from the picture—as a "good crowd" and says his small gang does jobs that sometimes take 10 men. The girls have only one regret—the job is tough on the hands.