

Women

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HAPPENINGS

Mr. Roger Perry, N.S., spent the week-end in Charlottetown. Mr. Perry is on the staff of the Warren Paving Company of Ontario but is now stationed in New Glasgow, N.S.

Mrs. Ernest Lord and Mrs. Sterling Giddings entertained Monday afternoon at tea in honor of Miss Jean Tweedy, R.N. The tea was held in the lovely home of Mrs. Lord on Villa Avenue when two sessions were held. One from 3 till 4.30, from 4.30 till 6 o'clock. Fifteen guests were in attendance at each session.

Serving the guests were Miss Sandra Lord, Mrs. Mary Gordon, Mrs. Ivan Sinclair and Mrs. Walter Wilson. Pouring were Mrs. George Tweedy, mother of the bride-to-be and Mrs. E.S. Chandler.

A lovely gift was presented to Miss Tweedy, whose marriage takes place early in March to Mr. Roger Perry, presently of New Glasgow, N.S.

Mrs. E.S. Chandler, North River Road, entertained at a Valentine Tea and shower on Saturday in honor of Miss Jean Tweedy, R.N. The room was prettily decorated with Valentine for this occasion. Miss Tweedy received many and useful gifts which she thanked one and all on their kindness and thoughtfulness.

Serving was the hostess, Mrs. Chandler, assisted by Mrs. Stuart Irvine and Miss Jean MacKenzie.

Miss Jean Tweedy, R.N. was greatly surprised on Thursday evening last when she was entertained at a surprise shower at the home of Mrs. Paul Balcolm, Greenfield Ave. Mrs. Balcolm was also hostess to her knitting club on the same evening.

Mrs. Somerled Trainor entertained recently at a bridge party at her home on Brighton Road. Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Arthur MacGuigan. A lovely time was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Erna H. Boswell, Manageress of the Ladies Greenfield left by plane Saturday for a holiday trip to El Paso, Texas, where she will visit her niece, Mrs. William R. Gallinger, Mr. Gallinger and family. On return she will visit in Hanson, Mass., with another niece, Mrs. Richard L. Winchester, Mr. Winchester and family.

Miss Kay Hughes and Miss Eileen Wilson, Charlottetown, left by plane for Bermuda, where they will spend two months vacation.

P.O. J.A. Bradley left on Monday afternoon by plane for Ottawa, after spending the week-end with his wife and two children at the home of Mrs. Bradley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Praught, Charlottetown.

Mr. G.S. Unwin, Halifax, N.S. arrived by plane in Charlottetown.

MIL0 W. I.

Eleven members met at the home of Mrs. Oliver Gorrill, on February 9th, the president opened the meeting with the Ode and creed, roll call was answered by a Valentine verse. Minutes were read and approved, correspondence was then read, eight members subscribed for Institute News. A sum of money was donated to the March of Dimes, program committee for next month, Mrs. Wallace MacNevin, Mrs. Norman Campbell, School, Mrs. Everett Milligan and Mrs. Charles Milligan, Sick, Mrs. Wallace MacNevin, Mrs. Norman Campbell.

An enjoyable program was put on by two of the members, the next meeting will be held at Mrs. Alvin MacLeans, roll call, a St. Patrick's Day joke, entertainment, each member to speak for one minute on a Canadian Province. The meeting closed with The National Anthem, a delicious lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Norman Campbell and Mrs. Blanchard MacIsaac.

CANOE COVE W. I.

The February meeting of the Canoe Cove W. I. met at the home of Mrs. George Darrach on Feb. 6; with five members and one visitor present. The vice-president Mrs. Colin MacPadyen presided in the absence of the president.

Roll call was answered with an article for grab bag which was held at the close of the meeting. Sick committee reported one member treated. A paper on Conservation was discussed. It was decided that the Institute would be responsible for bills for all showers. It was decided to send for remnants to hold an auction sale.

Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Dan MacPhee. Roll call to be answered with something for auction.

Committee, Mrs. Everett Clow, Mrs. Ralph Crabbe, Mrs. Frank Crabbe, and Mrs. Golden Dollar. The meeting closed with the Queen. A dainty lunch was served by hostess and committee in charge.

on Monday afternoon. Mr. Unwin is the Regional Superintendent of the Atlantic Provinces of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. He will visit the Island Branches while in this city. Mr. Unwin is a guest at the Charlottetown Hotel.

Among the student nurses receiving their caps at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Halifax last week was Miss Hazel Kays, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.N. Kays of Charlottetown. Miss Kays' mother had the privilege and happy experience of being present at the ceremony and while in Halifax was a guest at the Lord Nelson Hotel.

In connection with the Women's Day of Prayer, an impressive service was conducted at Sunset Lodge for the guests who could not attend the United City Prayer service. This service was led by Sr. Major Edith Chandler according to the order of service.

Mrs. Brig. Kirbyson, the appointed speaker at the main service, very kindly consented to bring the address at this meeting. The soloist was Mrs. Edith Dalziel who also led the congregational singing. The given prayer subjects were taken by Miss Anna Nicholson, Mrs. Lillian Baker and Miss Effie MacEwan, guests of the Lodge.

Prayers also were offered by Sr. Capt. Eva Burton and Capt. Emily Fuller of the Sunset Lodge staff.

Squadron Leader A.C. Wylie Barrett of R.C.A.F. Headquarters Ottawa, spent the week-end visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Barrett, Springfield East and Mr. and Mrs. Don Sears of Summerside.

Do You Know How Safe Your Child Is In A School Bus?

Many of the 400,000 children who travel by school bus in Canada are carried on unsafe vehicles and driven by ill-qualified people, according to an article by Sidney Katz in the current Imperial Oil Review.

In conducting a cross-country survey to find out: "How safe is your child in a school bus?" Mr. Katz found cause for both optimism and pessimism. He writes:

"The school authorities are fully aware of the school bus safety problem and are meeting it with vigor and imagination, generously backed by dollars; others are becoming aware of the hazards and are organizing to meet them. On the gloomy side, I found that in many parts of Canada the full nature of the problem is not yet realized and that very little is being done. In some localities, considerations other than safety—such as local politics or the desire to save a few dollars—are being given priority."

In any one of several provinces, the Review article reports, a man can become a school bus driver without a stiff medical examination or without knowing much about driving a bus.

Safety authorities have uncovered such evidence of defective equipment as badly-worn tires, deteriorated brake linings, emergency doors rusted shut, and

even makeshift plywood cabs built on light trucks.

The "lender system" of granting contracts for school transportation accounts for many sub-standard vehicles, Katz learned. The fact that contracts go to the lowest bidders and are generally for only one year discourages the contractor from making the heavy investment required for good equipment.

What can be done to improve things? The article reports on measures taken in several areas. Stricter qualifications for school bus drivers is a first step. The main consideration in granting contracts for school transportation should be safety, not price. School bus safety patrols, such as Wisconsin's system of assigning two responsible senior students to each bus for this purpose, provide a means of encouraging safer conduct on the part of the young passengers, either getting on or off the bus or during actual travel.

Never before have we spent so much on our school, nor discussed educational matters more, the Review article notes. But a more fundamental problem—how safely to convey 400,000 children to and from their classrooms so they can enjoy the fruits of our spending and planning—is only now beginning to attract the widespread attention of educators, safety authorities, and parents.

about—a low from a stable in the night, a rising wind at the eaves. Eyes? Glasses for reading only—or for checking the thermometer these frosty February days!

If, as he sometimes declares, he must be 'slipping' because he finds himself 'living more and more in the past,' the Family to a man can attest solemnly he also lives in the present!

"Are you increasing that heater's grain?" he will ask Jamie, now an integral member of the farm-staff.

"Which one?"

"She stands about half-way down the stable—a red one of your own-raising."

"I thought so! Now see that you don't overdo it," James will warn.

"So that far tap is caught!" he will remark, noting the younger farmer, quietly spiriting away our boiling kettle of a morning after a "black" frost. "We shouldn't have risked that open window in the stable there," he will nod.

A pair of fowls comprised the main fare at James' birthday dinner. There was the chicken, a great handsome fellow, selected to come to the chopping-block in the interests of restoring order in the poultry-house, where of late his general aggressiveness, made his co-existence with other males of the flock anything but peaceful.

Another platter held a fat and tasteful gift—duck. Both birds were stuffed with the dressing Granddaughter had made, a piquant herb added only to one, to serve the whims of any appetites, that might vary.

Granddaughter made the smooth butterscotch sauce for the plum pudding of Jeanie's mixing and make, the maid bringing with her a familiar cooking-put from the house across the lane, and measuring each item of the recipe with meticulous care. It was good, as was the ice-cream made in the old freezer.

er, which accompanied the desert, and was her earlier task. "Not a bad cook, is she?" Gaze smiled.

"Not bad," Mack agreed with a brotherly grin.

"There's no mistake about it," James observed with much respect, "girls have a knack at the housework. It's an art that's born with them."

So it was on Sunday with every respect from his family, so grateful for his care on its behalf, it sent its patriarch-yes, hair a bit whiter, but steps still brisk and spirit undaunted, off with every fond wish into his new year at hand.

Until tomorrow—Diary—Good night.

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Mrs. Ralph Rennie, Dock, became united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Charles Ashley, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ashley of Brooklyn, P. E. I.

MARY HAWORTH

Mentally Retarded Brother Should Have Medical Care

Dear Mary Haworth: I have a pretty little girl, ages one to four years. My husband has a brother, 33, who is mentally retarded but physically a grown man. He is quite violent at times and he can't have his way, never has had any specialist whatever.

His mother insists that he will be around on his own, eventually, without professional help. His father, while he lived, that Joe should have been away to an institution that treats his kind. But she would hear of it.

He feels that Joe is her baby should be welcome wherever he goes. But in the past 20 years own brothers and sisters aren't bothered with her, because of him. And now that his band has his own home and his wife, too, would like to live in that atmosphere.

IS A TRIAL

Joe just moved into a new apartment and have lovely neighbors and nice friends, and I want to frighten them to death as when Joe starts romping like a child on the lawn. But we invite his mother without she gets insulted and noisy comes. (My husband has a mother and stepfather too).

On the first time in seven years, they visited us last month, because Joe was invited. Should I allow this silly woman to spoil children's lives and ruin our lives here? Or should we tell Joe isn't welcome and risk an aunt, grandmother and granddad?

I hate the thought of my husband's not being on good terms with his own mother and sister. I am in the middle—obliged to think of my children's welfare, the happiness of my good friends too. — C. C.

QUIRES STUDY

Dear C. C.: Joe's mother is the cause of a family problem that he actually. His father was right, arguing that institutional care for Joe, carefully designed to provide for his kind, would have served good of the greater number, these years.

However, that's water over the dam. You've got to cope with the as is, and settle on a system that does justice to your children gives you peace of mind. And that means drawing the line in visits from Joe, so be it. I don't know from this distance I can't advise what course to take, because I am not in a position to see the significant factors that should be considered. Principally, don't know the nature of Joe's condition, nor the future prospects.

RIGHTS, DUTIES

When you need a counselor on a spot, who can evaluate the situation and help you understand what your rights and duties are—and help you, also, be steady and confident in applying the policies that should be enforced.

about a year. During the time I was dating him I met his parents, when they were in town for a weekend, and became fairly friendly with them.

Subsequently his mother sent me a personal gift, a Christmas present which was delayed in transit and arrived just recently. Meanwhile, the engagement has been terminated, and I am at a loss to know what to do about her gift—especially as I am very fond of the persons involved. — K. G.

TWO ANGLES

Dear K. G.: The fact that the engagement is terminated would not necessarily cancel your friendship with the mother. Hence if her gift to you is something bought in today's market, a casual sort of selection, not too costly, then I suggest that the proper response is to thank her cordially for her thoughtfulness, and keep the article.

However, if she had sent you something personal to herself, a souvenir of family history—for example a piece of heirloom jewelry—then you should return the gift at once, with warm thanks and the explanation that since the engagement was broken, you wouldn't feel right about keeping it. She will understand, and if she wants you to have it, she will send it again, and overrule your protest. — M. H.

SPRINGVALE W. I.

Mrs. Herb Dollar entertained at the February meeting of Springvale W. I. There were 11 members and two visitors present. Meeting opened with the Ode, followed by the collect. Roll call was answered with an exchange of valentines.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. All unfinished business was discussed. It was decided to scrub the school Thursday evening, February 19th, at 7 o'clock. The music committee reported Mrs. Radd would teach the children the pieces for the music festival. It was moved that Mrs. Radd be paid \$2.50 for the book she purchased.

It was decided to have a concert at a later date, the committee appointed was: Mrs. Frank Crabbe, Mrs. Lester Johnstone, Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald, Mrs. Dale Proude. Sick committee reported making one call and sending one fruit. There was three sympathy cards and one get well card sent during the month.

Committee for the next three months are: Sick, Mrs. Lester Johnstone, Mrs. Ken MacDonald School, Mrs. Omar Neill, Mrs. Austin Sentner. Correspondence, consisted of Institute News letters from Mr. W. Ross—re-education Week, Mrs. David Mutch—re-agriculture, the enclosed questionnaire was discussed and answered.

The M. and S. New Bulletin, three thank you notes were read. One member thanked members for a full program was a paper on Institute work which was prepared by Mrs. Frank Crabbe and enjoyed by all. Collection amounted to 80 cents.

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