

Mother Of Three Becomes First In Quebec Cabinet



QUEBEC (CP)—A handsome mother of three who has a string of political precedents behind her already, became the first woman ever named to a Quebec cabinet.

Mrs. Claire Kirkland-Casgrain, 35-year-old brunette, was named minister without portfolio in the Liberal cabinet of Premier Jean Lesage a post her late father held before her.

She wore a two-piece white lamaze outfit, with silver checkered lines, when she was sworn in by Lieutenant-Governor Paul Comtois in the red, white and gold Legislative Council chambers.

She swore the oath of allegiance and the oath of office, hesitating before deciding against changing some of the French words from the masculine gender to feminine as she spoke.

She told a reporter she was "very moved" by her appointment.

GOT BIG VOTE
Mrs. Kirkland-Casgrain, who piled up the biggest majority

ever seen in Quebec province in the provincial general election last month — she won by more than 50,000 votes — has a string of political first to her credit.

A distant relative by marriage of Mrs. Therese Casgrain, one of the women mainly responsible for obtaining the vote for women in Quebec in 1960, she became the Assembly's first woman member a year ago.

She was elected to represent Jacques-Cartier riding, which sprawls over a number of suburbs on the west end of Montreal island, in a byelection called to fill a vacancy created by the death of her father, Charles Kirkland, minister without portfolio in the first Lesage cabinet.

Late last session, she became the first woman to chair a debate in the Assembly and the men chafed a bit under her strict rule.

WAS TOUGH CHAIRMAN
In the 35 minutes she directed debate, she told an opposition

It wasn't her first run-in with a Union Nationale leader. The first was when she established another precedent for women, that of being the first woman to present a bill before the private bills committee of the Legislative Assembly.

That was in 1952, when she was 26, and she had a brief exchange of quips with the late Premier Maurice Duplessis.

"You talk a lot better than your father," Mr. Duplessis told her.

"I learned from a good teacher," she replied.

"I think you must take after your mother," Mr. Duplessis persisted.

"My father had quite a lot to do with it," she said, ending the exchange.

Married to lawyer Philippe Casgrain, her children are: Lorne, 7, Kirkland, 6, and Marc, 2.

PIUSVILLE
The first card party of the season was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Gallant on Nov. 28 with four tables in play. First prize went to Mrs. Peter F. Gallant; second, Mrs. John Corcoran and Peter F. Gallant; freeze-out went to Herman Corcoran.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kinch and family, Toronto, attended the funeral of Mr. Kinch's mother, Mrs. Benedict Kinch.

Mrs. Henry L. Gallant had to enter Prince County Hospital for treatment.

Walter O'Mally, Bloomfield, is ill.

TRINITY CGIT ENROLLS NEW MEMBERS

Eight girls were initiated Monday into the Trinity United Church CGIT group. The ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Gerald Wyras, superintendent, with piano being presented by Beverly Hayden, Cherry Valley. Purpose cards were presented by Margaret Bell, president. Girls enrolled included, from left, Jo Anne MacAsland, Carol Dalziel

BALTIC

The funeral for Major Taylor, of Hamilton was held Thursday afternoon from the Princetown United Church, Malpeque with services being conducted by Rev. Ralph Johnston. The hymns used were "The Lord's My Shepherd" and "Abide With Me." The pallbearers were Charles Stewart, William E. Donald, Cedric Owen, William Sinclair, Earle Ramsay and Wendell Crozier.

Mrs. G. W. Ramsay, Malpeque is recovering from an attack of "flu."

Miss Jean McFayden, Summerside was a motorist in Baltic, Wednesday.

Arthur Owen left during the past week by plane for Vancouver, B.C., where he plans to spend some time visiting relatives.

Miss Jill Brammer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brammer, Kensington is confined to her home with "mumps."

Cecil Mosher accompanied by his sister, Miss Margaret Mosher returned to their home in Charlottetown after spending the weekend with relatives in Baltic and Kensington.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McArthur, Kensington had as their guest for a few days their daughter, Mrs. MacNeill and son Douglas of Cavendish.

Harold Woodside of Margate is making a good recovery following an operation Thursday in Prince County Hospital.

Mrs. Lloyd Lockberry, Hamilton, is visiting friends and relatives in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Mrs. John MacNutt and Mrs. Kenneth Owen, Malpeque visited during the past week with relatives in Charlottetown.

The December meeting of the Malpeque Women's Institute was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Owen, with a good attendance.

Eric Jardine of Halifax was a visitor to Baltic during the week with his mother, Mrs. Dr. F. Jardine.

Mrs. Everett Wall, entertained the members of Baltic Women's Institute at their December meeting Tuesday evening. After the regular routine of business there was an exchange of Christmas gifts among the members. Delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Harry Wall.

Mrs. Turner Moore has returned to her home at Enmore after spending the past three weeks with her sister, Mrs. Edith Wall, Baltic.

On Wednesday evening the members of Princetown United Church choir were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Riley, Baltic. Music for the Christmas season was practiced with Mrs. Clarence Barr and Mrs. Bruce Crozier present. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Crozier and Mrs. Wyman Clark.

Miss Marjorie McArthur nurse-in-training at Prince County Hospital, Summerside spent the weekend at her home in Kensington.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Muttart left recently to spend the winter in Toronto with relatives.

Miss Rose Scott and Mr. Henry Byrne, who have been guests at Lindon Lodge, this village, left recently to spend some time in Moncton, N. B. They have been visitors to this community on several previous summers.

There was a large congregation at the United Church here on Sunday morning when the guest speaker was Rev. David Hamilton, pastor of the O'Leary Church, United Church, Mr. Hamilton was heard with much acceptance as he delivered an impressive and informative sermon. Rev. R.M. Cameron, pastor of the Bedeque Church was the guest speaker at O'Leary.

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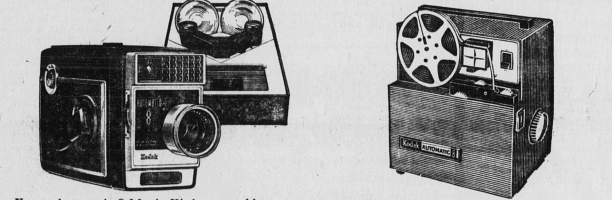
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