

A Country Garden

foliage of several varieties are making the garden lovely in small corners here and there. Garden visitors have come to the garden and it is pleasant to share the flowers indoors and outdoors with them, at the same time making excuses for the garden and the gardener.

Nursery stock consisting of Roses and shrubs have been heeled in the ground until time can be obtained for planting. One Tree rose has been planted and I am looking forward to its blooming. Several years ago these Roses grew in the garden and were wintered for several years although it is not very easy to do. Newly planted shrubs of Roses need watering if they dry and unless some rain comes this must be done today.

I have received a poem about May, written by a lady in the Western part of our Island Province and will share it with you...

MAY TIME

"Once more it's May and in the woods and mossy dells, we find The flower of Spring, that never fails To blossom in it's time.

Old Mother Nature waves her wand and all the earth responds; The trees put forth their tender leaves The bedded ferns, their fronds.

March has passed by with bustling winds and April with her showers; May, dances forth all clad in green And gives us sweet Mayflowers!"

M. E. B.

A most lovely book has been added to our collection... An Eighteenth-Century Garland. The author is Louis B. Fisher and it is written about the Flower and Fruit Arrangements of Colonial Williamsburg. No doubt some of you have visited these wonderful restored buildings and gardens. It is good to read about them. This is a beautiful book and beautifully illustrated. Some of the illustrations are in colour and the photographs are wonderful.

In the Foreword written by Richardson Wright, for many years editor of House and Garden we read:

"Mrs. Fisher has a unique setting for her art. Mr. John D. Ruckerfeller, Jr. in giving reality to the Reverend Dr. William A. R. Goodwin's dream of the restoration of the colonial capital of Virginia, conceived of the project not as a dusty museum but as a living town. It is fitting that in the exhibition buildings at Williamsburg Mrs. Fisher should combine fidelity to the past with the freshness of flowers.

Mrs. Fisher searches the meadows and roadsides of Tidewater Virginia for wildings and brings back many an unlikely branch to crown a vase. The list of what she grows at Williamsburg for her arrangements might well serve as a guide for beginning gardeners. "An Eighteenth-Century Garland" is a valuable addition to any garden library. It will be treasured and often used.

This is a book about flowers and fruits and their use in the restored buildings of Colonial Williamsburg. It is also a book about flowers and fruits and their use in the modern home, because Louise Fisher's arrangements are made to be lived with. They are homely in the old-fashioned sense of the word and yet they are so perfectly conceived, so satisfying in line and color, that they provide a decorative element of breathtaking beauty. Mrs. Fisher's bouquets are not made according to rigid rules but they are based on historical precedent.

In the first chapter the author recounts the rewarding discoveries she made when, as part of her work for Colonial Williamsburg, she set out to learn what flowers were known to eighteenth century Virginians and in what manner they were combined for interior decoration. Then, season by season a month by month, she tells the story of her busy year.

In "The Spring of the year," "High Pomp of Summer," and "Golden Autumn Harvest" Mrs. Fisher describes her methods of working with fresh flowers: when

Denmark To Bar Sex Cases

COPENHAGEN, (AP)—The justice ministry has news for John Cabell Breckenridge: Denmark intends to bar any more Americans coming to this country for sex operations.

A justice ministry spokesman announced this policy Wednesday. "We don't know just yet what we can do," he added, "but we're looking into it. The government certainly does not want Denmark to get the reputation of being a place where one and all can come to have their sex operations performed."

His statement was prompted by a press dispatch from San Francisco Tuesday reporting a decision of Breckenridge, a 50-year-old San Francisco millionaire, to visit Denmark in August "to be transformed into Catherine Cabell."

Breckenridge said he had made arrangements with an unnamed British surgeon to change him from a man to a woman.

Others who have undergone treatment in Denmark for sex changes to women are Christine Jorgensen, formerly George Jorgensen, and Charlotte McLeod, formerly called Charles.

They are cut, how the short-lived "timid" flowers are treated, the steps she follows in making an arrangement, how she adapts each to the place for it. "Winter's Pleasant Ornaments" tells how we may have floral arrangements throughout the winter season; it gives full instructions for gathering materials and for drying them without loss of form or color. Sea lavender and honesty, goldenrod, dock, strawflowers, pearly everlasting, leaves of various shades, shapes and colors, grasses—Mrs. Fisher uses them all and many more in her celebrated winter bouquets.

Neighbors greeted members of the Fisher family with amused astonishment when they first arrived in Williamsburg over 20 years ago accompanied by one truck of furniture and two trucks of plants. Louise Fisher was prepared to be parted from her Ashland, Virginia home, but not from her treasured garden.

It was a happy day that brought Mrs. Fisher, with her green thumb and enthusiasm, to pursue in Williamsburg a vocation which must surely be the envy of all flower lovers. Here in the restored capital of colonial Virginia she creates flower arrangements far beyond the boundaries of the Old Dominion. Yet, Mrs. Fisher would modestly deny that she has created a new style. It is her task, rather, to discover and follow lovingly the tradition of those English ladies who brought with them to America a love of fine flowers as decorations in their homes.

Using the techniques of two centuries ago, Mrs. Fisher has changed the concept of dried arrangements from that of drab space fillers to colorful, attractive additions to any room, especially during the winter months when fresh flowers cannot be obtained except at hot-house prices... By the skillful combination of research, imagination and the artist's eye for color and mass, Mrs. Fisher has almost single-handedly recreated the forgotten art of eighteenth-century flower arranging. The results of her handwork have not only brought life to the rooms of the restored Williamsburg houses but have attracted interest in flower lovers all over America and placed her in great demand as a lecturer and author. We shall continue our study of this wonderful book next week.

NEW HAVEN W. I.

The monthly meeting of New Haven Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Stanley Newman on May 5 with an attendance of 18 members.

The president occupied the chair. Roll call was answered with an exchange of flower slips. The secretary reported that a large sum was realized from the Jamboree held during the winter. The sick committee reported one call, treat taken, and thanks expressed for same.

Correspondence was read and discussed including a letter from Mrs. Michael Doyle, regarding a New Handbook, one from the

Heir to \$3,000,000 Charged With \$41 Robbery



John Leonard Smallman, 21, known as Canada's richest young man, has been charged with assault and robbery of \$41 from Lawrence T. Nash, in Toronto. Smallman, who inherited \$3,000,000 at the age of 14, now is a costume jewelry importer and draws an allowance of \$1,000 a month. A former resident of London, Ont., where the Waverley Mansion, shown above, is part of his estate, Smallman, right, appeared in Toronto court where he was remanded to May 18 on \$1,000 bail. He told police he was a victim of circumstances. He said that after drinking with Nash he sold him some costume jewelry for \$38 and left him. He claims he was not present when Nash allegedly was beaten and robbed by two other men.

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Dorothy Dix's Column

to quit, but stuck it out for the two weeks' trial, and was I glad to finish my stint! Home never looked so good. My husband, on the other hand, hadn't had a bad time at all.

COMPETENT HUSBAND

A little applied efficiency cut down quite a bit of work; he thoroughly enjoyed the youngsters and they loved having him home all day. The work was all finished by noon, and out they went to the zoo, the park or a short trip. He also managed to do some home repairs that had needed attention for quite a while. With his help, my time is now budgeted so I do get more out of the day and am not so tired at night. This was one experiment that worked out to everyone's satisfaction.

Mrs. A. B.

ANSWER: Your letter proves many things, not the least of which is that two people with understanding and mutual consideration can solve a problem. Many men react to a wife's crankiness with the caustic comment "Well, the house is your job and there's no reason why you can't take care of it." Or, "How can you be tired, all you do is sit around?" And so on and so on. Harmony reigns in the home where both husband and wife appreciate the difficulties of the other's job, and do everything possible to

Red Cross regarding the Blood Donor Clinic.

Cook books were distributed, also the Institute News.

Mrs. Hugh MacDonald and Mrs. James Tierney were reappointed to the school committee. Mrs. Stanley Newman and Mrs. Clarence Frizell were appointed on the program committee.

Plans were made for an entertainment to be held in the school for the performers of the jamboree. Some discussion took place regarding the installation of a furnace in the school.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Duncan Gass; roll call to be answered with a dime.

A nicely worded address was read by Mrs. Thomas Devereaux and a gift presented on behalf of the Institute by Mrs. Lloyd MacKinnon to Mrs. Stanley Newman in appreciation for her directing of the jamboree.

keep the domestic machinery well oiled so it runs without friction. It isn't necessary for every household to undergo an "Operations Topsy-Turvy" to solve a problem. The most necessary step is for the man to appreciate his wife's difficulties and do what he can to alleviate them—with a word of praise or encouragement, an occasional dinner out, or an evening of dancing. The wife's part is to listen attentively to his "day at the office" and show that she realizes his routine isn't a bed of roses, either.

Congratulations to Mrs. A. B. and family for being wise, understanding people.

DEAR MISS DIX: Hal is a Navy man, 21 and three years older than I. We are very much in love with each other. He drinks quite a bit and I'm uncertain whether to marry him or not.

E. M.

ANSWER: If only newsprint had some magical means of transmission to convey my urgent advice—to you and every other girl in a similar position—not to marry a man who drinks too much. The most hopeless, hapless women in the world are wives of drunkards, and many of them knew their husband's falling before marriage. Promises of reform are utterly worthless. Make the boy prove his love, and good intentions, by actions now.

ZION W.M.S.

Zion Women's Missionary Society held their May meeting at the Manse on York Lane, where they were graciously received by the hostess, Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Larter presided.

A special prayer for the deaconesses was offered by Mrs. Darrach. Hymn, "Go Labor On," was sung, and responsive scripture read from Proverbs 31, 10-31.

The president gave a splendid paper on the Women of the Bible. Prayers were offered by Mrs. A. MacDonald. Mrs. King and Mrs. Balingall. Hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour," was sung closing the worship period.

The president warmly welcomed several visitors to the meeting. Roll call was answered by the name of a Bible Woman. There were 39 visits made to sick and shut-ins. As the next meeting is the annual the following nomination committee were appointed: Mrs. Jardine, Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs. MacFadyen.

Mrs. Mutch read a chapter from the study book, "Where'er the Sun."

United Church Ladies Presbytery

The sub-executive of the Woman's Missionary Society, Prince Edward Island Presbytery of the United Church of Canada met in Hearts Hall, Charlottetown, May 4 at 10 a.m. Joint devotional exercises with the members of Presbytery under the leadership of Rev. Howard Christie, Hunter River, gave the inspirational stimuli for the business meeting which took place in the West Parlour, Mrs. Hazen Howard, Cornwall, presiding officer, there being 14 members and 1 visitor present. Routine business was transacted.

A letter of resignation from the Presbytery corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. W. MacPherson, Murray Harbour, was received. The executive expressed their deep regret in the forth-coming departure of Mrs. MacPherson, which necessitated the resignation.

Mrs. Stanley Thompson, 131 Hillsboro St., Charlottetown, was appointed to fill the vacancy for the balance of the Presbytery year. The office of Community Friendship secretary was declared vacant. Mrs. Russell Leard, Alberton, was appointed the secretary of Community Friendship for the remainder of the Presbytery year. This appointment subject to the approval of and acceptance by Mrs. Leard.

The presiding officer read a list of nominations for delegate to Berwick Camp for leaders. Names of executive members included in the above list were withdrawn and a ballot was spread. The elected delegate to be Miss Bowness, Summerside. Alternates were elected by ballot also.

The W. M. S. treasurer, Miss Jessie Gillis Charlottetown, gave a report of the finances for the first quarter of the year. Over the corresponding period of last year there was a slight decrease to date.

A letter from Mrs. Russell Woodside, Maritime Branch Corresponding Secretary was read, notifying the executive and urging their attendance at the forth-coming Maritime Branch meetings to be held June 8th - 11th inclusive at Mt. Allison, Sackville, N. B.

Reports from all secretaries present were received. These told of considerable work accomplished.

Summer Rallies were discussed and definite plans laid for the next meeting.

Mrs. Patterson invited the members to meet with her for next meeting.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

BATTLE FOR A "TOP"

A certain North-South pair in a duplicate game almost fixed their opponents on the following hand, but the defense waged by East-West gave them the "top."

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

♠ 10 7 3
♥ 6
♦ 8 6 5
♣ K Q J 10 6 3

♠ A 9 4 3
♥ Q J 3 2
♦ A 7 2

♠ A Q J 8
♥ 5 4
♦ 7 2
♣ K 9 4

6 2
♠ K Q J 10 8 5
♥ 10 7
♦ 8 5 4

Quite a few East-West pairs reached and easily made six spades, collecting 980 points. Seven diamonds could have been made, but it was a difficult contract to reach.

At one table, however, East-West took the defensive role when the bidding went:

East South West North
1♠ 2♥ 2NT 3♠
3♠ 4♥ Dbls. 3♠ Pass

West opened the spade king. East overtook and cashed a second spade trick, then shifted to his singleton club. West won and returned the club seven. East ruffed, laid down the diamond king, and when West carefully played his queen to reveal his holding in the suit, East underled the diamond ace.

After taking this trick with the diamond jack, West gave his partner another club ruff — and now, with seven tricks home, West had to be careful with his next play. By this time East could be pretty sure that his side could have made a slam, and therefore it would not be sufficient to defeat the opponents even five tricks, for a 900-point penalty — 1100 points were needed to offset the slam.

If East had laid down his diamond ace in the hope of collecting another trick in that suit, South's sacrifice would have turned out well, but East reconstructed South's distribution perfectly and realized that South could not have another diamond. So East led a spade — and now West by correct play, was sure to win two trump tricks, no matter how South maneuvered.

MISCOUCHE HIGH SCHOOL

Report for the month of April Grade XI — 1. Edward Leclair; 2. Jeannette Deserp. Grade X — 1. Helen Ballum; 2. Graeme Linkletter; 3. Erma Gallant.

Grade IX — 1. Aldina Bernard; 2. Patricia Poirier; 3. Elaine Gallant.

Grade VIII — 1. Bella Gaudet; 2. Carol Perry; 3. Marguerite Rose Poirier.

Grade VII — 1. Geraldine McCarville; 2. Peter Ballum; 3. Gloria Desroches.

Grade VI — 1. Pauline Gaudet; 2. Ann Steele; 3. Rosemary Desroches; 3. Sylvia Poirier.

Grade IV — 1. Louis Oakes; 2. Dina Desroches; 3. Anita Desroches.

Grade III (a) — 1. Jean Desroches; 2. Joanne Gaudet; 3. Linda Gaudet.

Grade III (b) — 1. Stanley Dalton; 2. Arnold Desroches; 3. Lloyd Gaudet.

Grade II — 1. Barbara Gallant; 2. Marie Claire Richard; 3. Claire McNeil.

Grade I (a) — 1. Noreen Rush-ton; 2. Clarence Poirier; 3. Ivan Desroches.

Grade I (b) — 1. Roseann Cox; 2. Ruth Desroches; 3. Michel Sonier; 4. Valerie Arsenault.

Tuesday, May 11, 1954

No One Blamed For N. Z. Disaster

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (reuters)—A committee of inquiry has found that no one was to blame for New Zealand's worst train disaster which killed 161 persons last Christmas Eve.

The Wellington-Auckland night express crashed through the Tangiwa bridge into a flood-swollen river. The committee's report, released today, states that the accident was caused by a flood of water from a volcanic crater lake which suddenly swept down the Whangaeu river, undermining the railroad bridge only minutes before the express began to cross it.

Despite conflicting views at the hearing the committee found that the 200-foot bridge, built in 1906, contained no fault.



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by Alice Brooks



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