

## ELLEN'S DIARY

by an Island Farmer's Wife

What a fine building that new school is! And as modern as vision and purpose could make it. And by the lighted windows and the number of cars parked about obviously on fete that night.

Bright by night and day, warm, comfortable, decorated and floored in attractive colors, provided with ample blackboard space, fascinating seats and tables-of-desks, all clean and new and occupied by the richest potential in all the world—a bevy of children. And these, it came to mind, knew us not. We scanned, we searched the faces to find some resemblance there to those pupils, those families of the district we once knew, with we confess indifferent results.

Yet even while we puzzled, how clearly the faces of those children of that old year when we had taught in the past old school across the way returned to mind: the steps in the porch—the morning smiles; the voices in recitation the muted sounds of industry, the joy and laughter of play. . . . Some have gone since then to join Heavenly classes; the rest sooner or later to carve honorable places and enviable names in those occupations or callings which beckoned them.

And again we saw them walk and work with us through the sun-filled days of a bygone summer; the gold and blue of harvest weather, the sad glory of the autumn, the sober waitings of fall, the white of winter, the joys of spring—those children who came so soon to adult responsibilities and undertakings. Even as they will, who at the moment enjoy the novelty and delights of their school, attractive now and new. "Enjoy well your school-days" a former teacher of the district advised them, "because you will not get later that they have been the best days of your lives."

The opening of the new school is gone now into the history of the district. We recall how obviously satisfying to those most concerned the event was. Of the remembered incidents in connection with the occasion, we believe the most touching was the chance remark made in our presence afterward by one unable to be present at the ceremonies. She is a sweet-faced lady, a sufferer for some years from the mysterious misery that is Arthritis, and moves about the rooms by way of her wheelchair. "After you went, I made my way to the kitchen," she re-

marked to the sister-in-law, with whom she lives. She smiled happily, revealing her interest. "You see, I just had to look out at the lights of The School!"

"The lights, one by one are going out all across Europe" a British statesman commented sadly at the beginning of World War I.

But not fortunately in the field of education on this island—and not in that rural district which lies, as the crow flies, only over the fields from us at Alderlea. There from the windows of the new school, beams shone across the white of the snow last Wednesday night. . . . Lights new-lit in token of the beginning of a new era of schooling there, with many lovely days of it to come.

Until tomorrow . . . Good-night . . .

## MARY HAWORTH'S MAIL

### Spendthrift's Son Resents Mother's High Expenditures

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: I am 27, a college graduate making about \$8,000 a year. My wife Ellen is 24 and we were happily married a year ago, when my mother came to live with us after father's death.

Dad always indulged mother's every whim, and she was used to being waited on. Exorbitant expenditures for entertainment—travelling, living, mother calls it—left mother a legacy of heavy debt, which I haven't fully paid off yet. Also her characteristic extravagance has continued, a burden to us from the beginning.

Ellen has been a model of patience and together we've talked to mother, explaining that we simply can't operate on the scale of summers in Quebec, Christmas in the Bahamas, etc.—as she was accustomed to doing. But she continues to flit about, and seems to see no reason for gearing her expenses down. She is a trim attractive 48, in buoyant good health.

The most recent skirmish has developed as bills for mother's holiday gifts to friends continue to flow. My wife and I have oil on troubled waters have failed. Mother is unwilling to hear my concern and lately the subject seems only to antagonize Ellen. I am at my wits' end. Please advise. E. B.

## Mom's A Vampire; Son Is a Boob

DEAR E. B.: Are we to understand that your mother has no money of her own—no estate and no income? And she expects to live at your expense, letting you pay off her accumulated debts meanwhile supporting her in the spendthrift style to which she was accustomed. Is this the situation?

If this is the drift of events, we must identify your mother as a vampire of sorts, and you a boob in her scheme of things; and your wife a helpless victim (at this point) of your emotional confusion in respect to the problem. No wonder Ellen smoulders.

## HOUSEHOLD HINT

Cluttered stairs cause accidents. Don't let the children leave their toys on the stairs. And don't leave a firm ball in the stairway while you answer the phone. Grandma will probably choose that moment to come down to the first floor. Stairways should be adequately lighted.

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2 sq. of chocolate or 7 tsp. of cocoa  
1 1/4 c. white sugar  
3/4 c. butter  
3 tbs. of boiling water  
1 egg  
2 c. flour  
1 tsp. soda  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 c. cream or milk  
Mix chocolate and sugar together, then butter and hot water. After mixture is well blended add the egg.



## Pearly Glow

A really good piece of costume jewelry is indispensable as a fine fashion accessory, especially when it comes to evening elegance. The pearl, that pearl of fashion, wears a "cultured" look this season to underscore the current trend of rich, but not overdone, opulence. Cor sets a creamy pearl together with one of dark, iridescent hue, set in rhinestone-rimmed petals of golden wire for a handsome jewelry ensemble. The earrings repeat the strategic placement of the black and white pearls.

## Women's Meetings

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## KINGSTON LODGE BANQUET

A very enjoyable evening was spent in Kingston Lodge Room on Jan. 19th, when the members of Queen Mary L.O.B.A., and King William L.O.L., held their annual banquet.

About sixty partook of a sumptuous hot turkey dinner with plum pudding, ice-cream and sweets.

Past County Master Davis Ward capably acted as Master of Ceremonies and called upon the Grand Mistress, Myrtle MacPhail

## Don't Be Scared Into Submission

It is your plain duty — to yourself, your wife, your creditors and your mother — to curb her foolish spending, that wildly over-taxes your ability to pay. She must be made to realize that you are a man of authority, no longer a flustered boy in relation to her, so long as you are her means of support.

Actions speak louder than words, so take action to control the problem. Put her on an allowance and say, in effect, "This is it. This is all you have to spend." Or cut the cash allowance to a pittance, and let her have one or two credit accounts as a convenience—but in her name, with the limit fixed, and audited monthly. And make the total accommodation so modest that she will be obliged to find employment, if she wants to handle a free flow of money.

If necessary, make it clear to whomsoever may be concerned, that you won't be responsible for your mother's debts, incurred without your foreknowledge and consent. And don't be thrown off stride by sentimental huffing on her part. Women of her type usually are heartless and ingenious in trying to get their way—willing to panic, defeat and punish the man who dares to flatly oppose their greediness. M. H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of The Guardian, Charlottetown.

## MORNING SMILE

"How did you compile the dictionary you've just finished?" "Oh, it was like having a row with the wife. One word led to another."

## Larger School Units And More Gadgets For Teaching

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

The little red school house is on the wane in Canada.

Its place is being taken by the large school unit, centrally located and in many cases equipped with the latest aids to education that some call frills but that most modern educationists consider essentials.

In equipment as well as in teaching methods and building education is keeping pace with the times in Canada. Radio, in some cases television, motion pictures, industrial arts and home economics classes, record-playing rooms, auditoriums and even swimming pools are part of the school structure in many parts of Canada.

## NOVA SCOTIA CHANGES

Nova Scotia's education finance system is under review at present following a survey by Judge Vincent J. Pottier.

In his report, likely to be a major issue at the next legislature session, Judge Pottier made proposals to increase teachers' salaries, re-assess the province to bring more equitable sharing of education costs, and scrap such frills as gymnasiums and household science labs until there are enough classrooms.

The Nova Scotia department of education has a film library with a permanent staff of eight and more than 20,000 films. About 75 per cent of the classrooms have access to radio. Television, as in most parts of Canada, is still in more or less an experimental stage.

In Quebec there is a trend towards the larger school unit especially for Protestant students in rural areas where there are teacher shortages. Grants for Protestant consolidated schools rose from \$5,000 in 1946 to an average \$250,000 in 1953 and in the latter year \$1,450,339 was spent on construction of such schools.

## FINE TOOLS

There are pushbutton controls linking the principal's office with a public address system in the classrooms; cooking and sewing utensils that would be the envy of any housewife; work tools better than most craftsmen have in their shops; or home basements.

Color schemes have been scientifically designed; lighting combines the best that nature and man can conceive; heating, air conditioning and sound-proofing all have been taken into consideration.

This, of course is not the story everywhere from coast to coast but a Canadian Press survey shows it is the trend that can be expected to continue. In time, the one-room school with initials of generations of students carved deep into the desk tops may be only a memory.

Only the most rash student would dare desecrate the modern desk.

## SNOWMOBILES HELP

Winter transportation, once a problem, has been solved by the help of snowmobiles, big custom-built buses and a better winter roads clearing program. Transportation costs in 1953 were \$179,000.

Radio, films and television are not widely used except in Protestant schools.

In Ontario in the last 10 years 600 new township school areas were formed. Country councils have built centralized high schools and spend much money transporting pupils to them.

Broadcasts and films are widely used. Local school authorities determine whether auditoriums, swimming pools, health centres and the like are wanted and many provide them, especially in cities.

## SMALL IN NEWFOUNDLAND

In Newfoundland, where there is denominational education, there has not been the same emphasis on the large school unit as elsewhere in Canada and most outport settlements support several one-room schools. New schools being built in the cities, however, include auditoriums, industrial and home economics classrooms.

Progress towards formation of larger school units is slow, too. In Prince Edward Island, but more than 40 per cent of the classrooms are equipped with radios and there is a gradual increase in the use of films for teaching.

New Brunswick reports that the large rural school administration has progressed most satisfactorily. There now are approximately 50 consolidations providing high school facilities, many students formerly denied this training.

Nearly all new schools of six grades or more have a combined

## MANITOBA TREND

There is a definite trend towards the larger unit in Manitoba and in that province, too, the modern building and equipment trend is followed. Industrial and home economics classes have been part of the educational program in Winnipeg for 50 years. There is extensive use of radio and films.

Saskatchewan has 56 large school units in 60 school areas and no area has reverted to the small school. The 56-year-old trial period. Thirty-five composite high schools with shop courses, home economics departments and auditoriums have been built in the last 10 years.

The province has an active film and radio program with more than 4,000 classes listening to school broadcasts. There are 550 film projectors in the schools.

## ALBERTA UNITS

Alberta has large school units except in the cities; some larger towns and a small number of isolated rural districts. Broadcasts are used in 60 per cent of the elementary and junior high schools while approximately 35,000 films are distributed each year.

British Columbia has completed the change-over to the larger school units and there are 80 in the province. Five broadcasts a week are heard in classrooms and films and other visual aids are distributed throughout the province.

With the exception of swimming pools, of which there are none, modern additions to equipment are not considered frills. The trend is towards the combined gymnasium-auditorium and as many schools as possible have industrial and home economics classes.

## CRUNCHY PEANUT COOKIES

1/2 c. shortening  
1 c. brown sugar  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1 egg  
1/2 tsp. vanilla  
1 c. sifted all purpose flour or 1 c. plus 2 tbs. sifted pastry flour  
1/4 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 c. cornflakes  
1 c. quick-cooking rolled oats  
3/4 c. peanuts (skins left on)

Cream shortening, sugar and salt. Add egg and vanilla, and beat until creamy. Sift together the flour, soda and baking powder. Add cornflakes and rolled oats. Add dry ingredients to first mixture. Lastly add the peanuts. Drop by spoonfuls on a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 deg. for 15 min. Makes 3 doz. cookies.

## CHILD'S BAD BREATH

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## PEARL CENTRE

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### BIRTH BENEFIT

Britain's national insurance provides a cash grant of 25 for each child born, separate from other benefits.

### HOUSEHOLD SCIENCE

Teaching of household science began in higher forms of elementary schools at Winnipeg in 1911

## Dior's Gowns Shock British Critics At Parisian Showing

LONDON (AP) — M wasn't the week Christian Dior crushed the bosom in most of his new gowns that upset Britons, but the way he virtually unveiled it in a few others.

British newspapers, reporting on Dior's spring showing in Paris Tuesday, agree that things were kept flat in most of the models. But the critics say they were scandalized over what the normally austere Times calls the "release from imprisonment" afforded by some of the evening dresses.

The prevailing opinion is that these would never get by in Britain.

"They are cut daringly low," reports the Manchester Guardian, "either in a deep V, or with a high, stiffened, square décolleté that pushes the breasts into two provocative half-moons."

NELL GWYNNE STYLES

The Daily Sketch says some of the gowns "virtually bare the breast. They are deeply scooped out, something like those Nell Gwynne (mistress of Britain's 17th-century King Charles II) used to wear."

"Often at today's show one blushed for the models with a bare half-inch to spare between themselves and the shocked audience. . . ."

After surveying that Dior V, a News Chronicle critic reports: "I can think of no woman who would wear it in public except to win an extremely large bet."

## RUTH AND NAOMI

(Dedicated to The Farmer's Ground)

In aeons of the misty past When earth's reputed age Was in its youth as history goes Post to the flood damage; There garnered in the harvest

In Judah's ancient land The In-Law Ruth of Hebrew kin And young Naomi's hand.

This widowed youth of other blood Portrayed an ancient code Upon the harvest fields of old. Of that which binds the hearts and sheaves That they shall be a part of ours From every foreign shore.

"Your people shall be mine," she cried

"And where you go I'll go" Unto the limits life requires In torrid heat or snow; As so implied in Holy Writ And sometimes practiced now By those bound by the phrase—"I will!"

In that most sacred vow.

And so, we find in ancient writ Straight from the fields of grain The loyalty of widow's love Revived with us again; To prove that ethics we admire When they are good and sound Are basic in their moral code Up from the farmer's ground.

—Peter A. Reilly.

## SUSCEPTIBLE INFANTS

People with colds should keep away from infants, or else use a gauze mask covering mouth and nose.

## STOPS SCRATCHING

A baby's fingernails should be kept short, and clean, to prevent harmful scratches.

## SCHOOL TERMS

Most school children in Britain move from primary to secondary classes at age 11.

## LET'S TRY

### Plan Your Housework To Avoid Accidents

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Perhaps you are at that ultra-modern category of wife, mother and business woman who maintains a paying job as well as that of homemaker. Eagerly you look forward to the weekend, perhaps to get a little rest.

But what happens?

Undone Housework

You rush like crazy to catch up the undone housework of the week. Marketing, vacuum cleaning, dusting, washing and ironing. The weekend is never long enough.

It's a period of intense nerve-wracking as well as physical activity. The net result is sheer fatigue, physical, nervous and mental.

That is the point at which home accidents are likely to occur. The fat spatters from the frying pan and burns your hand. You reach for some butter to smear on the burn and turn over a container of milk. Janey slips on the wet floor and breaks her ankle. The ham sizzling in the broiler catches fire while you phone for the doctor.

Weekend Bad Luck

What a day! "It's the kind of bad luck I have every weekend," you moan.

But your "luck" can change. You are not prone to weekend household accidents.

How to Plan

Have work-saving household equipment and arrange it for convenient and rapid use. Plan your tasks so you will not stand too long at one sit too long at another. Plan to take a five-minute rest period every hour, flat on your back, feet elevated. It can be done.

Whatever you are doing, stop short of the point of fatigue.

TOMORROW'S DINNER

Citrus Fruit Cocktail  
Beef Pot Roast Creole  
Pot Roast Potatoes and Parsnips.

## Chocolate Gingerbread Cream Cheese Coffee Tea Milk

Chocolate Gingerbread: Place a 4-5 lb. pot roast of beef in a deep roasting pan. Add 2 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. monosodium glutamate, 1/2 tsp. pepper, 1 minced, peeled onion, 2 crushed sections garlic, 1 c. chopped celery, 1 (1 lb.) can tomato juice and a can-measure hot water.

Cover and simmer top-of-range or in the oven from 3 1/2 to 4 hrs. The last hour add peeled white potatoes and quartered peeled parsnips.

Pour off liquid. There should be about 2 c. Skim off fat and make gravy from it as usual.

Chocolate Gingerbread: Blend 1/4 c. shortening with 1/2 c. sugar, 1 beaten egg, 3 squares melted chocolate and 1 c. molasses. Sift together 2 1/2 c. already sifted enriched flour, 1 1/4 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. powdered cinnamon, 1 tsp. powdered ginger, 1/2 tsp. powdered clove, and 1/4 tsp. salt. Add alternately with 1 c. hot water to first mixture.

Transfer to an oiled 7" x 11" pan. Bake 35 min. in a moderately hot oven, 350 degrees F. Cut in squares; dust with confectioner's sugar.

## TRICK OF THE CHEF

Add 1/4 tsp. basil when making beef pot roast Creole.

## It fairly melts in the mouth!

### Barbour's STABILIZED PEANUT BUTTER

### Mustard-Pickle Dumplings

Mix and sift into a bowl, 1 1/2 c. once-sifted pastry flour (or 1 1/2 c. once-sifted all-purpose flour), 3 tps. Magic Baking Powder, 1/2 tsp. salt. Cut in finely 2 tbs. chilled shortening. Make a well in dry ingredients and add 1/2 c. finely-chopped mustard pickle in sauce and 1/2 c. milk; mix lightly with a fork, adding milk if necessary, to make a drop dough. Drop in 6 portions, over hot cooked stew. Cover closely and simmer (never lifting the cover) for 15 mins. Yield—6 servings.

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