

Happenings of The Week

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ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

"What do you want Christmas to bring to you and granddaddy?" That was the query our daughter-in-law, Carolyn, Rob's wife, and mother to Jamie and Gage, put to us today, half in jest it appeared but we suspected wholly in earnest. And "What do you want Christmas to bring?" her words return to us now in the quiet of evening, to have us consider them more closely. Perhaps we should ponder first over James' probable reply, but then how should we know that since it is not given to humans to look with much degree of certainty into the depths of another's heart? However, we have a notion, born of our long association with him, that if James were to be granted an especial favor, or indeed any one of the season, it would be that peace might spread her beneficent wings over the world so that nations would "learn war no more" but abide together in sisterly love and respect.

Sometimes we have seen James have his wish — we have been with him when dreams have come true. We have seen a bare field blossom under his care — a new building rise, an old one repaired. And watching him look upon a calf new-come, a dainty foal, a dozen piglets along a broad bosom, a tiny lamb opening its eyes to the world about, or above all these things, when one after another the grandchildren came — Jamie and Gage, granddaughter and especially, though certainly not more beloved, Mackie in the house across the lane "here and now" we said "James had had a wish granted, a dream come true. "Yet what would we want of the Christ-mas-tide now dawning, besides peace in the world? Just to know that families were happy in their gathering, and that no shadows thrust themselves within the festive season.

And for ourself, what else should we desire of Christmas? Certainly not some gift from the family, which would require a sacrifice on their part in any way, in the hectic rush and excitement of the season. Not that we should not like to be remembered by them. On the contrary we should be disappointed to know that our name had not been in their minds among others. But only to receive few items of buying which tell more plainly than words "I bought this — or made it, just for YOU." But past and beyond any gifts in fetching wrappings, we do want other things of the Day. We want most of all a White Christmas—a fall of snow prior to the Day, light and feathery, to festoon tree and rail and to lie lightly along the fields. And a frost on the eve of it, to lend sparkle and enchantment to the morning.

We should like too, to come to it in a spirit of reverence, remembering that the occasion was not man-made, but that both heaven and earth conspired to bring it about. "An angel... a heavenly host... a star... shepherds — and a babe in a manger. "We should like — but that must wait. "Two thousand years ago the star was bright. And wise men journeyed humbly where it led. Shepherds came softly through the wide, blue night To find the young Child in His straw-laid bed. Two thousand years — and still men grope and stray. And eat their meager bread in bitterness. The strong still sin against the weak. The gay Still leave the broken stranger comfortless. And yet at Christmas, carols clutch the heart, Shepherds abide in silent fields again! The alleluia echoes still impart Their promise to the struggling world of men. Faith will not be denied, and still we are Earth's wistful Magi, following the star." Until Monday — Diary — Good-night...

Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh sailed for Malta Tuesday after a six-day visit to Greece as guests of King Paul and Queen Frederika. After dinner at the palace, they were accompanied to their ships by the King and Queen. The Princess boarded the frigate Surprise — yacht of the British Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station — in which she travelled to Greece. The Duke returned to the escorting frigate Magpie, which is under his command.

Our congratulations to Viscount Alexander of Tunis, K.G., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., C.S.I., D.S.O. M.C., LL.D., Governor-General of Canada, who was 59 on Sunday.

Mrs. F. Scott MacKenzie is the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas MacKenzie in Vancouver, where she will be joined by her husband, Rev. Dr. MacKenzie, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Mrs. Gerda Morrison and her mother, Mrs. H. Holman, of Summerside will visit in Ottawa shortly to spend the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Reddall of 29 Admiral Street entertained at tea on Sunday afternoon following the christening of their daughter Linda Ann by the Rev. J. T. Ibbott at Saint Paul's Church. Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Jones, and Mrs. J. Walter Jones (standing for Miss Elsie Reddall of London, England), were the sponsors at the christening.

Miss Marion MacKay of Burlington, Mass. is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Large, West Street.

Mrs. J. A. Webster entertained at a supper bridge at her attractive home on Wednesday afternoon. Christmas decorations were arranged in the reception and drawing rooms.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Tidmarsh left on Friday for Montreal where they will spend the Christmas holiday with relatives.

Mrs. Gordon Bell and her two children, Frederick and Allan left by plane on Friday for Montreal where she and Mr. Bell will make their home. Mr. Bell who is employed by the Imperial Oil Co. has been transferred from Dartmouth, N. S.

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That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

LACK OF THYROID EXTRACT MAY CAUSE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL SLEWNESS I have written several times about children who were backward at school, were considered dull in fact, whose backwardness was caused by poor eyesight in some and by partial loss of hearing in others. The correction of these defects enabled these youngsters to keep up with other children their age.

There are, however, some children who did not have a good start mentally and physically, who were backward in teething, sitting, walking, talking, mental development, growth in height, always constipated and with temperature of body below normal. These conditions are due to an underactive thyroid gland, and may go unnoticed by parents and physician because the weight of the child may be normal.

In Medical Clinics of North America, Drs. J. P. Bronstein and K. S. Shadharaffa state there is further need for fuller or more complete investigation of these cases, which should include the usual metabolism test and also the alterations in metabolism (building up and tearing down of the body processes), blood cholesterol, creatine in urine, iodine in the blood, and the bony development. "Iodine determinations may prove to be the most desirable index of the exact condition present," they write.

There are a number of these cases in which the physician, because of the slow growth or undergrowth of the child, prescribes "growth" hormone instead of starting thyroid extract in the early stages of the condition. Thyroid extract in small doses causes sharp rises in the rate at which the body processes work: so sharp and rapid are these rises that if not watched the patient's metabolism rate instead of being below normal may rise above normal in a short time. Accordingly, Drs. Bronstein and Shadharaffa do not rely entirely on the basal metabolism rate but closely investigate the general condition of the child from the physical, mental, and bony changes, when considering the daily dose of thyroid extract to prescribe.

It is comforting to know that in so many instances nature provides extracts from animals to replace man's needs. A child born on this day may

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kambie

For Tomorrow AN intriguing state of affairs prevails, with the feelings, emotions and imaginations at the root of all ideas and inclinations. While ideals and aspirations may be held in line, with pleasant and profitable intercourse, at the same time if idealism, notions, idiosyncrasies are permitted to dominate there could be peculiar involvements. In developing plans do not go to extremes or "pipe dream."

If It Is Your Birthday Those whose birthday it is are liable to base their operations and activities on feelings and emotions rather than on practical sense and accepted methods of procedure. Fancy, imagination, and strange inner urges may run riot, and to the detriment of projects calling for sane and balanced judgment. Queer notions, ideals or excess emotions could lead to disappointing and unprofitable alliances. Shun extremes, emotional decisions, intrigues.

A child born on this day is likely to base its acts and aspirations on an emotional rather than a commonsense plan of action. This is to its detriment, for workaday projects or ambitions.

Day After Tomorrow The astrological forecast is a contradictory one, holding promise for some form of practical initiative and engagements but also a static and disturbing development difficult to surmise. Fresh plans, new projects, high ambitions seem on the verge of accomplishment when a sudden twist or a postponement may deter but not put off decisively long-range benefits.

If It Is Your Birthday These whose birthday it is may have a strange combination of experiences in which plans and aspirations of major significance seem to take on conflicting turns or queer aspects. Most promising plans and ventures seem to thrive, with every indication of growth, expansion and scope, with perhaps cooperation from elders, employers, or other sources of promotion who may intervene. However, such delay is not fatal or final, the originality, novelty or bold adventure may simply postpone the reaping for long-term and surprising denouements. Elders may disapprove, temporarily, but be not vitally discouraged.

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Cook's Corner

POINSETTA COOKIES

1/2 cup butter 1/2 cup sugar (fine granulated or fruit) 2 egg yolks or 1 egg 2 cups sifted pastry flour or 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon baking powder Pinch of salt Cream butter and sugar well together. Add beaten egg or egg yolks. Mix and sift flour, baking powder and salt and add to creamed mixture. Roll to about 1/4 inch thickness on floured board, cut with 2-inch cookie cutter. Make four or six cuts almost into centre of each cookie at equal distance. Fold the four points to the centre as a pinwheel. Place a piece of candied cherry in centre. Bake on an ungreased cookie sheet in a moderately slow oven, 325 degrees F., until cookies are delicately browned, about 15 minutes. Yield: 3 dozen.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Bottle Deodorizer The use of powdered black mustard seed is a good bottle deodorizer. Pour a little of it with some lukewarm water into the receptacle, rinsing it afterwards with water. If necessary, repeat this process.

Black Fabric Black fabric can be given a fresh new appearance by sponging the material with ammonia and then pressing on the wrong side.

Delicious Salad A salad that is delicious and not too heavy for children is made by using equal parts of diced raw apples and tuna fish and one-half the amount of celery.

London — (CP) — Old people in the Woodgreen district, unable to afford the 40 cents deposit for soap and towel at public baths, have begun leaving articles of clothing instead.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

LOVE

Miss Dix Gives Some Facts About That Vital Emotion

HOW OFTEN can you fall in love? Not schoolboy and girl crushes, not passing fancies, not temporary infatuations, but real, genuine, blown-in-the-bottle love, or what have you? Many people ask this question not only of others but also of their own hearts, and when they find that they are beginning to run a temperature for the second or third time over some member of the opposite sex and thrill at the sound of a footstep, they are just as surprised as if they had caught the measles or the whooping cough again. They are pitifully uncertain as to whether their symptoms indicate that they have been stricken down with a fatal attack, or are merely the victims of a slight indisposition from which they will recover in a day or two and for which they will be none the worse.



Naturally when we speculate about how often one can fall in love we have to consider the type of love under discussion and also the temperament of the individual. Undoubtedly there are men and women who give all that they have of romance and affection to their first loves and thereafter have nothing left to give anyone. They are sentimental bankrupts. But it is equally true that there are millions of other men and women who can fall in love as often as the occasion requires and who, if the lips they love are not available, are just as happy kissing other lips that are near. Their hearts are transient hotels in which different guests continually come and go, and for whom there is always WELCOME on the doormat.

TWO KINDS OF LOVE As for love, there is the grand passion and there is puppy love. When you have either one you think you will never get over it. Undoubtedly those who experience the grand passion never love but once. If they marry the object of their affection, they are faithful unto death. If through misadventure or through death they loose their beloveds, they never cease to mourn them. If through sheer loneliness they try to recapture their vanished dream, they find that it cannot be done.

No love is so violent while it lasts as puppy love. None are so sure that their love is eternal and will outlast time and eternity as adolescents. None are so sure that the particular boy and girl who have non-

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Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Does the hostess shake hands with all her guests as they arrive at a formal afternoon tea? A. A gracious hostess will shake hands with all her guests. And if someone receives with the hostess, she also extends her hand to each guest when introduced to her. Q. To whom should wedding announcements be mailed? A. Only to those people who did not receive invitations to the wedding.

Morning Smile

Lucky

"Look here," stormed Brown to the estate agent. "About that riverside bungalow you sold me—" "Anything wrong, sir?" asked the agent. "Wrong!" exclaimed Brown "the other morning we woke up and found the place had floated two miles down the river." "H'm," said the agent. "That's a stroke of luck. The rates are much lower down there."

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