

Women

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HAPPENINGS

Crystal Chapter No. 1 Order of the Eastern Star Charlottetown celebrated 41 years of service with a birthday party following the regular meeting on Friday evening, Feb. 16, 1962, presided over by worthy matron Edith Lewis and associate patron Keith MacKinnon.

The ways and means committee reported that a supper bridge would be held in the Masonic Hall, Feb. 23.

An interesting talk on the history of Crystal chapter was given by Brother Cecil Palmer. Some of the highlights of this talk were that this Chapter is the oldest Chapter in the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and was instituted, June 21, 1921. It is also interesting to note that three of the charter members are still members of Crystal Chapter. At the close of this interesting talk, Sister Phyllis Vallis sang "Memories."

At the conclusion of the meeting, members adjourned to the banquet room where refreshments were served by the Committee, and the beautifully decorated birthday cake was cut by Charter Member, Brother J. E. H. Worth. A delightful social hour was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Doucette, Charlottetown, whose marriage took place yesterday morning left by plane on an extended holiday in Tucson, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon MacLeod, Martinvale, attended the MacPherson - White wedding at Zion Church last Saturday.

Mrs. Jessie MacLeod, Martinvale, Vernon MacLeod and Wendell Jenkins were visitors to Nova Scotia Thursday.

Mrs. Daniel MacInnis, Martinvale is a patient in Kings County Hospital, Montague.

Mrs. John Partridge, Morell, is a patient in Prince Edward Island Hospital, Charlottetown.

Mrs. Sadie E. Birt has returned to her home "Leaholme," Milton, after spending three weeks as a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

The February meeting of the Myrtle Road Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society was held at the home of the secretary, Mrs. Lorne Crozier, Kelvin Grove.

The president, Mrs. Horace Paynter opened the meeting with the theme entitled "Saints and Prayer." An opening hymn was followed by responsive scripture reading, and the exposition by Mrs. Ira Huestis. Prayer was offered by each member, followed by the Lord's Prayer. One new member was welcomed.

Correspondence consisted of a "Thank You" card, and a letter regarding Camp Keir.

The study book "Summons of the Spirit" was read by Mrs. Earl Semple. Mrs. Don Reeves was organist for the evening. Mrs. Earl Semple will be hostess to the members for the March meeting.

The Charlottetown branch of the Canadian Federation of University Women met at the home of Mrs. Frank MacKinnon on Thursday, February 15. Plans were made for the group to attend a social evening for patients at Riverside Hospital and to provide sandwiches and cakes for the occasion. Mrs. Cyrus MacMillan was appointed to investigate the possibility of renaming the club's \$100 scholarship awarded to a third year student at Prince of Wales College in honour of Dr. Lily Seaman, a charter member of the group and former professor at Prince of Wales College.

A committee was appointed to investigate the need of an addition to the child welfare act to provide protection to children in need of medical care.

Group members were invited to attend a noon meeting of the United Nations Club at Montgomery Hall on Friday, Feb. 23 when the Hon. Howard Green, Minister of External Affairs, will discuss international relations.

The program consisted of a discussion of The Citizen in Education in relation to the forthcoming Canadian Education Conference to be held in Montreal.

Miss Helen Yeo who will attend this conference as a delegate from the Department of Education will also serve as C.F.U.W. representative from P.E.I. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

The February meeting of the Abegweit chapter of the IOOE was held recently at the home of Mrs. J. W. Lecky, with the Regent, Mrs. W. E. Smallman, presiding.

A report was given by Miss Wanda Wyatt, National Councilor, on the sub-committee meeting held to decide upon the projects which the chapter would prefer supported in connection with the IOOE's project for the 1967 National Centenary Memorial year.

Letters were read from D. F. Lidstone, Thomas Hall and F. J. MacNeill thanking the chapter for the gift of calendars for the classrooms; appreciation was also expressed for the books donated each year as prizes at Summerside High School graduation exercises.

A form letter was presented by Miss Wyatt - and duly accepted by the meeting - for signature and forwarding by individual members to Prime Minister Diefenbaker and to Dr. Orville Phillips in Ottawa. The purpose of this letter was to strongly urge that the "Red Ensign" be recognized as the National flag of Canada.

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MARY HAWORTH

Spouse's Gambling Fever Causes Wifely Concern

Dear Mary Haworth: We are a young couple, married three years, with two small children. Our problem concerns money; or rather, my husband's gambling.

Almost every week on payday my husband goes to his favorite hangout and gambles away anything from one-fourth to one-half his takehome pay, which really hurts us financially. He will invent any lie or claim any imaginary expense to conceal his losses, but in the event I discover the lie, he usually is repentant and asks forgiveness. I have tried pleading, shouting and ignoring the situation, all to no avail. Recently in a candid mood he said: "I'm sorry; it's just a bad habit that I can't break. I've been gambling for nearly eight years." He is 23 now.

We are living from paycheck to paycheck, with not one penny put aside. Our debts are mounting and we still don't have all the furniture we need. I find myself thinking of what could be done with the "lost" portion of his pay, and it makes me very bitter.

Last year I worked, only to find him spending twice as much on himself. The future depresses me; all I can foresee is continued poverty and financial hardship. I would appreciate any advice you can give me.—C.K.

Dear C.K.: Live and learn, the saying goes. Just last week I learned something new—new to me, at least I was present at a meeting of Gamblers Anonymous, and their wives, in my town.

In a preliminary social half-hour, the founder and leader of the group, and other members present, reviewed for my information the history of how they got together and licked the gambling habit.

Another guest (besides me) was a gambler still trying to decide whether he wants to be cured. It seems he has been to these meetings several times, courting help but not quite ready, as yet, to embrace it.

When the group was ready to get down to business, the gamblers repaired to one room and their wives to another—in the social hall of a big church. While the wives shared with me their weekly program of soul-stretching exercises, the men pursued their own discussion in stag privacy down the hall.

Some of these men had gambled away small fortunes and some of the wives had been on the verge of distraction, due to insecurity before Gamblers Anonymous worked the miracle that resulted in domestic teamwork, sound money management and happy living.

The group leader gave me a leaflet titled "Compulsive Gambling," which says in part:

"In the world today, compulsive gambling has become a problem of menacing proportions. Men and women in the grip of this compulsion know misery and despair. They seem powerless to escape and often apparently don't want to escape. For those who would, the first step is an honest appraisal of areas in which gambling has become a problem. This pamphlet is intended as a guide in this appraisal."

The pamphlet defines gambling, provides a questionnaire to help the reader determine whether he is addicted, and goes on to say: "We (Gamblers Anonymous) are men and women from all walks of life who have known humiliation and despair due to an insane urge to gamble. Our recovery is based on willingness to bring about certain personality changes in ourselves. We recognize that together we can bring about these changes. Separately we could not."

"Where any two or more problem-gamblers join together to discuss their common problem, we have a GA meeting. Our group meeting experience and procedure is available on request. Address inquiries to P.O. Box 17173, Los Angeles 17, California."

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Irishtown Institute Scores Verbose In School Books

KENSINGTON — The Irishtown Women's Institute met in the Community hall Feb. 5 with 13 members present, each answering roll call with a recipe for a hot supper dish. The usual form of opening exercises was conducted by the president, with the thought for the month given by Mrs. Thomas Campbell. The treasurer reported a balance of \$266.76. New committee is Mrs. John E. MacLeod, Mrs. H.B. MacLeod and Mrs. Clair Profit; school visitor, Mrs. Leigh Paynter.

The teacher voiced her appreciation for the geometry set also books of knowledge which are proving so helpful in school work.

The month's committee reported the sum of \$33.69, proceeds of three card parties. Correspondence was read and the secretary instructed to send for Red Cross forms to use in the March Campaign. Five dollars was voted to be paid for membership fee in the Music Festival association with the five names to be sent in. Mrs. Clair Profit offered to purchase some suggested items for the hall.

The Farm Forum broadcast on technical education was listened to with interest, and a discussion followed, chaired by Mrs. Harold MacLeod. Mrs. Leigh Paynter, acting as secretary filled in the questionnaire.

The meeting was critical of the verbosity of the content of several of the too often changing text books which makes it difficult for the average students to meet the high standard set for them before they can qualify for a technical or vocational course. They become discouraged trying to further their education so strongly approved of today, the meeting felt.

Cotton remnants were displayed. Some pieces were picked out for a fancy quilt, the others auctioned by Mrs. Borden Campbell to a value of \$3.50. Collection amounted to \$1.15.

Mrs. Leigh Paynter read a paper on home economics. Red Cross material was given out to the members.

Two contests of names of people and places were conducted and prizes given by the committee in charge, who also served lunch.

MORELL C. W. I.

The January meeting of Little Flower Parish Council was held at home of Mrs. J. Ernest Rossiter with an attendance of 29 members. Mrs. William Aylward chaired the meeting. Rev. William Simpson opened the meeting with prayer.

Correspondence consisting of Provincial Convener's letters, several thank you notes were presented and read. The new C.W.I. bulletin published monthly was favorably received.

Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. B. F. McCarty and showed a satisfactory bank balance with all bills paid. Membership convener Mrs. Vincent McGrath passed in dues from eight members.

Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Waldron MacKinnon. Roll call - something for Auction to the value of 75 cents. And it was decided to invite the members of Kingston W.I. to attend.

Meeting closed with the Queen. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Miss Marilyn Buchanan and Mrs. Orvin Corney and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

FAMED PIANIST Dame Myra Hess, the great English pianist, was 17 when she made her London debut in 1907.

Finance convener Mrs. Somerled Kelly reported on houses available for card parties in next few weeks. It was announced the subscriptions for "The Casket" Antigonish Paper were now due and those wishing to renew same may pass in money to press convener, Mrs. Joseph Rooney during month of February.

It was unanimously decided to send a donation to Rev. Maurice Coffin, O.M.I. and Rev. Joseph Coffin, O.M.I. missionaries from this parish in Canadian West.

It was moved by Mrs. Frank Dunn and seconded by Mrs. Ernest Rossiter to hold a card party in Legion Hall.

It was also agreed to take up a collection to help the fund to place Bishop Sheen's Program on T.V.

At the conclusion of meeting a symposium on "Child Training" was presented by Mrs. Alphonsus Kelly, Mrs. George Kelly and Mrs. Walter McAdam.

This program was chaired by Mrs. Somerled Kelly and was very well prepared and presented. It was followed by a lively discussion on dealing with and training of different types of young children. An interesting book entitled "Up the years from One to Six" was presented to panel members and to all mothers of young children who wished to see it.

This program was well received by all present and proved most interesting and informative. Plans were made for the next executive meeting and material to be compiled for next month's bulletin by press convener.

Lunch was served by hostess and helpers and meeting closed with usual Prayers.

RIVERDALE — CHURCHILL W. I.

The February meeting of Riverdale and Churchill Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Kelsie Buchanan with an attendance of 10 members and two visitors.

Meeting opened by singing Little Brown Jug and repeating creed in unison.

Mrs. Garfield MacFadyen held a quiz on Bobbie Burns. Correspondence was read. It was moved by Mrs. Oliver MacLeod and seconded by Mrs. Kelsie Buchanan that \$1. be given to Home Economics.

Mrs. Finlay MacFadyen invited members to her home to put a quilt top together.

Later the W.I. will meet at the home of Mrs. Waldron MacKinnon to quilt same. Sick committee reported having made one visit.

Mrs. Waldron MacKinnon read a quiz on health. Plans were made to have a rummage sale in the near future.

A guessing contest was held by Mrs. Finlay MacFadyen, prize won by Mrs. Garfield MacFadyen.

A scrambled word contest was held by Mrs. Oliver MacLeod, prize won by Mrs. Orvin Corney.

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After losing, he has practically no money for gasoline, lunches or cigarettes. I should think after scripping all week he would be ready to keep his money, come next pay day. But usually it is the same old story. And since he won't give me the money for safekeeping, I can't help him.

stables... She brings home her babies, and after visiting a while with the family, retires to a quiet room and there becomes lost to all else while she studies. Ever since she first attended school, she has faithfully and of her own accord, done her various assignments of homework, so to be prepared to meet calmly the schoolyard ahead.

Quiet... how quiet the night is! Someone has said: "These be three quiet things, may four: rain on the roof, wind in the grass, water lapping the shore, fire purring on the hearth." We think too how quiet our valley lies now, caught in the witchery of winter. Above is the clear, sapphire-blue of night, patterned by the trailing ribbons of white clouds... and the frosty stars. And the moon which lends its magic light to all below - from rim to rim of our world: the stream caught here and there lily, the white fields which reach up and away on its slopes, the dark of trees and woodland.

The fire purrs, singing softly, now its last-song of the day. A lullaby it is, a comforting "Rest ye" kind of song. James puts by his book. Yawns, obviously caught in a weariness.

"I would suggest Ellen" he smiles "that you and I call this a day!"

"Until tomorrow — Diary — Good-night..."

WAR HERO IN HOSPITAL

OSHAWA (CP)—Major John Foote, former Ontario minister of reforms institutions, is reported in satisfactory condition in hospital where he was taken last week after suffering a heart attack. Major Foote has been living at Fort Hope, Ont., where he is sheriff of Northumberland and Durham counties. He was awarded the Victoria Cross during the Second World War.



by Anne Adams

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ELLEN'S DIARY

New Animal Younglings Add Interest to Farm Life

The clear sky, the brilliant sunshine, the invigorating air, the blue shadows lengthening on yard and field—these lovelinesses, we recall now of this day. And in the wake of yesterday's storm, all were privileged to return again to the customary round of their living.

Cheerful and inspiring was the crowing from the poultry-house across the yards which roused us to come to the serenity of the brand new day.

"No lamb yet!" Mack reported coming by early. "I was a thinking perhaps I would find one."

"How is the baby-goat?" "She's real playful already!" he smiled. "And I'd say, she's the prettiest one we've had. You should see the new calf in the pole barn now! You'd think she would be having a hard time of it among those loose - housed cows, but she's doing well there."

"Your Dad likes that sort of stabling, doesn't he?"

"Yes, he's all for it. He says that he's going to take all the stalls from the other stables and let the cattle there, run loose too. And do you know there is a lot to be said in favor of it? They're handled easier. It takes no time to feed and bed them. And there is only one stable-cleaning to it—it comes in the spring."

"But the horses will need stalls" he said.

"Yes" he agreed. "But for the cattle, I'm inclined to think Dad is right. I believe when I come to farm, I'll raise my beef that way. I must tell Gran'daddy that would give me more time in winter to play hockey!" he chuckled.

In the moonlight this evening, Grandfather, who commutes add times from and to town to classes, when the opportunity offers and the weather is promising, must accompany him to look on the new goat and sheep calves come of late to the

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