

Happenings of The Week

The Sunday Dispatch reports that the Earl of Dalkeith may not be as engaged—but not to Princess Margaret. The paper says it has learned from close friends of 28-year-old Lord Dalkeith that he is planning to pop the question to a girl abroad whose name wasn't revealed.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Viscountess Alexander of Tunis, accompanied by their guests, Hon. Bridget Westra and Capt. Basil Seton, and attended by Miss Frances Dold and Flight-Lieut. S. E. M. Milliken, were present at the May Court dinner-dance in the Chateau Laurier on Friday last.

Mrs. William Stevenson and Mrs. William Thompson were joint hostesses at a shower for their classmate, Mrs. Hugh Simpson, the former Miss Norma Shaw, R.N., at Mrs. Stevenson's home on Fitzroy Street on Thursday evening.

Mrs. A. J. Haslam was hostess on Wednesday at a delightful luncheon bridge at her new home, 14 Fitzroy Street. On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Haslam entertained at tea when Mrs. George Ives poured.

Her friends were sorry to learn of Mrs. Percy Turner's misfortune in falling on the sidewalk and breaking a wrist this week.

Dr. F. L. Whitehead of East Riverside, N. B., was a guest last week at "The Charlottetown."

Mr. R. H. Pethick of New Glasgow, N.S., son of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pethick of Euston Street, accompanied by Mrs. Pethick, is a guest at "The Charlottetown."

Mrs. I. A. Horne entertained informally at afternoon tea on Thursday.

Miss Grace Bryant, R.N., is leaving this morning for Boston, Mass., where she plans to practise her profession. En route she will spend a week in Yarmouth, N.S., a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davis.

Mrs. T. D. DeBlouis entertained friends at a bridge party last evening.

Mrs. W. B. Ashbury and her daughter Judy have been visiting with her mother, Mrs. James Blake, Hillsborough Street.

Mrs. Roy Quigley is returning to Halifax today after a visit in Charlottetown when she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cotton.

Mrs. M. L. Toward of Halifax was a guest at "The Charlottetown" during the past week.

Mrs. Lewis S. Turner left on Wednesday morning on a short holiday visit to Montreal.

Mrs. G. E. Hartless is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. S. Jones, North River Road, while Mr. Hartless is on a business trip to Montreal.

Mrs. J. L. Hope-Johnson of Calgary, Alberta, is a visitor in Charlottetown, having been called home by the illness and subsequent death of her mother, Mrs. Julia Farquharson.

Friends regret the illness of Mrs. Errol S. Notting in the P. E. Island Hospital.

Several friends have entertained recently in honour of Miss Irene MacMahon whose marriage to Mr. Edward Auger takes place next week.

On Monday evening Misses Louise and Frances Rossiter held a miscellaneous shower at their home on McGill Avenue in honour of the bride-elect.

Miss Rotha Doyle entertained her bridge club on Tuesday evening when Miss MacMahon was presented with a beautiful gift.

Miss MacMahon was guest of honor at a dinner party at the home of Miss Madeleine McMurray on Wednesday evening.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Still at Alderlea the wood-cutting continues, though no longer can the farmers come to it by way of the truck. Yet on crisp afternoons when footsteps are light along the crust of the snow, they set out, and when sometimes the day is beclouded with the gray of the sky coming down close to meet the rim of our valley, odd pieces have been set aside for lumber but most of the harvest so far is destined for fuel-wood.

Away off over the fields that before too long will steam and dry and stir with new life, we catch, against the dark background of trees, the glow of the clearing fire, in which for neatness, all branches are burnt.

Since the year is lifting his second new moon over the horizon, oays are indeed lengthening. Super-time comes later now at this farm, so late that this housewife is sometimes tempted to sup before this, if she were not duty bound to await the appearance of her lord and master. So we wait . . . and come to a verandah or the yard, straining our sight to look out over the dusking farmlands.

How hushed and exquisitely still is this hour when the Night takes over her watch! How serene and reverent our world! And presently away off, but nearing two specks more in the dimness. And relieved we turn away and come within to add last touches to the meal.

We sometimes wonder if these often anxious waitings of wives and mothers so many times unsuspected or dismissed casually by the one or ones they await will be one day in our favor. Or will the concerned heartbeats be wholly disregarded? Those that accelerated until we fancied they were the one sound in the stillness? Will there be recompense for these?

A star, perhaps to light us in glory. Or do we gain sufficient reward in the here and now at sight or sound of their returning? Supper? How cozy—with grand-daughter who had been giving a favorite doll, bonneted and blanketed "an airing" stopping by to join us. And all about the old kitchen where we ate, the fragrance of balsam woods' places and the crunch and crackle of woods' fire on the glowing hearth.

And as the farmers occasionally draw loads to extend the heap in the yard we are reminded that once upon a time on farms it was often something of a problem to keep all the home fires burning. We remember that to their disgust the lads were kept busy at the chopping-block after school and on Saturdays, holding "cat-sticks" hacking and banging at lengths of green maple, to provide substances for an ever-demanding box behind the kitchen stove.

A visitor, farm-born and reared and successful now in another occupation, surveying our heap of wood then in stove-lengths in the yard one day last summer commented with a whimsical smile: "Isn't that a fine sight, Ellen? Farmers no longer bring it out a sleigh-load at a time, do they? And burn that. . . and go back for another? In my boyhood, . . . but dear me, it's just as well not to go back to that part of it!"

"But confidentially, Ellen, I think that one of the causes that drove me away from the farm was because I was obliged to spend so much time at the chopping-block, which for convenience was set not from the kitchen door!" J. W. Riley, who dedicated his poetry "To the Children of The Old Times and of these—with changed love" must have carried callosities on boyish palms from the same toll. He writes of "Old Winters on the Farm."

"I have just about decided, 'T'ud best a town-boy hoppin' Per to work all winter, choppin' Per a' old fireplace like I did! Lawd! them old times wuz contrary!"

"Blame 'backbone o' winter, 'pearced-like WOULDNT' break!—and I, wuz skeerd-like Clean on into Feb'uary! Notlin' ever made me madder Than fer Pop to stomp in layin' On 'a' extra fore-stick, sayin' 'Groun'-hog's out and seed his shadder!"

Until Monday — — Diary — — Good-night daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Lowther.

Mrs. Carl Green entertained friends at tea on Tuesday afternoon.

Her many friends are sorry to hear that Mrs. Arthur Bruce is a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Bailey left on Monday for their home in Washington, D.C. They plan to return on the first of May to make their home in Charlottetown.

Mrs. J. J. Davies left on Wednesday morning for Espanola, Ontario, for an extended visit with her granddaughter, Mrs. J. F. McCallum and Mr. McCallum.

Miss Florence (Tillie) MacKay, City, left this week for Bermuda where she has accepted a position for the winter months.

Donnie MacLeod Sweater Queen



Miss Donald MacLeod, shown above, winner of a Province-wide beauty contest during last summer's Festive Week, has done it again. Miss MacLeod, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. MacLeod of Victoria, was chosen as the Sweater Queen of the Millionaire Sweater Dance sponsored by the Commerce Society of Dalhousie University recently, reported to be one of the most successful they have ever held.

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN—

Spoiled Son

Pampered Boy Will Make Unsatisfactory Husband

DEAR MISS DIX: Does a spoiled child ever grow up? I think in our case my husband's folks won't give him a chance. He is the favorite in his family, and his brothers and sister say their parents always favored him. The other children in his family are permitted to live their own lives without constant supervision, but we are not. We must submit all our plans to his parents for their O.K. If there is a difference of opinion on what should be done, their ideas are the ones carried out. Whenever my husband gets into any kind of trouble he goes to his parents. They are always buying things for him, and until lately bought all his clothes. His folks don't have too much money and really should be saving for a rainy day. My husband says he'll take care of them, but I don't see how he can when he can't even care for his own family now.

ANSWER: It's difficult sometimes to draw the line between a devoted son and a dependent one. If you know you're married to a man of the latter type, you have snagged just about as poor a matrimonial risk as there is. A grown man who still enjoys being babied by his parents to the point where he seeks their attention at the risk of neglecting his wife and children will certainly never be the mainstay of his own household.

HE HAS A CHANCE

If the condition is a superficial, rather than a fundamental, one, there's a chance that hubby may be jolted out of it by some circumstance that will awaken his latent sense of responsibility. It is, after all, nothing more than a desire to shrink responsibility that makes a man cling to his mother's apron strings long after they should have been cut. The inability to make decisions without parental sanction, a habit of the complete childishness of a mother-dominated son. If your husband can't see himself in this guise of spineless jellyfish, unable to plan his own life, to resist the gifts lavished on him by parents who themselves need the money, he might brace up and achieve at least some semblance of manhood.

A woman usually knows quite well before marriage if her husband has been pampered by doting parents and is unlikely to get over it. With characteristic feminine optimism regarding reform, she is sure he'll change after marriage. Of course he doesn't. By the time the little woman realizes this, it's too late to do much of anything except accept the situation.

Moving away might solve part of the problem, but it is a most difficult step to effect. Sonny simply cannot be hidden by anything less than a tidal wave from the close proximity of mother and dad. Reasoning is likewise futile, and threats avail nothing. If you gradually assume all responsibility for the home yourself (except for financial support), your husband may one day realize he is losing his position as head of the family, and come down to earth.

DEAR MISS DIX: I go to high school and am very much in love with a boy I've known four years. He is a football hero and is very popular, while I'm not. I'm particularly attractive and though I know I'm young, I really do care for him. It isn't just the fact that he's a hero, either, because I knew him before he played football.

ANSWER: My dear child, you are in love with your football hero and so, I'll wager, are 50% of the other girls in your school. The big, handsome, popular guys in high school are always the object of adulation from scores of schoolmates, usually freshmen or sophomores. If you can hero-worship without expecting a return, continue to adore him, but the chances of his ever even noticing you're in school are very slim. Every school has its glamour boy, with a consequent trail of broken dreams among the younger girls. Like the measles, this is a passing phase and by the time you finish school, you'll wonder what you ever saw in your football hero.

DEAR MISS DIX: Can a person love twice, or is marriage for companionship likely to be successful? I'm a widow of 50 with a good job and my own money. I have met a widower the same age who thinks a lot of me but I can't love him as I did my husband. He can't save money, spends it foolishly, but says after we're married I'll have it. I don't want to give my job up. He likes to drink a lot and doesn't go to church. My friends think I should get married.

ANSWER: For heaven sake, Lizzie, don't take advice from friends, no matter how helpful they seem to be. You are apparently very reluctant to marry your widower—and rightly so, I think. He probably will save money after marriage—but it will be your money, not his. He has nothing to recommend him as a matrimonial risk for you.

Junior Ladies' Aid of P.E.I. Hospital Presents A PARADE OF SPRING FASHIONS at Prince Edward Theatre March 24th — Shpws 7.00 — 9.15 Tickets \$1.25

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barlow, M.D.

FIBROSITIS — MUSCULAR RHEUMATISM

Years ago, when a pain in the muscle occurred, it was called muscular rheumatism and usually by heat and aspirin treatment gave relief. We do not hear or read now of the words muscular rheumatism as this pain is called fibrositis or nonarticular (not in the joint) rheumatism. Fibrositis is an inflammation of the fibrous ends of muscle fibers which are inserted into ends of the bones to be moved, as in knee, ankle, spine and other parts.

Because muscular rheumatism is one of the commonest ailments afflicting mankind, causing loss of time from work, it is receiving considerable attention from our industrial physicians.

In the Ontario Medical Review, Dr. Wallace Graham, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto, and president of the Canadian Rheumatism Society, states that Fibrositis (nonarticular rheumatism) occupies a prominent place in industry from the standpoint of illness and loss of working hours.

"The patient complains of pain and stiffness in various soft tissue areas notably the neck, shoulder, shoulder blade areas, and lower back." The pain comes, goes away for a time and when it returns it may be more severe. It is worse after rest, worse with dampness, colds and draughts, and some relief is obtained with activity, heat or aspirin.

Physical examination and laboratory findings are negative except for some tenderness and stiffness. Dr. Graham points out that people may become sore and stiff from mental as well as physical trouble. "These patients are tense, restless, and high-strung, they cannot relax. They sit on the edge of the chair as they relate their symptoms. They suffer from emotional restraint; some have a deep-seated resentment or anger. Just as these factors or conditions give rise to heart and stomach symptoms in some patients, so in others the symptoms are muscular."

What about treatment of muscular rheumatism or fibrositis? Just as in heart and stomach symptoms when no organic disease is present, getting the patient to relax is the first thought. This means that the emotional stress and strain (anxiety) must be removed. In some cases it is the personality of the patient that is the underlying cause; in other cases it is the patient's surroundings at home or at work. "A good history will uncover the aggravating force, whether it be the employer, the boss, wife or husband or the housing situation. Reassurance that fibrositis is not a progressive arthritis is helpful."

The Stars Say - - By Genevieve Kemble

FOR Tomorrow

ACCORDING to the lunar and mutual configurations, this day may bring forth spectacular and breathtaking experiences or adventures. In the most gratifying or enjoyable aspect there could possibly be a heart-warming windfall, an inheritance, or a sensational coup on "the market."

If It Is Your Birthday

Those whose birthday it is may be prepared for a year of the sensational, exciting and unpredictable. This strange turn of events could yield much benefit, progress and pleasure. Hasty or reckless action, with stress and emotional excitement, might produce the opposite of such benign "gifts of the gods." Refrain from splurge and show, prodigality in behavior, as financial, public and business integrity might reach a startling denouement. Gambles might thrill but pay no dividends.

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Morning Smile Better Make Sure The surly old miser fell ill, and in a panic sent for the local clergyman, although he had never done anything to help the parish. "If I leave \$50,000 to the church he croaked, 'will my salvation be assured?'" "I wouldn't be certain," replied the clergyman, "but it's well worth trying!"

That'll Quiet Him The after-dinner speaker had talked for twenty minutes. "After partaking of such a meal," he continued, "I feel that if I had eaten any more I would be unable to talk."

Better English By G. C. Williams 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We don't propose to interfere, even though there are less than four people present."

Household Scrapbook By Roberta Lee A Smoky Room If the living room is heavy with smoke after a party, and you do not wish to retire leaving a window in this room open, put a basin of water in the room and leave it overnight. The air will be fresh in the morning.

Chocolate Fudge Add one teaspoonful of baking powder to every two cups of sugar when beating the fudge, and the candy will be much smoother in texture.

Pastry Board A piece of clean white oilcloth makes an excellent substitute for the pastry board. It is more easily cleaned than the board, and can be rolled up and put away in a clean place for next time wanted.

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ANSWERS 1. Say, "We don't intend to interfere, even though there are fewer than four persons present."

Modern Etiquette By Roberta Lee

Q. When are place cards proper at a semi-public banquet?

Q. What would be a good toast for a host to offer to a guest?

Q. This is optional; she may do whichever she prefers.

Q. How can I prevent streaking the clothes when using bluing in hard water?

Q. How can I hasten the cooking of foods in the double boiler?

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by Alice Brook