

Woman's Realm/Social and Personal/Fashions/Literature

Happenings of The Week

The future of two British women, one an aristocrat, the other middle-class, last week hung fire at the parliamentary election. Whether the Conservatives or the Laborites won their way back into parliament it was certain that either Mrs. Clementine Churchill or Mrs. Violet Atlee would follow their husbands back into No. 10 Downing Street, Britain's home of prime ministers. Both women, as alike in their devotion to their husbands, as they are unlike in their backgrounds are vital to both men in shouldering the heavy responsibilities of statesmanship. His eyes brimming with tears, Winston Churchill said of his wife at Strasbourg last year: "It would not be possible for any public man to get through without the devoted assistance of what we call in England one's 'better half'—that was not the first time Britain's wartime prime minister had paid to the woman who since 1908 had been his wife, confidante, hostess, housekeeper and mother of his five children. In the same manner Clement Atlee, prime minister of Britain's Labor government, has often praised his pleasant, rather shy 54-year-old wife and mother of his four children.

Both women, one the daughter of a wealthy, titled landowner, the other the youngest of eleven whose father was a middle-class business man, are very much alike in the care of their husbands. Neither wife is far behind when her husband is seen out, either in public or private. When either Prime Minister Atlee or Winston Churchill makes an important speech in parliament, his wife is always to be seen seated in the private gallery. Mrs. Churchill generally gives her husband a little wave of her hand in encouragement before he begins to talk. During the war Mrs. Churchill accompanied her husband on every possible occasion. She travelled to Quebec City and Washington with him. At home she toured the countryside when German bombing prevented Winston from returning home. Mrs. Churchill always motored to the underground cabinet secret headquarters where she had her own bedroom next to W. C. still often with him. Mrs. Atlee is often driven for the P. M. Helping out her husband, Clement Churchill advises him regularly of his day's appointments and often admonishes him "Now don't be late, darling."

Both women have silver-gray hair and while Mrs. Atlee has a partiality for smart hats Mrs. Churchill frequently visits the swank salons of Norman Hartnell and Edward Molyneux. Mrs. Churchill is taller, more elegant and more dignified in her bearing than Violet Atlee but what the latter lacks in beauty she makes up in friendliness and a warm smile. Although both women are alike in their devotion to their husbands they differ greatly in their political undertakings. Mrs. Churchill, conscious of her social and political upbringing, is far more active politically than Mrs. Atlee who has said on a number of occasions, "I have never been a political wife. I have just looked after my husband and children." While Prime Minister Atlee's wife dislikes public speaking and remains in the background whenever possible, Mrs. Churchill is a fine linguist and has a smattering of Churchillian twang, relishes the prospect of speaking in favor of Conservatism at every opportunity. At times she has been known to rush to the defence of her absent husband when a heckler attacks him.

Princess Elizabeth is flying from London to Malta this month for her second visit with her husband. A spokesman at Clarence House, London home of the Princess, said she intended to leave for Malta about March 28. Her husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, is on sea duty there as first lieutenant of the destroyer Chequers.

The Governor-General and the Viscountess Alexander of Tunis, attended by the Hon. Elizabeth Lawrence and Maj. the Hon. Desmond Chichester, were present at divine service held under the auspices of the Ottawa Council of Churches, at Christ Church Cathedral on Monday evening.

Dr. J. A. MacMillan and Mrs. MacMillan have returned from Montreal where Dr. MacMillan attended a medical meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. MacLaine left on Monday for Vancouver where they will attend the curlers' meet and while there will visit their daughter, Miss Elizabeth MacLaine of West Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lawson gave a party at their home on Tuesday evening for the members of the cast of the Little Theatre play, "Brighten The Corner."

Miss Jehanna Lefurgey of Montreal who spent a brief visit with her mother, Mrs. Robert Nicholson, Fitzroy Street this week, returned by plane on Friday. Miss Lefurgey is convalescing after an illness of several weeks.

Miss Helen Jenkins of Charlottetown is visiting Mrs. Edward O'Brien, Ottawa, for a few days on her way to Calgary, Alta., where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Reddin.

Mrs. Frances Holl Trainor entertained in Toronto for Mrs. Leigh Dingwell who spent some time on holiday there. Mrs. Dingwell returned to Charlottetown this week.

Friends will be interested to hear of the birth in Montreal on Monday of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. Thomas Judah, nee Virginia Scarth.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Foster and their young son will return today from a holiday in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. MacEwen, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. R. MacEwen, Upper Prince Street, have returned to Sydney, N. S.

Mrs. Lorne Ives, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Hogg and Dr. Hogg, Brighton Road, will leave shortly for Kentville, N. S., where she and Mr. Ives will take up residence.

The members of the Queen Mary Needlework Guild held a sewing meeting at the home of Mrs. J. F. Gordon, Longworth Avenue, on Monday afternoon.

Friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. A. G. Ley is now a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

Miss Fleur Hillon entertained at bridge on Wednesday night.

Mrs. B. C. Howard, who was formerly Miss Dorothy Holman of Charlottetown, has been appointed president of the Y. W. C. A. at Sherbrooke, Que.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Coffin of Charlottetown left Friday to visit relatives in South Boston, Mass.

Mrs. and Mrs. Torquill MacNeill, Milton, left on Monday morning for a three months' visit to San Diego, California. While there they will be the guests of their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur MacNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Williams entertained informally a number of their friends at their home in Summerside on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. C. Simpson of Summerside left on Friday morning with the Maritime Flying Curlers on a trip to the Pacific Coast.

Mrs. W. A. Currie entertained a number of friends at her home in Summerside on Monday evening when three tables of bridge were in play.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Holman left Summerside on Thursday morning on a trip to Halifax, N. S.

Miss Zilpha Sharp, Summerside, entertained a number of friends at bridge on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Nash left on Thursday morning for their home in Berwick, N. S., after visiting relatives in the Province. In Summerside they were the guests of Mrs. Nash's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Allen.

Mrs. Lucas R. Allen, Summerside, entertained a number of her friends at the tea hour recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Walker, Summerside, entertained a number of their friends at their home in Summerside on Tuesday evening.

Miss Jean MacFadyen of Summerside, left yesterday morning with the Maritime Flying Curlers on a trip to Vancouver, B.C.

Lenten Meditations

ENDURANCE AND DECISION
(The London-Times)

It is not surprising that Jesus chose fishermen for his disciples. Among his neighbours in Galilee there were none better fitted by their training for the rigours of a long campaign.

On the morning described in the Gospel, Simon Peter and his companions had toiled all night and taken nothing. They knew their fishing grounds; they knew it was no use trying any more. Yet it was just at this point of despair that the word came to them from the one whom they yet knew but little, though already they had accepted him as master: "Lau ch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught."

He was no skilled fisherman who spoke to them but a craftsman from the land. Yet he had that about him which could not be refused. Soon their nets were full; and Simon, finding himself in deeper spiritual waters than he had ever expected, was crying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

Jesus did not depart from him; he began to use his fishermen's training for the greater end of catching men, and changing the world's history.

The disciple followed Jesus, not because he knew all about him, but because he trusted what he saw. The modern Christian believes that in the same Jesus the ultimate secret of life is revealed. "He that hath seen me," said Jesus, "hath seen the Father."

Because of the life that he lived, the death that he died, and his new life won in triumph over death and sin, the deepest fears of his disciples have already been relieved. That to which they are called is not ease but difficulty and discomfort, the insecurity of the open boat. They follow one who was put to death upon a cross. But where he triumphed they, through him, can triumph also.

The shallow places of life to-day are crowded, but in the deep places there is room for all. Many in the shallows are fatigued. They feel that stern toll has brought them very few results. Yet once more to them also there comes the divine impulse to try again, to take the risk to attempt the greater rather than the smaller task.

They may not know much about the one who has planted that impulse within them. But if they trust the little that they know they find themselves led forward in unexpected ways to new discoveries. It is decisions of this kind which change the course of history.

Pioneer Days

In P. E. I.
By F. H. MacArthur

Child life in the early days of this Island was vastly different than it is nowadays, but we are not at all certain that they were less happy. In this brief sketch, I am going to try to point out some of these differences as the article takes shape.

Have you ever thought how much is done for the boys and girls of this generation? The school of today is a palace compared with the school of pioneer days; costly books are printed for them, toys are unlimited and amusements of many kinds are provided. This was not the case in pioneer days; then children were "expected to be seen and not heard", and they were also taught to obey their parents and respect other folk, especially the elderly persons in the district.

No doubt parents loved their children then as much as they do now, but they were not pampered or spoiled by having things their way, or by over indulgence.

The life of our forefathers was one long grind of poverty and hard work. They had to do without many things; and so did their children, for large families were quite common—eight or ten being an average family. Often children were named after some flowers or again, names were taken from the Bible, such as Pansy, Buttercup, Daisy, Jeremiah, Jacob, Adam, etc.

In the earliest days of the Island settlers there was little regular education of the children. The brighter of the boys learned to read, write, and do a few simple problems in arithmetic; the girls did a bit of sewing. Their

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Now comes the pleasant lull that follows the end of our week of work, the calm and quiet and order that usually brings us to our Day of Rest. Small fellows weary from the varied interests of their day are snug in bed, the smaller lad suffering no escort but his father. Jamie granted a later hour of retiring, and more accustomed to our ministrations, is not so particular about his bed. Even though eyelids are weighed, ends of some topics still remain to be brought to a satisfactory conclusion, before sleep finally settles. And so we sometimes loiter in his room until a last word of the day hesitates on his lips. It is, we think, strange and touching that no matter how trying at times children may be during the day, every last irritation is forgotten when they come to their pillows, and they are then especially innocent and dear. "The poor little fellow", James will say caressing one deep in slumber, "they have their own troubles too!"

But James is not with us at this house "in the road" tonight. Always faithful to us in our continuing absence from Alderlea, only because his present busy situation leaves him as he says "no time to look around" he intended to come to spend this evening with the family here if today's snowfall and drifts had not continued into the dark and in an on-again, off-again, gone-again manner that has patterned the travelling along this road of ours this Winter, once more motor traffic is suspended, and the farmers expect that February has given them some drifts to clear.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

Now that allergists, and general physicians also, are finding that the reason some of us are afflicted with hay fever, urticaria (hives), frequent head colds and itching of the skin, and others are not, is that the afflicted ones have too much histamine in their system. The new drugs that lessen the effect of histamine are becoming popular; a new one seems to be reported almost monthly by research workers scattered throughout the world. Two of these are benadryl and pyribenzamine.

Recently I wrote about 12 patients who were relieved of asthmatic attacks by a solution of benadryl sprayed up the nose. Benadryl entirely prevented attacks, decreased their severity or grossly lengthened the time between attacks.

Benadryl is helping many cases of hay fever in patients who have had several series of injections of ragweed pollen. The fact that benadryl can be taken by mouth also makes it popular with patients.

In "The Journal of Allergy," Dr. J. E. Rothschild reports a case, a 25-year-old man, who, while holding a piece of ice noted swelling, numbness and tingling of the hands. The same symptoms occurred while holding a glass of iced tea, on eating ice cream, or drinking cold beverages. "After entering an air-conditioned building, the patient's hands, feet and legs felt as though pins and needles were sticking into them." The patient was desensitized (made free of symptoms due to coldness) by water baths daily, first at a temperature of 97 degrees F. then gradually reduced, during four weeks to 75 degrees F. In addition, 50 mg. of benadryl and 5 mg. amphetamine (Benzedrine Sulfate) were given by mouth four times daily. Upon discharge from hospital the patient could eat ice cream with no ill effect.

In "New York State Journal of Medicine," Dr. A. J. Philip reports that benadryl in a 2 per cent ointment brought complete and lasting relief in 44 of 85 cases of severe itching of the skin and partial relief in 18. There was no relief in 23 cases.

Judging by the above experiences with benadryl, this antihistaminic drug is worth a trial in the various forms of allergy.

Living & Leisure

— THE WOMAN'S REALM —

SNATCHES OF SPRING

Snatches of Spring some fleeting moments fill—
"Wakening the senses as a whirl of wings—
Though white the snow within the woods—but still
I catch a hint of song of coming Spring.
I sense it in the nearby hills and know
And hear with ecstasy the magic touch
Of mystic singing of the muted bow
Across the unseen strings that tell so much.
Though Summer birds are not yet here to sing—
I know 'tis not too soon to think of Spring."
—Klara M. Whitehouse.

COLOR GOES TO FEET IN SMART SPRING STYLES

Every color in the rainbow will grace the well-shod foot come Spring. The almost entire blue family, in mono-color or combined with other shades, is well represented with navy leading; red in scarlet and cherry tones, greens, rosewood, kolabrown, cinabar, cocoa—there are browns to suit everyone — and let's not forget the blonde and beige shades, the grays and, of course, the all-important black. Multi-color combinations, too, were highlighted at a style show held in connection with the fourth annual convention of the Canadian Shoe Retailers' Association held in the Mount Royal Hotel recently.

High button boots, relics of the 1000's, worn by Joy Gilmour, were in striking contrast to the airy freedom, variety of color and silhouettes presented in the newest 1950 Canadian-made shoes. As a climax Marion Birchell of Calgary, named the association's Miss Canadian Footwear, appeared in what the well-dressed cow-girl wears in Alberta's cattle country, complete from ten-gallon hat to polished hand-made boots.

The fashion accent is on costume co-ordination. Skirts are inching up, attention is being directed to the foot, and the shoe is now in focus both day and evening.

Slip-on shoes in polished calf, suede and reptiles, ties, pumps and sling-back types, are given a light and airy look through use of perforations, cutouts, or punch-work on the vamp. Open toes and sling-backs offer comfort and freedom in warmer months.

the fresh new look of 1950 fashions!

Rim the necklines with starched white collars. These snowy accents which spotlight new fashions can be used to rejuvenate an old coat, suit or dress for another season's wear.

You can use big or little collars, Eton, breton sailor or Peter Pan styles. You might even borrow your brother's dressy wing collar and team it up with an immaculate vestee to fill in a suit front.

You can, for example, freshen up last season's simple fitted coat by basting a starched pique Peter Pan collar to hide completely the rolled collar of the coat. Wide white pique cuffs banding the sleeves will double the crisp appeal of this rejuvenating device. Outlining collars and cuffs with a narrow strip of black soutache braid is a high-style design trick worth borrowing to point up your snowy costume accents.

The classic tailored dress offers an equally adaptable background for a white collar. Your choice for this might be a waffle pique or linen bib with broad revers which offers a complete change of scene from the shirtwaist dress collar. The tiny starched boy's collar or a Johnny-collar offers a fresh-looking replacement for the string of beads you usually wind around the neckline of a collarless dress.

If the problem of pepping up a simple navy suit is the one that's bothering you, you can make an eye-catching frontpiece by teaming a man's stiff, high-climbing wing collar with a white pique vestee. To sharpen the effect, underscore the collar with a striped or printed bow tie and fasten the vestee with a line of glitter buttons or studs.

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DOROTHY DIX SAYS -

Ideal Mother

Neither Doormat Nor Martyr, Says Miss Dix

A correspondent asks: "What is your ideal of a good mother?"

"Well, my ideal of a good mother is not the popular one of tradition. She isn't the sweet saint who enslave herself to her children and lets them run roughshod over her. She isn't a martyr who offers herself up as a living sacrifice to the family altar.

No, my ideal mother is not a bit like that. She is more of a hard-boiled egg than she is a mush poultice. She has a heart as big as all outdoors, but she also has a backbone as large as a telephone post and she has an enlargement of the funny bone.

She does not make herself a doormat for her children. She puts herself on a pedestal so that they have to look up to her. And she is a woman of action. She doesn't trust to luck about how her children will turn out. She hats them into the straight and narrow path and keeps them walking it until they like it and don't feel at home anywhere else.

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My ideal mother tries to see her children as they are. She doesn't think that all her geese are swans and that each individual child is an infant phenomenon.

If Mary is an ugly duckling, mother sees to it that she is given the education and taught the parlor tricks that take the curse off her homeliness and save her from being a wallflower. If John is dull at his books but clever with his hands, she steers him into a career where ingenuity counts instead of the dead languages.

She gives her children a sporting chance in life because she has the intelligence to recognize their defects and help them to correct them.

My ideal mother knows that every mother writes her own price tag for her children, and that they take her absolutely at her own valuation. If she holds herself cheaply, they regard her as worthless. If she makes herself a servant to them, they treat her as they would a servant. If she is shabby, they are ashamed of her. If she permits them to talk back to her, they are insolent to her. If she gives them the best of everything, they take it without even a "thank you."

My ideal mother knows that her children will treat her exactly as she teaches them to treat her, and so she exalts herself in their eyes.

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The Stars Say -

By Genevieve Kemble

For Sunday, March 5

A POSSIBLE conflict, a surprising break in progressive and promising situations, a sudden withdrawal of cooperation from essential sources, even the alienation of an erstwhile friend may give some poignant anxiety or stress. While such may be distressing and deep-seated in tensions and feelings, at the same time there is quite a surprising appearance of an "eleventh hour friend" to give balm and stimulus.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is, may find themselves in a disquieting and perturbed state of mind and emotions, due to an unforeseen break in either support, friendship or business prospects, with unhappy reactions and conflicts on the personal life. While the break seems drastic and regrettable, there is balm in the shape of another proffer of friendship and cooperation also arising from an unexpected or unpredictable quarter. Take heed of this and mend broken fences, with assured

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Better English

By B. C. Williams

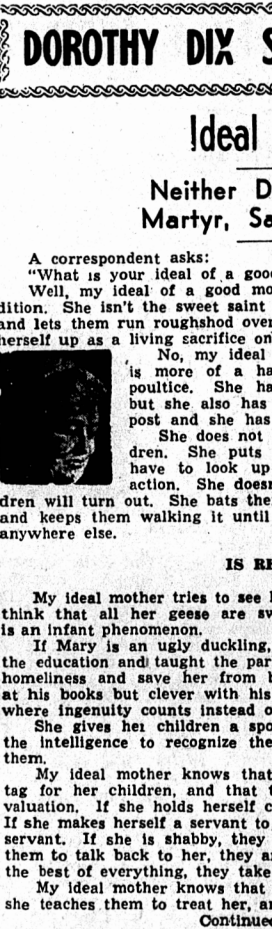
1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The alumnus of the college gathered for their reunion."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "illusiv"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Temperment, temporal, tempestuous, temerity, MacNeill.
4. What does the word "impenetrable" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "st" that means "to gain advantage over by stratagem"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "The alumni (plural) of the college." 2. Pronounce i-lu-siv, u as in cube, sa as in sit, not i-lu-ziv. 3. Temperament. 4. Incapable of being entered, or passed through. "Highest words impenetrable to star or sunlight." — Milton. 5. Circumvent.

ACTIVE VOLCANO

Mount Etna in eastern Sicily, 10,000 feet high, has had over 80 recorded eruptions.



Women's Liberal Club Entertains at Tea



On Monday afternoon following the opening of the House the Women's Liberal Club of Charlottetown entertained at tea for the members of the Legislature and their wives, Government employees and all those attending the first 1950 session. Those presiding at the tea table during the afternoon were Mrs. C. Gavan Duffy, Mrs. G. A. MacDonald, Mrs. Edgar Heartz, and Mrs. Cecil Stewart. The club president is Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse, and the convener for the tea was Mrs. Russell Roper.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Some of my friends have told me that it is bad luck for a bride-to-be to make her own wedding dress. Is this correct?
A. Definitely not. It is one of the oldest traditions that a bride-to-be not only make her own wedding dress, but also many of the items of her trousseau.

Q. When food is served at dinner, should a guest take it even if he does not like it?
A. Yes; refusing any dish is not flattering to the hostess, and it shows a lack of good breeding.

Q. Is it proper for a girl to thank a man after she has danced with him?
A. No; it is the man who has received the favor, and therefore he must do the thanking.

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I clean enamelware pans in which food has been burned?
A. Fill with cold water; add 1 tablespoon of washing soda for every quart of water, heating slowly, and then letting it boil for about 10 minutes. The burned food can then be removed without difficulty.

Q. How can I prevent the fingers and nails from discoloring when dyeing any article?
A. Try wearing rubber gloves. It's not an easy task to remove dye from the crevices of the hands.

Q. How can I keep a cake from scorching while baking it?
A. Try placing a dish of water in the oven when baking the cake.

Morning Smile

Handed Down

"Look at the way baby is working his mouth," exclaimed Mrs. Newman. "Now he proposes to put his foot in it."
"H'm," replied her husband, "Hereditary. That's what I did when I proposed."

He Had

Having played for the first time for his school rugby fifteen, a boy returned home more than usually elated, particularly as his team had been victorious.

His elation led him when his fond mother, opening the bag that contained his sports kit, withdrew from it his mud-stained jersey and shorts and exclaimed: "Gracious, you must have fallen!"

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Burned Food

Scrub the oven-heated stained casseroles and baking dishes with salt to remove the burned particles of food. Then soak in a pan of warm water, suds, and baking soda. Wash and dry.

Old Silks

To renew old silks unfold them and put into a tub, covering with cold water. Allow to remain for an hour. Dip them up and down, but do not wring. Hang up to drain, and iron while very damp.

Stain Removers

For the brightest to gift themselves with a stain remover, try this recipe:

Cook's Corner

CORN CREOLE

2 tablespoons chopped onion
2 tablespoons chopped green pepper (optional)
3 tablespoons butter
1 can whole kernel corn
1 can condensed cream of tomato soup
Dash of pepper
6 strips bacon

Fry the chopped onion and green pepper in the butter until tender. Combine with the corn and soup and a dash of pepper. Pour into a shallow casserole and top with strips of bacon. Bake in a moderate oven, 350 degrees F, for 30 minutes. Yield: six servings.

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A BETTER FLYTRAP

VANCOUVER — (CP) — Alf Torbjorn Holle, 60-year-old carpenter, is waiting for the world to beat a path to his door, now that he's invented a better flytrap. The trap is an inverted glass bottle, equipped with an electric screen inside. It is placed over a sugar-bait and the flies, after feeding, fly up into the screen and are burned to a powder.

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