



**EDITH STROUD PAUL CREIGHAN  
ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED**

The engagement is announced of Edith Monica Stroud, B.Sc., of Halifax, N.S. — Paul Hubert Creighan, B.Sc. of Halifax and Charlottetown. Miss Stroud is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Charles Stroud of Halifax, and Mr. Creighan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Creighan of Charlottetown. The wedding will take place July 2nd, 1966 at ten o'clock mass, Saint Thomas Aquinas Church, Halifax.

**Wife Of Quebec Premier  
Likes A Quiet Home Life**

By ROSEMARY SPEIRS  
MONTREAL (CP) — Politics? "After 20 years I've had my fill of it," says Reine Johnson, wife of the man whose Union Nationale party scored an upset victory in Quebec's June 5 election. The Union Nationale, under Daniel Johnson's leadership, won 55 seats in the 108-seat legislative assembly. The Liberals, in office since 1960, won 51. Independents captured the remaining two seats. Although happy with her husband's victory, Mrs. Johnson feels that for herself politics has often been more a duty than a pleasure. "I feel my most important task is to make a comfortable home for my husband," she said in an interview in her home here. "I enjoy some aspects of public life—I like to meet people for example. But on occasions which are not all that important, I just stick to home." Mrs. Johnson, 45, says she expects to continue her quiet home life whatever the future holds. When he first decided to enter active politics about two years after their marriage in 1943, Mr. Johnson asked his wife what she thought of his decision. "And I said I wish you wouldn't as far as our life together is concerned, but you

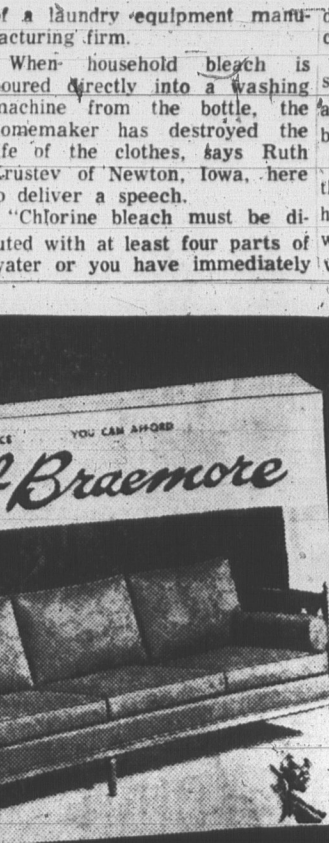
"My children are my whole life," Mrs. Johnson says. "Other concerns have always had to take second place to my life at home." Yet when she felt she could, Reine Johnson has actively campaigned by her husband's side. "I have never made much noise," she said with a laugh. "But I, have always been there." Until trouble with slipped discs slowed her down in 1952, she stumped for her husband, speaking to women's groups and political meetings. "No matter how far away I was, I used to come home afterwards so I would be there for my children. Sometimes I drove home at five in the morning to give the first bottle." Mrs. Johnson met Daniel when they were both students at the University of Montreal—he in law and she studying literature and journalism. "French-speaking by birth, though also fluent in English, Mrs. Johnson is keenly interested in English-French relations in Quebec. "The English have always been a minority here, but often didn't seem aware of it," she said slowly. "This problem is not one you can analyse in facts and figures. It is something you feel. And often I can't help but feel it odd that the English should have been leaders here so long—when the majority of people were French-speaking." She said she sees no immediate reason why drastic measures—such as separating from Canada—need be taken by Quebec. "I think we will be able to work these problems out on a calm basis, I believe in separatism only if it becomes absolutely necessary but that's a crisis we'll meet when we come to it." When in Quebec City for sessions of the legislature, Mr. Johnson lives at a hotel and phones his family every night. The Johnsons live during the children's school term in a comfortable home in Westmount, a Montreal suburb, and spend holidays in St. Pie de Bagot, Mr. Johnson's riding south of Montreal. Bookshelves and paintings cover the walls of the large family home in Westmount.

which formerly belonged to Mrs. Johnson's mother. "I'm a bit of a collector," she says. "As you can see if you look around, I love antique furniture, old books and many kinds of Canadian painting and handicrafts." For two years, before a recent bout with the recurrent spinal trouble, Mrs. Johnson owned and operated an art gallery in the old section of Montreal. "I called it the Galerie Bon Secours and I worked there about seven days a week with only one assistant. Then when my health broke down I had to choose between my family and the gallery—and naturally my family came first." Mrs. Johnson says she is mainly interested in Canadian figurative painting. Group of Seven paintings are favorites among those hanging in her Westmount home. Although her main personal hobby in recent years has been combing Montreal, an-

tique and old-book shops, Mrs. Johnson has also been a member of several women's literary circles and has done much charitable work. From 1960 to 1963 she spent two days a week driving a truck for the Red Cross, delivering medical supplies to invalids in their homes. "For all her outside work, she reaffirms that a woman's first job must be at home. "I have never been one of those who take a militant interest in questions of female equality," she says. "I think women should have the same pay and job opportunities as men and yet I wonder sometimes if women who speak up so strongly for their rights will not regret it in the future. "It will be a shame if women give up all the little attentions men now pay them for the sake of asserting a strict equality. I enjoy being a woman and having someone to lean on. It's good to feel a little helpless once in a while."

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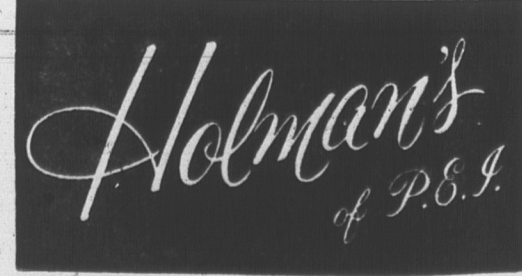
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