



fields being now, turning toward the springtime? Do they see the rose shades top the maple groves? Can they not fancy, as we would if we were absent from the scenes, old paths of Summer firming, and a shimmer of veil about the hillsides in the sunshine bespeak much loveliness to come? And scent again sweet of spring air along coastal places tangy with salt, or inland, as we know it, spruce-scented and clean? In the sounds are those of the returning Canada Geese, a first robin's trill. And all over, in sky and field and tree, we are aware of April's touch.

Even in the misty snowfall of today, one knew that just behind the cloud — maybe tomorrow, lay the clear spring sunlight and warming wind which takes the earth toward sowings and blossoming.

For us on the Island, April's gestures are obvious. Every day we see them.

"You didn't happen to see my baseball bat about?" Mack asked in the sunshine of the other afternoon. "And a ball? Good! I've been looking all over for them."

Yes, baseball and hopscotch and skipping ropes and marbles and kites — and rural lads looking about for "that wrench" or "the car-pump" to service their bicycles. . . for children, perhaps most of all are alert to April's calls. . . Now too the farmers observe them, intent as they are on matters of seed and fertilizer — getting to bed a bit earlier so as to rise in good time.

"Hi. . . did you know we're back?" Papa Starling hailed us today from the garage roof. "Why, so you are!" we smiled. "Had a good trip?"

"Not bad," he nodded, "not bad at all. Got a hankering to come a while back. . . you know how it is. So 'Home our footsteps we turned from wandering on a foreign strand. . . Always like to see April on the hillside. . . You know" he chuckled "Oh to be on the Island, now that April's here!"

Until tomorrow — — Diary — Goodnight. . .

period, home for a weekend. The rumble of traffic on the Highway a mile distant seemed to be close by.

And there in the yard where we loved the moonlit night, James came to join us. So beautiful the valley lay, the farmlands almost as bright as by day, and engagingly touched with the mystery and solace of the moonlight. We smiled. James' ears always attuned to catch and determine any sound of the farm — a ewe's bleat, a horse's neigh, a cow's low, had caught something now. It was an owl's cry drifting as ever somewhat eerily on the quiet air. He listened to hear the call repeated. "I'd say" he offered into the silence "it's coming from that bush up there. Another fine day ahead" he smiled.

And this one "blessed and hallowed" at the dawning, glides now softly away.

Until tomorrow — — Diary — Goodnight. . .

"Oh to be in England Now that April's there. And whoever wakes in England Sees some morning unaware That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf Round the elm-tree pole, are in tiny leaf.

While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough In England now!"

We think Robert Browning's pretty verses — his Home Thoughts must bring no uncertain nostalgia to those of her children abroad, who may not look on England's fairness, now that once more April's spell is there.

And what of our Islanders away? Wherever they are exiled, to whatever distances they have roamed from their native shore, do they, we wonder think now with some longing of April's back home? Can they picture the Island

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Women

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HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Wilfred Hunter, Charlotte, and Mrs. Richard MacRae, Vernon, have been spending Easter in New York City. They were registered at the Chesterfield Hotel. Mrs. MacRae's daughter, Miss Edythe MacRae of Richmond, Virginia, also was in New York for Easter. En route home Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. MacRae will visit in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Forbes, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leard, left Summerside on Thursday morning for West Palm Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Lois E. Couse entertained at her home in Summerside on Wednesday evening when a bridge was in play.

F-O and Mrs. Michael Buley and son, David, returned to Middleton, N.S., after spending the Easter weekend in Summerside, guests of Mrs. Buley's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Tredeack.

Mrs. A. W. Leard, Summerside, had as Easter guests, her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. S. K. Donald.

Mrs. Leigh Donald and children, Gregory and Gaylene, of Charlottetown, were recent visitors to Summerside, guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allison Harris.

Miss Ruby MacNeil of Saint John, N.B., spent Easter with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. MacNeil, Summerside.

Mrs. Mattie Gordon, Summerside, had as holiday guests, her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Gordon of Halifax, N.S.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Melanson and children of Moncton, N.B., were Easter guests of Mrs. Melanson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Rogers.

Mrs. Gerda Morrison of Halifax, N.S., spent the Easter weekend with her mother, Mrs. H. T. Holman, Summerside.

Mrs. R. E. Ellis, entertained at bridge at her home in Summerside on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Smith, of Summerside, had as holiday guests, their daughter, Mrs. Donald Murray and children, Margaret, Hugh and Arthur, of Lower Coverdale, N.B.

Mrs. J. LeRoy Holman and Mrs. W. P. Callaghan have re-

turned to their homes in Summerside after spending the past week in Montreal.

Mrs. Stewart MacMicken of Summerside, spent the past week in Charlottetown as guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur MacMicken.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Sterns of Fairview, N.S., spent the Easter weekend in Summerside, guests of Mrs. T. D. Carruthers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Arthur Allen of Summerside spent the Easter weekend in Charlottetown guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Veale.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Romcke with their daughter, Janet, returned to Summerside after spending the Easter weekend with friends in Dartmouth and Windsor, N.S.

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Ellis, with their children, Robert and Gordon, returned to their home in Summerside, after visiting Mrs. Ellis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harris, Dartmouth, N.S.

Mrs. Alan Stewart and children, Ann and David, spent the past two weeks in Halifax, N.S. guests of Mrs. Stewart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Saunders. Dr. Stewart spent the Easter week all returning to Summerside on Monday.

Mrs. Shirley Simpson motored to Windsor, N.S., on Tuesday looking her son, David, back to the King's College School after Easter vacation at his home in Summerside.

F-O and Mrs. Fraser with their son, Peter Allen, left Monday on return to Middleton, N.S., after spending the Easter week end with Mrs. Fraser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Walfield, Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fraser, Montague, left by plane last Saturday morning for Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where they will spend a week with Mr. Fraser's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Storey. They also plan to spend a short time in Boston with Mrs. Fraser's uncle, Mr. Hector Vickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hooley, Montague, had as their guests over the holiday weekend, Mr. Hooley's mother, Mrs. Robert Ratray, Halifax, also his brother, Mr. Dunbar Hooley.

Mrs. Roland Diamond spent the Easter weekend with her son-in-law and daughter, Sgt. Stephen McCabe and Mrs. McCabe, Gagetown, N.B.

JAPANESE TRADE

Japanese exports in 1957 reached \$2,861,400,000, about 15 per cent higher than 1956.

HIGHFIELD UNITED W. A.

The March meeting of Highfield United W. A. was held at the home of Mrs. Roberts. Helen Sellick was devotional leader. The meeting opened by singing, "At the Cross," followed by Scripture reading in unison. The theme was "The Gospel of Easter" on which several members gave brief readings. The hymn "Jesus keep me near the Cross," closed the worship period.

The president then took charge of the meeting. Roll call was responded to by twelve members and two visitors. In the absence of the secretary, Bessie Creed read the minutes of the last meeting which were read and approved.

On account of road conditions, it was agreed to postpone the proposed social evening until another time.

It was moved and seconded that a written vote of thanks be sent to Mrs. Wallace Rodd for the gift of curtain material and also all the other help she has given to our W.A.

Norma Vessey reported all sewing sales to date \$26.40 of which there is \$10.15 on hand. After discussion it was decided not to have a cake sale at the present time.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$9.71 on hand. Friendship secretary reported one set well and one baby card sent.

It was decided to have a fish pond at the next meeting. Each member to bring a 25 cent article. Collection amounted to \$30.00.

Myrtle Gay and Mrs. MacArthur were appointed as a visiting committee. Shirley Weeks invited the members for their next meeting when Bessie Creed will be devotional leader, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Sterns, lunch committee.

The meeting closed by singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds." Lunch was served by hostess and committee in charge.

DRUG ARRESTS

TORONTO (CP)—Two Toronto persons were arrested Tuesday by an RCMP drug squad, bringing to 18 the number charged during the last week with drug offences.

Ronald Perry, 24, was charged with trafficking in narcotics and Patricia Mitchell, 26, was charged with illegal possession of narcotics.

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STURGEON W. I.

The March meeting of the Sturgeon W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Richard Llewellyn on Monday night March 3rd, with an attendance of fourteen members and three visitors present.

The meeting opened by singing "You Are My Sunshine," followed by reciting "Mary Stewart collect." The roll call was answered by paying the usual nickel and an exchange of treats among members.

The minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed. The reports of committees were given. The sick committee reported two treats were given during the month, the school committee reported the school rooms had been scrubbed by members also all articles such as chalk, new window shades were purchased for both senior and primary rooms. The members held five card parties at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jamieson, the proceeds amounted to one hundred and twelve dollars and twenty three cents. This money is to be spent in purchasing two new Teachers' desks for both school rooms.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson for the use of their home. The programme for the evening was a penny auction put on by Mrs. George Stewart and won by Mrs. Janie Creed. Mrs. Leigh Wright invited members to her home for next meeting. The roll call is to be answered by sing, say or pray.

The meeting closed by singing God Save the Queen. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Llewellyn and a social hour spent.

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