

# Women

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## HAPPENINGS

The XI chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, met at the home of Mrs. McNeill on Wednesday, February 19th. The meeting was conducted by the president, Miss Marion Shaw. It was decided that a cheque for \$10.00 be sent to the International Endowment Fund.

Miss Allie McLeod and Mrs. D. DeBlair prepared an excellent programme on Italian Fashions and Music. Lunch was served by Mrs. Kay Johnston and Mrs. Myron Bell, assisted by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Roy Cudmore left Saturday for Patterson, New Jersey, where they will visit with their friends Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crowell. After this visit Mr. and Mrs. Cudmore will proceed to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. They will be absent from the province approximately six weeks.

The conversation piece at present in Charlottetown is the Gamma Phi Boys' Hi-Y Tea - Noveltea held at the Y. As anyone will tell you (especially the boys) this is not just an ordinary tea. It is decidedly a best linen, silver and china affair. The boys and serve the affair. Those presiding at the teatable are prominent male citizens.

This is the third anniversary of the tea and the boys now have an extensive clientele and enjoy the glory of it all.

Incidentally it could be mentioned the mothers have made Kreulean efforts in regard to the tea, efforts which it could be said have never been put forth on behalf of their own entertaining or social careers.

However everyone is very happy about it all and on the day of the tea no signposts are necessary, just follow the crowd to the boys' Noveltea at the Y.

Many of those in the province

## ELLEN'S DIARY

### Cat On His Cushions Rats In The Barn - Fie!

February sunshine today...and the shadows of every remembered Winter were spread prettily along the snow. Toward the summit of our valley, the spruces were pleasingly dark against the Winter-clad surroundings, while down in its depths, there were those that still held, Christmassy powderings of white in their branches.

Sun and blue shadows and a west wind. And the black cat lazily on a warm windowsill beside us this afternoon while on the couch we must "mend the thumb of this mitt of mine" to let James go comfortably mittened to his work of the farm.

"Did I hear someone say, the price of timothy seed is down a little from last year?" James asks. He is only in from the stables. And the night is somewhat spent. By the signs we would say he has been brushing a fat animal there. He is of that canny old school of farmers who declare that a thorough grooming is better for animals fattening than an extra measure of grain. Though we have heard this belief questioned.

"Put the grain to them!" we overheard one of the sons say the other day with a teasing chuckle. "Put the curry-comb and brush to them, I say!" James replied with a knowing smile.

Cap and jacket are now shed. Boots taken off. Work of day over. But still the mind beats out along its trails.

"Seems to me," he continues, now at the sink, "I heard someone say it was cheaper."

"Perhaps it was on the farm-news at midday?"

"Maybe it was," he nods. "And won't it be a good thing if it is down a bit! There's always such an outlay in Spring that even a little less is a help. There'll be lime and fertilizer and all the needs...I remember, Ellen when they meant only the matter of a few dollars."

"But now" he shakes his head, "it's different...There'll be too much of it. The gas and oils for the cropping-and that's not the half. It's not a season a fellow can step into with an empty pocket," he nods.

"It has its drawbacks," we agree "but when we hear the frogs pipe again and smell the lilac-scent, we'll forget all our cares!"

"It will be busy too-with young things arriving. Calves and..."

"Kittens!" we smile.

"Now that reminds me of something, Ellen. You shouldn't harbour that black cat in the house. He's one of our best mousetrappers. I notice some of the heads of feed have been cut off and I hadn't seen a sign of a rat or a mouse about the place all Winter."

The cat looks up from his cushion at James come now to the old armchair.

"Don't think for a minute, I haven't it on my mind!" he offers with a wide yawn and another, then "cuddles down" to resume his napping.

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## MOUNT STEWART W.I.

The February meeting of the Mount Stewart Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Roy Leard, chaired the meeting, February 4. The president, Mrs. Roy Leard, chaired the meeting. The meeting opened by singing "O Susanna" followed by repeating in unison the Mary Stewart collect.

The roll call was answered by 17 members. Each one passed in a very decorative valentine cookie. During the social half-hour these were passed around and enjoyed by all.

The minutes of the January meeting were read, approved and signed. The financial statement was then given. The aprons in aid of the "March of Dimes" were opened and found to contain \$24.00.

It was moved by Mrs. Merton Jardine and seconded by Mrs. Bruce Affleck to have a pantry sale and bazaar on February 8. Motion carried. Many pretty and useful articles were passed in for the bazaar table.

Mrs. M. MacKay, the Red Cross convener said there is still sewing and knitting to be done. Mrs. Marion Affleck was appointed to collect for the Red Cross on the north side and Mrs. Leslie Douglas on the south side.

The report of the sick committee was given by Mrs. Bruce Affleck. The report of the school committee was given by Mrs. Roland Jay. It was moved by Mrs. Roland Jay and seconded by Mrs. Merton Jardine to buy a hectograph for the primary room. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Robert Pigott and seconded by Mrs. Bruce Affleck to donate 2 dollars in aid of Multiple Sclerosis. A valentine card was signed by all members to be sent to Mrs. Charles MacAulay.

A very lovely lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Bruce Affleck. The meeting closed by singing, "I was Seeing Nellie Home."

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McLeod are entertaining this evening at their residence, 2 Park Terrace, in honor of their niece Mrs. R. B. Smith and Mr. Robert G. McLeod.

Mrs. Ralph Dumont and Mrs. Ian Rankin held a bridge Tuesday evening at Mrs. Rankin's in honor of Ms. R. B. Smith. Four tables were in play.

Miss Mildred Ranahan and Mr. Harry R. Ranahan left by plane Saturday for New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, to attend the wedding of their sister Miss Joan Ranahan and Mr. Roy Steele which was solemnized Saturday at the Lady of Lourdes Church in New Glasgow. They returned by plane Tuesday morning.

Mr. Kenneth McLure of Moncton has been on a business trip to this province. Mr. McLure was registered at the Queen Hotel.

St. Paul's evening branch of the W. A., the Belvedere branch and several visitors met Tuesday evening in the Parish Hall. Mrs. Laura Clapp the president presided. The study book for the year is on Japan and in correlation with this a short play was presented. Bible reading was participated in by the members and also two Bible quizzes. Delicious refreshments were served bringing to a close this happy evening of Christian Fellowship.

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