Women

MR. AND MRS. RALPH THOMPSON

EXCHANGE VOWS

A quiet wedding took place recently at Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, when Edith Karen MacRae became the bride of Ralph Thompson. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer MacRae, Charlottetown and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Max Thompson of Victoria. Rev. D. A. Campbell was the officiating clergyman. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The young couple are residing in Moncton, N.B. where the groom is employed with Northern Electric Company. (Photo by Edith Robinson)

ELLEN'S DIARY

Ribbons Of Deliciate Cloud Floated Across The Moon

"Have you never seen the moon rise, Ellen?" James queried with a twinkle this evening. "But" he smiled, "they never come the same, do they?" We had stopped on a shortcut of path, the single piece of wash, a tablecloth we had taken from the clothesline on a lawn, in hand....The children sometimes come by from the house across the lane by this nearer route. You come beneath the branches of the white birch, there where the empty rope swing of summer hangs very still, or swayed by a passing breath of wind. Passing then the clothesline, you dip when entering the homemade rose trellis, because of a snowdrift, and then in a few steps reach our front verandah and door. We hear and recognize the approaching footfalls: Mack comes quickly, to chat of the farming, or to discuss something he has read; to speak of forthcoming plans and to bring us up to date on the current hockey scores. Alex's steps are younger. He comes in quest of "that white kitten", or it maybe, as he says with a chuckle, "to put your brains to work" on some rather ingenious puzzle he has invented, or found. Peter comes in with a rush. Sometimes, though rarely, in tears over something, "those men just don't understand."

"It's like this" he explained this morning, tears on a cheek, "I wanted to go back on the sleigh, you know, after we had cleaned the stables to take the cleanings to a field, but would they let me! Oh, no! If it were Alex, they would have taken him! But not me. And it's just not being fair, now is it?"

"But it's chilly over the fields. You would be facing into the wind. Or you might fall from the sleigh, or. . ." He shook his head "It's just not being fair, now is it?" he repeated. And we owned to feeling a little tug at the heart-strings on his account. He is so young, and in the light of his years this matter of being fair is too often a difficult problem to solve.

The moon was climbing up the sky-steps beyond the gable of that barn once spoken of casually as "the straw-barn" its neighbor, that housing the hay and the horses, the esteemed power of the farm, being more highly regarded . . .We think when James looked up toward the former's lofts on Candlemas morning, he entertained a wish for the fullness, harvests in the past had tucked away there.

Ribbons of delicate cloud, more blue than white, floated across the moon and drifted away on the silver of evening. And now the play of colors on the earth below changed, brightened winsomely in the pattern of moonlight. "Nice, isn't it, Ellen?" James said looking away on the brightening fields. "It's odd to consider" he continued "the moon as a land to be explored. "But" he added with a grin, "according to the pictures returned from the Russian spacecraft, that landed there, it doesn't appear it has much promise of farmland!"

No farmland on that far planet! No gentle valleys, green clad in the springtime? No rippling rills and rivers, nor wash of silver seas . . . No dear . . . White-spread winter-fields. Until tomorrow----Diary---- Good-night. . .

Irishtown WI Meeting Held

The February meeting of Irishtown WI was held at the home of Mrs. James Evans with the president, Mrs. Archie Johnstone presiding. The meeting opened with 12 members answering roll call and two visitors were present.

The thought for the month was read by Mrs. Donald MacLeod. The treasurer and committees gave their reports and new committees were appointed.

Mrs. Borden Campbell read a very interesting paper on Home Economics and Mrs. Mary Profitt kindly donated a quilt top which will be quilted at a later date.

Mrs. John E. MacLeod, Mrs. Borden Campbell, and Mrs. Leigh Paynter were appointed to start work on the Carol Lane Awards project.

Several contests were enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Stanhope WI Has Meeting

The February meeting of Stanhope WI was held at the home of Mrs. Reg Ross. The president, Mrs. Maurice Block opened the meeting. Roll call was answered by 16 members and two visitors with a donation for an auction sale. Mrs. George Shaw was welcomed into the group as a new member.

The treasurer gave her report showing a balance on hand of $136.98. The committees gave their reports and new committees were appointed. Mrs. Harry Lawson reported that she received the National Geographic magazine for the school. A note from the USC had been received, read. It was decided to send donation to CAC. Mrs. Block was asked by Mrs. Ross if any members would be interested in taking a First Aid course at the school starting Feb. 9th. It was undecided how many would attend. Mrs. Pat Hogan had offered to buy handbooks for the WI.

The program included an enjoyable auction sale with Mrs. Lloyd Bell as auctioneer.

It was decided that the March meeting be held at the Stanhope Cove Head community hall, where the three groups will get together with Mrs. Helen MacDonald as guest speaker with a program on "Alcohol Education."

Refreshments were served by committee in charge after which a social hour was enjoyed.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

For light pancakes or waffles, separate eggs, beat yolks into the batter, beat whites until stiff, fold in gently.

Sweaters won't get those fuzzy little knots on them so rapidly if washed inside out.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cormier of Egmont Bay left recently for a month's visit with friends and relatives in Montreal and Toronto.

Mrs. Willard Thompson entertained at a quilting party at her home at Margate last week, with the husbands arriving in the evening, when the finished quilt was laid aside and tables set up for cards. Women attending were Mrs. Hazel Moase, Mrs. Roy Tuplin, Mrs. Austin Rogers, Mrs. Leigh Paynter, Mrs. Lyman Moase, Mrs. Lewis Moase and Mrs. Keith Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ching, Kingsboro, spent a few days with friends in Nova Scotia.

Cheryl Birt, student at Prince of Wales College, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Birt, Souris East.

Henry Tuplin returned recently to his home at Darnley after spending the past two weeks at Maeford, Ont.

Mrs. Hazel Moase, Summerside and Mrs. Lewis Moase, New Annan, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Rogers, Freetown.

Leighton Stewart, Murray River, was a weekend visitor to Kensington.

Elinor MacVane and Barbara Bruce first year students at PWC Charlottetown, spent the weekend at their homes in Bothwell.

In the Thursday, Feb. 10th writeup of the Fourth Annual Meeting of UCW Presbyterial held at Kensington, the name of the guest speaker should have read Mrs. D.H. Gass of Stellarton, N.S.

MARY HAWORTH

Mother On Tranquilizers Finds Girl, 13, A Trial

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: My problem is Rosalind, 13, my eldest child of three, who has always had a nervous temperament, tense and high strung, even as an infant, though she looked very healthy.

When she was five I lost my husband. With three young children I was quite busy, working and taking care of them for several years. Then I remarried and the situation improved for all of us.

Rosalind, however, still bickers with the younger children, and starts 99 percent of the arguments. She tends to whine and complain.

She is very bright, likes school, makes the honor roll every time, but is far more tense and competitive about it than I would ask of her. And if she doesn't get on well with other pupils she takes it out on us in tantrums.

In the third grade she thought the teacher hated her and came home crying daily.

I consulted a Mental Health clinic which, instead of seeing Rosalind, put me in a group, where I learned I had problems which I knew already -- and who hasn't?

I take tranquilizers and feel that a very mild tranquilizer would help Rosalind and also take pressure of the rest of the family. But, from previous experiences, I know that a medical doctor, not well acquainted with Rosalind, will balk at giving tranquilizers to a girl her age.

Also, from previous experience, I am afraid that a psychologist will just dwell on me and my problems. If I am such a rotten mother, why do the two younger children have cheerful adaptable outlooks, despite the loss of their father? Their stepfather, very good with the younger children, also finds Rosalind difficult.

I feel that much of Rosalind's trouble, hence the family's trouble with her, comes from the tense, irritable nervous system she has. How can I get this across to someone, medical doctor or psychologist, so that he will do more than give me a pat on the back and say "She is a fine healthy intelligent girl." I am tired of living with continuous conflict. R. D.

DEAR R. D.: Unquestionably there is more impatience than love implicit in the attitude of a mother who would welcome tranquilizer medication for a troublesome child, in preference to making an all-out, continuing open-minded effort to rise personally to the level of understanding and helpfullness necessary to "free" the child from his tormented reflexes and enable him to discover, consciously, how to live at peace with the people around him.

So, before you plead innocent of direct responsibility for Rosalind's habitual upset-and-upsetting behavior, I advise you to consider, seriously the probability that you are "guilty" of contributing more or less continually to her tensely anxious, tearful, whining and complaining routine.

If such is the case, you probably aren't doing it deliberately in terms of "meaning" to, before taking action. But unconsciously, you may be locked in personality warfare with Rosalind, in a struggle that dates back to her earliest infancy, when her "constant crying", then imputed to "colic," first began to fan your feeling for her into a fixed stance of baffled rejecting impatience.

I can think of several possibilities why Rosalind may be a special trial to you:

1. She may have the highest IQ, by far, in the family, a "difference" that could throw her tragically out of tune with the rest of you, in the everyday struggle for intercommunication common to households.

2. You may have been under special nervous stress - economic, conjugal, in-law-wise, who knows, during Rosalind's infancy and first few years, hence unequal to affording the relaxed warm, reassuring care essential to good baby nuture. Your later children may have got a better break on that score.

3. Her father's death, when she was five, may have hit Rosalind harder than it hit the two younger. Especially if he had been, perhaps, the more tender-hearted parent. Or if, after his death, you were "too busy" to minister to her exceptional needs of solicitude.

4. Rosalind may inherit her flare-up temperament from you, with the added complication of being inherently much cmarter. So that when you two tangle, you have the rude advantage of size and authority and she the heartbreak disadvantage of sensing, truly, the nightmare wrongness of the conflict, with nobody around to bring adult-type light, love and healing to bear on the harm inflicted.

All things considered, if you can't educate yourself up to standard, mother - wise, with specialist help, so as to bear compassionately, kindly, hopefully, even partisanly, with Rosalind's suffering character, the constructive alternative solution for her sake, is to let her grow up in a more congenial more affirmative home enviroment. Are there grandparents, or an aunt, who could make that possible, willingly?? M.H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of The Guardian.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD LAWTON

WED IN ALBERTA

Rev. Sydney Bell officiated in McKillop United Church, Lethbridge, Alberta, at the double ring ceremony which united Delores Ann Hadnagy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Dutrisac of Bow Island and Donald Harold Lawton, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lawton, Truro, N. S., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Lawton of Pownal, P.E.I. Doreen Migneauld of Rossland, B.C., was maid of honor and Carlene Hadnagy, niece of the bride, was flower girl. Al Wisniski of Calgary was best man and the bride's brother, Donald Hadnagy and Floyd Colins were ushers. The young couple are residing in Calgary.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

St. Mark's WA, Kensington Studies Christian Mission

"Why Mission?" was the topic for study at the February meeting of St. Mark's Anglican WA held at the home of Mrs. Ellis Profitt, Kensington. Mrs. Elmer Moase in presenting the study, stated that the percentage of Christians in the world is becoming smaller all the time, and Christians are often a minority group. "The great religions of Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam are experiencing a resurgence of vitality," and, she added "each is making a bid to offer itself as a faith for all mankind." "This was not the case 50 years ago or even 20." Mrs. Moase pointed out that all this is a formidable challenge to our basic Christian assumption of an all conquering faith. Queries regarding other religions in relation to Christianity and the Christian attitude toward Christian Mission, were offered for consideration and discussion by the members.

Mrs. Harold Mill led in the devotional period, and Mrs. Walter Moase was appointed to record the minutes in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Albert Stafford.

Mrs. Nelson Paynter reported nine church calendars on hand for sale. Mrs. Ernest Mill read the correspondence and Mrs. Elmer Paynter handed in membership and other dues from Lottie Sims now living in Charlottetown. The president Mrs. Elmer Moase read a message of sympathy to the members of the WA on the death of Mrs. Lottie E. Townsend, a charter and a Life member, from the Diocesan Board. A bequest to the WA from the will of the late Mrs. Townsend was announced by Mrs. Moase.

The president read the monthly letter from the Diocesan Board advising that the annual meeting will be held at Charlottetown on April 19. It was also announced that the World Day of Prayer service at Kensington will begin at 2.30 p.m. Feb. 25 at St. Mark's Church when the meditation will be given by Mrs. E.J. Flander.

An invitation was extended to the WA members to attend a meeting at the United Church Christian Education Center where a Film "The Day Thou Gavest", on the World Day of Prayer, will be shown on February 14 at 8:15 p. m.

Mrs. H. L. Howard invited the members to her home for the next meeting when the text word will be "Burden", and the members will present the special March offering.

It was agreed that the name of Mrs. Lottie E. Townsend be inscribed in the Book of Remembrance.

GREENWICH WI

Mrs. Harry Rattray was hostess to the Greenwich WI on Feb. 3, 1966. With Mrs. Richard Hayden presiding, the meeting opened with this thought: "Some women are loved because of good looks, but everyone loves the woman who cooks". The theme was "Home Economics."

The "Legend of St. Valentine" read by the president was followed by a reading "Valentine" by Mrs. Hubert Sanderson. Roll call was answered by 'A household chore I enjoy." The reports of school and visiting committees were given. Mrs. Preston Ewen read a news letter from Mrs. Bertha Blanchard which gave a brief rundown on calorie intake.

Considerable discussion took place in connection with a bus trip to Montague Consolidated Elementary School which the Greenwich WI members were privileged to attend. The tour was sponsored by St. Peters Consolidated school directors.

An exchange of Valentines and homemade jam and pickles took place with Mrs. Lambard Van Omme in charge. The Valentine box was made and decorated by Doris Sutherland, a 10 year old student of Greenwich Elementary School. Needle work and knitting was on display.

The program for the evening consisted of a reading "A fascinating hobby— Batik Printing" by Mrs. Lorne MacLaren. The story of "The Little Black Bog" by Mrs. Preston MacEwen and two contests "Heart Tear" won by Mrs. Cyril Sanderson; "Alphabet" won by Mrs. Lyman Sanderson.

Oblivious to the previous talk on calories, all present enjoyed the refreshments served by the hostess.

CAPE TRAVERSE UCW

Mrs. John Myers was hostess for the February meeting of the afternoon Unit of Cape Traverse UCW. The leader, Mrs. Alf Norring, led the worship service and meditation on "Prayer." Mrs. Allison Harper read the scripture.

The business period followed with 11 members answering roll call with a scripture verse containing the word "Prayer" and something for a ditty bag. Donations to a layette were received. The new study for March is "Jesus Christ and the Christian Life." The treasurer reported exceeding the 1965 allocation.

A very interesting panel discussion was given on the study of Trinidad by Mrs. Alf Norring, Mrs. John Haslam, Mrs. Randolph Stevenson and Mrs. John Myers.

A committee has been appointed to plan the "World's Day of Prayer" service on February 25th.

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SAYS CANADIAN WOMEN HAVE CHANGED

Arnold Scaasi, Montreal-born New York fashion designer, said in an interview in Toronto Wednesday, that Canadian women were dowdy when he left Canada 15 years ago. However, he says that has changed now. Mr. Scaasi, seen commenting on one of his creations, lists among his clients entertainers Barbra Streisland and Dina Merrill, who both were named to the 1965 best-dressed list. (CP Wirephoto)

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