

Women

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HAPPENINGS

The Byre Theatre in Scotland, the Theater Workshop in England and the Prince Edward Island Drama Festival all make great contributions to the drama.

Canada, of course, gives the contribution of a younger civilization. However, Canadians must not form the habit of speaking too deprecatingly of their youthful position in the arts.

To offset this they must remember that they have the youth pulsating with life and are making history of many kinds — not the least of which is drama.

Through time actual performances can be largely forgotten, but the benefits of dramatic work last a lifetime.

In fact in studying the drama, one is truly handed the keys of a kingdom and with Miranda can exclaim: "O brave new world that has such wonders in it."

Mr. Roderick MacDonald, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Halifax, and his son Robert, Mr. Somerville MacDonald, Boston, Mr. Cyril MacDonald, Montreal, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Corbett who were in the province to attend the 100th birthday of their father and grandfather, Dr. Roderick MacDonald, have returned to their homes. Dr. Roddie is in his usual good state after the birthday celebrations.

About ten years ago a Prince Edward Island person was asked to give a talk on the wonderful work of a group of young women medical doctors in Toronto. At that time Dr. Roderick MacDonald wrote some very interesting memoirs of his early days. The whole tenor of the memoirs was in courtly and dignified style. However, the doctor ended his remarks in facetious mood much to the delight of the young medicals: "Tell the charming young ladies that after their studies I can still teach them the MacDonald reel."

Among Dr. Roderick MacDonald's birthday visitors were members of the Burke family. They played the pipes for the performer and Heather and Tommy performed Highland dances and sang Gaelic songs. The talent and visit of this remarkable family was very much appreciated by the beloved Dr. Roddie.

A Hamilton Minister and a Toronto minister will fill a New York pulpit during July. Rev. Dr. E. M. Aitken of Hamilton, and Rev. Dr. C. A. Lawson of Toronto, will preach for Rev. Dr. J. S. Bonnell at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McLeod have been visiting in Kingston with their daughter, Mrs. William Bentley and Mr. Bentley and their son, Mr. Don McLeod and Mrs. McLeod in Prescott, Ontario. They also spent a few days in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Carson have returned from a pleasant visit to Marble Mountain, Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Bell entertained Saturday and Monday evenings at their residence, Brighton Road.

Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Donald Wonnacott on Wednesday evening. The president, Miss Helen Cox, conducted the meeting. Committees for the coming year were appointed.

Mrs. Rogers gave a talk on the Unitarian Service Committee "Foster Parent" scheme. Lunch was served by the Mrs. William Thompson and Mrs. Don-

ald MacLeod assisted by the hostesses.

Miss Margaret Rodd who has been spending the past few weeks with her parents at Motel Charlottetown will be leaving next Thursday for Western Canada. She will be accompanied by Miss Catherine Callbeck of Bedouque. They will be employed at Jasper Park Lodge for the summer months.

En route they plan to visit their friends in Montreal and Ottawa and will proceed to Vancouver where they will visit with Miss Callbeck's uncle and aunt Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Tanton formerly of Summerside.

They will report for duty in Jasper on June 17th. Both Miss Rodd and Miss Callbeck have recently completed their sophomore year at Mt. Allison University.

Mrs. Bill Thompson and Barbara Thompson, Mrs. Ray Stunden and Kathie and Peter Stunden spent a recent weekend in Halifax.

Corporal Ray Stunden and his young son Michael, returned Friday evening from Ontario. Corporal Stunden was on a special course in Ottawa and Master Michael was the very welcome guest with his daddy at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stunden, Carleton Place.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Salahub of Halifax were recent visitors to the Island while on their honeymoon. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth MacLean, Victoria, P.E.I.

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Springtime — Our Wish Is That You Live Longer

"That will buy the child a frock and pay for the one that he's wearing" we chuckled to James this afternoon as in the yard we watched Rob's truck bear off down the lane from Alderlea a fat hog or two to market.

"It's a question" he replied a bit doubtfully. "It takes more than a pair of fat hogs to keep a farm on an even keel these days" he offered. Swallows' wings dipped and soared lightly over the yards. How caressing the little breeze was in the leaves, how quietly tender the May-sky. And though she might have, as old Mrs. . . . used to say, "not another stitch to her back" now exceedingly wealthy in the delights of the sea-

son one was. "But it will help" James commented turning away to his work. He sets himself tasks. This afternoon it was to clean stables at barns over the fields, the manure to be picked up soon by the power-lift to the spreader and taken off to a field. He was a cog in the wheel of the cropping, an integral one, it came to mind. "I'm not going to hurry at it — I'm going to take my time" he promised himself and us, as he set out by field to walk the near-mile between. The older dog, "Blackie" raven-coated, trotted along beside. We saw them go up the gentle rise of farm-lane which leads away from the buildings, and lost them a while in the distance beyond.

What items of the farming James would note on the way? The catch on a piece of raw mow-down? Aye, and the promise — or not, of hay on those older; the condition of this and that field waiting of a turn to be cultivated, along which his footsteps should lead. . . . The moist grove rosy now with new leafings, for he invariably finds something to admire in its varying changes of appearance through the seasons; the ripeness of a piece of stumpland for clearing. And certainly, for we later saw him pause there in the pasture against a far hillside, the state of health and "doings" of the young'uns of cattle come now to "the grass!"

He it was who attended to the evening choring, when the younger farmer continued the tractor-work of field into the night. He hauled the children to help. We heard young laughs on the quiet air when the two hered young-est lamblings to a shed for the night. We heard them again down in the meadow where they carried bottles of new-drawn milk to be supplementary substance for a pair on scanty natural rations there. We saw them in the stable when with an almost overwhelming rush the company of calves was herded in from a box-stall to partake of their evening meal.

"You beef farm"? a farmer who had come by commented. "Not extensively" James chuckled. "But I can say" he offered tussling with a calf momentarily out of place, "we do no dairying at all."

Like its wings, softly gray, dusk settled over the valley. Night spread prettily. The May moon launched its shellop of boat above a dim hill, setting a course away from the evening star. . . . So beautiful it all was — and serene. If only the springtime could linger. . . . But even on a first star, how vain were ones' wishes! Until tomorrow — — Diary — Goodnight. . . .

Mr. Gerald Birt accompanied by Mr. John H. McKinnon, Pisiquid, motored home from Marathou, Ontario, to spend a month's vacation with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Birt of Western Canada are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Birt, Pisiquid.

Mrs. Mary Roach has returned from Ottawa where she visited for three weeks with her son-in-law and daughter Constable Mr. Mrs. Martin. During Mrs. Roach's visit a son was born to the Martins. Constable Martin is attached to headquarters, R. C. M. P. Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Tawell of Charlottetown, spent Sunday at Murray Harbor, guests of Mrs. Tawell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vearn Beck.

Mrs. Charles Larier of New Willshire was a guest of Mrs. Frances Fisher of Murray Harbour on Sunday.

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