

Changes Across

Elementary schools climbed to 980,000 in 1954 from 640,000 in 1944. Technical teacher preparation has changed with more subjects, such as psychology, being studied. Government grants to schools have increased and local boards and trustees have more say about how money should be spent. There is a trend towards separating clever and ordinary students and if the rigid grade system in a school prevents jumping grades the clever students are given an "enriched" course to stimulate interest. More emphasis is placed on guidance courses and vocational training. Reading methods have been modernized and greater interest has been taken in music and art.

MANITOBA
A reduction in size of classes to 25 pupils has facilitated individual handling where necessary. The are accelerating and retarded programs in the first three years, enabling clever pupils to complete three years in two, slower pupils three years in four. Experimental classes have been established in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades to meet the needs of gifted students. Classes for slow students have been established in junior high schools and are under study in senior high. The provincial program stresses preparation for university entrance but a technical vocational high school gives training in industrial and commercial fields. There has been no major change in curriculum since 1948.

SASKATCHEWAN
A diversified high school program enables students to choose their subjects. More attention is paid to individual differences and there are classrooms for dull and bright students in urban centres. Emphasis in rural centres is on preparation for university because there is not enough teaching strength to devote time to trade training. Teaching methods have changed in line with research; a and music teaching has improved, and more use is being made of

audio-visual aids and subject matter related to everyday life. Emphasis again is being placed on grammar instruction, however, because education authorities felt students lacked adequate training.

ALBERTA
The "enterprise" system in which students find out things for themselves and are directed rather than lectured by the teacher is a feature of the elementary school program. The "unit" method, resembling the enterprise but modified for upper grades, is common in junior high and to a lesser extent, in senior high. Reading methods have improved in elementary schools. A guidance program in junior and senior high encourages greater attention to individual differences and emphasizes the importance and mental health. Gifted students may skip one or two grades during the first nine; in senior grades students usually are grouped according to their post-school goals. Individual school students, however, are free to make arrangements which appeal to them and are administratively feasible.

BRITISH COLUMBIA
The education system has seen major changes in the last 30 years and includes: Against the old system of grades one to eight in one school and nine to 11 in another, there now are elementary schools with grades one to six, junior highs with seven to nine and senior highs with 10 to 12. There is no distinct separation of clever and ordinary students but individuals are urged to reach as high a standard as they are able. Most help given to advanced students is on an individual basis with teachers giving additional work to be done on the student's own time. Education is no longer directed exclusively to university entrance. A student upon entering high school may work towards university entrance or commercial and technical fields. A broader curriculum makes possible this specialization.

Women's Meetings

WHEATLEY RIVER W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of the Wheatley River W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Harold Buntain on Thursday evening, January 6th.

The meeting opened in the usual manner and the roll call was answered by eleven members naming their favorite month. The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed. It was decided to have a grab bag at the next meeting, each member to bring an article to the value of 25 cents.

There was some discussion on the new doctor coming to New Glasgow but this matter was left over for another meeting. The Secretary was asked to get half-liver oil capsules. Plans were made to have the Sewing Club started the following Saturday; the group to meet at Mrs. Harry Ling's. Red Cross Sewing and Knitting were discussed.

The committees gave their reports and the following were appointed for next month: School, Mrs. Preston Ruckham and Mrs. Gordon Andrews; Sick, Mrs. John Ross and Mrs. Wm. Ling; Lunch, Mrs. Fred MacRae, Mrs. Alfred Axworthy and Mrs. Harry Ling; Programme, Mrs. Preston Ruckham.

WINSLÖE NORTH W.M.S.
The regular meeting of Winsloe North W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. E. M. Cudmore, on January 12, with Mrs. O. M. Younger as Devotional Leader.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Six members and one visitor answered the roll call. Collection amounted to \$1.40. Treasurer reported \$89.60 had been sent in for 1954. There were five calls, six cards, and eight boxes during the month. February meeting was invited to the home of Mrs. John MacInnis, with Mrs. C. L. Cudmore and Mrs. Bruce Younker as leaders. Word of Roll call—Thanks. Meeting closed with "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," and Mizpah Benediction.

SUMMERFIELD C. W. I.

NEW LONDON W. I.

The first meeting of the St. James Sub-division of the Catholic Women's League for the New Year was held at the home of Mrs. Maurice Croken on January 18th with a very large attendance. The meeting opened with the League Prayer. Mrs. C. W. Croken occupied the chair in absence of the President.

The minutes of the meeting were taken by Mrs. John V. Cash. The Treasurer, Mrs. G. C. Green gave a very encouraging report on the card parties being held throughout the Parish. A thank you note for a Christmas gift was read from Mrs. A. C. Hughes. A letter was read from the convenor of the Canadian League magazine. The Treasurer received a bond from the T. B. League for Christmas seals. A letter was read from the Precious Blood Sisters with regards to Christmas cards which were sold.

A very inspiring paper on child guidance written by Sister Mary Winnifred, was also read to the meeting. A letter from Miss Iphigene Arsenault regarding a Spiritual Bouquet to be made up by the members and by the Spiritual Director of the Sub-division.

HUNTER RIVER W. I.
The Riverview Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Carey on Monday Jan. 3rd. The President, Mrs. J. S. Burns, presided, and opened the meeting in the usual way. Roll call was answered with a New Year resolution. Minutes were read and approved, and a thank you card received; 12 boxes of fruit were packed for sick and shut-ins at Christmas; treats given to all children in the district. It was moved and seconded that all bills be paid.

Roll call for next month will be an exchange of Valentine's. New Committees were appointed as follows: Sick, Mrs. Ray Pound and Mrs. Allan Smith; School, Mrs. Reagh Bagnall and Mrs. J. S. Burns; Lunch, Miss Sybil Miller, Mrs. Frank Bagnall, Mrs. Ivan Bowman; next place of meeting, Mrs. Frank Bagnall's.

YORK EVENING AUXILIARY
The January meeting of the York Evening Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Harry Lewis, with 17 members and one visitor present.

The meeting opened with the Worship period under the leadership of Mrs. Clifford Chappell with the theme: Evangelism.

Visitor Believes

It wisely she knows it is her greatest asset.

Considering the number of American spinsters, I venture to say the women here have proved their point to the charming, but oh so long suffering American male — until he is happy to oblige and leave them unmarried, but frustrated. I don't think femininity will return to this country in this

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Plans were made for the World Day of Prayer Service to be held February 25th.

Mrs. Minto Foster presented a reading on Christian Stewardship and the Temperance Secretary, Mrs. Parker Jewel, also gave a reading.

It was agreed to send a bundle or more of clothing to Korea for the Russian Red Cross.

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Ready-Made Prejudices

DEAR D. C.: Though you sign a French name, your tone is unmistakably English (provincial English), in appraising American women. It seems to me you find too much fault, confusedly. Evidently you've brought preconceived prejudices with you, and are trying determinedly to make them fit.

Take the "mannish shaggy coiffure" at which you sniff. As everybody knows, it was imported from Italy, where women are said to be lustily feminine. And as for the letter of November 18, in which "a poor deluded woman" says the male embryo derives from an incomplete cell, ergo, women are better than men — well, she got that whole argument from a man!

The man is Ashley Montagu, distinguished anthropologist and brilliant author of many books — among them: "On Being Human"; "On Being Intelligent"; "Statement on Race" and "Darwin — Competition and Cooperation," to name a few.

About two years ago Mr. Montagu wrote an article boldly titled "The Natural Superiority of Woman," published by the Saturday Review — in which he spelled out the biological basis for his theme, and argued his hypothesis through to most gallant conclusions. Our "poor deluded woman" was simply echoing his scholarship — so now who's ridiculous?

POINT DE ROCHE SCHOOL
Mid-week exams at Point de Roche school resulted as follows: Grade X-1. Benny McCormack; Grade IX Sr.-1. Catherine McCormack; 2. Joan McCormack; 3. John McCormack.

Grade IX Jr.-1. Vincent McCormack; 2. Joseph McKenna. Grade VI-1. Terence McCormack; 2. Doreen McCormack. Grade V-1. Rita McCormack. 2. Donald King.

Grade II Sr.-1. David McCormack. Grade II Jr.-1. Jean McInnis. Highest average, seniors: Ben McCormack and Catherine McCormack; juniors: Terence McCormack, Rita McCormack. Teacher: Mrs. George McCormack.

KING COLE TEA
A blend of the CHOICES!

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generation, or in the next. I say that decidedly — after having met and talked with teen-agers. I find your column delightful and informative. D. C.

American wives won't subside gracefully into fulltime house-keeping — here is an American married man's view on the point: "Woman's place is in the home only if she can do work there that is emotionally satisfying to her." See Alexander Magoun's "Love and Marriage" (Harper's), page 283. Dr. Magoun is a specialist in human relations, who teaches that successful marriage is not a romantic accident, but a complex series of relationships between two different personalities.

When thousands of American men married European girls in the last decade, it wasn't a selective rejection of American womanhood. Not at all. It was simply because the men were in Europe, the European girls were there, and willing to marry, and the American girls were beyond the sea, thousands of miles away. So let's out out the odious comparisons. And in signing off, may I assure you, positively, that the American woman isn't jealously resentful of the English woman — at least of all on the score of femininity. Because over here we think of her (erroneously?) as pretty much of a battle-axe, in her scramble to marry, or better herself.

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