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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Readers are invited to phone all news of this kind to the Society Editor. Phone 3670.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor, North Yarmouth, the latter part of last week, when the latter's sister, Anna B. Carless, was united in marriage to Robert H. McPhee of Petrolea. Only the immediate friends and relatives of the young couple were present. Rev. M. T. Walker of Frome performed the ceremony.

Mrs. William Giles and children of Stratford are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Partridge of Springbank.

Lieut. G. A. Wheable and Mrs. Wheable and baby daughter, accompanied by Mrs. D. L. McCrae and Miss Shirkie of Toronto, motored down to Petrolea on Saturday to spend the week-end with Rev. J. D. McCrae, returning home Monday evening. Miss Shirkie came up from Toronto to spend the holiday last week at the home of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. McCrae, remaining over for the trip to Petrolea.

Mrs. E. B. Smith, who is attending the annual meeting of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire in Canada, will visit her father, Adam Brown of Hamilton, before returning to the city.

Lady Hendrie has sent invitations to an "at home" at Government House on Friday to meet the out-of-town delegates of the I.O.D.E. Several London ladies are delegates to the I.O.D.E.

Miss Hilda Hooke was a recent visitor in Toronto with Dr. and Mrs. Watson.

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JIMMY COON STORIES

By Dr. Warren G. Partridge.
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JIMMY COON TRYS T O GET A WILD DUCK.

Well, at moonrise all the neighbors of Jimmy Coon were at Mirror Pond to watch the fun. But, oh, my, you couldn't see a soul; for everybody was hiding close to the Pond, according to the strict orders of Bobby Skunk.

Just before the new moon rose over Mirror Pond, when it was still dark, some sharp eyes saw Snapper, the Turtle, come out on the shore and have a secret talk with Bobby Skunk. But no one could hear a single word of their sly conversation, for they spoke in the softest whispers.

Mirror Pond was as smooth as glass when the moon rose, and the hidden neighbors could see the clever Jimmy Coon running and trying to jump over his shadow in the moonlight; and they all heard him smacking his lips as he thought of eating that young and tender wild duck which he was planning to catch.

Bobby Skunk met Jimmy Coon on a bank beside an old, water-soaked log, which extended out into the Pond. The two hunters touched noses in a very friendly way (just as we shake hands), and Bobby whispered very softly, "Now, Jimmy Coon, the old Mother Black Duck is at the upper end of Mirror Pond with her young Ducklings, and I just heard her squawking and calling her little ones. But she sails down the Pond every night with her brood, and she swims close to this old log."

"All right, Bobby Skunk," whispered Jimmy Coon, "you are awfully kind to help me get a nice, young duck for my Sunday Dinner. Now, you go and hide behind a tree, and I'll lie on the far end of that old tree, and I'll be as still as a bump on a log, and you'll soon see my clever trick."

And Bobby hid behind a tree, and stuffed both hands into his mouth to keep from laughing out loud.

It was a lovely sight to see the old Mother Duck and the Ducklings sail down the Pond in the moonlight. And, sure enough, they circled very near the sunken log, where Jimmy Coon was hiding and looking like a piece of the dead limb of the old tree.

And, like a skilful hunter, Jimmy waited until one little Black Duck swam near the old log. And just as Jimmy Coon was crouching to spring into the water to catch that fat little Duck, Snapper, the Snapping Turtle, poked his head out of the water and scared that little Black Duck, so that it fluttered swiftly out of Jimmy's reach and got away safely.

And Jimmy Coon was furious in his rage, and all his little neighbors jumped out from behind the trees and yelled after the wet and scampering Jimmy Coon: "Jimmy, dear, did you ever get left?"

Bobby Hid Behind a Tree, and Stuffed Both Hands Into His Mouth to Keep From Laughing Out Loud.

Tomorrow—Jimmy Coon Has Some New Neighbors.

BACKYARD GARDEN HINTS

(By The Girl With the Hoe.)

THE ROSE.

Of all the flowers which bloom in summer gardens, the rose is the most popular, yet, in spite of this, the rose is often greatly neglected, the care of the garden being expended on the newly-planted annuals. This should not be, for, although the rose is beautiful even when allowed to run wild, a little care would be rewarded with wonderful results in beauty and number.

A well-drained loam soil, which would produce a good crop of corn, is the best soil for roses. The situation should be sunny, and free from roots and trees, yet sheltered from strong winds. In preparing the ground, dig in a quantity of bone dust and well-rotted manure. The plants, which have been kept fresh, each being wrapped in a moist cloth, are set out in the ground about two feet apart. A hole one foot square is made, and into it is placed the young plant, the roots being spread out, and a little fine earth sprinkled over them to a depth of about three inches. Then all is pressed down lightly. This operation is repeated until the hole is filled up. The earth used should be taken from some part of the garden which has not been fertilized, as it is not good for the newly-planted roots to come into direct contact with the fertilizer. If the young plants have been budded, care should be taken that the joint between the stock on the scion is one inch below the surface of the ground.

Rose bushes need plenty of water, and, therefore, do best in a moist season. During the hot weather they should be watered every evening. The great task during the summer is to keep down the insects. If slugs attack the plants they should be sprayed with a paris green mixture of with whale oil soap. The leaf hopper is controlled by kerosene emulsion, and if mildew is noticed the plants should be dusted with sulphur. It is very important to keep all withered blossoms removed from the bushes, as it requires more plant vitality to allow one rose to go to seed than to bring six buds to perfection.

When the buds first appear it is a good plan to apply liquid manure to the roots every few days, loosening the soil after each application so as to prevent the ground baking. If the manure cannot be obtained, the next best thing is to give the soil a good soaking with water, and immediately cover it with a three-inch mulch of decayed leaves, topping the whole with a layer of earth. The result will be roses of exceptional quality.

In pruning, all the useless shoots should be removed, and those that are to remain after the summer flowering should be shortened. Any shoots which crowd the centre of the bush should be cut out, as the plant must have plenty of air to prevent mildew. All wood more than two years old should be cut away; indeed, no wood which shows pith should be allowed to remain, all the cuts being made outward, just above a dormant eye.

The hardier varieties of roses do not need much winter protection, but for those that do a covering of earth or straw is very satisfactory. If the stem is not long, earth may be easily heaped up around it. The long-stemmed rose bushes may be bent over and pegged down to the earth by means of forked sticks. In the spring the covering must be removed as soon as the leaf buds appear.

DAILY BIBLE QUESTION CLUB

UNIFORM LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1918.
ONE GOLDEN TEXT SUGGESTION
(By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.)

Jesus warns and comforts his friends.—Mark xiii., 1; xiv., 9.

QUESTIONS FOR TODAY.

8. Verses 9-13—IS IT A RULE OR NOT, AND WHY, THAT REAL AGGRESSIVE CHRISTIANS TODAY ARE HATED AND PERSECUTED? (This is one of the question which may be answered in writing by members of the club.)

9. What assurance does Christ give us that this dispensation will not end until the world has been evangelized?

10. Verses 14-23—This group of verses seems to refer to the destruction of Jerusalem. What does history say concerning that event?

11. What personal, national or international conditions are there today which should warn all of us to be constantly ready for the last great emergency?

Golden Text: He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.—Mark xiii., 13.

SUFFERING AND SORROW SHALL SURELY COME.

Those of us who have been a long time in the service of God have already experienced that we are called upon to bear suffering and sorrow of one kind or another, and it is important that beginners, in the Christian life, should be warned in advance, that they may expect these things. "This world is no friend to grace to help us on to God." So long as a man drifts down the stream he has few difficulties to encounter, but the moment he begins to pull his boat against the current, then hard work commences. It must be admitted that the current in life is downward, the majority of people are worldly, lovers of pleasure more than of God, and when we begin to resist this evil force we run up against all sorts of difficulties.

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Address All News for This Column to the Editor of the Women's Page.

STRATHROY.—A garden party will be given on the grounds of S. S. No. 7, East Williams, on the evening of June 5, under the auspices of the Canadian Girls' Club. The Elgar Ladies' Quartet of London and the Symphony Orchestra of Strathroy will be present. The proceeds will be for the Red Cross.

KOMOKA.—The annual meeting of the Komoka branch of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Swales. The financial standing of the branch was reported, there being $19.60 in the treasury. Mrs. E. Hord, Red Cross secretary, gave a splendid report of the year's work as follows: Balance on hand, May, 1917, $37.67; money raised by donations, $89.59; a check from Lobo council, $45; part of proceeds of Poplar Hill picnic, $45.80; lunch at carnival, $7.10; Red Cross carnival, $24.50; Red Cross bags, $27.78, making a total of $294.44. The expenditures for the year were as follows: Donations to Blind Soldiers' Fund, $5; French flag day, $5; yarn for socks, $258.05, making a total of $268.05; balance on hand being $26.39.

The branch also donated $11 to the prisoners' fund and sent seventeen Christmas boxes to the boys overseas, the Methodist Junior League donating $11.20 to help with the boxes.

The work sent out was 510 pairs day socks, 67 day shirts, 83 sets pyjamas, 3 trench caps, 5 pairs pillow cases, 2 large feather pillows and some parcels of linen.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. J. H. Swales; vice-president, Mrs. C. Wernham; secretary-treasurer, Miss Mildred Ayers; assistant secretary-treasurer, Miss Edna Doan; auditors, Mrs. L. Smith and Mrs. J. Dalgleish.

The summer meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Stuart on June 14. Miss Graydon, Streetsville, will be the speaker. All ladies are invited to come on the second Wednesday of each month to help with Red Cross work.

The May bale of work to Hyman Hall consisted of 103 pairs day socks, 12 day shirts and 18 sets pyjamas.

THEDFORD. — Thedford Women's Institute held its annual meeting in the institute rest room. The election of officers took place as follows:

President, Mrs. F. Tuck; first vice-president, Mrs. C. Millman; second vice-president, Mrs. W. N. Ironside; institute secretary, Mrs. J. A. Lawrie; Red Cross work secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Tudor; branch directors, Mrs. C. Clark and Mrs. F. Wight; district director, Mrs. James Elliott; auditors, Mrs. J. Houston and Mrs. M. Willsie.

The Red Cross work of the Women's Institute for the year ending May, 1918, consisted of 301 pairs socks, 176 pyjama suits, 41 pillow cases, 15 pillows, 73 towels, 3 hot water bottle covers, 2 binders, 58 wash cloths, 1 pair wristlets and 1 trench cap, having a total value of $620.70.

CYNTHIA GREY'S MAIL BOX

Ianthe Too Harsh?

Dear Miss Grey,—It is a long time since I visited the Mail-Box, but after reading Ianthe's letter I got started.

Now, Ianthe, I think you were a little too harsh on "Sunflower." What "Sunflower" sent in was just the echoes of what thousands of soldiers in the rural portion of this Dominion are saying. I have lived on a farm all my life, and I thank God that it was so, but I am not blind to our shortcomings. Our lives have become narrow, as it were. We have been bounded on one side by our husbands and children, and the rest of the way round by our crops, our herds and our fowls, and it has taken some a cruel long time to realize that we are at war, and that the gallant lads over there must both be reinforced and fed.

You see, Ianthe, some, yes, too many, did not grasp the fact as quickly as your father and your brother (whose patriotism led him to wait to be conscripted), and it is up to such as you to help the others to see.

Let us by actions, not words, prove to the world that we are descendants of the noble men and women who suffered hardships and privations, and in so doing laid the foundation of this glorious Dominion. MEG HAMILTON.

No Wine Recipes.

Dear Miss Grey,—I thought I would call at your Mail-Box to see if you were busy, as I would like to know if you or some of your page readers could give me a receipt for making dandelion wine. We have such a lot of dandelions, and I would like to try the wine-making. Has anyone got the piece of music, "Darby and Joan"? I have tried all over, and can't get it. It's an English piece of music.

I will be glad when this terrible war is over. My husband is in France; seven brothers and four brothers-in-law. MOTHER OF THREE.

Ans.—Two years ago when a Dominion-wide effort was made to oust King Liquor from his throne, we decided to eliminate home-made wine recipes and brandy-in-the-Christmas cake recipes from the Mail-Box. It didn't seem consistent for mothers and wives who were fighting and praying and voting against alcohol, to be making up beverages that in reality contain a large percentage of alcohol once they are "ripe." Last year the resolution was adhered to. This year there is another reason against their manufacture. How about the sugar required in these days of war saving? I do not wish to be arbitrary, however, and should like opinions.

(2) Hence we may be able to obtain the loan of the music from someone.

She Is Crippled.

Dear Miss Grey.—As I am an old reader of your column and have often seen where lonelies' names were asked for by some of your readers, I thought I would send my son's name, who is doing his bit in France. I am unable to do anything for him myself, being a cripple ever since he has been overseas. Would some kind mother who has no one fighting for country and freedom befriend my son, and send him some goodies now and then, as he does not get many from home. I being crippled. A CRIPPLED MOTHER.

Ans.—Who will be the first applicant for this young man's name?

By the Dozens!

Dear Miss Grey,—Well, here is Miss Troublesome again, but please don't put this in the W. P. B. I am just writing this to ask if some nice high school girl will write to me. Miss Grey has my envelope, and if anyone answers, Miss Grey, will you please put their address in the envelope and mail to me? Miss Grey, will you please tell me how to write the address of a soldier on an envelope? Do you put the number first, or what? I wrote to five different ones, and have not had an answer, and I was wondering whether the address was written correctly on the envelope. Thanking you in advance, I am, as ever,

HIGH SCHOOL GIRL.

P.S.—Oh, high school girls, please answer by the dozen—do!

Ans.—No, please don't respond in quite such alarming numbers, or I shall find time for nothing else but forwarding names!

It really does not matter whether the number or name is written first in a soldier's address. At least I know of scores of letters that "get there" written either way.

ASKIN STREET WOMEN HONOR MRS. DOUGALL

At one of the most largely attended meetings in the history of the Ladies' Aid of Askin Street Church on Monday afternoon, Mrs. Dougall, wife of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Dougall, was presented with a handsome seal purse containing two bills of large denomination. There were 175 women present, and Mrs. Long, on behalf of the Ladies' Aid, read the following address to Mrs. Dougall:

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Mrs. Dougall made a suitable reply.

An interesting literary and musical program, to which Miss Cullis contributed a solo, Miss Hiles a reading, Mrs. Quantz a mandolin solo, and Mrs. McMurty a recitation of the "Prodigal Son," was rendered.

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