

THE EVENING TIMES-STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1924.

Social Notes Of Interest

The grandest function of the season was the delightful ball given by the officers of the St. John Fusiliers, 28th Battalion, C.E.F., in the Armory on New Year's Eve, when about 800 guests enjoyed the occasion. The New Year was met cheerily by the whole assembly, who were assembled on the huge ballroom floor, at midnight, with their only light a fine representation of the moon, wonderfully lighted and bearing the inscription 1924. A clock struck 12 and immediately the orchestra led in Auld Lang Syne, as the dancers clasped hands all around the immense room and sang heartily.

The decorations of the Armory were much the same as at the Armistice ball, with the Christmas ideas more prominently put forward, especially in the dining-room, where red and green made the table brilliant, all lighted with red candles. There were many novel dances, the buffet or paper cup dance, confetti, balloon and spot light dance, as well as the moonlight dance, all of which were made irresistible with the fine music of the orchestra, conducted by Alfred Jones of the Armory. Red, white and blue lights flashed intermittently throughout the evening, making a very pretty effect.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Robinson have been spending the New Year holiday with Mrs. Robinson's mother, Mrs. Vera Fox Gagetown. Mr. Robinson returned yesterday, but Mrs. Robinson will remain at her former home for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peters were delighted to be surprised by a visit from their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fisher, of New York, who arrived unexpectedly on Saturday to spend the New Year with them. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher expect to return to their home in New York this evening.

Mrs. Robert Cochrane and Miss Edith Cochrane, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ferguson, coming last week from Montreal.

Dr. Doris Murray left last evening for Baltimore, Maryland, where she will take up advanced studies in medical work. Dr. Murray has established herself personally as well as professionally in the hearts of the people of St. John, especially the small people, who love her sunny disposition and appreciate her skill to heal or prevent their ills. Dr. Murray carries with her the heartiest good wishes for her future work, wherever it may be, from her professional friends and her many patients big and little.

Mrs. C. A. Murray and Mrs. R. L. Botsford, of Montreal, left on Saturday for a trip to Europe.

Miss Constance Murray, youngest sister of Dr. Doris Murray left with her last evening for New York, where she will join a party of friends from Montreal, with whom she will take an extended tour through Europe.

Mrs. Florence Land, who was the principal teacher at Silver Falls public school for several years, has been in Haccourt since the beginning of last term, and is greatly pleased with her new charges.

Birthdays for the Christmas holiday, to spend them with her sister, Mrs. B. Gough and Rev. Mr. Gough at the Methodist parsonage. She was called to Sussex, during the last illness of Mr. Robert McFee, to be with her sister, Mrs. McFee, during her time of sorrow. Mrs. Land is now in Sussex where she will remain until the school opens for the New Year.

Miss Marion Smith, R. N., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith, Fredericton Junction, for the holiday. Miss Smith is public health nurse at Sussex.

Several relatives and friends of Captain and Mrs. C. H. Rush, Douglas avenue, called at their residence on Wednesday afternoon and evening, Dec. 29, to extend good wishes to the mother of Mrs. Rush, Mary Perkins, who that day celebrated her 80th birthday. The time was spent pleasantly and greatly enjoyed by the guest of honor, Mrs. Perkins. Refreshments were served throughout the afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilmet, of Fredericton, R. N. No. 1, are in the city and will reside at 71 Waterloo street for the winter.

Mrs. Charles F. McKel, of Somers-

Outraged Love Makes Repentant of Mother Who Contracted Sale of Her Unborn Baby

PRINCIPALS IN BABY-CONTRACT SALE



Mrs. Frances Maher (upper left), "Baby Mike," sleeping contentedly in the arms of Mrs. John Fleming, his foster mother, and Judge Ward (lower right).

San Francisco—Cattle are traded. Chaffers are sold.

But cold words of the law are not sufficient to contract sole right to a baby's smile.

This from bitter experience Mrs. Frances Maher here has just learned. Recently she headed her brain and not her heart when she let Mike slip from her arms at birth into the yearning embrace of childless Mrs. John Fleming "for a price."

Even before the angels brought Mike with his dimples and pink little toes had been decided to the other woman by the mother, who, with three other babies to care for, feared there would not be enough left to care for Mike out of his daddy's \$68 monthly salary.

Advised Baby for Sale.

And so it happened in this strangest of birth contract cases, that Mike became the "prenatal bargain" advertised for sale by Mrs. Maher, who now says she was distracted and unaware of what she was doing when telling the world of her willingness to barter unborn Mike away.

The "bargain" went through as agreed, with Mrs. Fleming taking to simulate visit of the stork at her home. In another part of the city, Mrs. Maher, the real mother, lay with aching heart and awakened conscience and with her arms empty—arms that were beginning to feel the urge for Mike's departed caress.

In belated mercy she had consented to the parting, hoping Mike might be better cared for and spared possible privation consequent upon a fourth month to feed from the father's meager salary as an army bandmaster at the Presidio.

But all this solemn calculation dispersed like chaff when the surge of mother love mounted to claim its own.

For, like Rachael of old, the heart of Mrs. Maher sobbing for her baby, would not be comforted.

To court then she came. And likewise did Mrs. Fleming.

Mike, now five months old, was the center of contention. The apple of their eyes.

Other Woman Claims Him.

"He is mine," said Mrs. Fleming. "Under rule of land and law." "I contracted for him. Paid for him. I love him and want him. His mother did not."

Judge Louis H. Ward sitting as Solomon heard the plea. He listened in silence.

But the silence was broken by a heartrending sob as with Madeline-like men Mrs. Maher reached forth her hands in supplication.

"Give me my baby, judge. It was I who suffered for him. I who gave him life. What right then has the law with words to take him from me?"

Mike, accompanied by her son and daughter, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Shields, Adelaide street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Duplissie, of St. John, spent Christmas with the parents of Mrs. Duplissie, Mr. and Mrs. W. MacIntosh, in Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Cecil May, and Mr. May at McAdam Junction for the Christmas day.

They were accompanied by their other daughter, Miss Marion Smith, R. N., of Sussex.

The Misses Olive M. Urquhart and Helena D. Somers, of Hatfield Point, are in the city and the guests of Miss Urquhart's sister, Mrs. W. D. Hayward, Adelaide street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Turner and their daughter, Miss Audrey Turner, were guests for New Year's Day dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barton at Renforth. They returned to the city last evening.

THE BRITISH MAILED. A British letter mail will close here at 4 p. m. tomorrow for the steamship Aquitania, via New York. A British newspaper and parcels mail and a specially addressed correspondence mail will close here at 11 a. m. Jan. 4 for the steamship Montclair, from this port.

livered able and appropriate messages. The total cash offerings for the day amounted to \$1,513.11. On Nov. 1 Mr. Newcombe entered upon the eleventh year of his pastorate with \$2,283.46. Mr. Newcombe was at one time pastor of Temple church, Yarmouth, N. S.—The Canadian Baptist.

SALES TAX NEWS.

The following information concerning the sales tax new regulations was received in a telegram yesterday morning by Miss Frances Alward, secretary of the New Brunswick Retail Merchants' Association, and came from E. M. Trowen, Dominion secretary of the R. M. A. "Department of Customs and Excise has issued a ruling that merchant tailors, dressmakers, milliners, furriers and florists selling exclusively by retail to the consumer are classified as retailers and are not required to take out sales tax licenses. This regulation does not apply to furriers-making goods for stock."

HOUSEHOLD HELPS.

When renewing a window-glass, use old photograph needles for glazing points. They make good ones. When using a picture frame the second time, they make excellent spigots for the hard wood that is used in frames.

If leather shows signs of wearing, it may be restored to its former smoothness by applying the white of an egg several times to the worn place.

Old paint from woodwork is easily removed by using steel wool and denatured alcohol.

If you use glycerin instead of oil for lubricating the egg-beater and the meat-cutter, there will be no bad taste imparted to the food.

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Grapefruit and oyster salad is a nourishing, hearty salad that might form the main dish for luncheon. Hot bouillon, salad, brown bread and butter, with nuts and raisins for dessert, furnish a well-balanced meal.

Grapefruit and Oyster Salad.
Two grapefruit, 16 oysters, 1 pimento, salt, olive oil.
Remove peel from grapefruit and divide into sections, removing every bit of membrane or skin. Wash and drain oysters and combine with grapefruit. Let stand an hour. Drain from juice and arrange on a bed of lettuce. Sprinkle with salt and pour over olive oil. Garnish with strips of pimento and serve with toasted crackers.

Grapefruit Ambrosia.
Two grapefruit, 1/2 cup shredded coconut, 1/2 cup whipping cream, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons marshmallows.
Cut fruit in halves and remove the tough centre and membrane. Loosen pulp, but leave in the skin. Sprinkle with coconut and sugar and let stand on ice for two hours. Whip cream until stiff, add salt and marshmallows and top each half with a large spoonful.

Grapefruit Ice.
Three-fourths cup boiling water, 1 cup sugar, 1 1/2 cups grapefruit juice, 1 tablespoon granulated gelatin, 1 egg (white), 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 1-8

teaspoon salt.
Mix salt and sugar and let stand in fruit juice until dissolved. Soften gelatin in four tablespoons cold water and add boiling water to dissolve. When cool stir in fruit juice. When beginning to jelly, add the whites of eggs beaten until stiff and dry. Turn into a mold, pack in ice and salt and let stand four hours. Serve garnished with preserved cherries, drained from their syrup.

Jiffy Chocolate Candy.
1/2 pound sweetened milk chocolate, 1 cup chopped walnut-meats, 1/2 pound marshmallows.
Break the chocolate in small pieces, add the marshmallows and melt together in a double boiler. When thoroughly melted, add chopped nuts. Pour on a buttered platter and allow to cool.—From the Designed Magazine for December.

Broken China.
You can mend thin china with white of egg and quicklime. Beat the egg stiff, coat the clean edges thickly with it and dust with powdered unslaked lime, then press together at once and fasten firmly.

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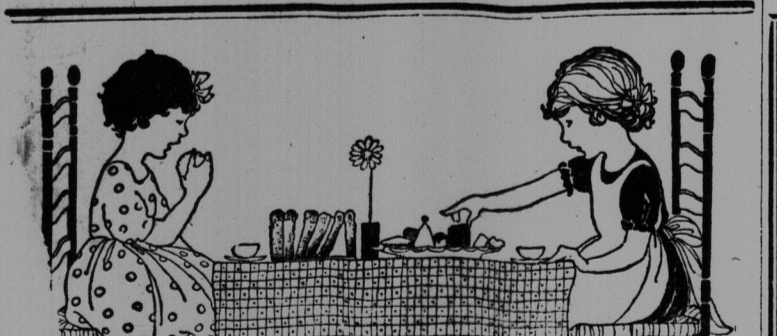
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