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Interview

By
W. JOHN STEVENS

Miss Alice Davids sat in her office, marking the exercises of her high-school English classes. There was a timid tap on her door. The knob was turned gently and a face peeped in.

"Yes, Miss Hanson?"

Ruthmary Hanson's pretty little-girl's face paled. "Miss Davids." She paused, unhappily. Then, as if her courage had been gathered up, "May I ask you a personal question?"

Alice Davids smiled, "Why yes, Ruthmary, but I can't promise to answer."

The words began bubbling out. "Miss Davids I know you'll think I'm awfully fresh, honestly I'm not, I just have to know. Why didn't you get married instead of being a teacher?"

Alice Davids had had many experiences with students' questions. Now she felt she had underestimated the girl, who stared back miserably, looking like a goldfish as she opened and closed her mouth, trying to say something that wouldn't come.

Quickly her mind ran over what she knew about Ruthmary: Not too bright, just a good passing student. Ruthmary and she were friendly, but then she honestly liked all her students, and they liked her. Boy friends? Yes, there was Jim Townley, nice boy, good brains, fond of Ruthmary, and she seemingly liked him. Ambitious? Yes, that was it! Boy friend, ambitious; that motion-picture magazine that Ruthmary tried, unsuccessfully, to read one day in class. She smiled at Ruthmary, suddenly remembering that this child was just graduating and was eighteen.

Ruthmary, on the verge of tears, smiled back. "I'm sorry, Miss Davids. I guess I shouldn't have . . ."

"Ruthmary," Miss Davids interrupted, "you and I have always been pretty good friends, haven't we?"

"Yes'm," she gulped.

"If I tell you, will you promise to keep it a secret?"

"Oh, yes, Miss Davids, I won't tell a soul, honest I won't. I just had to know for . . ."

"I don't have to be told, Ruthmary You must have a good reason. It's a rather odd question but I don't mind answering at all. Not to a nice understanding girl like you. I like teaching very much, Ruthmary."

Miss Davids went on, "Yet, I know that if I had my choice, I wouldn't be here. My John and I had such plans together, such exciting plans." Miss Davids sighed. Ruthmary was now on the edge of her seat.

"We were brought up together, went to the same schools, had the same ideas about life. We both liked people and we wanted our home and—but all that is over now, has been over for many years. Yes, dear, I like teaching, but most people aren't made to live alone, and that is especially true of women. No matter how much you like your work, no matter how successful, you still feel the emptiness of knowing that you have no one really close to you."

Miss Davids smiled sadly. "Here's a picture of us just a few months before he left me for her."

Ruthmary looked, through tears, at the handsome man who stood grinning at a much prettier Miss Davids, and then carefully put it down. She left the office without a word.

Alice Davids went back to her desk, and picked up the picture.

"You know," she mused, "you're rather a good-looking fellow at that. Wait till you hear how you broke my heart."

Still grinning she put the picture down. She was about to start looking for stationery. Then she thought—the themes.

"I've got to grade them first ,dear brother, the letter from your broken-hearted sister can wait." Still grinning at her lawyer-brother she resumed grading papers.

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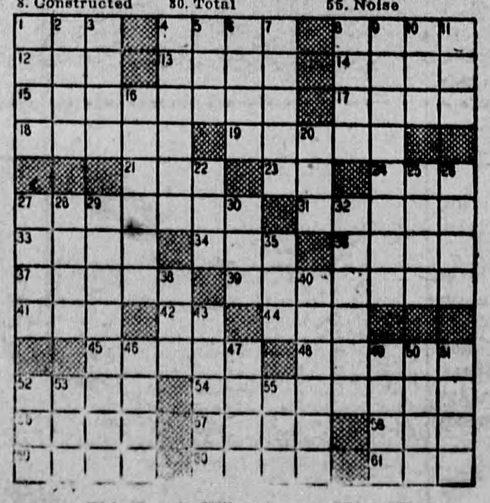

Answer to This Puzzle Will Appear Next Week

Working Their Way Through College—This doesn't look very much like work, but actually they're a few of the hundreds of Canadian girls who secure means for a higher education by working as waitresses at various resorts during the summer. Seen on a diving tower at an Ontario vacation spot are Ruth McLean, Kay Ross, and Evelyn Spracklin together with a guest, Isobel Murphy.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

by Gwendoline P. Clarke

The most important news this week is what hasn't happened—and it's old news at that. I mean another week has gone by and still no rain. We have never seen things so dry and withered before. The ground is strewn with tired, brown leaves, lacking the vitality to stay on the trees to await that first sharp frost that gives them colour and interest. Wheat ground all over the district is ploughed but little of it worked and, as far as we know, none of it sown. Wheat sown now would merely serve as food for birds.

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Not only has there been no rain but we now have another heat wave—only the "probs" are that it will be of short duration, thank goodness. However, there is one happy aspect to this hot, dry weather—it has produced a bumper crop of tomatoes. We have been swamped with them—and all from four dozen plants. Two weeks ago I bought tomatoes, never expecting to get enough for canning from our own plants—not after the worms had done their work! But every day I have been picking one or more baskets of the fruit—or vegetable—whichever you like to call it—as a result jars and jars have been filled with rich, red juice. Yes, tomatoes and peaches have kept me busy.

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And then there was the "Ex" to go to again, and an Institute meeting, and on Friday niece Joy arrived for a belated holiday. And that's the way it goes.

But Partner and I did have a day at the "Ex" together after all. It was Bob who stayed home to see that the home fires didn't start burning. But he must certainly have had them in mind as while we were away he rigged up an old circular saw which he bought or borrowed, I'm not sure which. Anyway he had quite a pile of cordwood cut up and would have had more only the saw fell apart! At least the platform did. But Bob was quite happy rebuilding it and the next day he and his Dad went at it again and the pile grew higher and higher.

Partner and I had a good day at the "Ex". One of the highlights of for me was attending the lunch in the Women's Building with Mrs. Kate Aitken as hostess. The success of anything with Mrs. Aitken in charge is a foregone conclusion and this lunch was no exception. She is certainly the perfect hostess. And there are always interesting speakers and one meets old friends and new acquaintances and there is the quiet enjoyment one gets from a well-served meal in an uncrowded and airy dining-room.

After lunch I headed for the Band Shell where I was to meet Partner. I forgot the rest of the people; the noisy crowds going by, as I listened to the Welsh Guards Band playing so many pieces that are among my favorites. One felt the heat, the crowds, and the trip back and forth to the city was well worth enduring as one listened in silent enjoyment to the "Hallelujah Chorus" and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring". I won't say any more because I couldn't possibly tell you what it meant to hear music like that played by such a wonderful band. I was wishing Cicely could have been with us.

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And speaking of Cicely—here is something she wrote en route—I imagine while flying from Malton to Montreal and I think she meant it to be included in my column.

Thoughts on Leaving Canada

"I am no writer and have not the gift of expressing my thoughts and feelings in an attractive way, but I should like, as a visitor, to say, 'Thank you, Canada, very much for a thoroughly enjoyable holiday.' As I sail comfortably through the air, on my flight back to England, I feel I am leaving behind a very warm-hearted, friendly and generous people. Like the vast land they live in, with its huge buildings and rolling landscapes, there is nothing mean or grudging about them and they freely invite the visitor to share and enjoy everything with them.

In conclusion I should like to thank my host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Clarke, for their hospitality and for the many friendships I have made in Canada through them."

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TABLE TALKS

by Jane Andrews.

These are the days when thousands of Ontario mothers are faced with the five-times-a-week task of preparing lunch-boxes for the children to take to school with them—and wondering just what combinations will prove not only tasty and tempting, but thoroughly nutritious as well.

I have gathered together from here and there some recipes that I think will help. The first three are for sandwich fillings which I believe not only the youngsters will like, but the grown ups as well. Then there are a couple of cookies that are just the thing to pack in beside the more solid part of the luncheon.

Tasty Sandwich Filling

(Makes 12 to 15 sandwiches)

Put Through The Food Chopper
1 red pimiento
1 yellow pimiento
1 green pepper
2 large dill pickles
½ pound cheese
½ pound bologna

Season to taste with pepper and salt and chill thoroughly before spreading.

Peanut Butter-Apple Filling

(Makes 12 to 15 sandwiches)

Blend Together
1 cup peanut butter
½ cup apple butter
1 3-oz. package cream cheese

Add 1 large apple, finely chopped, with peeling left on. Mix well and store in cool place till time to be used.

Tasty Chicken Filling

(Makes 12 to 15 sandwiches)

Mix Together
2 cups cubed chicken
3 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
¼ cup finely chopped parsley
½ cup chopped celery
2 tablespoons ketchup

Moisten With . . . . . .
½ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

And now for those lunch box cookie recipes I spoke about before. Here they are;

Jelly Cookies

(Makes 3 dozen)

Sift
1 cup sifted flower
1 teaspoon baking powdedr
¼ teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon cinnamon

Cream
½ cup shortening
1 cup brown shugar

Stir In
1 egg, well beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla

Add
flour mixture alternately with ½ cup sour milk

Add
3 cups sifted flour, or enough to make soft rolled dough

Chill
roll ¼ inch thick; cut

Spoon
1 teaspoon jelly in centre of half the cookies.

Cut Out
centres of remaining cookies.

Fit
these cookies over ones with jelly; seal edges.

Bake
in moderate oven (375 degrees) 12 minutes

Toasted Oatmeal Cookies

(Makes 4 dozen)

Sift
2½ cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ teaspoon ground cloves

Cream
½ cup shortening
½ cup brown sugar
½ cup white sugar

Blend In
¼ cup molasses

Add
1 egg, well beaten

Add
flour mixture alternately with
¼ cup prune juice or water
¼ cup thick sour cream

Add
1 cup toasted raw oatmeal
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup chopped prunes
1 cup chopped prunes or dates

Drop
By spoonfuls on greased sheet.

Bake
In moderate oven (375 degrees) 12 minutes.

Summer Echoes

School once again, but, oh, do not despair
If those before you seem not to be there.
That boy, with pencil dangling from his hand,
He sees, instead of schoolroom task and view,
A sail spread white against the gleaming blue.
That girl who's heeding not your last remark—
She sees a campfire flicker through the dark.
She sees a sunset, far across a lake.
The months ahead are full of things to do.
Be patient—they will soon come back to you!

J. Lillian Vandevere.
(In the Christian Science Monitor)

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