

Across The Kitchen Table

I guess it's true that as you get older, you slow down, or up, or something, anyway, I was slow enough for the 'flu to catch up with me for the second time and I can assure you, it's no fun. And to make matters worse, my aunt got a touch of pneumonia at the same time. However, I got back to work last Thursday, and my aunt is improving too, so things are looking a bit rosier around the McDonald mansion again.

As many of you know, I spent the week of October 28, to 31, in Ottawa as a delegate to the first National convention of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada and to say that I was thrilled is putting it mildly.

To attend and take part in a meeting of over four hundred women, from every province in Canada, whose main aim was to plan for the advancement and bettering of all things pertaining to Canadian women, to hear them bring little bits of disagreement out into the open and discuss them until all the wrinkles were ironed out, to vote, to the best of ones knowledge on the questions arising from the discussions, is an experience that will be a treasured memory to the end of life.

And I think the best part was at the close of the last session, when Mrs. Nancy Adams, the retiring National president, said "After four years work as your president, wondering at times we were accomplishing anything, now, at the end, at our first National convention, you have given me the greatest gift of all, unity and harmony between all the provinces".

The convention was a full one, with mornings, afternoons and evenings all filled. Being a first, there were many things about it that could have been better planned, the most serious fault being too many speakers and not enough discussion groups but that is a fault found in all conventions.

It was particularly pleasing to know that the four northern districts were all represented, North Cochrane by Mrs. Dodds, of Clute, South Cochrane by Mrs. M. Cadeau of Matheson, Center Temiskaming by Mrs. Bert Brownlee of Englehart and South Temiskaming by myself, and that all of our voices were in the discussions and also that

we were able to speak to several of the motions that were passed.

This column was started last Friday, and since then, my husband developed 'flu and neuralgia in his face. Life, for us, is not one, but several darned things after another.

Parents and teachers are reminded the Young Canada Book Week is coming up and will be observed during the week of November 15, to 22.

This would be a golden opportunity for mothers to bring their young children to the Library and introduce them to the many excellent books that are available for them. Teachers, too, could interest their pupils in reading the better books provided for their enjoyment. Stars given for each library book read during the month might be the incentive needed to help turn the tide of comic book reading into a wave of enjoyment educational information.

It is now 75 years since Robert Koch discovered the tubercle bacillus and established the fact that tuberculosis was a communicable disease. His discovery was the foundation for the modern fight against TB. Prior to that time the belief that it was hereditary and incurable blocked advance against it.

GIRL GUIDE NEWS

By Germaine Charbonneau
On November 21st, the Girl Guides held their weekly meeting at the auditorium. After the opening ceremonies led by Linda Clark, we went to our patrol corners where the tenderfeet passed some tests.

We are giving a big push so that the new girls like Linda Quinlan and Joyce Menzies will become full-fledged guides.

After this we practiced marching to the tunes of American Patrol and British Grenadier. At our pow-wow it was decided that Lorraine Morissette, Marilyn White, Margaret Menzies and Darlene Sauve would be ushers at the Community Concert.

The next two weeks hold promise of excitement for we will soon have a Brownie Fly Up in which Joyce Lecky and Patricia Lowery will figure. Next Monday, in the basement of the United Church, will be held our Guide rummage sale. We hope that it will be as great a success as last year.

CUB AND SCOUT NEWS

The Second Cub Pack regrouped their forces at the last meeting. Ross Gagnon was invested with the Cub neckerchief and five "New Chums" Jimmy Davis, Teddy and Pat Culhane

Cashing Bigger Checks Than Ever



TV AND FILM STAR Abbe Lane, and her famous band-leader husband, Xavier Cugat (left), have returned from their travels in Europe. She is to star in the new Broadway musical, "Captain's Paradise." The oversized American Express Travelers Cheque was presented to them during a radio interview in recognition of their successful personal appearance tour in Spain and Italy, where real-size travelers cheques made their travels easy. And to convey a truly international flavor, the prominent show business couple took along their French poodle, Suzette, and their Mexican Chihuahua, Cachita.

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