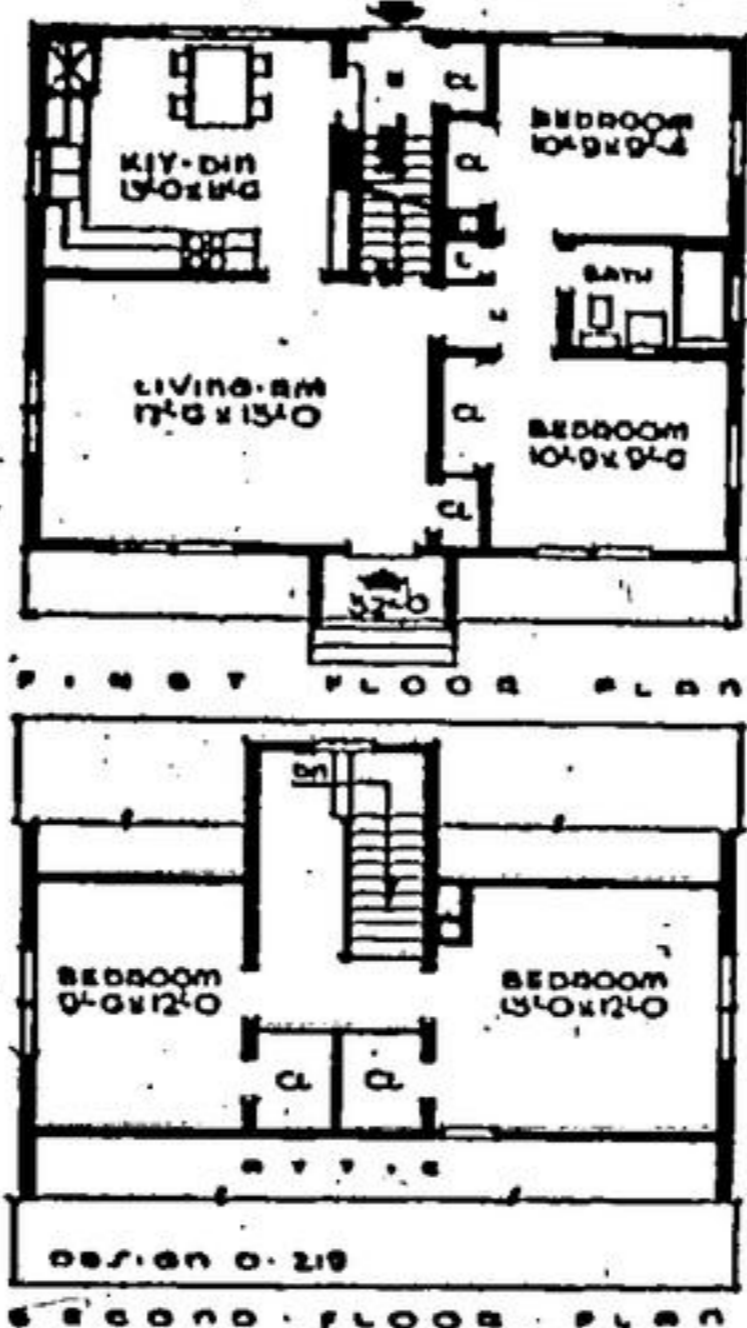


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Fine weather brought us four visitors yesterday but it also reduced our regular family by one. That is to say Bob is away on a construction job north of here—back to the job he likes—as well as a slave operator, working on a new road that is in the process of being built. Which brings Partner and I back to the Darby and Joan stage once again. And then this Joan took a day off last Friday to attend the W.I. Officers' Rally in Guelph.

This Officers' Rally has become an event which few forget, like to miss. In fact attendance has exceeded accommodation at the O.A.C. so that the overflow had to be boarded out at hotels in the city.

Most W.I. members will hear highlights of the event from reports by their own Branch officers so I confine myself mostly to personal impressions.

My first impression was a realization of the interest, the loyalty and the strength of the W.I. in Ontario. How could one think otherwise when 1,100 women were willing to leave their homes at house-cleaning time? I was also struck with their intelligent grasp of the many problems that were presented and discussed. For instance, women were really interested when Mr. Stothers, of the Public Relations Branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, outlined the way in which secretaries and treasurers should handle the business affairs of the Branch entrusted to their care. A mimeographed copy of his informative address will be available to W.I. secretary treasurers throughout the province.

The rest of the forenoon was taken up with group discussions of officers' work and a panel discussion by a panel discussion in the afternoon, at which the group leaders summarized their findings, and discussed merits and disadvantages of the practices that had been discussed. One contentious question developed a good deal of interest—"Should the District Annual be used as a get-together for anniversaries and for hearing guest speakers?" The majority ruled that the District Annual should be almost entirely a business meeting. So that's that, ladies—no more anniversaries or speakers at your District Annuals!

In regard to Branch meetings it was agreed that guest speakers sometimes provided a stimulus but that having guest speakers too often frequently created lazy members. To prevent this, local talent should be developed to the limit, for one reason the surest way to maintain interest among the members was to keep them busy. Referring to the officers it was said "the president provides the inspiration and the secretary the perspiration."

A pleasing highlight of the afternoon was an address on "Leadership" by Miss Ethel Chapman, formerly women's editor of the Farmer's Magazine but now appointed to the staff of the Provincial W.I. "Almost everyone has some way in which she can be a leader," said Miss Chapman. "There are, of course, different types of leaders but most of them can be found in every local Branch. There will be one person who can make better pies than anyone else; another who is splendid at getting up a paper; or a convenor for banquets or programs. Or in music, quilting or speaking—almost every person in every Institute has some special talent. Sometimes it is obvious but there are times when it has to be discovered and developed."

Miss Chapman thought one good way for discovering hidden talent was to provide more opportunity for discussion at W.I. meetings. It not only brought out ideas but was good training "for thinking on your feet." The speaker made other pungent remarks—"Opportunities for leadership often seemed greater in backward areas; in more thickly populated places leadership was often only the result of doing the job nearest to you; a leader should let her fellow-members in on her plans; the better type of leader is also a good follower; she likes and is never afraid to be friendly."

Miss Chapman mentioned that Rural service by the Victorian Order of Nurses was the result of good leadership in Lincoln County. It was a splendid and inspiring address. I was not surprised to hear two women behind me say one to the other "Miss Chapman is good, isn't she?" "Yes, what she says is so worth while and she is always so easy to listen to."

I might add, they are my sentiments too.

Canada's public libraries are used less by adults than they were 10 years ago, but more by children. The libraries stock about 6,500,000 books and registered borrowers number 1,200,000 persons, borrowing on the average 17 books a year.

Pope Instituted Sneeze Wishes

Someone sneezed. And likely someone promptly said, "Gesundheit" or "God Bless You!"

You have a Pope to thank for these good wishes. Gregory the Great, who became pope in the year 590 A.D., is credited with the origin of the custom that has endured for more than thirteen centuries. At the time of his accession a plague was raging in Rome, with many deaths occurring daily. As the early symptoms of the disease were fits of sneezing and yawning, Gregory decreed that a blessing should be pronounced whenever a person sneezed and that the sign of the cross should be made over the mouth of anyone who yawned.

Whether this measure, had any therapeutic value or not, the epidemics ceased, and the first part of Gregory's decree survives in the custom of saying "God bless you!" or its equivalent when a person sneezes. History does not relate when the second part of the decree fell into disuse, but it may be conjectured that this occurred with the rise of the after-dinner speaker. The custom of making crosses over the yawning mouths would lead to more commotion than was seemly in a captive audience. Or it may be that the mannerly habit of covering the yawning mouth is a relic, now without religious significance, of the great pope.

Nook, Cellar, Den? House Poll Asks

Chateaine magazine recently sent out questionnaires to over 2,000 Consumer Councilors across Canada and from the replies they drew up a plan of the house most Canadian housewives prefer. Here's what they report.

Comfort, convenience and style are what most women want. They don't want a starkly modern house—or an old-fashioned house. They want a house that's built spaciously without wasting a square inch. As for materials, a majority voted for a glass, brick and wood combination, and 53% of them want a one-storey design. Basements are still in vogue and 60% chalked up their ballots for big windows—provided they do not interfere with tasteful furniture arrangements.

60% put in a bid for a breakfast nook and a majority turned thumbs down on that roof. In Canada sloping roofs get the vote it seems. A spacious living-room seems to be unanimous, with large open areas for easy circulation of guests. Most of the 2,000 women wanted three bedrooms but they thrifly suggested one of the bedrooms could double as a den.

"An efficient kitchen was a universal demand—with ample cupboards, and work surfaces so that footsteps, bending and stretching are reduced to a minimum. It's interesting to note that 60% wanted a hobby room off the basement rumpus room—which shows that Canadian families seem to have leisure time interests that require work space.

Outdoor features include a drying yard, a built-in playpen, a covered passageway to the garage and an outside entrance to the rumpus room so that the children don't have to track through the house.

This ideal lot, according to the poll, would have a 60-foot frontage, 50% of them want to live in towns or suburbs and only 10% said they preferred cities.

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