

Fashion Hint



Time was when handkerchiefs were a stand-by gift you shopped for at the last minute to fill up the gaps in your shopping list—but not any more! Fashion's dictates have made them larger, more glamorous, more colorful, more wanted. You don't give them to someone who has everything, when you can't think of anything else, this year.

One suggestion—a wardrobe of seven pure linen color-block handkerchiefs, one for each day of the week? The most glamorous hankie of all is the pure silk chiffon square, screen printed and imported from France, perhaps.

These large handkerchiefs lead up to the question of scarves and big bandanas, which also come in a dazzling variety. Some squares intended to be worn knotted at the throat of a sweater, have belts to match. These scarves can be worn quite a few different ways, and so are a good idea for a Christmas gift, especially for a teen-ager.

W.M.S. Members Meet in Parsonage

The Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church met at the parsonage on Tuesday, December 8 with the president, Miss M. Z. Bennett, presiding. The meeting was in charge of Mrs. J. Moore and her group.

Scripture readings were by Mrs. F. Cleave, Mrs. L. Agar and Mrs. Krantz on "The Saviour's Birth Foretold." Mrs. Moore gave a beautiful Christmas reading—"The Star." A duet was sung by Miss D. Simons and Mrs. B. Veldhuis. Carols were sung during the meeting.

The home had a lovely Christmas atmosphere with tree and decorations.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Moore and her group. A vote of thanks was given to Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Currey for their home and others who assisted. Merry Christmas was wished to all.

W.M.S. officers for 1954 are as follows: president, Miss M. Z. Bennett; 1st vice president, Miss M. Mainprize; 2nd vice president, Mrs. E. Mowat; 3rd vice president, Mrs. H. R. Force; recording secretary, Mrs. A. Mercer; Baby Band, Mrs. F. J. Lambert; pianist, Mrs. R. R. Arnold; assistant pianist, Mrs. M. Burns; Temperance, Miss D. Simons; community friendship, Mrs. F. Cleave; Missionary Monthly, Mrs. P. Binnie; Supply, Mrs. J. Moore; Literature, Miss M. Mainprize; Associate helper, Mrs. B. Veldhuis; assistant associate helper, Mrs. J. Lambert; C.G.I.T., Mrs. Lorne Simpson; Mission Band, Mrs. M. Symon; Mrs. A. Mercer; Baby Band, Mrs. F. J. Lambert; Miss Henderson; Official Board, Mrs. R. L. Johnson; auditors, Mrs. C. L. Poole, Mrs. F. Cleave.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by Gwendolene F. Clarke

Well, what do you know? Here I have been leaning over backwards in my anxiety not to bore readers of this column with too much detail about our grandson. And now I find I have made a mistake. To my surprise quite a number of readers want to know a lot more about him. Some say: "Tell us about the baby—you have hardly mentioned him at all." Well, you asked for it, so here goes: right-up-to-the minute news, as I was in to see the young fellow two days ago. And believe me, a trip to Toronto is a lot more interesting now that I have a grandson to visit.

I opened the front door of the house where Dee and Arthur live and from the bedroom I heard Daughter's voice. "Listen now, here comes Grandma... you going to be a good boy while Grandma is here?"

I walked in. There was David John squirming around on the tray of his bathnet, thoroughly enjoying the process of being oiled and powdered, and, lying on his tummy he actually lifted his little wee-wee and looked around at me. Imagine at six weeks!

Babies certainly develop quickly these days, much quicker than when our two were infants. David seemed to follow me with his eyes, and he definitely smiled at his mother. He has a lovely pink and white complexion—for which I am very glad, sallow babies get me worried. His hair is reddish-brown and he has a nice shaped head. That morning he looked so sweet in the little outfit I had made him—white nightie with yellow smocking, yellow jacket with white ribbon ties and white booties edged with yellow.

After being fed and falling asleep in the process, he was tucked up in his blue baby-bunting bag, placed in his carriage and out on the veranda to sleep. Later Daughter and I wanted to go shopping so here is what we did, but it is only possible with a certain type of baby carriage—I suppose you might call it a "convertible." We called a taxi and when it arrived we lifted the body of the carriage off the chassis and carried it out to the waiting taxi, baby and all. A friend of Daughter's had promised to look after David while we shopped so when we arrived at her house we carried the baby in the same way and just set the carriage on the chesterfield—no handling, no disturbing the baby. It was wonderful, and he slept right through it all.

However, from all accounts, David doesn't spend his entire time sleeping! He likes a little attention at night, and cries lustily until he gets it. Poor father can't stand hearing him cry and so he picks him up. Now Daughter really has a problem on her hands—and it isn't what to do with the baby.

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REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED FROM 3 TO 9 P.M. FILMS WILL BE SHOWN

"PUBLIC PREFERS PONTIAC"

BREVITY
A cub reporter on a newspaper was given a lecture by his editor about being brief in his stories. "It is the most important thing in reporting," the editor claimed. The next day the cub handed in this story: "James C. Mulligan looked up the elevator shaft at the Morton Hotel yesterday to see if the elevator was coming down. It was. Age 33."

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9:30 A.M. CHRISTMAS DAY—Holy Communion.

Christmas is one of the Great Feasts of the Church. Every churchman and churchwoman should be present at one of the services. Every communicant should make this festival a time for making his or her Communion.

ALL WELCOME

TOWN EXPANSION

Our senior partner, F. L. Wright, has spent the past year in Great Britain. While there he took the opportunity to investigate social conditions such as housing, town planning, medical facilities and hospitalization. He visited slum clearances, war demolitions, new towns, garden cities and industrial developments. He interviewed many from the latter who propose coming to Canada, among whom are key men and executives. It has been our privilege and pleasure in the past to assist many new Canadians in getting settled, understanding their problems, etc. We feel well qualified to advise on any problems pertaining to the above.

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