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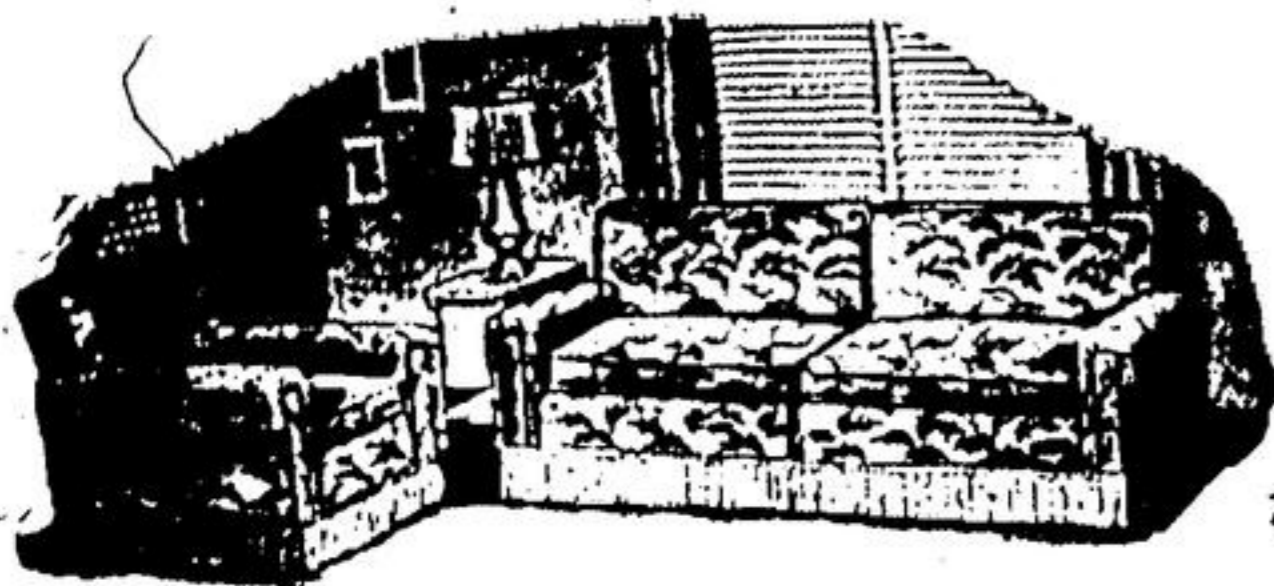
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by M.H.B.

Hard to believe that Easter has come and gone. There were a lot of lovely spring clothes on parade over the week-end. Do you know that if you wear a new hat on Easter Sunday, you will be lucky in love for the rest of the year? Ah-h... Spring!

Spring does seem to be the time when there's a yen to acquire new things. This spring Canadians have acquired a whole new province, Newfoundland, and in honour of her entry into the Dominion, a new 4-cent stamp has been issued. Have you noticed it yet? Quite attractive, we think, with a picture of Cabot's sailing vessel, the "Matthew", in full sail. The stamp is in green, and is about twice the size of an ordinary stamp.

Chatting with Doris Armstrong, last weekend, we learned some interesting things about a post-graduate course she is taking just now, in Toronto. Doris, a graduate nurse from Brantford General Hospital, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong, and she tells us that nurses from nearly every country in the world are enrolled in this special "Clinical Supervision" course. Yugoslavia, England, South America, China, Japan, Australia, Formosa, Sweden, Switzerland and the U.S.A. are all represented just now. And the wonderful part of it all is that these girls have been sent here, with all expenses paid, by the Rockefeller Foundation. Their only obligation after completing the course, is that they return to their own countries, and work for two or three years—not in order to pay back the money—but in order that they may pass on to others what they have learned.

We wondered about the language problem, but Doris says it seems to be no stumbling block to these girls. Before coming to Toronto, most spend a month or two in the States, brushing up on English, and getting used to our hospital routines, etc. When they come to Toronto, they live in residence, and so can help each other over most language difficulties. These girls and our own girls too, are certainly getting more out of the course than specialized nursing knowledge. They're finding out about the way people live and think in the rest of the world.

One amusing little side-light on this, was when a party of these "international nurses" went on a skiing expedition to Huntsville last winter. (Doris' picture, with some of the other girls, made the front page of the Star, remember?) A few girls from South America were along, and were amazed at our young people's customs. They had no idea what to say or how to act, when a young man asked them out. Where these girls come from, they are allowed to go out only in "four-somes," and must be in by 9 p.m. Would like to have been in on some of those educational lectures.

But from what Doris tells us, the girls won't need much teaching. They're a really clever lot and work very hard. The course is divided up into many spheres of specialization and the nurses can choose which they prefer. Most of the Ontario nurses are taking the course through a scholarship or bursary. Doris, who is specializing in Operating room technique and supervision, is on a scholarship from Brantford General Hospital.

Bracebridge is a town much in the news these days, where Georgetown hockey fans are concerned. A large number followed the team there last Saturday night. Just struck us that it probably made it less of a complete break from Georgetown for Dr. Stiles and family, who moved into their new home in Bracebridge on Saturday too. If they went downtown on Sat. night, probably every other person they met on the street would be from Georgetown. Mrs. Stiles seemed thrilled with her new home, when we talked to her on Friday, even tho she hates to leave their friends here. We know lots of towns-people holiday up that way in the summer, so will be interested to know they'll likely be passing by the Stiles' bungalow which is in a beautiful hilltop location on the highway to the Lake of Bays, just outside Bracebridge.

Ever listen to "The Happy Gang" just after dinner? If you do, you'll like the latest advertising stunt of their sponsors "Palmolive Soap" (we should get a cut on that little bit of free advt.) who are giving away pictures showing The Happy Gang members and their families. We got one from a local store. Some of the gang don't look at all as we had pictured them in our mind's eye.

Spending Easter in New York, is Mrs. S. T. Faram, accompanied

by Mrs. E. Peterkin of Toronto. They are visiting at the home of Mrs. Faram's sister, Mrs. R. LeBey.

Also Easter vacationing in New York City were Mr. and Mrs. McClintock, Miss Helen MacDonald, and Mrs. Jessie Wilcox, Hamilton.

Cousins Mrs. W. T. Sinclair and Mrs. Abbie McClure were others who spent the Easter vacation in New York.

If you've been down to Simpson's in Toronto this spring, and admired the beautiful trees in bloom, and spring flowers along their "Aisle of Ideas" as well as the rest of the "spring in bloom" decorative motif on their main-floor, it probably never occurred to you that those beautiful displays were made right here in Georgetown, by a Georgetown man, and set up by him in Simpson's store.

The man in question is Alan Dawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dawson, Glen Road, who has his "workshop" at his parent's home, operating under the name the Alan Dawson Floral Display Company. The displaying of a really creative artist's touch has brought success to Alan's efforts, which started in a very small way two years ago when he beautified all sorts of natural weeds and flowers and sold them to city florists. Becoming acquainted with his work through these channels, the big stores began to place orders with him directly. His work is really beautiful, and just now other samples of his decorative work are on display at the Hudson Bay Co. store in Vancouver B.C. and the T. Eaton Co. stores in Saskatoon and Winnipeg.

At Christmas time, Alan had the contract for decorating Eaton Hall, for Lady Eaton's Christmas party, and his magnificent 'flocked' spruce swags received special mention in the newspapers. Also at Christmas, his Company supplied the Yuletide decorations for Holt-Renfrew and Co., Fairweather's and the T. Eaton Co. Ltd.

Going back to the display at Simpson's just now, we thought it most interesting to learn that the huge trees were made by lashing together Alder bushes (which grow on the banks of the Credit, just across from Alan's Shop) and the thousands of blossoms were attached afterwards. Also prominent in his displays at the moment, are "pampas plumes", which are grown in Georgetown. We wish him continued success in his work. There must be a real thrill in creating such beautiful things.

Just heard of a former Glen Williams girl who is bound for "far-away-places" very soon. She is the former Vivienne Guyot, now Mrs. George Nixon, and Lima (pronounced Lee-mah) Peru, is going to be her home.

Mrs. Nixon and 9 month old son, her father, Mr. R. Guyot and brother Roger, of Toronto, visited in Georgetown and the Glen, recently. Mr. and Mrs. Nixon have been living at Vaudreuil, Duron, Quebec. Mr. Nixon, who taught for a while at the University of Toronto, is an engineer with an air conditioning and refrigeration firm.

Mrs. J. Richardson and Mrs. B. Weston attended the IODE Cooking School, sponsored by Robin Hood Flour, held in Toronto last week. Neighbours say the results have been delectable.

MRS. ERN BATKIN IS NORVAL W.I. SPEAKER

Mrs. Ern Batkin of Georgetown was guest speaker at the March meeting of Nerval Women's Institute, and she gave an illustrated talk on some ideas for sewing, as given the girls of the Young Homemakers' Club, for which she is in charge of instruction. Her topic was "the decoration and furnishings of the young girl's bedroom." Mrs. Graydon Chester introduced the speaker.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Murray. Roll call was answered by "my favourite book and its author." Mrs. Wishart gave current events. Literature being the subject of the day, a book contest was conducted to test the memory as to the authors of a list of books submitted. The proceeds of the venture held on April 1st will be donated to Peel Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Webb assisted the hostess in serving tea. There was a good attendance of members and several visitors. The May meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. C. Reed. Election of officers will take place and all members were urged to be present.

ELEVEN NEW MEMBERS JOIN REBEKAH LODGE

The Rebekah degree was conferred on eleven new members of Verdun Rebekah Lodge on Tuesday evening, April 19th, in the lodge rooms. The degree was exemplified by the local lodge in a very creditable manner.

At the conclusion of lodge a social half hour was enjoyed. The new members are: Mrs. H. Lorrman, Mrs. V. Rawson, Mrs. Ernie Rawson, Mrs. W. Willett, Mrs. Harold Hancock, Mrs. W. Edwin Wilson, Mrs. John Koloski, Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Mrs. George Sargent, Mrs. Robert Smith and Mrs. W. Wheeler.

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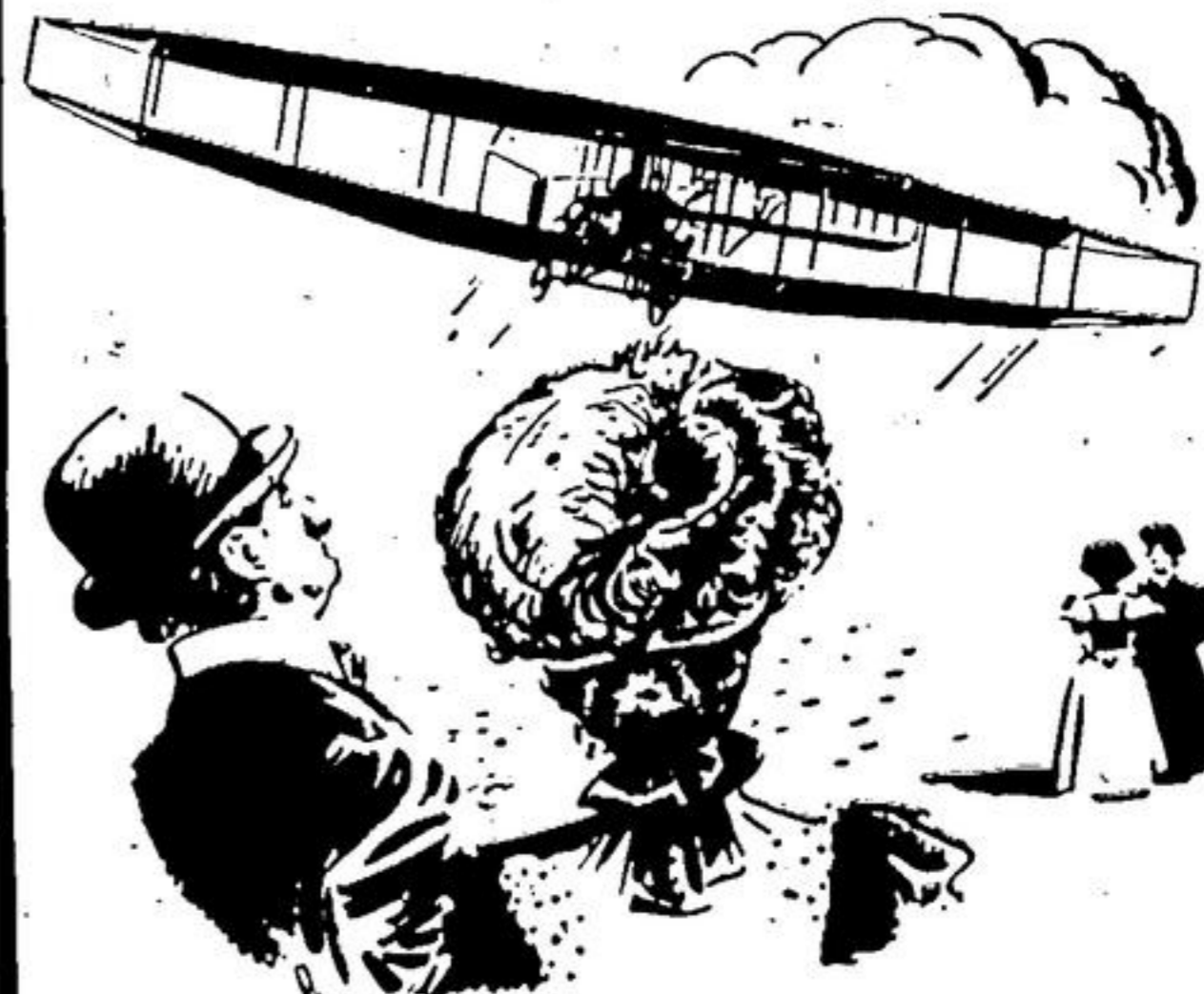
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