



PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

AMERICAN CHINA DESIGNED BY AMERICAN ARTISTS

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"Imported" is a word that has lost its glamor. Through grim necessity we have discovered our own abilities in fashion and decorating, and it is doubtful if we will ever again place slavish importance on "imported" goods. Fine china can be taken as an example.

Ever since we became a nation, we have imported the best of our china, looking to Europe and China for leadership, copying patterns originated in England, France, Germany, Czechoslovakia, China and the Scandinavian countries. And now, when importing is relegated to the past tense except for a trinkle of things from England, along comes a luxury china, bred and born in our own country, of our own soil and water, fashioned by American hands in the American spirit—and patterned by American artists.

A new edition of Castleton China, recently presented to public view, is but the fulfillment of the American promise and, in part, the American dream. James M. Smith, an American potter with a great faith, has experimented for years with clays to achieve the present masterpiece—hunting in the mountains of Vermont, the clay valleys of the West, the sand banks of the South. From his experiments has come a very fine china comparable to Europe's best but typically American 'too. For example the plates are light in weight, with a wide flange and a generous well for food.

A Plate For Benton

And these fine plates have been decorated by America's leading contemporary artists. Thomas Hart Benton contributes "Rich Penny", a table loaded with good things plus a bright penny. The incomparable Ludwig Bemelmans presents a set of six service plates with pictures of opera life as a motif (fabulous as a theatre supper setting). Salvador Dali, characteristically weird, gives us pretty dancing ladies with rose bouquets for faces. The star-studded list of artists includes Raphael Elender, Ernest Fienne, Milena, Roberto Montenegro, Thomas W. Nason, Allen Salburg, Paul Sampf, George Schrieber, Elsie Shaver, Lee Townsend, Marcel Vertes, Ching Chih Yee—all working in America but, in "melting pot" fashion, representing eight countries.

In a way, it is too bad that this great and beautiful American china should have come to us in war-time when the praise and reverence it deserves may be glossed over by many who may consider it just an emergency product, dreamed up to catch the "carriage trade" at a time when imported china cannot be had. This china is news right now—but it would be news, and important news too, if every boat from Europe brought us the best of that continent's ceramic art. This series of artist-designed china is on an exhibition on tour now, being shown in many leading American cities.

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Red Cross Wins Bet, But Bet for Which Branch?

The following interesting story of a gentlemen's bet is given in The New Liskeard Speaker last week:—"Funds of the Red Cross branch here or of the sister organization in Halley-



Thomas Hart Benton designed this interesting china plaque. The design is called "Rich Penny," the coloring coral, yellow, green and deep blue. This painting is worthily reproduced on the lustrous, translucent Parian-body of Castleton China. On the table is one penny surrounded by bows of ripe red apples, bananas and a vase of colourful spring flowers against a background of trees and rock. The plaque measures 11 inches in diameter—it costs a mere thousand dollars.

bury will be the richer by a substantial sum as the result of a wager made by two citizens of the respective towns, and turning on the date of the ending of the war, according to information given members of the local body at the annual meeting here last Friday night.

"Involved are John Clark, prominent New Liskeard man, and E. A. Simpkin, equally well-known in Halleybury, together with one hundred dollars which at the moment reposes in the treasury of the Halleybury branch of the Society. The story related by J. W. Kearns, New Liskeard branch treasurer, is to the effect that Mr. Simpkin held hostilities would be over in 1942 and Mr. Clark, differing, took him up on a challenge to back his opinions in cash.

"Mr. Kearns said that he had been informed Mr. Clark's understanding of the wager was that, in the event of the New Liskeard man being wrong, he—that is John Clark—would donate the sum named to the Red Cross branch here, whereas, if Mr. Simpkin turned out to be a poor prognosticator, he in turn was to turn over the money to the same organization.

"However, and again according to the story told to the New Liskeard meeting, there has been some misunderstanding on this point and the loser, while he paid up without dispute, handed over the donation to the Halleybury group. Mr. Kearns intimated that he was making efforts to recover the cash for New Liskeard work, and in his report to the meeting stated that "we have a still further possibility of greeting \$100 re Clark vs. Simpkin wager."

Passed Annual Exams in Medicine at the U. of T.

A note from Mr. W. J. Dunlop, Director of University Extension, gives the results of the annual examinations in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, so far as they relate to local residents:—

Passed Third Year — F. A. Duggan.

Passed Fifth Year — K. T. G. Moller.

Women's Auxiliary of Presbyterian Church Planning for Year

Several Events Already Being Arranged.

The Women's Auxiliary of the MacKay Presbyterian Church held their first meeting of the new year at the home of Mrs. Jas. Cowan, 78 Balsom street south, on Thursday evening, Jan. 7th.

The new president, Mrs. F. Connelly, occupied the chair, and Mrs. R. Clelland read the scripture while Mrs. J. Ralph offered prayer.

The annual financial statement was given by the treasurer, Mrs. R. Wales, and proved to be very encouraging.

A discussion was held as to ways and means of a new work to be undertaken for the year ahead. A rummage sale was planned for the last Saturday of this month and a St. Valentine's tea will be held on Saturday, February 13th.

The women are helping to furnish the kitchen of the new church manse which is now nearing completion. The visiting committee gave the report of the homes visited during the past month, and the same ladies (namely), Mrs. C. Pennie, Mrs. F. Somers, and Mrs. V. Nelly, volunteered to act in that capacity for another month.

The meeting closed with the singing of a hymn, suitable for the new year, and a prayer, after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Cowan, assisted by Misses Mae West and Jean Cowan.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. Clelland, 31 Montgomery avenue.

Those present were:—Mrs. R. Wales, Mrs. F. Connelly, Miss M. Rae, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. R. McLeod, Mrs. H. Troyer, Mrs. C. Pennie, Mrs. Marks, Mrs. J. Ralph, Mrs. F. Somers, Mrs. A. Menzies, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. J. MacRae, Mrs. G. Aitkin, Mrs. H. Shultz, Mrs. V. Nelly, Mrs. R. Clelland, and Mrs. J. Cowan.

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Work Meeting Held by Ladies' Guild Friday Evening

Members Meet at Home of Mrs. T. Glaister to Hold Regular Meeting.

Members of the Ladies' Guild of St. Matthew's Anglican Church met on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. T. Glaister, 45 Patricia Blvd., to hold their regular work meeting.

Mrs. H. Gridley, the work convener, handed out a certain amount of work to each lady to be completed by Easter.

A presentation was made to Mrs. Charles Preston, (the former Mrs. Gladys Thomas), last year's treasurer, by Mrs. W. Christopher, the president, who congratulated Mrs. Preston on her recent marriage. Mrs. Preston was the recipient of a large silver dish.

A delicious lunch, served by Mrs. Glaister, and assisted by Mrs. J. S. Maxwell, and Mrs. F. Melville, was served to the guests.

Those present were Mrs. W. Christopher, Mrs. S. Wheeler, Mrs. P. Reid, Mrs. W. Keavan, Mrs. C. Preston, Mrs. H. Gridley and Molly, Mrs. H. Pope, Mrs. B. Richards, Mrs. J. W. Wakeford, Mrs. F. Read, Mrs. J. S. Maxwell, Mrs. R. McTaggart, Mrs. J. Knell, Mrs. T. Glaister, Miss M. Paynter, and Mrs. F. Melville.

Nine Births Registered at Timmins Last Week-end

Born — on Nov. 22nd, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Cleochar Joseph Mainville, 11 Feldman avenue, Mountjoy Twp. — a son (Edgar).

Born — on Dec. 29th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Donat L. Heureux, 59 Lake-shore rd. — a daughter (Marie Lovina Julie Therese).

Born — on Jan. 2nd, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Laframboise, 113 Birch south, at St. Mary's Hospital — a son (Frank Lawrence).

Born — on Dec. 23rd, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Omer Girard, 259 Balsam south — a daughter (Helen Louise).

Born — on Dec. 28th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. John Rees Williams, 122 Spruce north, at St. Mary's Hospital — a daughter (Christine Mary Ellen).

Born — on Dec. 18th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shanks, 64 First Ave., Schumacher — a son (James Robert).

Born — on Jan. 8th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Henry Bowden Harris, 20 Helen St. — a son (William Lacy).

Born — on Dec. 14th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilfred Hayward, 88 2nd avenue, Schumacher, at St. Mary's Hospital — a daughter (Pamela Anne).

Born — on Dec. 11th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Roderique Spencer, 55 Avenue rd., — a daughter (Della Fernande Huquette).

Training in Old Land for Commandos Is Very Strenuous

Weekly Newspaper Representatives Write on What They Saw in England.

(By Walter R. Legge) Of all the demonstrations which the Canadian Editors saw in England, probably none was more realistic or thrilling than that given by the 3rd Canadian Division A.L.C. Training School.

It was a beautiful, warm, sunny day, when we set out in our bus in the early morning for this demonstration. One of the places through which we passed on our way was a port which before the war was the terminus of a ferry service to France. As we went through this place, the sirens gave air raid warning, but we saw nothing of the raiders.

Arriving at our destination, we were shown the training of men who were qualifying as commandos. Three teams from different brigades went through the course that morning, a course which is part of the hardening training.

Strenuous Training Demonstrated The course was very wet and heavy, having a small creek running through it, with swampy ground, and it demanded strength, stamina, and determination. The three teams went over high barricades with pack and gun, helping each other as necessary, crossed over the creek on swinging ropes, ploughed through swampy ground, crawled through tunnels in the ground, crossed heavy barbed wire entanglements, and went through several other equally difficult barriers.

As they made their way through these entanglements and barricades, other officers and men hurried explosives down among them. While these explosives probably were not of sufficient power to maim the men, they were heavy enough to throw up clouds of water and mud over them, and went off with very loud reports. This was to train the men to become oblivious to shot and shell falling among them.

As soon as each man had completed the course, he threw himself on the ground and fired his rifle at figure targets.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance twenty years ago were the following:—"J. H. Black, of Toronto, spent the week-end in the camp." "Mrs. G. Dalgarno, and baby have returned from a visit to Toronto, and other points south." "Dr. R. H. Brown has moved his office to No. 1 Gordon block." "Wilson Lang, formerly of Halleybury, and well-known and very popular in the North Land, was a visitor to Timmins last week and was warmly greeted by old friends in the district. Wilson Lang is a brother of Mac Lang, M. P. P. for Cochrane riding." "M. Greer, chief of police, is ill at his home here. All will wish the popular and able chief an early complete return to health."

gets, his score being kept. This trains them to be able to hit the enemy after violent exertion.

After seeing this course, there was a demonstration of 3" mortars, throwing both high explosives and smoke bombs against a bank some distance away. Standing beside these mortars it was possible to watch the course of these shells in their arc high in the sky until they exploded on the distant bank.

There was an interesting episode during this demonstration which was not on the programme. A Spitfire was flying back and forth, going out of sight over the sea, and then returning as if to look us over. Each time this Spitfire came into view, the demonstration had to be halted to prevent damage to the plane.

Finally after a longer absence than usual over the sea it returned, but this time made a double roll over us before flying away home. This roll is a sign of jubilation frequently given when a pilot downs an enemy plane, and a short time after we were told that this plane had intercepted and brought down two German planes just off the coast where we were.

Newspaper reports that night said that an English plane had shot down two F. W. 190 German planes off the south coast, and that the pilot of one had bailed out and was captured.

Then followed a demonstration of visual system of signals by lights, and although it was a very bright day, messages were exchanged with distant points by means of flashing lights.

The party moved on to a point on the coast where there were high white cliffs to see a commando raiding party in action.

In this demonstration it was supposed that a troop of the school had been ordered to destroy a Radio Direction Finder Station on the French Coast, protected by a high cliff and lightly defended by the enemy. The time was supposed to be night.

Plan of Attack is Outlined

The Royal Navy lands the troops at the foot of the cliff and the party proceeds over the beach to make the raid, making as little noise as possible. The men scale the cliff and the raiding section goes inland to destroy the Radio Station. One party clears the building and seeks a prisoner and papers of value to our Intelligence. The noise awakes the enemy defence, and the raiders withdraw under cover of smoke and the fire of their own men.

That is a brief outline of the demonstration. First three boats which were told were some that took part in the Dieppe Raid, landed the party. The scaling of the cliff by ropes and the manner in which the ropes were taken to the top of the cliff were most interesting.

Then some supposed casualties were brought down on these same ropes, and a prisoner, who was interrogated on the shore. To show the detail in this manoeuvre, the men selected to act the parts of prisoner and interrogator, were both able to talk German, and carried out that part of the show in that language.

How the party makes the descent of the cliffs, even bringing away the ropes used, and the withdrawal to the boats while protected by rifle fire, were car-

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ried out in an admirable manner.

The boats put out to sea to complete the demonstration, but were called back to shore to give the editors a chance to mingle with the boys of the troop and to talk to them.

After such an interesting and thrilling show, we were very glad to have a chance to talk to the men, and soon groups in animated conversation were formed on the shore. We found the men unusually keen, strong and enthusiastic about their work.

Among those I talked to were Lloyd Backwell of Waterloo, Que., Lieut. J. St. Jacques, of Quebec City, Clarence Lynch of Moncton, N.B., Harvey Daley of Bathurst, N. B. George Williamson of Campbellton, N.B., and Francis Bryant of Dorchester, N. B.

Lunch In An Interesting Location

The morning was brought to a conclusion with a delightful lunch, served in the open, on top of the cliffs, in a scene of overwhelming beauty. From this point a magnificent view of the sea, white cliffs, and green country spread itself before us. I was assigned to a table presided over by Brig. K. G. Blackader of Montreal, and also at that table was Col. V. M. Hugman, also of Montreal.

We learned during the meal that the last time a lunch had been served at that spot, some Messerschmidts had come over and machine-gunned the gathering. We did not let that spoil our appetites, and Mr. Napier Moore, one of our party, remarked that if they came over this day, they would break a lot of dishes.

We might not have been so carefree earlier that morning, if we had known then that the cliffs over which we were climbing were heavily mined, and that if we had stepped on a hidden mine, we would have been blown to pieces.

All we could think of was the wonderful demonstration we had witnessed, which showed the training the embryo Commandos go through, and which can only be properly understood by seeing it in practice.

Moneta's Profit Down for Last Quarter of the Year

Moneta Porcupine Mines, Limited, produced bullion valued at \$173,646 in the three months ended December 31st, 1942, the third quarter of its current fiscal year and earned net profit of \$47,343, equivalent to 1.88c per share, after all charges except provision for expenditure on outside exploration, an official statement shows. During the period 11,740 tons of ore was treated,

average recovery from which was \$14.79 per ton.

In the preceding quarter when 14,930 tons was milled, for gross output of \$41,441 or \$16.17 per ton, earnings on the same basis amounted to \$85,294 or 3.35c per share. Production for the three months ended June 30th was \$270,599 from 15,531 tons, or \$17.45 per ton, and the net totalled \$103,356 or \$4.06c per share.

In the nine months ended with the close of 1942, the company's profit was \$235,983 or 9.27c per share, as against \$347,681 or 13.67c per share in the corresponding portion of 1941. Tonnage of ore handled was lower in the period under review, owing to the labor shortage, while ore grade was \$3.37 per ton lower.

Cobalt's Oldest Resident Dies at Age of 95 Years

Mrs. Julie Belanger, the oldest resident of Cobalt in point of years is dead in her 95th year. Until a few days before her death she had enjoyed remarkably good health. The late Mrs. Belanger had been a familiar figure in Cobalt for some thirty-six years, moving to the Silver Town shortly after the death of her husband who was a farmer in Quebec province. She is survived by one son, Adelard, Buckingham, Que., and one daughter, Mrs. Alex Riopel, Cobalt, with whom she made her home recently.

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