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By Lillian O'Donnell
BIRCHES IN THE WIND

In the wild winds tide each tall birch
Is silver-scaled as a gleaming perch.
With branches swaying like water crosses
Or like a floating mermaid's tresses.

Now in the wild winds soft cool blowing
Uplifted arms praying, suppliantly, flowing,
Not like another earthy tree
But something bordering — eternity.

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To be or not to be — what, what was that? Why nothing else but the longer skirts of course. Such a controversy has arisen that that question has become headline and photographic news. Recently an article "War Born of Combat Fatigue" appearing in one of the Sunday newspapers caught my eye and believe it or not the "war" referred to was the length of this year's skirt. The article is reprinted here — "Paris now claims to have started selling long skirts back to the world on the grounds that people were tired talking about the war and wanted to discuss hemline." Well sir, I bet a cookie that Paris didn't foresee another war born of all the talk. It seems that young and old have a little something to say on the matter. Some hate the newer length skirt, some, like myself, just love them, more feminine, we think, (what, do I hear repercussions reverberating my way?) oh well, it even has gotten to the stage where the psychiatrists have hopped on the band wagon.

In New York City one Dr. James Bender, a specialist on human behavior, claims the lowering of the hemline is all part of a deep dark plot to get women under men's collective thumb. Dr. Bender claims the whole business will only lead to "Victorian degradation". He says the long skirt is "the manacle of feminine freedom". That history proves that when women wore a lot of clothing she was the subjected sex and finally in the golden age of Greece when a woman's toga just barely reached her gastrocnemius you had the most honest and happiest relations between the sexes. But regardless, of what Dr. Bender says we still like the longer fashions.

Our sincere best wishes to lovely Gertrude Divine and Pierre Michaud who leave Sunday for Hamilton where their marriage will take place on October 8th in the Church of the Holy Family. Gertrude is the daughter of Mrs. Robert Devine and the late Mr. Devine and Pierre is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Michaud. After a honeymoon spent at the Royal Connaught Hotel the young couple will return to Timmins where they will take up residence. Mrs. Devine will accompany Gertrude to Hamilton and will spend several weeks visiting with other members of her family who reside there.

Congratulations to Agnes Fay and Noel Richer who pledged their troth over the weekend. Agnes is the charming daughter of Councillor Phillip Fay and Mrs. Fay, 14 Wendle avenue. Noel is the son of Mrs. P. Richer, and the late Mr. Richer, 108 Spruce St. N. Wedding plans are indefinite.

Good news for the dance fans of the district. The Timmins Lion's Club will be holding a gala affair down Riverside Pavilion way tomorrow evening. It will be cabaret style and all attending are promised an enjoyable time, so get out those dancing shoes and see that they are ready for a good workout tomorrow evening.

And another dance shaping up for your entertainment is that of the Schumacher Lion's Club. This too can be looked forward to with a great deal of anticipation. Frank Bogart and his Royal York Hotel Orchestra will play the "sweet and low" and the place will be the McIntyre Community Building. This dance will take place on Thanksgiving Day, October 13. Proceeds will be used to purchase a new filtration plant for the Schumacher Lion's Club Swimming Pool. With its installation the pool will be the most up to date in Canada. Its waters will be always crystal clear and cool which no doubt will appeal to the 1700 persons who attended the various sessions during the past summer. Not only that but such a procedure will always insure the safety and good health of those who enjoy its facilities.

And still another dance which promises a happy interlude is the Y's Men's Thanksgiving Dance which will be held at Riverside Pavilion on Friday, October 10th. Jitney dancing to Henry Kelnick and his orchestra from 9.30 till 1.00. There will also be 12 turkeys given away as door prizes.

To we who are true Canadians the wild winds and the call of Autumn retains something of the nostalgic appeal of April for the English-born. Regardless of where they go or wherever they live in later years, those who have known such seasonal joys, always remember — and long for, forever, with an ache in their breast.

The Autumn has its own loveliness which varies according to location and climate, but in many parts of Canada, especially in mountains and Northland, October has a flamboyant, rich, glowing quality distinctive enough to attract the most widely travelled sightseer.

Autumn is said to be the period of incipient decay but the last grand snatch at life is done in a most dramatic manner in this great land of ours.

Apples, cider, pumpkins, roasts of pork and the proverbial Thanksgiving turkey — these are thoughts in which to luxuriate at this season of the year. The country seems extravagant in her gifts, a reminder we must share whenever we can with those in lands less fortunate. Across the Dominion too, there is more abundance, more happiness and friendliness and lit in October. The housewife has satisfaction in her choice of colorful fruits and vegetables. What matter that certain staples are impossible to find and that our paper bag disintegrates before we reach our door?

Everybody feels like working in October. Everyone feels like eating, playing, sleeping and being (we hope) friendly towards the entire world. It is not too hot and it is not too cold and that indeed is a very rare state of affairs. The sumac, golden rod and the last of the less hardy flowers give gaiety even to some of the gardens. The rustle of leaves, changing their dress from red to brown are reaching the ground to fall asleep on Mother Earth's warm breast where she cuddles them as a mother her babe.

We can remember how October really registered with us as something out of Arabian Nights. It was in kindergarten days. A large number of us gathered around a huge bonfire made of great piles of leaves and birch logs. There we danced and sang "October gave a party, the leaves in hundreds came" — All through the years that has been a source of joy — that the leaves come — year after year — different leaves — by the hundreds of thousands — in every shape and colorful hue — such a riot of splendor that to look is to feel a trifle sad for others who live in lands with no changing season.

Small wonder Autumn in Canada is a panorama of scenic beauty. And we keep that beauty intact and as something that will always remain with us as long as we live.

And again — it is in this month that the woods fade, humans stock cellars with pickles, preserves and other food, little squirrels hoard nuts, the winds grow wilder in their keening — And too, there is the comforting thought of change — mind you nothing static — and next year — we hope — again, brilliant, glorious October.

★ WOMAN'S PAGE ★



Pictured above following their marriage ceremony solemnized recently in St. Paul's Anglican Church, South Porcupine, are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bennett and their attendants. From left to right are Paul Pearce, John Ursulak, John Blahy, the bride and groom, and Miss Elizabeth Ursulak and Miss Carrie Ursulak, bridesmaids. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ursulak, South Porcupine and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett of Brockville. Photo by Dessane

The First United Church Choir Hold Annual Banquet

The First United Church Choir held their annual banquet in the church hall on Friday evening. Members of the Women's Missionary Society donated and served the delicious and appetizing supper.

The tables were graced with linen cloths, vases of autumn flowers and tall lighted tapers in silver candlesticks. Guests were extended a warm welcome by Mrs. G. Doughty, president of the choir.

Special guests included Rev. W. M. Mustard and Mrs. Mustard, Mr. and Mrs. F. Huckerby, Mr. and Mrs. W. Roberts, Mrs. P. H. Carson, Mrs. H. McCullough, Miss G. Dodge and Miss Sue Meadows.

During the banquet a toast to the King was proposed by Mrs. G. Doughty. Mrs. S. Whitehead proposed a toast to the church, appropriately responded to by Mr. E. Wilson. Miss H. Rogers proposed a toast to the guests and Mrs. W. Roberts graciously responded. The toast to the W. M. S. was given by Mr. E. Stevens and was responded to by Mrs. R. Milne, a highly valued member of the W. M. S. Mr. Herbert Trener welcomed in a few well chosen words all the old members of the choir who were guests.

Following the banquet a highly entertaining program highlighted the evening and consisted of two violin solos played by Miss G. Dodge, accompanied at the piano by Miss Sue Meadows. Miss Meadows, in addition, rendered two very lovely piano solos. Mr. Trener then entertained with a de-several beautiful selection after which Mrs. R. Dunn took charge of the

Mrs. Carl Briggs, 19 Commercial avenue was hostess on Tuesday evening to members of the Women's Institute. A quilting bee was held and several pleasant hours was spent working on the lovely designs. Prior to the ladies taking their departure for their respective homes a delicious lunch was served by the hostess and a social period enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Moise Daigneault have returned after holidaying with relatives and friends in Toronto and Montreal.

Misses Ruth and Eva Hansen and Miss Jean McGrath have left for Toronto where they will fly by plane to Vancouver.

Miss Jane Molsley, 110 Maple St. South has left for the East Toronto General Hospital where she has become a nurse-in-training.

Members of the Women's Institute met on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Ross, 122 Rae street where they held a quilting bee. Much good work was accomplished and later Mrs. Ross served a delicious lunch.

various games which were played.

The delightful evening was brought to a close with all joining hands and singing in unison "Auld Lang Syne". Members serving the gathering were Mrs. R. Milne, Mrs. T. Charlton, Mrs. C. Golden, Mrs. H. Travers, Mrs. A. Jackson, Miss Mayonna and Mrs. L. Ly. Mrs. Doughty also extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Huckerby for decorating the church at the annual Harvest Thanksgiving.

Miss Margo Lalonde Feted At Group Gift Shower

Miss Margo Lalonde, whose marriage to Gaston Grandbois will be an interesting event of October 11th, was feted Monday evening at a lovely group gift shower. Hostesses for the occasion were members of the Municipal staff who gathered at the home of Mrs. John Kelman, 7 Elm street N., for the event.

Various games, singing and musical selections formed the evenings entertainment, following which the guest of honor was presented with a handsome electric kettle, carrying with it the best wishes of her friends.

Later a delicious lunch was served and these present were Miss Jean Marshall, Miss Mabel Thrasher, Miss Yvonne Bazinet, Mrs. John Kelman, Miss Ida Bouchard, Miss Mary Kelly and Miss Pauline Burke.

Miss Betty McInnis has left for the General Hospital in Kingston, where she has become a nurse-in-training.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Kinsey have left to take up residence in Woodstock.

Mrs. T. Marriott and Mrs. George Ross are attending the area convention of the Women's Institute in Cochrane.

Splendid Lecture Given Parents by J. R. McDonald Peat, Inspector of Public Schools.

"Having to lay the foundations for a wholesome personality is one of the main functions of the kindergarten," stated Mr. J. R. McDonald Peat, Inspector of Public Schools for the Timmins district, in an address to the Parents Association of the Community Kindergarten on Monday evening at Mountjoy United Church.

"Valued during the war years as a place where a child might be looked after while the mother was working, the importance of the Kindergarten is rapidly being recognized as a training ground for mental and physical health," continued the speaker. Continuing, he said that a good start for the first four to seven years of a child's life is essential. He stressed the point that a wrong attitude could carry through life as easily as good ones.

The parents were told that among the many good attitudes that were established in Kindergarten were first, co-operation and sharing through a safe, healthy and stimulating play environment. Second, the acceptance of other children as companions and playmates and, thirdly, by learning through play and routine. Mr. Peat stated that the educational object of much of the play was to create an active interest in things and the people around them.

He cited several instances where children play at doing daddy's job, being a milkman, an engineer, a doctor or lawyer, and how they learned through routine the caring for toys, washing, dressing, resting and health habits. Mental health for the child came through the development of emotional stability, said the speaker. Children in Kindergarten, said Mr. Peat, were given every encouragement to co-operate and help each other and thus they gained a sense of personal worth and respect for themselves. If a child has a good sense of security he makes a useful and happy adult, he contended.

Following the education and interesting address the speaker was tendered a vote of thanks on behalf of the gathering by Mr. T. E. Hawkins.

The guests, upon arrival, were welcomed by Mrs. Fred Graham, who

spoke briefly to the gathering and who outlined the typical month's budget for the upkeep of the Kindergarten. Earning barely enough to meet expenses, the school is run on a non-profit basis.

Following the lecture, a cup of tea and a social hour were enjoyed by all attending.

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Married recently in one of the season's loveliest weddings were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Alexander MacLennan. The bride is the former Beryl Catherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Service, 93 Wilson avenue. The young couple have taken up residence in Toronto where the groom is studying at the University of Toronto. Royal Studio

Members of the Golf Club are reminded that a two-ball mixed foursome will take place on October 4th commencing at 1.30 p.m., followed by a dinner at 6.30 p.m. If the weather is not suitable for golf, dinner will be served in any event. The financial position of the Club will be discussed and a dance will be held in the evening.

Funeral Home Service in chapel Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Riverside Cemetery.

JOHNS, Philip Stephen.—Suddenly on Monday, Feb. 17, at his home in Johnsport, Philip Stephen Johns, beloved husband of Lily Isabella Vincent and dear father of Rose, Sophie and Bruce. Announcement of funeral later.

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