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BALLANTRAE

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Milford Rose who are celebrating their forty seventh wedding anniversary on Friday, Dec. 12th. We wish them every happiness in the years to come.

The Christmas gift and pie social held last Friday in Ballantrae church was a great success. The pies and fancy goods were all sold. Mr. Horace Crowhurst and Mr. Delos Graham were the auctioneers.

Mr. Herman Davis of Denbigh visited with his brothers, Henry and Milton last Wednesday.

Mrs. Jack Radford had the sewing group at her home last Thursday evening. There was a good attendance and plans were made for a Christmas party.

The Ballantrae W.A. held their Christmas meeting last Wednesday. It was election of officers and we congratulate Mrs. Horace Crowhurst who was re-elected as president, also the other ladies who were re-elected. After business was attended to Group 2 entertained with a group of ladies singing "More Love to Thee O Christ." Mrs. Lloyd Hockley told the story of the composer of the hymn. Mrs. Herb Mitchell related some of her experiences on her trip to England and Miss Maud Jaynes sang "Where He Leads" and played her auto harp. Later the group served a dainty lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Risebrough of Mount Albert were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis.

Friday, Dec. 18th Ballantrae Church will have the Christmas party for the Sunday School children and their parents.

Who remembers when we used to have good old-fashioned winters. Maybe it won't be long till you get the drift!

BLOOMINGTON

The monthly meeting of our Ladies' Aid was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Winterstein on Thur. afternoon. The roll call was answered by a verse of scripture containing the word love. Mrs. P. Brown was in charge of the program which included a solo by Miss Lillian Brown and duets by Mrs. Silverthorn and Mrs. Wagg accompanied by Mrs. Winterstein. Mrs. Ross Winterstein gave a good Xmas message using as title "Xmas Wrappings."

The hostesses were Mrs. E. Burnett and Miss A. Fockler. Mrs. W.A. Fockler in honor of her recent birthday was the recipient of a small gift. A thank you note for a gift box was read by Mrs. D. Burnett. A box of clothing and canned goods was donated for the Scott Mission, Toronto and is being packed by Mrs. Dougherty and Mrs. A. Baker.

We hope that Mr. E. Baker will soon be better and be able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Tranmer and sons were in Toronto on Sunday.

Mr. W. Germaine of Newmarket was visiting his mother, Mrs. Germaine and aunt, Mrs. Jon Hutchinson.

FOR PARENTS ONLY

"GOOD-BYE MUMMY!"

What happens when you leave your child with a baby sitter and go out for a short time? Is your small son or daughter in tears over your departure? Perhaps he rebels so violently that it takes the edge off those few golden hours when you are free from home responsibilities!

You cannot give in to his crying and stay home! But you can try to discover the reason why he makes such a fuss. Time has little meaning for a child. When he watches your departing back through the window, it may be he fears you will never return. No wonder he wails when he feels so desolate!

Never try to deceive your child by slipping away when he is having his afternoon nap. Don't vanish when he is preoccupied with play! These methods destroy his confidence in you.

Prepare your child by telling him what you are going to be doing when you are away from him. State exactly when you will be back, "By Supper Time" or before "Daddy comes from the office." If he is four or five, show him where the big and little hands of the clock will be when he can start watching for your return.

When you come back, take time to describe to him something you have seen or done. If possible bring some little surprise home with you, as a pretty serviette from an afternoon tea party.

It is much easier for your child to take your going "in his stride" if he enjoys the company of the grownup who is caring for him. Have you discovered that there is no better substitute for mother than father? A man may feel awkward or inadequate in his first baby-sitting sessions. But there is nothing which will make him prouder of his youngster! Son or daughter discovers that it's fun to have daddy in charge. Together they can wave farewell quite happily.

As baby sitters, grandmothers and aunts often rate high too. Most mothers have a list of two or three reliable older girls or women who are fond of children and know their child's schedule. Each friendly person who cares for your little boy or girl increases his confidence in other people outside the home circle. But too many different sitters are confusing to a little child.

One of the most inexpensive daytime child caring schemes is a barter plan between two mothers of small children. You care for Mrs. Smith's Susan in your home one afternoon and she looks after your Billy on another afternoon. If this is a regular arrangement, the two children will likely look forward to their time together.

A busy child is a happy child and you should plan possible activities for your child in your absence. Have a few toys, a favorite story book or dolly put away, which are only enjoyed at these special times. If father takes a turn at minding his youngster, perhaps he could make a set of home-made blocks, or a simple jig-saw puzzle, or a little pull toy, for Junior.

If your child attends Nursery School during the week, or a Nursery Class Session during the morning Church Service, you will notice his growth in emotional independence. These short periods of time away from mother are filled with interesting activity under a teacher whom he knows and loves. Why should he not be quite satisfied for mother to leave him?

Occasionally pictures in a newspaper or conversation he overhears about a house being broken into or children being trapped in a burning home make a child approaching school are terrified of burglars or fire. Mother should try to discover what is worrying him. If suddenly he clings to her and doesn't want her to leave. If he can talk about his fears and be reassured of his safety then he can once again call serenely when mother goes shopping or out with friends "Good-bye, Mummy!"

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Gifts You Make Yourself Reflect Christmas Giving

Hand-made imaginative gifts for Christmas giving seem to capture the real old-fashioned spirit of the season!

These gifts show thoughtfulness and reflect the hours spent in making them—and are sure to be appreciated.

Start gift making early! Enjoy the warm glow of the Christmas season for a longer time as you leisurely plan and make your gifts.

Hand-made gifts should be pretty and practical—with a bright note of originality.

Every homemaker needs gay little bridge sets and you can make these from one to two-thirds yards of inexpensive cotton. Take one yard of 36-inch brightly printed cotton, and simply pull the threads to fringe the edge for about one inch wide. It is wise to stitch the edge and then fringe to the stitching.

These sets are unusually attractive if you use a plain color for the napkins. Cut four 12" x 12" napkins from two-thirds of a yard of a harmonizing solid color cotton stitch about one half inch from the edge and then pull threads to make a narrow fringe around the napkins.

Or, try printed napkins with a plain cloth for a clever gift set.

Cotton, fairly heavy in a home-spun type weave can be cut and fringed to make attractive place mats—particularly smart done in deep-toned decorator colors.

Aprons—always a welcome gift. can be made quickly and inexpensively. Especially nice are the pert little hostess style aprons of sheer cotton trimmed with frilly ruffles. Rounded and pointed styles are smart in dress-up aprons and there are many attractive patterns available.

For the straight style apron, simply cut a piece of fabric about 34 inches wide and 20 inches long. The waist band should be about 18 inches by 5 inches, folded in half lengthwise and stitched, gathering in the apron skirt as you stitch. And hemmed apron ties, about 24 inches long, hem the apron skirt, and lo!—a wonderful, colorful gift.

There are dozens of other gifts you can make: knitted socks and ties for men (start early), and dainty sachet bags, coat hanger covers, shoe bags of dark terry cloth, pot holders and gaily embroidered tea towels to mention only a few. And, don't overlook the grand gift possibilities of home made jams, jellies, cookies and candy, gift wrapped and sent as fond remembrances!

"The sun will become so hot that the oceans will boil," predicts a pseudo-astronomer. Oh, well—let the fish worry about that.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yake accompanied by Mrs. Shaffer visited Mr. and Mrs. Drury of Willowdale last Wednesday who have recently celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary.

The Bethesda Christmas school concert will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 17th. The Institute will be on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Barkey.

The Young Peoples will be on Friday evening in the church.

The Bethesda W.I. will hold a cookie exchange at the Christmas meeting. Each member is asked to bring a batch of

small cakes or cookies for the Christmas boxes for shut-ins, sampling and exchange.

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