

THE LOST ART OF CONVERSATION

Just Listen to the Conversation at An Average Gathering Today

What has become of the art of conversation? Time was when the criterion of a person's eligibility to move in the "better" social circles was measured by the ability to carry on an interesting conversation. The man or woman who could step into a mixed group and converse easily and naturally with all and sundry was highly esteemed. Such a person had the entrée to all gatherings, and was judged a social success. Today, however, a good conversationalist is almost as extinct as the dodo.

What do we hear in the way of conversation in an average gathering today, formal or informal? Let us listen in on a group of ladies gathered on a neighborhood verandah.

"Well, Mrs. Brown, I'm so glad you dropped in. I do say, that what with all the work I have to do, and the children to keep track of, I declare I can't get out anywhere myself. And hasn't it been hot? My, I don't know when I've been so bothered with the heat. I said to Bill just last night, that I didn't know when I minded the heat so much. It's just misery to have to walk at all."

"You're flowers are looking so nice Mrs. Jones. I'm sure I don't know how they keep so well in the heat. But you always have such nice flowers; and such a lovely garden your husband puts in, too. Isn't he the greatest worker? My, I wish Joe would do something with our garden."

"Isn't that the woman that's just moved in the corner house—there, just crossing the street?"

"Yes, I believe it is. I haven't met her yet. They say she's very nice."

"Smith is the name, isn't it? I haven't met her either, but Lena knew her when she was teaching in Smithville, and she says she's very extravagant."

"You don't say?"

"Well, that's what Lena says, of course. And she said there was some talk about this Mrs. Smith and some fellow that worked in a garage down there."

And so on . . .

Now let us slip quietly into the club where some of the 'boys' are gathered. How interested and animated they are. Surely they must be discussing the international situation or perhaps they are hot on some civic improvement. Let us take a chair here in the corner and listen for a bit, we may improve our minds. Here whistles Bill and Jim and Tom are discussing.

Bill: "Well, Jim, I see you're still driving that old car of yours around again."

Jim: "Well, I've been kind of looking around for a good trade but I don't know. I guess the old bus will run me for the rest of the season."

Tom: "How long have you had that car, Jim?"

Jim: "I bought her in '29, she was new that year. But I've used her pretty well, and boy, she's been a great car. I tell you I'd have to get a pretty good offer before I'd trade that car in today."

Tom: "Oh, I don't know, Jim. A car gets that old and you're taking quite a chance with it. You don't know when it will give out with you. Have you seen much of the new Chev?"

Need we go on?

One last example. This time a mixed group. They are sitting round a living room some evening, waiting for the inevitable bridge game to begin. It follows of course that absolutely no evening function could be held without winding up in a bridge game. What are they talking about?

Jean: "Well Jack, I expect you are pretty tired after your day's work?"

Jack: "Oh, I don't know."

Jean: "But it must be quite hard work down there, isn't it?"

Jack: "Oh, I don't know."

Jean: "And how do you like it where you are now, Mr. Jones?"

Mr. Jones: "Well, I don't know."

(Jean gives up in despair, and gradually the women drift into conversation about Mrs. Gadabout's last bridge party, leaving the men to their own devices. The men look uneasy at one another for a few minutes. Finally Tom speaks):

Tom: "I see Joe Robinson is driving a new car this year."

Again, it is necessary to go on? The hostess finally comes in with a bridge table, and with an air of having thought of something original, says brightly, "Would anyone care for a game of bridge?"

There is an immediate rush in which the table is upset and the cards scattered all over the floor. The evening has now really begun.

After all that, even listening to the radio is preferable. OBSERVER

WORLD POWER CONFERENCE

Installing every device from an electric hay pitcher to ultra violet ray lamps for chickens, workmen started completely to electrify a 200 year old farm at Herndon, in Virginia.

It will be 'exhibit A' of the third world power conference to be held in Washington, D.C., September 7 to 12.

The rambling old farm house, situated on land that has been under cultivation since the Revolutionary War and which was battleground during the Civil War, will be transformed into a model dwelling, far more comfortable than the average city home.

Most of the routine duties of farm life—wood chopping, hay pitching, milking—will be done by electricity, and in addition the luxuries of city life—electric vibrators, hair dryers, an electric dishwasher, etc.—will be furnished.

The farm house proper will be air-conditioned. It will have electric heaters, an electric churn, vacuum cleaners, sunray lamps, electric ironers, washing machines, doorbells, an electric stove.

Great flood lights will illuminate the farm yard for chores that are done before dawn. A portable electric motor can be trundled to any part of the farm and used for such tasks as wood chopping, sausage grinding, churning and carpenter work.

In the dairy barn, in addition to the electric milking machine, will be a milk cooler, which reduces the milk immediately to ice box temperatures and ventilating fans to provide fresh air for the cows.

Two remarkable adaptations of electric power on the farm are represented by electrically charged screens which not only keep out insects, but electrocutes them in the bargain, and a single wire fence, with a light electric charge, to keep live stock within bounds.

Corn shelling, feed mixing and grinding, incubating and repair shop work will all be done electrically. Ultra violet rays, which have a healthy effect on chickens, will be dispensed from special lamps in the poultry house.

An electrically heated hotbed makes it possible to start vegetables early in the season without fear of frost. An electric irrigation system will be installed, and all water pumping on the farm's open well will be done electrically. This water, incidentally, is hard and will be softened electrically.

Navigated Falls At Saint John Without Pilot

The pleasure schooner "Yankee" arrived at Gagetown last night with a guest crew of 24 people. The 81-ton craft set out this morning on the return trip to Gloucester, Mass. It was here on a pleasure trip.

A feature of interest is the fact that the "Yankee" navigated the Reversible Falls at Saint John without the assistance of a pilot who knew the hazardous cataract. The "Yankee" captain is a venturesome leader and often goes through uncharted waters. Next year he plans to take his "Yankee" on a world cruise. An informal dance was held at Gagetown last night for the guest crew of the "Yankee."

THE ST. LAWRENCE TREATY

Detroit News: Instance of Presidents leaving the United States are few; still rarer are their visits while in office to heads of foreign governments on the latter's soil. The equivalent of President Roosevelt's eight hours at Quebec, as the guest of the Governor-General of Canada, has not occurred since Woodrow Wilson's trip to France during the peace negotiations after the World War. The favorable response in Canada would seem to augur well for good results in Canadian relations and give occasion to regret that it was the first instance of a President's formal call in Canada on the titular head of the Canadian Government. The evidences of Canadian public interest and approval speak well for closer and more mutually advantageous relations along the border. A marked American gesture emphasizes policy and laws broadly encouraging commerce rather than its restriction to suit narrow local or special interests in both countries. There seems reason to expect Mr. Roosevelt's conversations with Premier King in his homeland will strengthen the prospects of Canada's favourable action on ratifying the St. Lawrence Seaway Treaty.

BRITAIN—Sea shore and island resorts were crowded with holiday-makers today. It was the August bank holiday and the last public holiday in the United Kingdom before Christmas.

ALGIERS—Mohammedan natives were stirred by unrest following the slaying yesterday of Mufti Ben Dall, a Moslem leader, in the Algerian Capital, by a hired assassin.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Miss Isabel Lane, Montreal, is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. MacDonald and children of Montreal are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. David MacDonald.

Harry Bartlett of Toronto, is visiting his parents Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bartlett.

Miss Helena Warke is spending a few days in the city, a guest at Windsor Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Winters and son Robert of Truro, are the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Winters.

Miss Eleanor Rainsford of Boston, is the guest of her sister Mrs. Le Baron Bull, University Avenue.

Miss Daisy McNis of New Glasgow, N. S., is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. Donald Crawford, Campbellton returned home recently after spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Marshal Upton.

Fred Morris, who has been the guest of Mrs. A. J. Doran for the past three weeks has returned to his home at Sussex.

Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Pugsley had as their guests recently, Miss M. E. Duncan and Miss Margaret E. Earle, Saint John.

Mrs. Schofield, who has been spending the past two weeks with her husband, W. S. Schofield, mechanical foreman of The Daily Mail, has returned to her home in Truro.

Miss Stella Crandall, Petitcodiac, and her sister, Miss Hazel Crandall of this city left for Prince Edward Island where they will spend a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lamb of Ottawa, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Chestnut, left yesterday afternoon for Saint John and Sussex where they will visit relatives.

Mrs. Henry Wishart returned recently from Hamilton Ont., where she was the guest of her son, Charles Wishart. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Wishart who will visit in Fredericton for a few days.

Miss Mildred Titus returned recently from Saint John where she has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dykeman for the past ten days. While there she accompanied Mr. Dykeman and family on a motor trip to Bar Harbor, Calais, Portland and Augusta Maine.

Presentation to Miss Shea
Prior to her resignation from the office staff of the Experimental Farm Miss Kathleen (Kay) Shea was presented with a beautiful floor lamp. The presentation was made by J. M. F. MacKenzie on behalf of the staff.

Missionary Picnic
Miss Flora Clark, B.A., of Moncton, retired missionary of India gave a great missionary address Wednesday afternoon in the beautiful valley of the Mouth of Keswick. The meeting was held on the spacious lawn of Mr. and Mrs. James Yerxa.

The weather was ideal. Over one hundred delegates and visitors were present from the nearby societies. The W.M.A.S., of the Mouth of Keswick had prepared a strong programme. Mrs. Walter Williams, the president, gave the address of welcome and introduced the speaker, Mrs. C. S. Young gave the devotional topic. Mrs. Archie Williams sang a solo. The programme was very successfully carried out. All present had a very delightful time. Miss Clark returned to her home at Moncton on Thursday.

DROWNING VICTIM BURIED

The funeral of the late Thomas Shields who was tragically drowned last Wednesday was held this afternoon at the home of his brother Phair Shields, Devon. Prayers were said at the house at 2 o'clock with the service following at 2.30. Rev. Mr. Wood was in charge of both services. There were many friends of the deceased present and the floral tributes were very beautiful. The pall bearers were Douglas Neill, Roy Taylor, Forrest Long, George Morgan, Richard Hodges and Jack Deary. The mourners were Frank A. Shields, Albert and Phair Shields, Mrs. Fred Savage, Mrs. Laura Robinson, Charles Collins, and Mrs. Harold Doyle. The interment was made at the Raymond Cemetery, Margerville.

Donald B. Fraser, Hatfield's Point, is visiting in the city.

Miss Barbara Wetmore is spending the week-end at Hatfield's Point, the guest of Miss Margaret Fraser.

Mrs. A. F. Vanwart and Miss Kay Shea left this morning on a motoring trip through the province.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Gibson and son Blake of New York city, are visiting Mrs. Gibson's sisters, Mrs. K. Holder and Mrs. A. C. Sutton.

The staff of James S. Neill & Sons Ltd. motored to Camp Coac yesterday afternoon and had a most enjoyable picnic.

Mrs. A. J. Doran and her daughter Miss Juliette Doran left this morning for Shediac, where they will spend the next ten days with relatives and friends.

Prof James W. Burns and Mrs. Burns of London, Ont., are the guests of Mr. Burns' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Burns. Prof. Burns is on the staff of the University of Western Ontario.

Miss Myrtle Moffat, Miss Patricia Morrison, Miss Jean Ramsay, Miss Mary Jackson, Miss Rebecca Watson and Miss Louise Craig returned by car recently from Cavendish, P. E. I., where they were camping for about two weeks.

CHARMING HOME WEDDING

True—Pringle

A pretty wedding of interest to many in Fredericton and other parts of the province took place this afternoon at four o'clock at the home of Major and Mrs. James Pringle, when their daughter, Miss Georgie Mae Pringle was united in marriage to Harold Perley True, son of Mrs. True and the late Howard P. True of Oromocto. Rev. George E. Ross officiated. Given in marriage by her father the bride looked charming in a wedding gown of turquoise blue chiffon made with slight train effect, high neck line, long full sleeves with tight fitting cuff. She wore a hat of matching material and silver slippers. Her bouquet was of talisman roses tied with turquoise blue tulle and bows of silver ribbon. The ceremony was performed in the drawingroom, which was artistically decorated by friends of the bride with roses, pink snapdragon and Canterbury bells. During the ceremony the bridal party stood in front of the fireplace which was banked with roses and sweetpeas. The bride entered the drawingroom to the strains of Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus played by Miss Nellie Winters and during the signing of the register Miss Marion Edney sang "I Love You Truly."

Following the ceremony a reception was held, guests being received by the bride couple, Major and Mrs. James Pringle and Mrs. Howard P. True. The bride's table had a lace cloth and was centered with a three tier wedding cake and at each end were tiny bud vases with white sweet peas and a touch of pink and white gypsophila. The mahogany serving table had a large basket of beautiful roses and a profusion of sweetpeas and roses and other summer flowers were throughout the rooms. Serving were Miss Nellie Winters, Miss Marion Edney, Miss Helen Scott, Miss Margaret Scott, Miss Martha Fleming, Miss Isabel Ferguson, Miss Stella Jarvis and Miss Eleanor Clarkson. The bride is a graduate of Fredericton High School and Provincial Normal School. After the reception the happy couple left on a motor trip through New Brunswick and Maine. For travelling the bride chose a suit of maize speedway crepe with brown pencil stripe and brown accessories. On their return Mr. and Mrs. True will reside in Oromocto.

TRAINMEN MET

The Legislative body of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen met this morning with the Ladies Auxiliary of the same body at the Barker House. Routine business pertaining to the organization was transacted. Although S. H. Shaw, Saint John, chairman of the meeting, had nothing to report, he stated that the election of officers for the coming four years would take place late this afternoon.

NO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Premier A. A. Dysart was at his office today on routine matters. He had no announcements to make today. Hon. A. C. Taylor, minister of agriculture, is still in the city engaged in routine work. Hon. A. P. Patterson, minister of education, left for his home today after spending yesterday in the capital on government matters.

WOMEN BEHIND THE SCENES

From Europe comes word that Leni Riefenstahl, sometimes called "the only woman who can give orders to Hitler," is to have charge of the filming of the Olympics. The appointment directs attention to the important parts that several women play in European affairs.

Fraulein Riefenstahl was dancing in a Munich ballet in 1923, the year that Hitler made his unsuccessful putsch in that city, but it was not until 11 years later that they met. By that time, the ballet girl had become a successful screen actress. Impressed by the good-looking and capable actress, the Fuehrer gave her the job of directing the film record of the Nazi party conference in Nurnberg in 1934, during which she directed 800,000 men. Her Olympia Film company will be the only one allowed to photograph the games.

The Austro-German accord reached last week is traced in part to the negotiations of 24-year-old Countess Ciano, daughter of Mussolini and the only woman from whom Il Duce accepts advice in affairs of state. When Mussolini was considering the idea of promoting an agreement between Austria and Germany, it was the former Edda Mussolini who went to Berlin as informal ambassador. Ostensibly, she visited her sister, Countess Magistrati, whose husband is attached to the Italian embassy in Berlin.

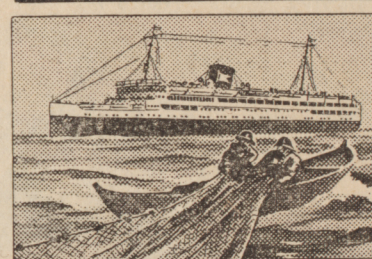
Magada Lupescu, titian-haired friend of King Carol of Rumania appears more frequently in news dispatches than either Fraulein Riefenstahl or Countess Ciano because of the growing opposition to her influence over the king. Fascists, Nazis, army officers and the National Peasant party of Rumania have repeatedly demanded that she be exiled. In the most recent demonstration against her, 250,000 National peasants participated, but her influence remains the dominant factor in Rumanian politics. Throughout the country she is known as "Madame X" because those who criticize her publicly usually meet with disaster.

Junior Baseball Playoff Game On Tonight

The Junior Baseball playoff game between the Marysville Juniors and the Legionnaires, which was rained out last night, will be played this evening, commencing at 6:15 o'clock at Woodstock and Hanwell road. The game is the deciding game of the semi-finals, and the winner of this contest will meet the Fredericton Pets in the finals for the Junior championship of the province. The game tonight should be a great game, the first two games having supplied some real baseball thrills.

QUINTS START THIRD PICTURE

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EASTERN STEAMSHIP LINES

UNITED STATES—President Roosevelt began mapping plans for his drive for re-election, summoning a half dozen Democratic National Committee officials into conference at his rambling home above the Hudson.

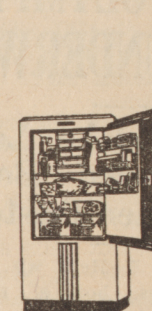
JAPAN—Seventeen persons were killed and more than 100 injured in heavy wind and rain storms raging in Southern Korea, despatches reaching here said. Seven persons were missing.

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