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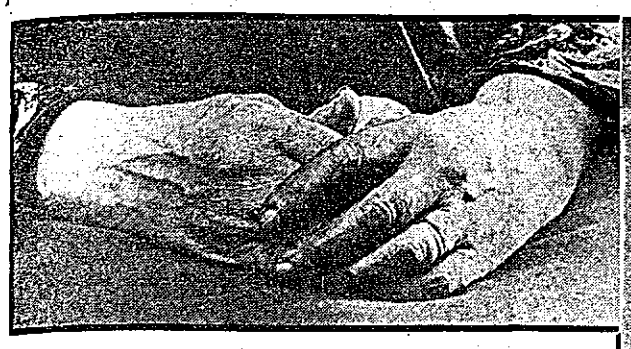
(By EVA E. POWELL)



Devotion
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Neighbour Aged 103 Has Never Met Her Neighbour Aged 101

Daily Express Correspondent

EXMOUTH, Wednesday.

MRS MANLEY (aged 103 today) and Mrs Wenmouth (101 next Tuesday) live within a stone's throw of each other at Exmouth, but they have never met.

I called on Mrs Manley at her home in Charles St today with a message from Exmouth's other centenarian.

I said: "Mrs Wenmouth, of St Andrews-road, sends you congratulations."

Mrs Manley said: "Ah yes. I know of Mrs Wenmouth, but we have never met. Will you please thank her for me, and say I congratulate her, too."

I carried out the mission and so brought about an introduction—by proxy.

Mrs Manley presided today at her party, which was attended by most of the 32 members of her family circle—seven children (four over 70), 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

I asked her what it felt like to be 103.

"Twelve months older than my last birthday," she said with a laugh.

NEW BOROUGH

Surbiton's charter of incorporation (believed to be the first of King Edward's reign) was presented to the mayor, Mr H. S. Durbin, by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Lord Ashcombe, at Alexandra Recreation ground, Tolworth.

Woman Finds £125 Hidden In Chimney

A tin box containing £125 in Treasury notes (mainly "Bradburys") was found embedded in a pailful of soot by two women cleaning flues in an untenanted Frith Rd, Leyton, house yesterday.

All yesterday afternoon Mr Still, husband of one of the finders, who had been allowed time off from work, was prizing up floorboards, while his wife cleaned the remaining chimneys!

Mint Plan Larger Threepenny Bit

A proposal for a new and larger threepenny bit has been submitted by the Mint authorities to the Treasury.

It will be midway in size between a sixpence and a shilling, will be made of a metal other than silver or nickel, may have a distinctive edge.

Do Tennis Fans Agree?

PARIS, Wednesday.

M Pierre Gillou, French Tennis Federation president, chooses the following as the world's best players (says Reuter):—

MEN: 1, F. Perry (Gt Britain); 2, D. Budge (USA); 3, G. von Cramm (Germany); 4, A. K. Quist (Australia); 5, H. W. Austin (Gt Britain); 6, G. Crawford (Australia); 7, B. Grant (USA); 8, F. Parker (USA); 9, G. Mangin (USA); 10, V. McGrath (Australia).

WOMEN: 1, Miss Jacobs (USA); 2, Mme Sperling (Denmark); 3, Miss Marble (USA); 4, Mme Mathieu (France); 5, Miss Round (Gt Britain); 6, Miss Stammers (Gt Britain); 7, Mlle Jedrzejowska (Poland); 8, Mrs Fabyan (USA); 9, Senorita Lizana (Chili); 10, Frau Horn (Germany).

First Pair To Find Municipal Romance

Mr Weston. *Wanted to settle down, but was shy.*

Miss Ottway. *A joke at first, now she's glad.*

FIRST couple to announce their engagement, following the opening a month ago of the Ramsgate municipal marriage bureau, were Mr Sydney H. Weston, aged 28, chef at a Kingsgate hotel, and Miss Jessie Ottway, aged 27, of Nelson Crescent, Ramsgate.

So great has been the rush of applications that the bureau are unable to deal with any more this year.

It was Mrs Hicks, secretary of the Ramsgate Chamber of Commerce, who took up the idea of the mayor, Mr H. Stead, that the town should have a marriage bureau, and it was Mrs Hicks who introduced Mr Weston and Miss Ottway.

Mrs Hicks had undertaken to introduce lonely men and women seeking marriage partners, but she said, "Don't blame me."

"We Were Attracted"

Mr Weston told a Daily Express reporter: "For years I have wanted to settle down, but I seemed too shy to get on with women and I wrote to Mrs Hicks on the spur of the moment.

"As soon as Jessie and I met we were attracted to one another and we have definitely decided to get married in October next year."

Miss Ottway said her name was placed on the list, unknown to her, as a joke; but when she saw the list of men's names she was attracted by the qualifications of Mr Weston and asked Mrs Hicks for an introduction.

"I am jolly glad I did," she said, "because I am sure we are going to be very happy. We are both without relatives and alone in the world."

The mayor's offer of a free honeymoon to the first couple to get married as a result of the official introductions may be accepted by Mr D. T. Wade and Mrs Florence Ruth Davis, both over 70, who have arranged, following correspondence, to get married in October this year.

Girls Run Away: Return Frightened

Daily Express Correspondent

CHERTSEY, Wednesday. — Two thirteen-year-old girls ran away from the Princess Mary village homes, Addlestone (Surrey) last night to walk to London.

Four hours later they entered a house at Hersham, seven miles away, asked for the police station, wanted to give themselves up. They were cut on the feet and frightened of the darkness.

LORD LASCELLES: FAG

Viscount Lascelles, elder son of the Princess Royal and Lord Harewood, who was a "new boy" at Eton College in the summer, became a "fag" when he started his second term yesterday. He will have to make tea for a senior boy, look after his fire, and keep his study tidy.

Bloodhounds Trail

A "Scotty"

Two bloodhounds were yesterday put on the trail of Biddy, a Scots terrier, lost on Fenwick Moor, Ayrshire, for four days.

Biddy had wandered away when her mistress, Miss Agnes Roberts, of Ayr, stopped her car on the Fenwick road.

The bloodhounds, owned by Mrs Kathleen Paton, of Dalrymple, led the searchers — knee-deep at times — through marsh and bog.

After two hours their baying was answered. Miss Roberts called. Biddy, muddy and dishevelled, scampered towards her.

BOOK IN 705 TONGUES

The British and Foreign Bible Society announces that the Scriptures have now been translated into 705 languages.

Single Girls Blow Whistling Wives Out Of The Championship

Daily Express Staff Reporter

LINDFIELD (Sussex), Wednesday.

TWELVE whistling women of Sussex twittered behind a maroon velvet curtain in King Edward Hall here today. With puckered lips and trembling fingers they burst into "Auld Lang Syne," blowing out cheeks in rivalry to capture the "Women's Institute Championship" of Lindfield.

All the whistling wives among them were blown into ignominious defeat.

All prizes went to single "girls" (ages 26 to 60), who modestly accepted their laurels, saying, "We had more time to practise. The wives had to consider their husbands . . ."

As trills and twitters rent the air the audience showed keen interest—all except the stuffed antelope head, Canadian moose and Indian bison, which adorned the walls with their usual expressions of extreme boredom.

First prize, an alarm clock, went to Miss Helen Newton, Lindfield dressmaker, who said: "I've practised a tremendous lot. I always sit and whistle when I make dresses."

Runners-up were Miss Mary Peddy and Miss Madeline Browne-Clayton

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

Saxophonist Nathaniel Shapiro, of Scranton (Pennsylvania) complains that he can no longer play his instrument because his front teeth were knocked out by Alfred Coon's motor-car in an accident. He claims £10,000 for loss of livelihood.

20-Year-Old Girl Designs Roberta Dress

Miss Anita Bennett, dark, slim, 20-year-old winner of the Daily Express first prize of £5 5s for Roberta's Day Dresses, is an ex-student of Blackheath School of Art and the Goldsmiths' College at New Cross. Started sketching dresses when she was eleven.

Says: "I think the interest in a day dress should be in the sleeves and accessories, and this is what I have tried to carry out in my design."

MAIDEN RESCUE

Ilfracombe's new motor lifeboat, Rosabella, performed its maiden rescue yesterday by saving the crew of three of the Barnstaple ketch Dido, which went on rocks at Murte Point.

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