

CLARENCEVILLE

Mrs. Fred Menke,
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shuttleworth of Detroit spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers of Base Line road.
Mrs. Gertrude Joseph and daughter, Margaret, and Merl Fitzpatrick of Lansing spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jensen.
Mr. and Mrs. Foster Wilbur and family of Lansing were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers.
Miss Eva MacKenzie spent the week end with friends in the Irish Hills.

Mrs. Norman Cook entertained seven girls friends in honor of her daughter Vera's birthday anniversary Friday evening, March 12.
William Norris, who was badly injured in an auto accident a year ago, February 23, has returned to his position again this week.
Miss Nancy McDonald spent the week end with friends in Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Armitage and family spent Sunday with relatives in Toledo, O.
Mrs. Grover of Breton road, entertained the Blue Bird Circle at a birthday party Tuesday at noon.
The Misses Jean and Winifred Chamberlain entertained the Y. F. C. of the Clarenceville M. E. Church Thursday evening at their home on Graham road.
The Edgewood Rebekah degree staff gave a pot luck dinner at the hall Tuesday at noon with a good attendance.

The Edgewood Rebekah entertainments are to hold a bake sale at the A. Netie meat market on the Base Line road and Grand River avenue, March 24.
The Relief Committee will hold a pedro party followed by dancing Tuesday evening, March 20 at the I. O. O. F. Hall.

Mrs. William Norris of Poncia, boulevard, will entertain a pedro party Thursday evening, March 15. Mrs. George Parmenter will entertain at pedro on Thursday evening, March 22 at her home on Graham road, for the entertainment committee of the Edgewood Rebekah lodge.

Mrs. Berg will entertain the Blue Bird Circle for a dinner Wednesday at noon.
The Sunshine Circle held a party at White's Hall Thursday evening.

Mrs. Walter Schweitzer of Switzer road entertained Enid and Muriel Prew, Joice, Marjorie and Betty Billing, Madeline, Helen and Albert Bramer, Bertha, Mildred and Louise Lockridge and Lorain Walter, Thursday in honor of her daughter, Helen's sixth birthday anniversary. Games and a grab bag furnished the amusements, Helen receiving many beautiful gifts from her guests.

SOME REASONS WHY WOMEN BUY READY-TO-WEAR GARMENTS

Conclusions of interest may be drawn from reports in the course of a recent survey of present trends in home sewing, carried on by the United States Department of Agriculture. This survey was planned to obtain more definite information as to what proportion of women are continuing to sew at home, and what they make, what difficulties they encounter in connection with the family clothing, and why they buy ready-to-wears.

While it might be thought that the logical reason for a woman's buying ready-made garments was that she did not know how to sew, this factor seems to have the least influence of any on the purchase of ready-to-wears.

A great many women seem unable to visualize the finished garment from a piece of material and a pattern. These buy ready-made because they can see how the garment looks.

In smaller communities the lack of variety in yard goods and trimmings accounts for the purchase of many ready-to-wears.

As the size of the community increases, and also as the income increases, a larger percentage buy ready-to-wears because of better style and design and also to save time and energy. Appearance becomes relatively more important in larger communities, and as outside interests and activities increase, there is less opportunity for sewing.

Two puppies weighing only about one and a half ounces each were born at Lewiston, Me., their mother being Lady Flame, a pedigreed Pomeranian.

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Jean and Her Romance

By CLARISSA MACKIE

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MRS. PARKER looked out of her window that beautiful summer morning and saw her five daughters wading in a row on the front lawn looking up at her with lovely glowing faces, that is, all of them excepting poor Jean, who was not only the youngest but also the plainest.

"Jeepie! Jean will not mind, if she can sing!" thought the fond mother. "I am so glad that Gordon is coming down—he has not met any of the girls and I do hope that he will fall in love with one of them—if not Marion, because Marion is engaged to Arthur and Rosamond is about to be engaged to Dick—of course Jeannie does not count, she is so young and so plain, poor child!"

So that very night before dinner, Gordon Jaffrey arrived and while the other girls were delighted to meet this old playmate of their youth and become acquainted all over again, poor Jean, who had never dreamed of having a beau, so happy and carefree had her childhood been, looked at straight, handsome young Gordon Jaffrey and felt deeply in love with him at once, and beyond a pleasant, casual greeting of the plain-looking little girl in a white frock and thin legs, he simply overlooked her.

That night before she got into her bed, Jean Parker knew the reason why Gordon had not noticed her. It was because she was not pretty.

"I have nothing except big brown eyes and short stubby hair like a boy—and the freckles—how I hate them! But I can get rid of them—my hair shall grow and my freckles will vanish and I shall grow plump! Cream for breakfast!"

And the next morning Jean Parker ate oatmeal and thick yellow cream for her breakfast, and always after that when she ate it she thought of Gordon Jaffrey, and as the summer days went by she ate bits of fat meat which she hated, and she drank plenty of rich milk, and presently Mrs. Parker began to notice the improvement in the youngest of her flock—Jeannie was growing plump and pretty.

And Margie of the golden hair became engaged to Jack Macley! Who can blame little Jean for being thoroughly thrilled at the news of Margie's engagement, for with her pretty sisters all engaged to be married, she did feel that she might have a chance to win Gordon Jaffrey's love unless—

Jeannie looked into her mirror once more that afternoon when Gordon was expected and she was thoroughly satisfied. She was a beautiful girl, like her sisters, and they stared at her as if amazed when she came down the stairs, looking so demurely from long-lashed brown eyes.

"Who is she?" demanded Gordon Jaffrey sharply.

Rosamond stared at him and then murmured, "Why, my sister, Jean—perhaps you have not met her, she has been away at school—"

"No, I have not met her," said Gordon as he thought, truthfully, and so he was introduced to little Jean. But Jack Macley, who thought Jean was a "little peach," immediately monopolized her and carried her off to the piano where her lovely voice soon drew them all close around her.

But after dinner Gordon drew Jean outside to walk.

"Tell me," he said, after awhile, "where is your little sister?"

"Which little sister?" asked Jean in her lovely throaty voice.

"You had a small sister, Jane, I believe she was called. I saw her the last time I was here, and her eyes have haunted me ever since."

"Poor little 'Jane' has gone away—she will never come back," said Jean sadly, but there was laughter behind it all.

"Poor little thing, and yet I am sure that if she had lived she would have been the loveliest of you all!"

"It would have made her very happy if she had known that!" declared honest Jean.

"Why?" he asked bluntly.

"Because I think the darling was ever so little in love with you," confessed Jean, blushing herself at the devious of the moment.

One by one Jean's sisters were married and went away and Gordon came to every wedding and danced with Jean and paid her much attention, and always between them was the ghost of little "Jane!" Sometimes she grew impatient with Gordon because he seemed to act so stupid about it. Perhaps he was waiting for her to mention it! At last Jean and her mother went to the city for the winter, as they had ever since Mr. Porter's death, and one day Jean telephoned to Gordon and invited him to come to tea with her.

Gordon came, and his blue eyes gleamed strangely when he saw the charming girl in her short black velvet frock, her lovely troubled brown eyes fixed to his.

"Gordon," said Jean in a shaking voice, "I must confess a very wicked deception—I am the 'little Jane' you speak about."

"Darling Jean," he said tenderly, "I knew it the first minute I saw you, because your little self so long ago had a tiny mole near her left eye—and it is still there! I have known all along—and I wanted you to tell me yourself! When we are married—"

"But you haven't asked me, yet!" faltered Jean; and then Gordon Jaffrey proceeded to do the proper thing.



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