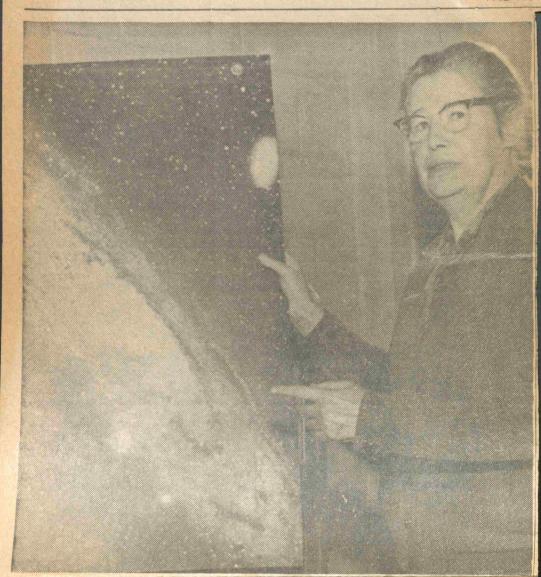
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ASTROPHYSICIST — Dr. A. Vibert Douglas poses in lecture

room at Queen's University, she is professor of astronomy.

Women About Town:

# Education, Astrono ny, World Travel Way of Life for Dr. A. Vibert Douglas

WILMA WOOD Staff Reporter

Education is not wasted on women.

Whether a homemaker, pro-fessional or business woman, or a combination, it is the educated woman's role to impart her interest in knowledge to members of her family, particularly children.

rophysicist Alice Vibert as, MBE, PhD, FRAS, professor of astronomy FRAS, Vibert Astrophysicist LLD, professor of astronat Queen's University,

firm views on this subject.

"If books pertaining to the sciences, the arts, are in the home, the child naturally picks

these up and reads them. "It doesn't matter if the child understands everything he reads. The important fact is that he is exposed to these

subjects. "Even around the dinner table a child can be exposed to knowledge and thus develop a thirst for it," she says.

Dr. Douglas has imparted these views to students she has years of lec met during hei turing at McGill University and at Queen's University. She has imparted these views, as well as her kindness and innate understanding of human noture, to the women students at Queen's during her 1939-1959 reign as dean of women.

numerous of author scientific articles to journals
Great Britain, Canada and
United States, a world-wide and professor since 1949, Dr. Douglas is well quali-fied to put forth views on education.

"What is your opinion of free education?" The Whig-Standard asked Dr. Douglas.

"Any generalization is dan-gerous," she said.

"Free education is more sity Women of which she was possible in a socialized state a president 1947-50, and Sigma than in a state like our own. Xi. education than in a state like our own. There are arguments for the present system, but with in-creasing financial aid where it is needed.

"There are two sides story. There are multiple scholarships available for tional and average students.

"And then there is the Victorian idea of making one's own way through university by working part time. Character can be developed by a student teaching two years, studying in university the following two years, teaching for another year when his funds have run out, and then completing his degree in the final year.

"In issue with this, however, is the in-between people who begin university with C grades and graduate with A's. They are often just as useful people as the scholarship winners.

In 1958 Dr. Douglas attended, tries in the world, a conference Observator: in Massacushetts of the International Astrothat she resolved to make asnomical Union in the USSR.

Among her impressions, the thoroughness of education in the Soviet Union were noted by Dr. Douglas.

the Astronomers at the six observatories visited, were young pe , were young people, spoke fluent BBC Eng-Many spoke fluent BBC English. Others spoke French, possibly German, and could read many other languages of the

"I noted another thing," she said. "V striking "When the scientists went on tours about Moscow, guides of the various buses delegated to the differrepresentatives of the countries, spoke perfectly the language of the particular bus-load of people they were as-

"Our guide quoted passages from English poems and novels, and at 'times spoke with perfect colloquialisms,"

Dr. Douglas said. in Aside from her interest the welfare of students and education, Dr. Douglas is a member of these groups: Royal

Astronomical Society of London, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, of which she

Activities with these groups have given Dr. Douglas, an energetic five-foot-five woman, whose face always radiates smile, opportunities for world travel.

As one of five Canadian delegates, she attended the Inter-national Astronomers' Union in Switzerland, 1948. She was a delegate to congress IAU in Rome, 1952. She attended the eighth general assembly UN-ESCO, in Montevideo, Uruguay,

Despite this seeming hyperactivity, Dr. Douglas has found time to write a book about her former professor and later research associate, Prof. A. S. Eddington. It was partly his influence that decided her to devote her learning to astronomy.

She majored in mathematics and physics at McGill Univeramong 30 Canadians and 600 sity and chose physics to win scientists from 33 other coun-her PhD. It was at Cambridge

At Queen's, Dr. Douglas beauty in Leningrad and the teaches "my subject" in classrooms at Ellis Hall, under the enservatory dome that houses a \$25,000 telescope.

an show students moon, planets and perhaps they see them as Robert W. Service when wrote:

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### China

# Mao's leadership the key - panelists May 1/75

By IAN HAMILTON Staff Reporter

About 300 Loyalist Collegiate students were told Thursday there may never have been a greater leader of men than Chairman Mao of China.

Dr. Vibert Douglas, former dean of women at Queen's University made that assessment during a panel discussion at the opening of China Week at the school.

'What Chairman Mao did . . . . ' she said, "is one of the great stories of history.

Dr. Douglas was referring to the "amazing" transformation of the country since communist takeover almost 30 years ago. Problems of flood, famine and other severe physical hardships have been handled, she said, "making China the miracle it is today

A second panel member, Whig-Standard publisher Michael Davies, said an important question now involves Mao's successor and whether past successes continue under a change in

Dr. R. F. Briggs of Kingston General Hospital also participated in the panel discussion

China Week was organized to increase awareness about the mysterious country and special activities will be held the school until next Vednesday.

All three panelists visited China within the last year as nembers of touring groups, nd they passed along peronal impressions

The picture painted was of highly-regimented society which places responsibility the group far above inividual importance. Infornation is not given freely by state-controlled press and they don't know anything se because they don't have

cess", said Mr. Davies.
"The way they've been ought up is very difficult r us to comprehend," he

Briggs warned,

Restoration

receives grant

however, that it's unwise to brand one society bad and one good. For example, he said Canada has a high number of persons in in-stitutions for such reasons as mental illness. But Chinese keep such people in the group, as functional

And while there is much propaganda in China, "we have it too, although we won't admit it. There's no way our press presented a true picture of North Viet-nam." He also said China's history had always been marked by subservience to the group, so the present situation is nothing new.

Dr. Douglas said Chinese specialists in certain fields have access to information and contended there is "some scope for individual thought for those with special abilities"

She also said personal ex-perience during her trip convinced her that the emphasis is on self-defence rather than military aggression. This "was driven home time and

time again'

KEEPING POPULA-TION DOWN: The students were told that population control is in effect and there's a "quota system", with families taking turns. The attempt is to limit children to two per family Population is about 800 million.

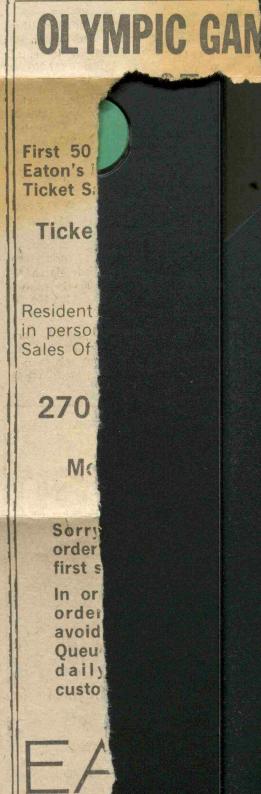
MILITARY STRENGTH: Mr. Davies said one estimate on numbers in the forces places the figure at about 30 million persons at any one

WOMEN'S RIGHTS: They are encouraged to get out of the home and to work alongside the males. They're given the right to "haul cement just like the men".

HOME LIFE: The

average Chinese family of four lives in a two-room apartment. The people are a happy lot who love comic relief from a busy six-day work week.

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# .F.U.W. Fellowships Aid International Understanding

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas, Dean of Women, Queen's University, Addresses Cornwall University Club Din-Meeting.

"A scholar has a profound love of truth and faith in honesty." Dr. A. Vibert Douglas, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., Dean of Women at Queen's University, told members of Comwall University Women's Club at wall annual dinner held in Church hall.

their actions," she continued, scholars can assist in the development of mutual trust and understanding."

In her address on fellowships and awards granted by International Federation of University Women from 1928 to the present, Dr. Douglas, herself one of Canada's outstanding women scholars emphasized the international goodwill resulting from fellowships which allow promisions. ada's outstanding women scholars emphasized the international goodwill resulting from fellowships which allow promising students from one country to continue their studies and research in another country.

students," "These "carry their own ideals and the peculiarities of their own cultures abroad and return with the riches of foreign countries."

of foreign countries."

Outlining the growth of I.F.U.W. fellowships from the early twenties when very few women held advanced posts in universities, she said that Canada was the third country to join the International Federation, following its organization in England and United States, and that a fund for providing international fellowships, established in 1923, has increased to cover a wide range of countries viding international fellowships, established in 1923, has increased to cover a wide range of countries and of subjects. She mentioned the firsts contribution, made by a group of Norwegian men at their 50th college re-union, to provide Norse woman further study, and the unpercedented generosity of donations made by American Association of University Women since 1934.

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EDUCATION NOT WASTED

The idea that education is was-The idea that education is was-ted on women, because they soon marry and give up their careers, was strongly discounted by Dr. Douglas who pointed out that of 92 women receiving I.F.U.W. fel-lowships between 1928 and 1955 all but one, either married or single still one, either married or are engaged in

The projects being studied or taught by fellowship winners range from marine biology and the study of the nervous system of sea anemones, to ceramics and the study of the nervous system of sea anemones, to ceramics and the study of the nervous system. slag metallurgy, medical biochemistry, economics, English, music and insect control.

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Many countries are represented among these fellowship winners, and, as Dr. Douglas noted, many of students were refugees who had to find new homes and make new lives. "In granting fellowships," she said, "We not only promote scholarship but help some of those who have a sad record of hardship and persecution."

She also injected a note of encouragement for older women when he spoke of a few of middle-aged women who had been aided in resuming their studies

through fellowships.

In conclusion, Dr. Douglas, fond only Canadian president F.U.W., and for many years and and only calletter Francisco and for many years a member of the award committee, emphasized the importance each club and national association of university women plays in the aims of the I.F.U.W., to help individual women, to aid in the women, to ald individual furtherance of known to international

She was introduced by Mrs. W.
H. Gilleland of Ottawa, vicepresident C. F. U. W. central, who
also presented the Cornwall club's d the operation on behalf Miss charter to

BURSARY

Mrs. Gilleland congratulated the local club on its progress in membership and in inaugurating a bursary of \$100 in its first two years.

of Knox Miss Cameron thanked speaker and members Church Friendship

served dinner.
She reminded members that letter a month was being sent letter a month was being sent to Dr. C. Neville-Smith, charter member, now with Save the Children Fund in Korea where much assistance is needed and letters deeply appreciated.

It was announced that a book fair and tea will be held at Knox Church hall from 2 to 5 pm. on February 2 in aid of a bursary fund. Donations of used books for sale will be pick up.

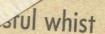
Grace, before the dinner was said by Mrs. P. C. Lewis.

Seated at the headtable with Dr. Douglas, Mrs. Gilleland, and Miss Cameron, were Mrs. J. F. Flaherty, president Ottawa was being sent to

Miss Cameron, were Mrs. J. F. Flaherty, president Ottawa U.W.C.; Mrs. George Cameron, vice president Mrs. Reid Campo-

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Ste. Genevieve Gardens Branch of St. Mary's Church Ladies' Guild held a very successful military whist on Oct. 7 at the church hall, St. Charles Road.

Whist was played at thirty-four tables and he many prizes which had been donated were greatly appreciated.

Mrs. G. D. MacKay, convener of the whist, welcomed the guests, and the refreshment committee, under Mrs. Joyce Douglas, received many compliments.

The response to the first effort of this newly formed branch was very encouraging

## Prize winners at Ile Perrot Military Whist

First prize winners in the Military Whist held at the Presbyterian Church of He Perrot Sat-

### Lakeshore University Women's Club hears Dr. A. Vibert Douglas

The opening meeting of the Lakeshore University Women's Club was held on Monday evening, October 5, in the St. Columba-bythe-Lake Presbyterian Church Hall in Valois.

and guests Members honoured to hear Dr. A. Vibert Douglas, distinguished graduate of McGill University, for many years Dean of Women at Queen's University, Kingston, and now Professor of Astronomy at Queen's.

Dr. Douglas travelled to Russia in the summer of 1958 to join with six hundred astronomers in a great international effort in cooperative research. She visited Leningrad and Moscow and found vivid contrasts in both cities. In Leningrad beautiful cathedrals, built by Peter the Great and having priceless objects d'art, were surrounded by extreme shabbiness. In Moscow, where the delegates were housed in very modern skyscraper apartments on broad, new streets, terrible housing shortages exist. At the State reception in Moscow the delegates were alexplore the private chambers of the old Czars. All the conference meetings were extremely well-organized, with Macdonald College.

simultaneous translations provided. Dr. Douglas was high in her praise of the Russian astronomers and found them very anxious to share their findings.

A small group from the conference visited Yalta, in the Crimea, where there are many beautiful observatories. They also visited Georgia, where several churches are still being used for worship, and Yerevan. Turkish frountier, which bristling with soldiers.

At the meeting winners of the Scholarships sented by the Club, were present with their parents. Ellen Anne Purdie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Huge Purdie of Lakeside, won the first place award and is studying Physical Education at Macdonald College. The second place award winner was Miss Beverley R. Steer, daughter of Mr and Mrs. G. Steer, of Lachine, who is also attending JEWELERS SILVERSMITHS STATIONERS

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Saturday, November 30th, 1974 Date:

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: McLaughlin Room, Students' Union, Queen's University

Speaker: Dr. A.V. Douglas

Topic: "Wanderings in China, South Korea and Japan"

Dr. Douglas made two trips to the Orient during this past summer. From August 12-20th, 1974, Dr. Douglas attended the Triennial of the International Federation of University Women in Tokyo and Kyoto.

Members may bring a friend and prospective members are most welcome. If transportation is required, please phone Miss Evelyn Bishop at 548-4119. Refreshments will be served by our committee. In accordance with normal procedure, a silver collection will be taken to defray expenses.

### NEW MEMBERS

To the following new members who joined the Kingston Branch, we extend a cordial welcome: Mrs. E. Epplett, Mrs. C.A. Da Costa

### ADVANCE NOTICE

Reserve January 31st, 1975, for the film presentation at K.C.V.I. Auditorium of Claude Jutra's "KAMOURASK." We are presenting this Canadian film for public showing. The proceeds are to be used for scholarship purposes. Complete details will be included in the next notice.

### GROUP FLIGHTS

Brochures are available from our Flight Chairman, Mr. Ian MacLachlan, whose phone number is 548-8151. Suggested flights include a Christmas flight to Britain and 2 group flights to Spain.

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