

Sugar and Spice

Dispensed by BILL SMILEY of the Winton Cafe

Every fall about this time, I start calling myself names. Mildest of them are such terms as "lazy, procrastinating idiot". That makes two of us. My wife starts calling me worse than that about two weeks earlier. Why? Because the cold weather is here, and I haven't stirred a stamp to get ready for it.

Sunday morning, I took a look out the front window. There was small daughter, bundled to the

ears, rolling herself a snowman. I looked out the back window. There was small son breaking the ice on the rubber-swimming pool, which has been sitting there, full of water since June.

It happens every year, and every year as I climb the ladder with a vast unwieldy storm window clutched in my purple little hands, I swear a solemn oath, along with a number of profane oaths, that next

year I'll do the necessities in August, and greet the first cold wave with airy disdain.

It isn't that I simply ignore the whole situation. No indeed. As I stride out the door on a warm afternoon in September, with my golf clubs, I realize that the cellar is half full of ashes, the pipes are pregnant with soot, and the storm windows are buried under a baby-carriage, assorted undersprings, a roll of siding and various boxes and baskets full of various things, in the back shed.

For a moment, it casts a pall over my sunny countenance. But, like a man who has a bad tooth and knows he's got to visit the

dentist soon, I cheer up and think: "Oh well, life is short. Maybe, I'll be hit by a truck before I have to do something about it." That's what is known as a mature philosophy, and it takes years to acquire it.

I did make one honest effort this year. Back about October 1st, I determined to hurl myself into the breach, regardless of cost, and get things squared around. In other words, my wife said: "When are you going to get a fire on?" I went down and took a look at the furnace. It was full of ashes and unburned coal.

I gave it a shake, and grates, coal and ashes fell into the bottom. The grates had rusted right thru' in the dripping-dungeon-like atmosphere of my recreation room. I gave the whole mess one dirty straight upturn and purchased a second hand space heater and have not been back down there since.

In the weeks since that day, my family has sat huddled in the dining room, the only place the oil heater would go, with the rest of the house closed off, while I remark jovially that it's certainly nice to have some heat to take the chill off, and talk about how cold and damp it was in England during the war.

What I do each year, of course, is sit around waiting for a miracle to happen. When it doesn't, and everybody's nose is at the right shade of blue, I go berserk for a day, wrestle with dirty pipes, totter precariously with storm windows, hammer on weather stripping in a blizzard and emerge bleeding, swearing, filthy, but triumphant, the furnace on and the Old Girl silenced.

This year, I haven't succumbed yet. The leaves, half raked, lay under the first snowfall. Tatters of last winter's weather stripping wave from the windows. The furnace sits, cold and choked with damp ashes, like an almost extinct monster lurking in the depths of a bog. With lots of extra blankets at night, and going visiting as often as possible, we've pulled thro' this far.

But I'm at the end of my rope. Monday morning, Kim, who gets up at daylight, and lies around on the floor colouring with crayons in her bare feet, came and jumped into bed with us about 7.30. She put one icy little foot in the small of my back. I jumped so far I slipped a disc.

This week-end, the Boss is going to be away. When she gets home, I'm going to have a dandy fire going in the furnace, every storm window snugly in place, and the winter's fuel in. That is, of course, unless somebody drops around Saturday afternoon and wants me to go partridge hunting.

BRIDEAIDS HAVE SHOWER FOR MRS. RONALD BINGHAM

Misses Margaret and Adah Bingham, 4 Emery St. who were bridesmaids at their brother's wedding in South Porcupine on November 16th, had a shower for their new sister-in-law.

Other showers for the bride, formerly Mollie Carter of South Porcupine, were given by Miss Carolyn Tanner, Hamilton, Mrs. H. Polowy, Mrs. J. Raybould, and Mrs. J. Cheney of South Porcupine.

Notice To Creditors

IN THE ESTATE OF Hannah Ruddle, deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of Hannah Ruddle, late of the Township of Esquesing, in the county of Halton, widow, deceased, who died on or about the 15th day of September, 1957, are required to file proof of same with the undersigned on or before the 6th day of December, 1957, after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the estate having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated at Georgetown this 20th day of November, 1957.

Robert W. Cunningham and John J. W. Ruddle, Executors, of Hannah Ruddle Estate by their solicitor.

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Notice To Creditors

IN THE ESTATE OF Robert Henry Buchanan, gentleman, deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of Robert Henry Buchanan, late of the Town of Georgetown, gentleman, who died on or about the 16th day of October, 1957, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or about the 14th day of December, 1957, after which date the Estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable in any person of whose claim they shall not then have notice.

Dated at Georgetown, this 12th day of November, A.D., 1957.

Joy Geradine Laird and Gladys McGibbon, executrices of the Estate of Robert Henry Buchanan, by their Solicitors, 11-27 Dale, Bennett and Latimer.

Notice to Creditors

IN THE ESTATE OF Edward John Goodier, Deceased.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of Edward John Goodier, late of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Halton, retired, deceased, who died on or about the 14th day of July, 1957, are required to file proof of same with the undersigned on or before the 6th day of December, 1957, after which date the Executor will proceed to distribute the estate having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

Dated at Georgetown this 20th day of November, 1957.

Cecil Davidson, Executor of the Estate of Edward John Goodier, by his solicitor.

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Acton CWL Hosts At Regional Meeting

On Sunday November 10th, the Acton St. Joseph's Subdivision of the Catholic Women's League were the hostesses for the Bi-annual Regional meeting of the Catholic Women's League Subdivision of Canada. Forty ladies from Fergus, Elora, Guelph, Kenilworth, Rockwood, Georgetown and Milton were present.

Father V. J. Morgan opened the meeting with the League prayer and welcomed the ladies. The Regional president, Miss Madeleine Gibbons of Acton, also spoke words of welcome, and turned the meeting over to the Diocesan president, Mrs. Leó Doyle of Preston.

Mrs. Lippert of Kitchener, Diocesan secretary, read her report. Mrs. Doyle brought her report from the Provincial Subdivision of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. Many discussions and questions were brought up.

After the meeting was over the Acton ladies served a bountiful lunch and a social hour was spent.

FARM FORUMS

MINIMUM CAPITAL, CREDIT DISCUSSED BY FARM FORUMS

Mrs. M. J. Brown

"What is the minimum capital needed to farm in your area and what per cent should you be able to obtain in the form of credit?" These and other questions were discussed on National Farm Radio Forum-November 11th under the heading "Farm Credit."

Halton forum groups showed a wide range of suggested amounts of needed capital, ranging from \$10,000 to \$60,000 depending on price of land and type of farming. Ideas of amounts of credit necessary varied from 33 per cent to 50 per cent. The general opinion expressed was that the high-price of farm land in the county makes it very difficult to secure necessary funds.

Some groups felt the use of local dealer credit in the community is fairly satisfactory and fills the gap when no better plan is available, but all agreed it is not economical. Other groups definitely opposed.

The majority of forums approved government credit granted subject to supervision of farm operations by the lending company, providing the supervisors are well trained and capable of giving advice. Others are opposed to any government supervision.

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