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## Sugar and Spice

Dispersed by BILL SMILEY of the Whiston Echo

Recently, I was attacked by a lady. Not in an alleyway, or at one end of a chesterfield, but in print, right on the editorial page of the Renfrew Advance. She flayed me in rhyme and it was so adroit, polished and witty, that it has been reproduced in many papers, across the country.

It's not the first time I've been attacked by a female. No, indeed. When I was young and in my prime they used to do it all the time. In those days, I just relaxed and enjoyed it. But after more than a decade of marriage, I automatically commence apologizing when I'm the focal point of a female assault.

The lady's plaint was entitled "The Life of Smiley's Wife." She suggested that, while it might be entertaining to read about it, she didn't know how any woman could put up with the abuse, domestic and verbal that my Old La-uh, I mean, my cherished spouse, does. She further intimated that it would be a pleasant change, if, just once when I mention my wife in this column, I said something nice about her.

Before we get any further into this apology, girls, let's get one thing clear. If anybody gets pushed around at our house, it is NOT my wife. And it is NOT my kids, if that's established, I'll accept the challenge, and say some nice things about the Old Bat-uh, I mean my dear, good frau. And I can think of plenty.

Real reason she is sometimes treated rather cavalierly in these columns, and I might as well admit it, is pure jealousy. It's the only way I have of getting even.

In the first place, she's young and good-looking. I'm neither. You should have seen her at the newspaper convention we attended last week-end. A circle of men around her, six feet tall and six feet deep. Every time I timidly tried to elbow into the ring, one of them would snarl, without looking around: "OK, later, waiter."

Then, she's accomplished. She can play the piano like anything. Both hands at once. So can the kids. People are always asking them to play. The only thing I

can play is the kettle drum, and the only time I'm asked to play is when the regular drummer in the town band doesn't show up for a parade on a day when there's a blizzard.

She has quite a voice, too. She can be in the kitchen, the washing machine humming away, and cry on a simultaneous conversation with Hugh up in the bathroom, me down cellar, Kim in the living-room, without a sign of strain, and without missing a syllable. Her arms are getting a bit flat, though, from having them go thro' the wringer while she's trying to coordinate the conversation.

Pushing jealousy firmly aside, however, there are lots of nice things I can say about her. One thing I've appreciated, ever since we were married, is that she has never pestered me for money. She just goes around charging everything. For pin money, she turns in the empties.

Another thing, she's a grand cook. Oh, I don't mean a good, plain cook, like everybody's mother used to be. Nor do I mean one of these modern kitchen artists who are always fooling around with some ghastly mess like spaghetti and meatballs, or home-made chow mein. I mean the kind of cook who can add a dash of this (salt) and a pinch of that (pepper) to a can of Habitant pea soup, and serve it with an air. And a box of crackers.

Another thing I do like. She's no backseat driver, like so many women. No, sir. She sits right up there in front, and the only time she opens her mouth is when she's coming to a curve, a car is approaching, there's a red light ahead, somebody is walking on the side of the road, I'm too far over on my own side, too close to the middle, going too fast, or too slow.

She's a wonderful mother. She has those kids so well trained they do exactly as they're told. About once out of every four times. She is a dandy painter, even tho' she always quits before the job is done, with piebald results. She can go through a pile of ironing like nothing you ever saw. Especially when she's looking for a pair of pyjamas for the kids that don't need ironing.

She's getting pretty good at stoking the furnace, and she can go like a bat out of hell behind a lawnmower. The more I think of it, the more I realize the lady was right, and I should say more nice things about her Ladyship. It's taken me more than ten years to train her, but the results are worth it.

### FARM NEWS

#### DAIRY HERD POLICY NETS FARMERS MORE IN RETURNS

J. E. W.  
In these days of the "Squeeze" in agriculture, it is a source of satisfaction to find that, in general, Dairy Herd Improvement Association members in Halton are forging ahead. Data was recently received from the Farm Economics branch of the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture which present the comparative "costs" and "returns" of 41 Halton DHIA members for the year May 1st, 1951 to April 30, 1952, and again for the year May 1, 1952 to April 30, 1957. This reveals that on the average the 41 DHIA members have increased the net returns from their herds from an average of \$502 to \$1992 in the five year period. After deducting the cost of feed, overhead, and other expenditures in connection with the dairy business, it is encouraging to note that these 41 Halton operators on the average have practically doubled the return per hour for the labour spent on the dairy end of the farm business.

Another feature of the study reveals that these 41 operators have, on the average cut the cost of producing milk by 59 cents per cwt. We were a little disappointed to note however, that the average production per cow in the five year period instead of showing an increase as we had anticipated, was down 40 lbs. per cow on the year's production. We can't help but think, however, that this slight reduction was due to the poor quality hay crop taken off in 1956, and along with this, with the exception of those who had Garry and Rodney varieties, the quality of the grain crop was poor too.

The analyses also reveals that the size of herd, in the five year period, had stepped up from an average of 18 cows in the 41 herds, to an average of 22 cows. Along with this the group of 41 had improved in their "feeding efficiency," "labour efficiency," and "use of capital." In short, as we see it, the analyses reveals what better farm management practices will do, even though many costs such as taxes, equipment, etc. have increased in the five year period.

#### SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mrs. Marion Barber, 26 Edith St. is away on a trip to the Bahamas and Florida. Mrs. Barber, who is employed with John R. Barber Travel Agency, flew to Nassau on a TCA familiarization trip and stayed a few days at the Fort Montague Beach hotel. Returning by way of Miami and Tampa, she will also be visiting at her Georgetown residents, Mr. and Mrs. Don McLaughlin.

### LARGE ATTENDANCE AT EASTER THANKOFFERING

The Easter Thankoffering of the Union WMS had its largest attendance ever on Good Friday, April 11th when over 60 members, former members, and visitors gathered at the home of Mrs. C. G. Bishop. The guest speaker for the meeting was Mrs. Fluti of Cooksville who chose as her topic "The Journey to the Cross." Mrs. Fluti was introduced by Mrs. Art McKane and thanked by Mrs. Owens MacDonald.

The roll call was responded to with an Easter verse and the scripture was read and explained by Mrs. Harvey Puckering. Mrs. F. L. Thompson led in prayer after which a solo "O Come and Mourn" was sung by Mrs. G. L. Royal. The Easter reading "I Simon of Cyrene" was taken by Betty Jean Anderson. Mrs. Wilfrid Leslie and Mrs. Lloyd Crichton were convokers while Mrs. Art McKane and Mrs. Don Dolson comprised the program committee.

A lunch was served at the close of the meeting by the assistant hostesses.

### LEGION W.A. HAS TUESDAY EUCRE PARTY

A eucure in the Legion Hall sponsored by the Legion W.A. drew ten tables of eucure players Tuesday night, April 8th with the first prize going to Mrs. Lloyd Boyd. Mrs. George Alcott was second, Mrs. Bob Bonfield, 3rd and Mrs. George Walters 4th.

The door prize was won by Mrs. G. Lameroni, and Mrs. Kathleen King and Mrs. Norm Snyder won the carrying prizes. The winner of the prize for low score was Mrs. Harold Stoddart of Trenton.

—ONLY A WEEK until Daylight Saving Time gives us an extra hour of daylight in the evening. It starts on April 27th.

### Notice To Creditors

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All persons having claims against the estate of Fred G. Appleyard, late of the Town of Georgetown, casemaker, who died on or about the 17th day of February, 1958, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the first day of May, 1958, 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 to any person of whose claim she shall not then have notice.

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### FARM NEWS

#### FARM POND POLICY APPROVED FOR 1958

J. E. W.  
Halton's Agricultural Committee under the chairmanship of Reeve John Milne, is recommending that the county farm pond policy be continued during 1958. Since the policy came into effect six years ago, a total of 73 farm ponds in Halton have been approved under the policy, which provides a subsidy of fifty per cent of the cost up to a maximum of \$100.

This financial assistance is provided jointly by the Halton County Council in cooperation with the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

In order to qualify for this financial assistance, interested farm operators must first make application before any construction work begins, at the agricultural office in Milton. The proposed site is then inspected, and if satisfactory, construction work may commence. Halton farm operators contemplating the construction of a farm pond in 1958, should lose no time in filing their applications, which are accepted in the order received. Only a limited number of ponds can be approved in any one year, and in order to qualify must have as their objective, to provide water for either domestic or livestock purposes, fire protection or irrigation purposes.

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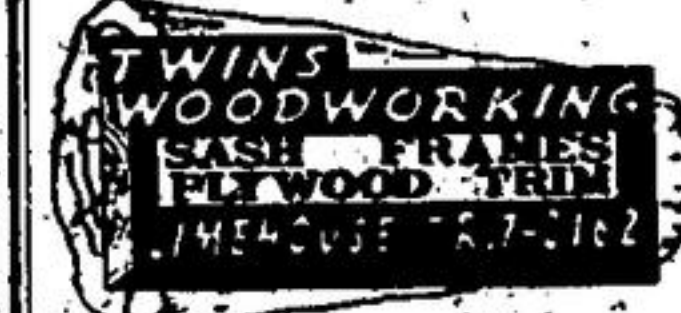
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