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Marriage is a wonderful institution, as the saying goes. "But" invariably adds a friend of mine, when the remark is made, "who wants to live in an institution?"

Far be it from me to make snide remarks about marriage. As another old saying has it, there's no use crying over spilt milk. Or half a life is better than none. Or there's many a slip 'twixt the womb and the tomb.

But when you get right down to it, there is quite a similarity between marriage and an institution. In both, there is the same panicky sense of lost freedom when the door clangs shut behind you. In both, you're told when to get up and when to go to bed, what clothes you can wear. You have to eat what's put in front of you, you are only allowed visitors at certain times and you can't get out whenever you feel like it.

In some ways, institutions are superior to marriage. Inmates are not required to stoke the furnace, shovel the walk or work and worry themselves into headaches and ulcers trying to keep the Warden in style.

But there's one respect in which marriage is miles ahead. In every institution there comes a time when tension mounts to the danger point. If it's a prison, there's liable to be a riot. If it's a mental outfit, someone's liable to set fire to the drapes. If it's a marriage, however, you can save the day by sending the Head Keeper away to visit her mother, sister or somebody.

That's what happened at our place last week. Relations had reached that point of raw hate at which I was hiding the axe to prevent a tragedy. The kids had been building up, for weeks, to unprecedented heights of surliness and sauciness.

Bugged by a stuttering stoker in the cellar, an 18 foot icicle that was pulling my roof off, and a throbbing corn on the ball of my foot, I was going around like a re-

volution looking for a place to happen. Overwhelmed by tracked-up floors, lost scarves, prying frozen clothes off the clothes-line, and another birthday coming up, the Warden was sizzling like a Sputnik with the fuse lighted.

There was nothing for it but to get her off our necks, and us out from under her feet for a couple of days, by sending her away for the weekend, with a couple of pieces of folding money in her hand. Which we did.

Well sir, you should have seen that institution of ours after we got her on the early train. First thing we did was go and have breakfast in a restaurant. None of this grubbing around in the kitchen. Hugh ordered his favourites, hamburgers and milk shake. Kim had apple pie a la mode and ginger ale. I luxuriated in three cups of coffee and three cigarettes, instead of one.

Until she got back, it was the sanatorium. We really lived. No plans, no washing. Elbow on the table. Reading of meals. Unmade beds. Never changed our socks. The kids went to two cowboy pictures, and stayed up as long as they liked. I had the boys in for a little session. We had delicious and exotic meals such as hot dogs and ice cream pie, or fish and chips with cherry tart.

As usual, it worked like a charm. By the time she got back, we'd had enough of this wild freedom. We were ready to change our socks, eat off some clean dishes, and get some sleep. We were also slightly ill.

It was the same for the Warden. After a couple of days of freedom, in which she had nobody to order about, she was glad to get back to the institution, where she had some authority. She didn't think we were nearly so repulsive as when she went away. In fact, it was several days before she got out the whip again. Yes, indeed, marriage is a wonderful institution. For them that has the constitution.

LEGION NOTES

By Leslie M. Clark

This column will appear after we are on holidays, and we expect with S&S away and Malton going shortly there'll not be too many to read it, however, we had a little bit of news this week for a change.

Last Wednesday night we were in Guelph and dropped in to see a couple of the boys in Guelph General, Charlie Tyler and Perc Clark. Charlie was making excellent recovery after a serious operation and hoped to be home the next day or so.

We really couldn't imagine our old friend "Knobby", being down in bed, but there he was. He has had a rough time of it, but is coming along nicely now. And while not able to chase the nurses up and down the halls as yet (or around the beds) he expects to be able to do so shortly. In fact the nurses tell us already they have to keep one eye on their work and the other on him, so heaven help the poor gals when he's able to be around.

Seriously, we were glad to see both the boys recovering so well, and hope they will have a continued recovery.

While there, we took a busman's holiday and visited Guelph branch and then stopped in at Acton on the way home. Guelph has just been redecorated and it makes a terrific difference. Incidentally, not mentioning any names, but we hope some one will tell Merle Reid the prices he expects to be able to do so shortly. In fact the Guelph branch, Acton, as usual, was running along smoothly, and quite a large number of the boys were present. They were making final arrangements to send a ball team to Welland on Saturday for district playdowns.

Charlie Day noticed quite a big error in the "Notes" two weeks ago, when we mentioned that the provincial command had been moved to a new location. The address is 218 Richmond Street. We hope that this has not inconvenienced anyone.

Erin continues to come right along with their new building. It will be a credit to the community when finished and will certainly be a great boost to their branch. It is our firm belief that this is a turning point for them, and it will certainly be a grand addition to Zone B-7.

The list of officers for Dominion Command, who were elected at the convention in Edmonton, are:
President, David Burgess, Ottawa. Retired civil servant. Vet-

eran of '14-'18, with an M.C. and OBE. Serving his second two year term as president.

Past President, Very Rev. John Anderson, M.C., C.D. Occupation, Dean of Ottawa and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, World War II. Lives in Ottawa.

First vice president: Mervyn Woods, MBE, Q.C. Lawyer at the University of Saskatchewan. World War II, yet with navy.

2nd vice president: Clare Sparling, Q.C. of Winnipeg, lawyer. RCAF service, discharged as wing commander.

3rd vice president: F. O'Brecht, Durham, Ont. Dairyman. Served in second world war in RCAF. Treasurer: Ronnie Stewart, Occupation DVA. First war vet in army and RFC.

Dom. Sec'y., T. D. Anderson, Ottawa.
Dominion Chairman: Eric Burgess, St. Thomas. Occupation, accountant. Served in first world war. Served Legion continuously on executive of his branch since 1930. Chairman since 1950.

In membership Ontario led the whole of Dominion command in getting new members, but still has a long way to go. There are 71,000 members in Ontario, double the membership of any other province.

Ontario is even now shooting for a total of 80,000.

We were more than slightly interested in the report of the Legionary committee and would like to mention it in passing.

We note that advertising is up 142 per cent in the first five months of this year, and find that encouraging. Circulation is reaching a 250,000 mark, which puts it in 15th place among all print-media in Canada, including newspapers. It is now a member of the Audit Bureau of Circulation.

We note with satisfaction that The Legionary has finally formed an honorary advisory committee to help with ways and means. Comprising as it does leading Montreal and Toronto executives, this should be a step in the right direction, and should greatly aid in the promotion of our magazine and particularly its advertising.

We notice that the Legionary committee is a strong one, and has an excellent cross-section of devoted Legionnaires, who are well versed in this particular job. Particularly happy is the choice of both Henry Harvey, circulation manager of the Ottawa Journal, and Ernest Gurman, production manager of the same paper.

The Legionary is supplying an important need, to keep members abreast of what's happening in other parts, as well as current thought, and special features and we hope to see it grow to be one of the Legion's greatest assets in the years to come.

Interesting to note is that the address by A. J. Brooks, of Veter-

KEN NASH AGAIN GOLF CHAMP AT NORTH HALTON

Ken Nash continued to monopolize the North Halton golf title on Sunday, July 6 when he captured the local championship for the fourth straight year. Nash won the title on the 35th hole where he went two up on finalist Ted Fenning with just the 36th to play.



Nash ousted Jim Linton to gain the final while Fenning had to beat out Harv Chappel to make his big in match play. Both finalists were even on score at the end of the first 18 with 6 over par 78. Nash carded a 12 over 151 and at the end of the 35 just 2 strokes under Fenning's total 153.

Use extra care when driving on the highways during crowded vacation weeks. This time of year danger lurks at every turn. The Herald likes news... but not headlines about fatal accidents.

ans affairs, at the Dominion Convention is available, and containing as it does the changes and increased benefits for veterans that have been instituted in the past two years (since the last convention, that is.) During that time there have been many changes, and anyone is well advised to look this booklet over. We believe a copy is available in the branch, and we have one that we will be glad to loan anyone for the asking.

We note with satisfaction that a move to change all terms using the word "Dominion" in connection with Legion names, titles, etc. to "National" was defeated by an overwhelming majority and that Dominion will still be used.

A resolution was passed re a national flag and the government was urged that it be the Canadian red ensign with a maple leaf in autumn-gold colours in the fly in place of the present coat of arms, the whole design to be proportioned so that the size and position of the maple leaf in relation to the Union Jack will identify it as a symbol distinctive of Canada.

FLORIST WALTER CALVERT BRAMPTON BUSINESSMAN

The curtain fell on a colorful business era in Brampton with the death of Walter E. Calvert.

Mr. Calvert started his florist business more than 50 years ago in an 18 by 35 foot greenhouse. He saw it grow into a massive plant of buildings, stock and equipment, with an enviable reputation across the Dominion and overseas for high-quality production.

Mr. Calvert was born in Lincoln, England, in 1882. He received his education there, and at an early age was a grower of flowers and a participant in local flower shows. At the age of 14 he apprenticed with John Ilman of Lincoln in the production of commercial cut flowers for London's Covent Gardens and the West End.

He arrived in Brampton on March 25th, 1905, and was employed by the Dale Estate before embarking on his own business venture. Mr. Calvert observed his 50th anniversary of business in Brampton on March 24th, 1955.

The floral productions of the Walter E. Calvert Florists Ltd., have won high awards in flower shows in Canada and in Europe. The firm specializes in nationwide shipping of its Brampton flowers, and in air-lifting commercial 'mums to England.

The funeral service was largely attended by Mr. Calvert's business associates, his many friends, and delegations of municipal officials. The service was conducted by Rev. J. A. McDermid, and interment was at Brampton Cemetery.

Pallbearers were R. Lagerquist, W. West, Stanley Perry, J. E. McArthur, Ernest Wright and Harold Wilson. Twelve of Mr. Calvert's long-term employees acted as flowerbearers. They were Robert Bonner, Gilbert Bailey, William Burke, Lovell Puckering, Fred Pollard, Hellmut Koenig, Reg Sands, Fred Karry, Wilbert Bradley, Bing Teramotto, Harry Boone, Haig Koujoujian.

Mr. Calvert is survived by his widow, the former Ethel J. Maries; three daughters, Eileen (Mrs. Homer Thompson); Florence (Mrs. Carl Moore); Mabel (Mrs. John Setterfield); two sons, James and John, all of Brampton.

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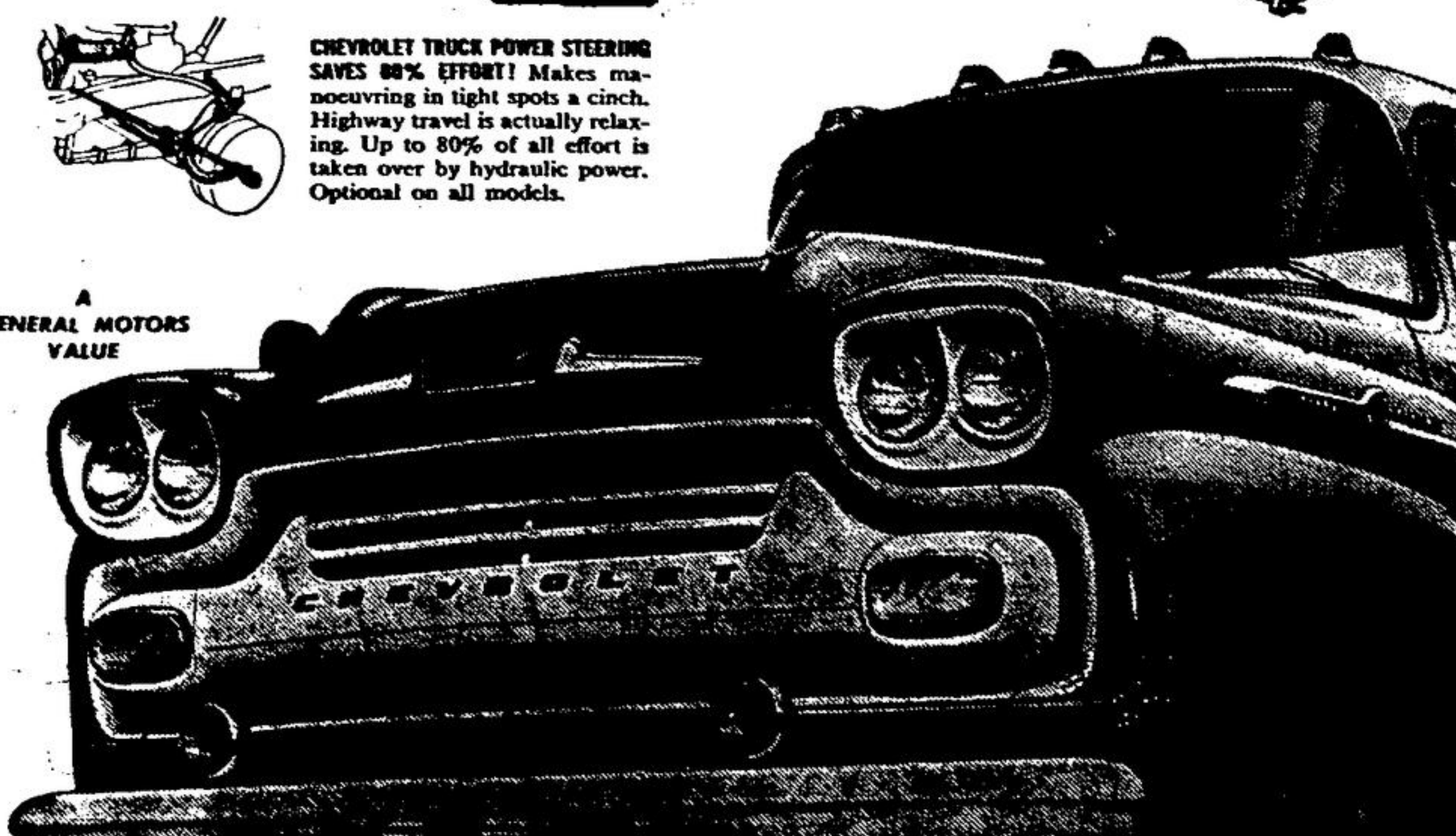
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