

# Sugar and Spice

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A couple of months ago we began a new life in a different town, with a new job and a different home. Have you ever considered pulling up stakes and making a completely fresh start? It's quite an experience. Let me tell you about ours.

For two years, I was editor of a small-town weekly newspaper. When we began this life, I worked very hard. We didn't have any money, what we had was faith, hope and courage. The faith and hope seemed to decrease much more rapidly than did the courage.

But gradually, things improved. I don't regret, honestly and ignorance were not to be despised. For example, after my wife had been cooking for only two years but a two-burner hot plate set up on the ironing board, we were able to buy an electric stove. This was accomplished by borrowing money on my insurance policy.

After this, life got better steadily. I was able to borrow enough to put a down payment on a used house. An old aunt of mine died and left me a legacy of \$50. With this, I was able to buy a car, two years old, with only 24 months to pay. We managed to establish a fuel bill, tax arrears and several grocery bills, sure signs of success.

Despite our steady progress downhill, those were the good years, as people in their dotage are fond of saying when they recall those horrible early years of marriage. We raised two children who were a continual source of amusement, delight and irritation. We made many friends who were a continual source of good fun, good food, good talk and bad whisky.

Of course, it wasn't all roses, and I fought frequently and badly during those years, over everything from my in-laws' squabbles as a father. The kids complained bitterly about going to bed so early and not having more spending money. I talked continually about how I'd enjoy it. We had definitely put down roots, even though most of them were busy engaged in either mucking up our drains or heaving our foundation.

But on the whole, we led an average, wildly disorganized, normal, Canadian family life, and most of the time, though I enjoyed it, we had definitely put down roots, even though most of them were busy engaged in either mucking up our drains or heaving our foundation.

## Review Minister's Book At Church W.A. Meeting

Miss Hazel Harrison was hostess for the November meeting of the Park group W.A. of St. John's United Church on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. W. Gagee was a welcome guest and gave a most interesting review of the current book, "Three Churches and a Model T," written by Philip Jerome Cleveland, which told of the adventures of a rural minister.

Mrs. R. Wright read the scripture from Luke, 11 chapter and stressed the thought that to be a friend we must learn to like people, we need friendship and plus, to meet the needs of others and be of service to them.

After a short business period the roll call was answered with naming a place we would like to visit and why. Mrs. Fleming moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Gagee and all who had contributed to the meeting.

Mrs. H. Curtis and Mrs. J. P. Kirkwood assisted Miss Harrison in serving refreshments, and all enjoyed a social time over the topic. The December meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wright on the 14th with an exchange of gifts.

## Special Music Adds to Anniversary Services

Adding to the historic occasion when Knox Presbyterian Church marked its centennial recently, special music provided by the choir was an extra pleasure for capacity congregations which attended the four services.

Under direction of the organist and choir leader, Mrs. Edgar Gowland, ATCM, the choir sang "A Mighty Fortress is our God" and "God is our Hope."

Soloist Mrs. John McClure sang "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." A mixed quartet composed of Mrs. E. Karn, Mrs. William Cronan, Richard Packer and Edgar Gowland sang "You Must Open the Door."

The male quartet, Richard Packer, E. Karn, H. Ingram and Edgar Gowland sang a beautiful rendition of "Steal Away."

Why would a family, marred by a long birth, suddenly find its harbours and drift of late unknown waters? You might as well ask why a boat wants to cross the road, or an octagonarian decides to get married. It's a cross between the sea what it's like and "Just for the hell of it."

As Brutus said "There is a tide in the affairs of men— This was just before he went out and got his head knocked off by the bad guys." Or, as Robbie Burns put it "You tak the high tide, and I'll tak the low tide." Well, we took the family sea tide, and we've been at sea ever since.

You've no idea of the tremendous changes in our lives since we made the big move. My own life has undergone a general upheaval that has made it almost unrecognizable. For example: I used to put on 18 stairs windows every fall, here I just slide down the aluminum. I used to write this column on the kitchen table, now I write it on the card table. I used to have just a cup of tea for breakfast; now I must gag over an egg. I tell you, I don't know whether I'm coming or going.

It's been even more of a wrench for my wife. Used to the deep, rich satisfaction of looking after a big eight room house, she's frustrated by the ease with which she handles this mere six roomer. Used to logging the garbage cans out from the back shed, she finds it no challenge at all to hoist them the 20 feet required here. She's quite at a loss with doors that close tightly and windows that go up and down. These may seem like little things, but they mean a lot to a woman, and she's become so neurotic from the leisure of life here that she's taken up the violin.

Kids are tougher than adults, but the change has upset even them. It's obvious in young Hugh. Sometimes he's so disturbed he can scarcely eat a third piece of pie. Little Kim too, has been deeply affected by the move. The usually boisterous Hayden has become so quiet and repressed that there are days on which she knocks over her milk only once.

All in all, it's been quite a shake-up, and it's a pretty tough thing to see a family torn up by the roots and shattered like this. However, I think we'll be adjusted after another ten years. And when that happens, I'm going to leap out of my rut again and head for another one, whatever the cost. Maybe go farming.

## Notice To Creditors

IN THE ESTATE of Margaret Ethel Smethurst, Widow, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Margaret Ethel Smethurst, late of the Village of Lambton, in the County of Halton, widow, who died on or about the 29th day of December, 1959, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of December, 1960, 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 they shall not then have notice.

Dated at Georgetown, this 23rd day of November, A.D. 1960. John Appelbe Smethurst and Albert Joseph Henry Smethurst, Executors of the Estate of Margaret Ethel Smethurst, by their Solicitors, Dale, Bennett, Latimer & Baines, 23 Mill St., Georgetown, Ont. 12-8

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## Flower Picture Taking Makes Absorbing Hobby

### Give Poster Prizes To School Children

Typo on how to take coloured slides were given by Miss Evelyn Andrus when she spoke at an evening sponsored by the Georgetown Horticultural Society last Wednesday in Wrigglesworth School auditorium.

The society is interested in having its members learn to take pictures of their flower gardens, and Miss Andrus showed some of her own pictures to demonstrate what beautiful results can be obtained with the right equipment, patience and, particularly, waiting for the proper light. Some of her garden pictures of single flowers highlighted them by placing shiny white paper on the ground to reflect more light.

She also showed how pictures could be arranged to tell a story, by photographing captions. Her's were made from a packet of penny Valentines and cut-out letters.

Various types of film were explained, as were attachments



MISS ANDRUS

for close-ups and for taking pictures at a distance.

Miss Andrus is public relations representative for the Ed Black Camera shops. Her billing as "Canada's Foremost woman colour photographer" is well deserved, as her pictures showed.

The society is particularly interested in photography because there is a contest each year for members, with prizes offered for the best colour shots of garden scenes. Miss Andrus' talk should encourage some of

the local flower fanciers to develop this interesting hobby.

Mrs. Lytle DeVries, society president, was chairman for the evening and minutes were read by secretary Norman Bird.

Three prize winning posters by school children were on display, and the winners were presented to receive \$5.00 prizes for their work. They were Katherine Strite, Holy Cross; Sylvia Pacholik, Wrigglesworth and Bonnie Hicks, Kennedy School.

Robert Barber, Ben Case and Miss Josephine Taylor were named nominating committee to present nominations for five directors at the next meeting. The 10 member board elects officers alternately for two-year terms.

Spring bulbs and potted plants and a lovely bowl of fruit, the latter a donation by J. R. Williams, were door prizes. Winners were Miss Joyce Kenward, Mrs. P. O'Malley, Mrs. William Boyle, Mrs. George Ironside, Mrs. Walter Buch, Miss Bessie White, Bruce Harley and Mrs. Andrus.

Refreshments were served at a social time following the meeting.

## Northern Ontario Honeymoon Follows Graham-Wice-Rites

Pink gladioli and white chrysanthemums formed the background in Trinity United Church, Penetang, for the marriage of Miss Margaret Rose Wice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Creighton S. Wice, Penetang, and Paul Sheard Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Graham, Cooksville.

Rev. Arthur J. Lewis performed the double ring ceremony and Miss Mary Poppel of Toronto, played the wedding music and accompanied the soloist, Mr. Laughlin Jack of Toronto.

The bride given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length period gown of ivory tulle and lace, which fell into a full chapel train. The finger-ring veil was held by a head dress embroidered with seed pearls and lace applique. She carried a cascade of pale pink roses.

Miss Evelyn Besime of Pefferlaw was maid of honor and Mrs. Bradley Frit of Toronto, and Mrs. Sharon Webb of Orangeville were bridesmaids. The junior bridesmaids were Miss Brenda Sheard of Brampton and Miss Lynn Wice of Penetang. The attendants all wore royal

blue velvet with matching accessories and carried cascade bouquets of pink carnations. Debbie Dale of Schomberg was the lady flower girl and she wore a frock of ivory tulle and carried a basket of blue and white flowers.

Mr. Donald Marshall of Toronto was the groomsmen, and ushering were Mr. Frank Wice of Penetang, Mr. Everett Clark of Toronto, and Mr. Thomas Leslie, Georgetown.

A reception was held at the Columbus Hall, Penetang. The bride's mother received the bride's suit with pink trim, and brown accessories.

The young couple left for a honeymoon in Northern Ontario. The bride travelled in a beige suit with pink trim, and brown accessories.

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gown with a white hat and accessories and a corsage of white gardenias. The groom's mother assisted in a sheath gown of cocoa lace over dusty rose satin, with matching hat and accessories, and a corsage of white gardenias.

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WORDS OF THE WISE

Force destroys enemies but non-resistance, when successful turns enemies into friends. — William James.

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