



Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

There is one type among the species Man that puzzles and saddens me.

In an age that congratulates itself on its openness, its honesty, its "Let it all hang out" attitude, the hypocrite is still very much with us.

Some people might think the 19th century was the golden age of hypocrisy. Certainly, it set some high standards in this line.

There were the manufacturers who preached enlightenment and progress on the one hand, and on the other worked children 60 hours a week in their factories.

There were the men who brayed of chastity as one of the prime virtues, and dallied with prostitutes. There were the men who spoke glowingly of a gentler way of life, and set savage fighting dogs on one another. The list is endless.

And the women! Oh, but weren't they the hypocrites too? Just as tough and voracious as any woman of today, they hid these traits behind a facade of gentility, humility, helplessness and fainting fits.

It was an era in which the public mouth-ing of the Christian virtues was only exceeded by the private materialism, corruption, and sometimes downright viciousness of the middle and upper classes.

Well, then, have we got rid of this particularly obnoxious type, well into the second half of the 20th century? Not bloody likely!

Perhaps we're not quite as hypocritical as the Victorians, but I wouldn't want to bet on it. All that's changed is the terms of reference.

No manufacturer today could get away with hiring children. But don't think they're any less heartless than their forebears. At least, in the 19th century, you knew the boss was a bastard. Today, a company can "reorganize" and turn half a dozen middle-aged men into the street by an "executive decision."

Many men in today's society still practice a double standard, one for themselves, one for their wives. A man who gets drunk has had "a few too many." A woman who gets drunk is "disgusting." A man can go to a business convention and have a little fling with a call girl. If his wife kisses a couple of guys at the New Year's Eve party a bit too warmly, she's a sex maniac.

We have politicians who spout of peace and plan for war, doctors who preach against drugs and tell you cigarettes will kill you, even as they butt their 50th coffin

nailed to the day and pop a couple of bennies to keep going.

We have pillars of the church whom you wouldn't trust as far as you could bounce a bowling ball in a swamp.

We have all kinds of characters who will cheat on their income tax, and then berate people on welfare for "ripping off the government."

We have teachers who "can't understand the attitude of young people today," completely forgetting that they themselves were insolent, lazy, and not even that bright when they were young people.

We have mothers who got in the family way at 19, and had a shot-gun marriage, bewailing the "sexual licence" of their daughters.

We have fathers who deplore at length the slothfulness of their sons, conveniently ignoring that they had to have a good boot in the tail from their own fathers before they'd even carry out the ashes.

We have school trustees who will double over in an agony of glee after hearing a filthy joke, but in public sternly deplore the "pornography" children are being exposed to in their school literature.

They are the type who will respond with chuckles and even belly laughs to the sexual leers of Norman Lear in Maude and All in the Family, but thunder fulminatingly against a fine novel like The Diviners by Margaret Laurence.

They are the type who don't want anything racier than "The Bobsey Twins" taught in school, but will shout with ribald laughter at smut on television and take in every restricted movie in town, laughing when there is bloodshed on the screen, and a couple of naked bodies start squirming on the celluloid strip.

What about today's women? Are they less hypocritical than their great-grandmothers? On the whole, I'd say yes. They're just as blasted irritating as ever, but they're more honest. They still cry for no apparent reason, but they know there's no percentage in pulling a faint. They'd probably just get a glass of water in the face.

But even the women are a long way from being out of the woods, when it comes to hypocrisy. And many of the biggest hypocrites are "surface" feminists. They want all the perks of the new freedom, and all the treats of the old "essence of woman."

Oh well, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."

I'm certainly not talking about me and thee, gentle reader. But aren't you a little sick of them—all those hypocrites?



CATHY HINTON and Bob Runham were married in St. Alban's Anglican Church, Acton on July 9. They are now living in Mississauga.

Runham-Hinton

The Rev. L. Ewing officiated at the double ring communion wedding service of Catherine (Cathy) Jeanne Hinton and Robert (Bob) John Runham in St. Alban's Anglican Church, Acton, July 9.

The bride is the daughter of Herbert H. Hinton and the late Mary Hinton, 24 Park Avenue, Acton. She is a Montessori nursery school teacher. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Runham, 12 Parkview Blvd., Georgetown. He is employed by Anthes Business Forms. Both the bride and groom are Sheridan College graduates. For her wedding day, Cathy wore a gown of polyester jersey with a long-sleeved jacket trimmed with Chantilly lace, seed pearls and crystals. A Juliet cap with matching trim held a chapel length veil. She carried a bouquet of cascading orchids, stephanotis and ivy.

Louise Harmsma, Acton, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Margie Mackenzie, Acton, and Bonnie Armstrong, of Hamilton and Acton. All the attendants were friends. Louise wore a soft green jersey gown with Margie and Bonnie in yellow. They carried white baskets of white daisies and baby's breath.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Neal Wilson, Georgetown, was best man, with Greg

Landry, Milton, and Jim Blair, Georgetown as ushers. At a cocktail reception held at the Acton Music Centre, the bride's brother, Bob Hinton of Quebec City was master of ceremonies. Another brother, John Hinton of Edmonton, Alberta, made the toast to the bride.

Special guests at the wedding were her two brothers and their wives, an uncle of the bride, the Rev. Norman Hinton, J. S., from Manitoulin Island, and an aunt, Mrs. L. C. Jackson, Woodstock. Other guests attended from Owen Sound, London, Orillia, Ottawa, Port Credit, Woodstock, Kincardine, Guelph, Milton, Georgetown, Toronto, Hamilton, Brampton and Grand Bend.

Five special gatherings were held for the bride-elect. Mrs. Setterfield hosted a pantry shower in Brampton, and a neighborhood miscellaneous shower was held by Mrs. Davidson in Georgetown. Another miscellaneous shower was hosted by Mrs. George Runham in Brampton, and Mrs. Armstrong gave a neighbourhood shower in Acton. A trousseau tea was given by Mrs. Lois Mackenzie.

Mrs. Jack Runham hosted the rehearsal party.

After a two week honeymoon to Bruce Beach on Lake Huron, Mr. and Mrs. Runham made their home in Mississauga.

Soccer

The Italian Canadian Club pee wees were edged out 4-3 in a see-saw battle against Orangeville in Rural Soccer League play Thursday.

With the score tied 3-3 in the final quarter, Orangeville broke through Milton's defence to win the game.

Paul Reid led the Milton offence with two goals while Greg Landry added a single.

The next Milton game will be in three weeks time as the Rural Soccer League takes a vacation break.

No settlement for teachers

Halton Separate School teachers and the Board haven't reached a settlement on this year's contract but the board's chief negotiator Halton Hills Trustee Hartley Sherk is hopeful an agree-

ment can be reached before school resumes.

Talks are continuing with the aim being a settlement before the end of August.

Halton public school teachers have already settled

this year's contract with Halton Board of Education. They settled for over 8.5 per cent including increment in June. Most other boards in Ontario have also settled with their teachers for 1977-78.

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Snow reunion is enjoyed in Hornby

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The sound of friendly chatter sifted through the air as family and friends talked of past and present.

Wayne Gates invited the 79 present to gather round the buffet table. Ed Snow said the prayer. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

Following dinner everyone posed by the pool for a family photograph.

Lydia Snow introduced the group to genealogy (the history of a family) and distributed forms to be filled out to update the family tree.

Ed Snow spoke of his recently published book "His Love and Mercy". The family felt proud to have an author in their midst.

Family pins were given to Lillian Jackson, Frank McEwan, and J. Arthur McGunagle who had recently reached the age of 65. Florence Snow, Phidela Drouillard, Ed Snow, Margaret Snow, Lloyd and Lola Marshall all over 70 received flowers. Doris Snow was unable to attend.

A short prayer was read for those not present and in remembrance of those who have passed away.

A brief business meeting followed.

A show of appreciation was given Jim and Barbara Snow for the use of their home again this year.

The door prize, a book of Wintario tickets was won by Barbara Snow and a gift for the youngest went to April Gates, daughter of John and Nancy Gates, Acton.

St. John Ambulance teaches that affection between parents and the child is the best method of discipline. A child strives to please parents he loves. He feels disapproval when he misbehaves, but must be confident that he can regain approval with correct behavior.

A light shower dampened the ground but not the spirit. The remainder of the day was spent in the pool, a game of ball and reminiscence.

Bikes gone

Police in Milton are looking for two men's bikes, stolen in the past week.

One was a 24 inch 10-speed, gold with black seat, taken from the rear of a Main St. business. The other was blue with a black seat, also a 10-speed, taken from a Parkway Dr. home.

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