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"IT IS MY HOME TOWN AND I AM PART OF IT"

My town is the place where my home is founded; where my business is situated and where my vote is cast; where my children are educated; where my neighbours dwell and where my life is chiefly lived. It is the home spot for me.

My town has the right to my civic loyalty. It supports me and I should support it. My town wants my citizenship, not my partisanship; my friendliness, not my dissension; my sympathy, not my criticism; my intelligence, not my indifference. My town supplies me with protection, trade, friends, education, schools, churches, and the right to free, moral citizenship.

It has some things that are better than others; the best things I should seek to make better, the worst things I should help to suppress. Take it all-in-all, it is my town, and it is entitled to the best there is in me.

(Municipal World).

THE HUMAN EQUATION

Gradually the menace of the grade crossing to motor traffic is being lessened on our main highways. Each year sees the building of a few new bridges and subways, while grade crossings that remain are more adequately protected by signal lights. Nevertheless, few days pass without a report of some unfortunate motorist who has failed to win a race with a train.

Peculiarly enough, railway statisticians say that 80 per cent of grade-crossing accidents occur within ten miles of the victim's home. Frequently the victim is a farmer, so well acquainted with the scheduled times of the trains that pass his property every day that he has given up looking both ways at the crossing. Then one day a special train appears at a time that the crossing would normally be safe, and another gory headline is provided for the local paper.

Human liability to error at times appears to increase with experience. It is the trained bookkeeper who has to spend hours at the end of a month hunting for a missing cent in his accounts. The practised orator is the man who, soon or late, makes a verbal indiscretion that is remembered long after his most impressive speeches are forgotten. Highway safety campaigns and highway safety laws must take into account the tendency of the experienced driver to make mistakes.

In some of the United States the law requires that every driver must stop when he comes to a grade crossing. Where the law is enforced, the results have been excellent. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred the precaution is unnecessary, but the hundredth stop saves a life. It is possible, too, that the law promotes highway safety in another way. Each time the motorist obeys the law, he is reminded that he is in charge of a potentially dangerous vehicle. The pause destroys for a time the hypnotic spell exerted by hours of automatic driving and allows the conscious mind to recover control.

IT'S GETTING WARMER

This year, while all of Europe is experiencing the coldest Winter in 80 years, it is cheerful news which scientists bring us that the world is actually getting warmer.

Many of us have suspected that for a long time. Who has not heard his grandfather or some other elderly person remark that "Winters ain't like they used to be when I was a boy."

It was the fashion for a long time to dismiss such reminiscences with the philosophical comment.

But now that research into changes in the climate has become more scientific, the men who study such things are beginning to agree that in the northern hemisphere, at least, the climate is getting warmer.

The records of the United States Weather Bureau run back only to 1871, but local records have been kept for more than a hundred years in numerous cities. Recent studies of such records show that Boston now has the kind of winters that Baltimore had a century ago.

The Winter of 1837-38 used to be spoken of by old New Englanders as "eighteen-hundred-and-froze-to-death." Temperatures got so low that the moisture remaining on the trees froze and burst the tree-trunks with a noise like musket fire all over the woodlands.

It is not likely that there will ever be another Winter so severe as that. And it is not likely that anyone now living will pick strawberries in January on the shores of Hudson's Bay.

But there is evidence that before the last Ice Age, out of which the earth is still slowly emerging, tropical vegetation grew in Greenland, and we may be coming back to that.

HOSPITAL RATES

Some interesting information as to the equity of hospital rates in Ontario is given in the annual report upon hospitals for the past year, issued by the Department of Health.

This report shows that of a total of \$14,840,844.03 spent for treatment in public hospitals and sanatoria, only 53% was paid by the patients. This means that for the year ending Sept. 30, 1937, the average daily revenue per capita was approximately \$1.59, while the average cost to the hospitals was \$3.01. Therefore \$1.42 of the daily cost of the patient's care was paid by the government or from other sources. In this calculation no allowance is made for the millions of dollars spent in buildings and equipment.

It is, of course, true that those who pay rates of \$3.00 or more, do not benefit from the government aid referred to. In fact where rates are above the cost, this class of patients is helping to bear part of the load caused by giving services below cost to others.

Considering the fact that on the average the patients pay only 53 cents for every dollar's worth of hospital care they receive, it is a question if the public can get more service for equal cost in any other sphere of humanitarian endeavor.

WASTING LIFE AND HEALTH

"Waste of life and health from motor accidents on Ontario highways in recent years has shown a greater increase than from any other common cause," Arthur Rowan of the Ontario Department of Highways, told a convention of Ontario medical health officers in Toronto.

"Success in preventing highway accidents has not paralleled the improvement experienced in industrial safety," he said, "because of the difficulty of applying the remedies that have been possible in industrial plants."

He declared the driving history of more than 265,000 Ontario drivers, or about 30 per cent of the total registered last year, showed some unfavorable reports. About one driver in 50 has lost his driving privileges at some time or other in the last eight years.

Why Love Faltered and Divorce Sought

Odd and Absurd Reasons Given as Many Decrees Granted in United States Last Year

United States Judges Granted Many During 1938.

Across the line the paths of true love did not run so smooth last year and many divorce decrees were granted by judges throughout the United States. Some of the reasons submitted to the courts were odd and seemingly absurd, as the following will show:

Finding his wife in a tattoo parlor having initials put on her legs, a California husband sued for a divorce and he got it—because he didn't recognize the initials.

It was bad enough, said a wife in Chicago, when her husband threw lighted firecrackers at her on the Fourth of July and smacked her with a turkey on Thanksgiving but when he struck her with a Christmas tree at Yuletide—that was the last straw.

The thing that finally exhausted the patience of a long-suffering Massachusetts husband was his wife's odd habit of wearing overshoes in bed.

On a hunting trip, a sport-loving husband beat his wife with a dead jackrabbit—she got the decree.

A deaf and dumb couple in Missouri were divorced on the husband's plea that the wife nagged him in the sign language.

Arguing that he shouldn't have to pay alimony, a husband in Columbus, Ohio accused his wife of serving him boiled automobile tires for dinner.

As fond as she was of animals, most animals, one wife just couldn't put up with her husband's quaint habit of keeping a skunk in their bedroom.

Having already presented her husband with eight children of their own, a faithful wife in Pleasantville, New York, ceased to be pleasant and filed suit on the grounds that he insisted on adopting twenty-four more.

In Chicago a wife got her freedom on the grounds that her husband insisted on keeping a pet bear in their bedroom—then she married the owner of a flea circus.

Suit was filed by a Los Angeles wife who said her husband annoyed her persistently discussing his ambition to be a hangman.

"He made a practice of waking our three-year-old baby at 2 a.m. to feed it pickled herring, bananas and salami sandwiches," said another Los Angeles wife.

After fifteen years of happy married life a wife in Bridgeport, Connecticut, sued on the grounds that her husband held a piece of Limburger cheese under her nose.

"He nagged me all the time till I would burst out in tears," said a California wife, "just because he thought I was beautiful when I cried."

Described as a somewhat impetuous man, an Atlantic City husband was accused of demonstrating his boredom with marriage by burning the marriage certificate and then trading his wife's wedding ring for three pints of liquor.

Harassed beyond endurance, one very unhappy wife got her divorce because her husband put itching powders inside her girdle.

"On the way to a funeral," complained a Chicago wife, "my husband stopped fifteen times to get drinks and called me a sissy because all I drank was root beer."

The wife of a professional mind-reader asked for alimony when her husband claimed he could read every thought that passed through her mind, specially those about other men, and thereupon slapped her.

"She hit me with her false teeth," testified a sensitive Chicago husband.

A Hollywood husband accused his wife of mixing soap with his oatmeal.

Baby talk, learned from the father caused a mother in Knoxville, Tennessee, to file her suit, charging that the baby's first words were "Damn it!"

In Michigan, a wife got her decree when she told the judge her husband gave each of her five step-children saxophones.

Married to a man who liked all sorts of queer pets a wife in Trenton, New Jersey, finally told the judge she found rattlesnakes in the bathtub.

In icy tones a Boston wife described how her husband locked her up in a big refrigerator.

"He crept around the house at night," said a Philadelphia wife, "and hid in closets just to frighten me."

Early Village Paper Records Life In 1875

An interesting relic of early days in this district, a copy of the "Woodbridge Free Press" dated November 25th, 1875, has been loaned to the Advertiser office by its owner, Mr. Gus. Maynard of Woodbridge.

The paper was published by James Mann, Pine St., and was the second edition of a new enterprise, being No. 2 of Volume 1.

Evidence of the business making Woodbridge a thriving town at that time is contained in the number and variety of businesses advertising in its columns. Many names are those of business men and residents here today, the families being descendants of these early advertisers.

Thirsty travellers were well cared for if the number of advertising hotels is a criterion. Five are listed: The Inkerman, operated by Capt. Wallace; The Gilmour House, operated by Gil Gilmour; The Commercial Hotel, operated by Jas. Rowntree; The Woodbridge Hotel, operated by W. Dunn Chafer; and The Dominion Hotel, operated by Peter Rogers.

S. J. Snell was proprietor of "Medical Hall," offering a full line of drugs, medicines, chemicals, etc. The name of Wallace, always associated with the history of the town, is well represented. Wallace Bros., "Direct Importers and General Dealers", among other things, advertised "Marriage Licenses Issued". William Munsie, General Merchant and Manufacturer of Clothing also augmented his business by the issuance of Marriage Licenses. Amos Maynard's Carriage Works, Levi Elliott's Wagon Factory, and John Elliott's blacksmithing shop cared for a need now largely served by the garages. C. H. Dunning was Postmaster and his office announced the dispatch of 3 mails a day. The Toronto Grey and Bruce Railway time-table shows 6 trains leaving daily, 3 for the north and 3 for the south, the afternoon train connecting with the Schomberg stage at Kleinberg, the latter village name is ended "berg", not "burg", as commonly used today. An argument over the correct spelling is noted in the column for "Communications".

Other merchants noted in the columns are J. Keedwell, John Shaw, David Stewart, G. J. Fanner, Henry Keys, D. McCallum, Joel Reaman, J. Rone, George Wallace, W. S. White, E. Davies, David Allan, D. H. Devins, Nicholas Shaver, Thos. Melhuish and Brown & Muir. D. J. Grant, M.D., and J. Wilkinson, M.D., represented the medical fraternity.

The paper's leading editorial deals with "the alarming extent to which crime has increased in this country during the last two or three years." News items reported that "a large flight of screech-owls visited Woodbridge, making night hideous, and disturbing Her Majesty's loyal and peaceful subjects." It is also noted that Mr. Abell was building a telegraph line from the Railway Station to his office and that the same person was fitting his "Woodbridge Agricultural Works" office with a

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 MacTavish—Ah! I'll tell you what I'll do! You get the bank to sign the note and I'll lend you the money myself!

Preparing for a banner travel year in 1939, TWA is sending pretty air hostesses from all over its system to inspect the wonders of the 1939 California World's Fair opening February 18, on Treasure Island.

gas system. It was suggested that a movement should be started to illuminate the whole village with gas.

The churches and their ministers were: Christ Church, Rev. Dr. Hodgkin; Methodist, Rev. Geo. Brown; Primitive Methodist, Rev. John Garner; Congregational, Rev. W. W. Smith; Presbyterian, Rev. Mr. Pettigrew. The latter congregation met in the Temperance Hall.

Lodge officers were: Blackwood Lodge No. 311 of Free Masons, Joel Reaman, W.M.; C. H. Dunning, Sec.; L.O.L. No. 28, N. C. Wallace, W.M.; Wm. Gregory, Sec.

R. O. Harvey, teacher, and Miss J. Laloa, assistant, were in charge of the Woodbridge School. Joseph Watson, teacher, and Miss Janie Totten, assistant, were in charge of the Pine Grove school.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Maynard for his kindness in loaning this record of the village life 64 years ago and desire to express our sincere appreciation for his gesture.

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