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Editorials

ERRING HUSBANDS

A Windsor magistrate advocates the lash for all husbands found guilty of deserting their wives and families, and a snap judgment taken without much thought might agree with him. There is none of us who have very much sympathy with the man who, simply because he gets tired of the everlasting grind in providing for a home and family, gets rid of his obligations by vanishing to some distant province or country. These fellows most certainly deserve the lash or something worse.

But what of the man who is driven from his home by the tongue of a modern Xantippe, or where there seems, after possibly years of family scrapping, no relief from the continual disagreements?

There are no doubt thousands of cases where the husband is all that could be desired in a man, the same might be said of the woman; but as a family they get along about as friendlike as two strange bulldogs. These are the cases where the admonition of the lash would not work.

There are cases where a husband may desert his family without just cause, but these we think are in the great minority. Most family separations are the result of the continued disagreements of weeks or months, and may be caused by the man, the woman, or, more often, both. There are some people who simply do not "fit in" with each other, and if it is their misfortune to get linked up in marriage, trouble is the inevitable result.

Marriages, so say the preachers, are made in heaven, but after observing some of them we are of the opinion that a small number must be children of the devil with hell as the backyard playground.

Luckily, however, the human race is born with a sense of humor. When friend wife gets mad and heaves the soup pot at the man she swore to "love, honor and obey", it is up to him to thank his stars it wasn't a Mills bomb, and let it go at that. Wifey, on the other hand, if she has been unfortunate enough to pick a human sponge or a lemon for a helpmate, should do likewise and thank the Lord she has only one of him to get along with. The world is full of people who think their paths should be smoothed out for them by someone else, but unless they are dumb fools altogether they will soon learn different and start on the grand and satisfying task of breaking their own pathway.

Wife deserters we will have with us always, and it is quite possible that the woman who is deserted wrongly by the man who took her for better or for worse, is far better off after his disappearance than when she had to take in washing to buy the wood to keep the home fires burning.

SLANDERING NORTHERN ONTARIO

There are few people who take any delight out of slandering a neighboring country or town, and it is a relief to us to see the promptness with which the Porcupine Advance of Timmins took up the cudgels in defence of the North country against the slanderous statements of Professor Urwick of Toronto University. There is little doubt that Professor Urwick thought he was acting in the proper manner in making his statements, but the general public has little sympathy with the man who shoots off his opinions without some knowledge of the facts. In defence of the Northland, The Advance says in its issue of May 24:

There has been much resentment in the North Land against the latest slander on this country and its people. This slander was contained in an address by a certain, or uncertain, Professor Urwick of the University of Toronto, who stated that the North Land was a very wicked place, given over to wild women, raging wine and gambling orgies. The ordinary slander of the North Land may be fully and truthfully answered by saying "Not a word of truth to it!" This professor's slander, however, can scarcely be responded to in these terms. So far as the impression left by his address is concerned, the charges might well be branded as foul calumny, but it needs more than a simple deniat to offset the effects of such charges. It is much like the Port Hope Guide's charge that there was monstrous sacrifice of life in the entry into Mons on Armistice Day. When the loss of only one life was proven, it was argued in reply that the charge was well-founded, because ever one man's life should not be sacrificed. When the attention of the people of the North is specifically directed to the matter, there is naturally very general regret that there should be drunkenness, gambling or other evils existing at all even in the smallest degree. At other times the people of the North do not give much thought to these matters because in this country law breaking and disorder have been reduced to a minimum, and the towns of the North compare most favorably with other towns of similar size elsewhere. The North Land is not a land of plaster saints, and has no ambition to pose as such. But it is eminently decent, law-abiding and orderly, and free from the evils that beset some mining countries. It is an absolute fact that there is no special drunkenness in the North on pay days as the Toronto professor suggests. There are no orgies and no open gambling dens. The North Land is just a little better than most sections of the country, and the only reason that at times it has a series of police court cases is because the people are determined to keep it healthy and straight. To exaggerate any evils or to lie about conditions is to make it more difficult to keep the general tone high. Professor Urwick should lend his tremendous brain power and his lively imagination to assisting his informants in this matter to a return to normal morals and veracity.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Essex chief of police has resigned because of severe criticism by the town council over charges he laid which were described as "minor infractions of the Motor Vehicles Act which should have been left to the traffic officers or disregarded".

From this distance it looks to us as if Essex town has a council that is afraid of incurring the displeasure of those who disregard traffic regulations, and in order to "square" themselves find fault with the constable.

We do not favor too much officiousness in the dispensing of law, but if a town or city council will not back up its police force there is little use in spending the money on these departments.

We are of the opinion, but do not know, that the council that interferes with a constable in the performance of his duty is getting on thin ice. Constables have a oath to swear to that they will see that the laws of the province are enforced and any person or body interfering with this enforcement place themselves liable to prosecution.

No constable can perform his duties satisfactorily if he is called upon to please the individual members of a town council, the citizens of the municipality, and those who break the laws. Constables should be selected for their integrity and good sense and then let alone.

ALLAN PARK INSTITUTE

The Allan Park Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs William Kerr on May 23. A large number of members and visitors were present and also some members from the Durham and Hanover Institute.

The meeting opened with singing "The Maple Leaf" after which the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. Mrs. R. Johnson read the Scripture lesson. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Mrs. Hayes from Georgetown spoke very ably on "Aims and Activities of the Institute", which was very much enjoyed. The members were much enlightened as to how to conduct the meetings for the coming year. Mrs. William Mather and Miss Gladys Breutigam favored the audience with a duet. Community singing was indulged in and letters of thanks were read from Mrs. Harry Reay Sr., Mrs. John Bailey, and also Mrs. Mike Bailey for a dress given her baby. Mrs. Sutton of Hanover give a very interesting talk on "Service".

This being the annual meeting the officers were elected as follows: Pres., (re-elected) Mrs. M. W. Byers; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. R. Johnson; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. Brigham; Secy.-Treas., Miss Evelyn Dietrich; Directors, Miss Gladys Breutigam, Mrs. A. Myers, Mrs. James Park, Miss Vera Reay; Press Secy., Mrs. J Sharp.

Mrs. Myers is the delegate to attend the convention at Durham in June. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Verna Kerr, Miss Vera Reay and Miss Blanche Sumpton. A social half hour was spent in chat. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Alex. McLean's on May 13.

SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stoneouse and daughters of Dundas, spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. B. Stoneouse.

Miss Beulah Stoneouse, R. N., Toronto, visited over Sunday at the parental home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McDermid spent Friday with Mrs. George Burnett.

Mrs. T. Johnston of Holstein and Mrs. Picken spent Friday with Mrs. George Burnett.

Mr. George Burnett of Owen Sound spent over the week-end with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. McGuire of Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davison over the 24th.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Ramage of Brussels were guests at his parental home here for a couple of days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Buchan and son of Dunnville visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. Howell in town, and with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ritchie in Glenelg.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Firth and family of Lindsay are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ritchie, and with Messrs. John and W. G. Firth, in Glenelg.

Dr. and Mrs. Grieves and son Billie, and Mrs. Grieves' brother, Mr. James Allen, Toronto, visited over the holiday and week-end with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McFarlane in Glenelg, and with their brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. David Allen, in Durham.

Mr. R. B. Burns of Kingston, formerly of Durham, visited in town for a few days last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Grasley of Wyandotte, Mich., are here in attendance at the bedside of her mother, Mrs T. C. Morton, who is seriously ill from stroke. Mrs. Harkness of Teeswater, and Mrs. Pettigrew of Hamilton, are also at their mother's bedside. Her son, Thomas of Cedoux, Sask., who has been here for a couple of weeks, is also in attendance on his mother during her illness.

Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Fiddes renewed acquaintances at Bright last week. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. S. McIlraith, who also visited with relatives.

Mr. George Montgomery of Nottawasaga visited his cousin, Mrs. J. McGowan, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGowan leave Saturday for Regina, where the former will attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. McGowan will also visit with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. McCracken at Munson, Alberta, and with relatives at Portage La Prairie, Manitoba.

F. F. McIlraith, W.M. of Durham Lodge No. 306, A. F. & A. M., and several of the brethren, attended the reception and banquet at Owen Sound last night in honor of the Grand Master, Hon J. S. Martin, who paid his official visit to Grey District.

Miss Margaret McKenzie of Toronto spent the week-end at her home here.

Mr. Campbell Mitchell of Hamilton visited with his sister, Mrs. Neil McLean, in Bentinck.

Mr. W. Firth of Detroit, Mich., is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. F. Wright.

Mrs. W. Harding and children of Hamilton spent from Thursday to Saturday in town with her mother, Mrs. Charles Browne.

Miss Lavina Mortley of Richmond Hill visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mortley.

Miss May McClocklin was home from Toronto over the holiday, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McClocklin.

Miss Mary Kennedy off Bunessan is a patient in Durham hospital with heart trouble. Her mother, Mrs. C. Kennedy, is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. N. McQueen, in Proton, during her illness.

Miss Gertrude McCallum and Miss Mona Kemp of Toronto spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McCallum.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Catton of Toronto visited with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Catton, for a few days last week.

Mrs. T. Blair and son Norman, visited with the former's daughter, Miss Amelia, in Toronto, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sherk and child, Mrs. Murray Hoy, and Mr. Harper McGirr, all of Detroit, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McGirr, and with their brother, Mr. Lance McGirr, ill in Duham hospital.

Miss Marjory Browne, who spent the winter in Florida, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Browne, Glenelg. Miss Browne leaves shortly to take up her duties at Bigwin Inn, Muskoka.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Elvidge and two children, accompanied by Mrs. Elvidge's mother, all of Ford, visited over the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Elvidge.

Mr. Oral McIntyre, Toronto, spent the week-end with his parents in town.

Mr. E. C. McQueen of Toronto visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McQueen over Sunday.

Mr. D. C. Town, jeweller, has been confined to his bed the past five of six days through illness. While his condition is not regarded as serious, not very much improvement was reported last evening. Mr. James Burt, who has been looking after the store during the illness of the proprietor, and who contemplated going West this morning, has cancelled his ticket and will remain on duty until Mr. Town recovers.

Mrs. H. Cross spent a few days in Owen Sound last week visiting relatives.

Messrs. Roy and Albert McKennitt of Niagara Falls, accompanied by their brothers, Messrs. Hugh and Gordon McKennitt of Holland Centre, visited their sister, Mrs. P. J. McLean at the hospital on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Banks, Riverview, spent the 24th with Mrs. Banks' mother, Mrs. J. J. Wilson, and sister, Mrs. William E. Bourne.

Mrs. J. J. Wilson is spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. J. Banks, Riverview.

Mr. S. H. Jack of Winnipeg, visited with his sisters, Mrs. N. McKechnie and Mrs. A. Rutherford, in town, and with his brother, W. R. Jack in Glenelg, for a few days last week and this. It is nine years since Mr. Jack was in Durham and we were very pleased to have a half hour's chat with him on Friday. Mr. Jack has been with the Fairbanks-Morse Company for years and has lived in the West for nearly twenty years.

CLERKS BEAT STONE PLANT

Tuesday night's league game between the Clerks and the Stone plant was a win for the former 23 to 12. The night was anything but favorable for good ball, a heavy rain in the afternoon making the grounds very slippery, and with the wet grass and a waterlogged ball the game was not up to the usual standard. The Clerks got their big lead in the first inning when they garnered 12 runs, but after this the Stone Plant tightened up and it was a fairly even contest.

Batteries: Clerks, Clements and McComb; Stone Plant, Aljoe and Noble.

The League Standing

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Clerks	2	0	1000
Stone Plant	1	1	500
Holstein	1	1	500
Bankers	1	1	500
High School	1	1	500
Furnitude Co.	0	2	000

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Daniel—In Durham Hospital, May 25, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Daniel, a daughter.

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A pedestrian, arrested for firing a revolver in a New York street was acquitted. It appears that he was only trying to shoot a motor honker. —Ottawa Journal.

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