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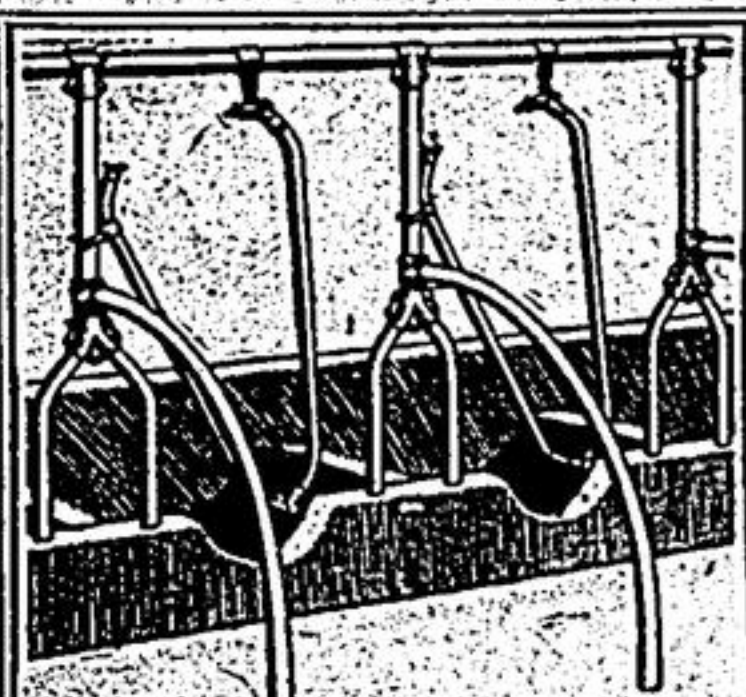
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

This is a free country—till you are old enough to pay taxes.

J. W. Widdifield the former U.F.O. candidate in North Ontario, is classing himself this election as a "Drury candidate."

H. S. Clary, Liberal candidate flatly contradicts the report that he will retire from the contest in East York. The story, he alleges, was circulated by his opponents. Mr. Clary is going ahead with his campaign.

J. M. Walton, the Liberal candidate in North York opened his campaign at Newmarket on Friday evening. He was supported on the platform by R. L. Brackin, M.P.P. while a brass band rendered music.

In 1919 out of a total vote of 11,023 in North York, S.P. Foote, U.F.O. received 2,930 or 26½ per cent of the vote. In 1921, out of a total vote of 12,195 R.W.E. Burnaby, U.F.O. received 2,966 or 24 per cent of the vote.

For the coming Provincial election—Deputy returning officers are to be paid \$10 for their services, poll clerks \$6, and constables \$4, by order in Council the government decrees that the municipalities shall be borne by the municipalities, as well as the expenses of the voters list revising board. There may be considerable exception taken to the new regulation whereby municipalities are to pay for Provincial elections. Heretofore governments have paid their own election accounts.

Twenty-three bondsmen who were on the guarantee bond of the Scene, U.F.O. club have had writs issued against them by the Bank of Hamilton. The amount involved is about \$2,000, and there is no dispute by the bondsmen as to their liability. But the bondsmen claim that the entire club membership is equally liable and they ask that the balance of the membership be made parties to the suit. The action will be tried in Walkerton in June.

A member of a village council in Quebec was disqualified on account of illiteracy because he could not write the Lord's Prayer. This test might disqualify members of councils outside of Quebec. It may sound as a chestnut but in connection with the test of the Quebec Councillor we are reminded of the man who challenged a friend with not knowing the Lord's Prayer. The challenger one put up 10 bucks that he could repeat it. He started off with "Now I lay me down to sleep" when the challenger admitted he was defeated and said: "Here's my ten dollars, I was satisfied you did not know it but I am mistaken."

It is a pleasure to record that there were 100 new elementary schools erected in this province in 1921 which is the last year of which there are any statistics in this respect, making a total of 6,901 schools where boys and girls are given a primary education. The enrolled attendance the same year was 535,213, an increase of 20,241 over the previous year. The average daily attendance was 405,825 an average of 69.38 p.c. This is good for Ontario. The number of persons in this province who have not enough knowledge of arithmetic for their own business and who can neither read nor write is fortunately getting smaller every year. We wouldn't care to live in a country like Russia where 90% of the people can neither read nor write.

GOODWOOD

A swift, well-played game of football was played on May 19th between the Goodwood and Claremont teams. The score was 3 to 1 in favor of Claremont. This, the first league game of the season, was played on grounds next to the new park in Claremont owned by A. Brignall, owing to the soft condition of the newly cleared park soil. There was a fine crowd in attendance.

W. I. DISTRICT MEETING

The annual district meeting of the East York Women's Institute will be held in Ratcliff's Hall, Stouffville on June 6th. Business meeting to be held at 10.30 a.m. Branch reports, also Miss Scott representing the Federation will speak. Afternoon session which is open to the public will commence at 2.30 conducted by Mrs. Graves, district president. Speakers: Dr. Margaret Patterson, Police Magistrate, Toronto; Mrs. Peter McArthur, Mr. G. A. Putnam, Toronto, superintendent of Women's Institute. A good musical program under the direction of Mrs. G. A. M. Davison, Unionville. You are invited to come and enjoy the afternoon with us. No admission or collection.

BETHESDA

John Spence and sons of Whit church spent Sunday at William Drewery's. Sorry to report the illness of Mrs. F. Paulik and hope for an early recovery. Miss Woodland and Mr. Woodland of Goodwood visited our school on Sunday. J. Hillard Davis and friends of Cobocok visited at Jno. Davis' on the week end. Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and Clayton of Goodwood visited at Mr. Freeman Slack's on Sunday.

MISS AGNES MACPAIL, M. P.

To the Editor:

In a Toronto newspaper, the other day there appeared an editorial under the heading "Who giveth this woman away" and read in part as under: "Ontario is invited to join Miss Macpail, M.P., for South Grey in her indignant protest against the retention in the marriage service of the words "Who giveth this Woman away?"

If this statement expresses a fact surely, oh surely Miss Macpail is borrowing trouble.

"Who giveth this woman away" is, as your correspondent views it, a matter of minor import, the vital point is that the woman be given into the keeping of a man who is healthy and clean.

Miss Macpail would do something worth while for the women of Ontario, of Canada, of the world for that part if she would advocate the necessity of "A clean bill of Health" for both men and women about to enter the married state and so doing raise the physical, mental and moral standard of coming generations. In her own generation lesson suffering and help "thin" the wards in many hospitals.

From time to time there arises protests and discussions over the word "Obey" in the marriage service. Strangely enough one never hears objections raised to the promise—"With all my worldly goods I thee endow."

That may sound sarcastic yet it is true.

It's not the wording of the marriage service that's wrong, it's the failure of the contracting twin to keep their vows. Too often the promises given upon the marriage day mean nothing whatsoever. Our divorce courts are proof of this.

A really worth while husband does not exact obedience nor a loving helpmate appropriate all a man's possessions, more often by dint of sacrifice she helps increase the treasury.

Throughout life it's a case of giving and getting, forgiving and for-

getting, and never more so than in the married state.

What can it matter "Who giveth the woman away" so long as the woman is in mind and body fit, is getting the man of her heart desire and of whom she can say "He is clean, he is good" better still if she can add "He is one of nature's noblest gentlemen." Thank God there are women who can say this.

If the writer has misunderstood the statement attributed to the lady M. P. for South Grey, she will gladly apologize for the mention of the name Macpail, otherwise your correspondent expresses a frank opinion of what appears to her a vital question of the hour, viz: The necessity of Clean Health Sheets for both sexes.

Elizabeth J. Leach
Ringwood.

NINTH LINE

Mr. T. Eagleson was a city visitor this week.

Mr. Hollinger of Brampton was home for the week end.

Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Silverthorne spent Saturday in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Middlebrook and family motored to Weston on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. McElwain and son took in Richmond Hill fair on the

24th.

Apparently Mrs. Stouffer and Mrs. Middlebrook are running races hatching chickens.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Toronto were holiday and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Silverthorne.

Dr. and Mrs. Gowland of Newmarket, Mr. and Mrs. Mannah and Mr. and Mrs. Richardson of Toronto were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Postill.

BLOOMINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Fox of Toronto are guests of Mr. Hill's.

Miss Erma Hill of Toronto spent the holiday at home.

Mrs. Law spent Sunday at the old home near Aurora.

Miss Murla Fockler of Toronto spent a few days at home.

Mrs. McQuain of Newmarket was visiting Miss McQuain Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Storry and family spent the 24th at Unionville.

Mrs. Connor of Stouffville spent a couple of days with Mrs. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Simpson of Toronto were guests of Mrs. Mahon on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Burnett of Markham were visiting his father who is quite poorly.

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