



### FOUR ADDED TO HOUSEHOLD

The Acebal quadruplets, not before older brother Ronald Jr., 18 months, gives his hunched and ready to leave Butterfield Hospital in Cold Spring, N. Y. recently, but

born Feb. 21 are, from (LEFT) Haysha, Christopher, Jay and Kim. Each now weighs over five pounds. The Acebal home is in Crompond, N. Y. (AP Wirephoto)

### MARY HAWORTH

#### Wife Questions The Right Of Mate To Strike Her

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: Are there any circumstances under which a man has a right to strike a woman?

My husband and I have been married 12 years. About three years ago he shoved me roughly during an argument. Later, during another argument, he threw a shoe at me, which hit with enough force to leave a bruise. Last night he struck me on the arm, again leaving a bruise.

We hadn't been on good terms during the day. Towards evening our son, 10, came to me crying (he doesn't often cry), saying his father had punished him unjustly. I went to his father to protest, putting my hand on his arm. He struck out hard, hitting my arm.

I am mortified over the whole thing and don't know where to turn. I wasn't brought up like this. No matter how much my parents argued, father never lifted a hand to my mother.

Because of the shame of it all I can't bring myself to discuss the problem with friends or relatives. Yet I feel that something should be done. A crucial question is, what's best for the children? They've heard us arguing, but never have witnessed the scenes I've mentioned.

Is there any way I can be assured it won't happen again? How can I share his bed, cook for him, etc., knowing that he has struck me and may strike me again?

E. B.

DEAR E. B.: In condensing your letter I've omitted your statement to wit: "I wouldn't want my children to grow up thinking it is all right for a man to strike a woman. I feel that such actions take all the dignity out of marriage."

You are absolutely right on both counts, of course. As far as what to do, it seems to me that the problem divides into two parts; namely, your husband's rough behavior and the responsibility he bears for the damage it does, and your injured passivity in tacitly tolerating, hence condoning, his blows.

Your husband's hitting-out, as described, is on a par with the tantrum attitudes of a kindergarten child. He is falling far short of adult standards, in the matter of keeping his feelings under seemingly control when domestic irritants upset him.

There is little, if anything, that you can do, personally, to remedy his misbehavior, in terms of acting directly to prohibit his childish kickback reactions. If he is to become a man, on the score of self-control, he will have to do the work of changing himself for the better.

However, what you can and should do, in behalf of human dignity, in the circumstances, is learn how to respond when these scenes erupt.

I am sure that your husband senses your on-the-fence feelings of mingled hurt and clinging dependency which finds you unwilling, or at any rate unready to bring into the open the question of whether the marriage can survive this type of brutishness, which smirches you both

and poisons the children's lives also. I would surmise that although he probably is secretly remorseful and ashamed after these bouts, he sees no need to apologize and mend his ways, inasmuch as you seem inclined to go along, like it or not, keeping your wounds to yourself.

In my view, the situation calls for you to make up your mind one way or the other. Either put up with abuse, in which case forgive fully and stop keeping book on your bruises. Or draw the line, on the basis of a positive, overwhelming emotional conviction that you can't and won't play the kicked dog role.

If you ever arrive at the latter point, your husband will know it, intuitively, and adjust accordingly. That is, if he wants to keep the partnership together, and he probably will, when the chips are down. M.H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of The Guardian.

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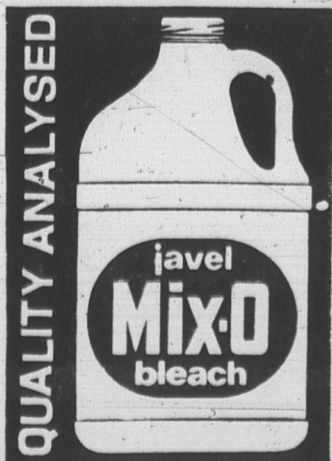
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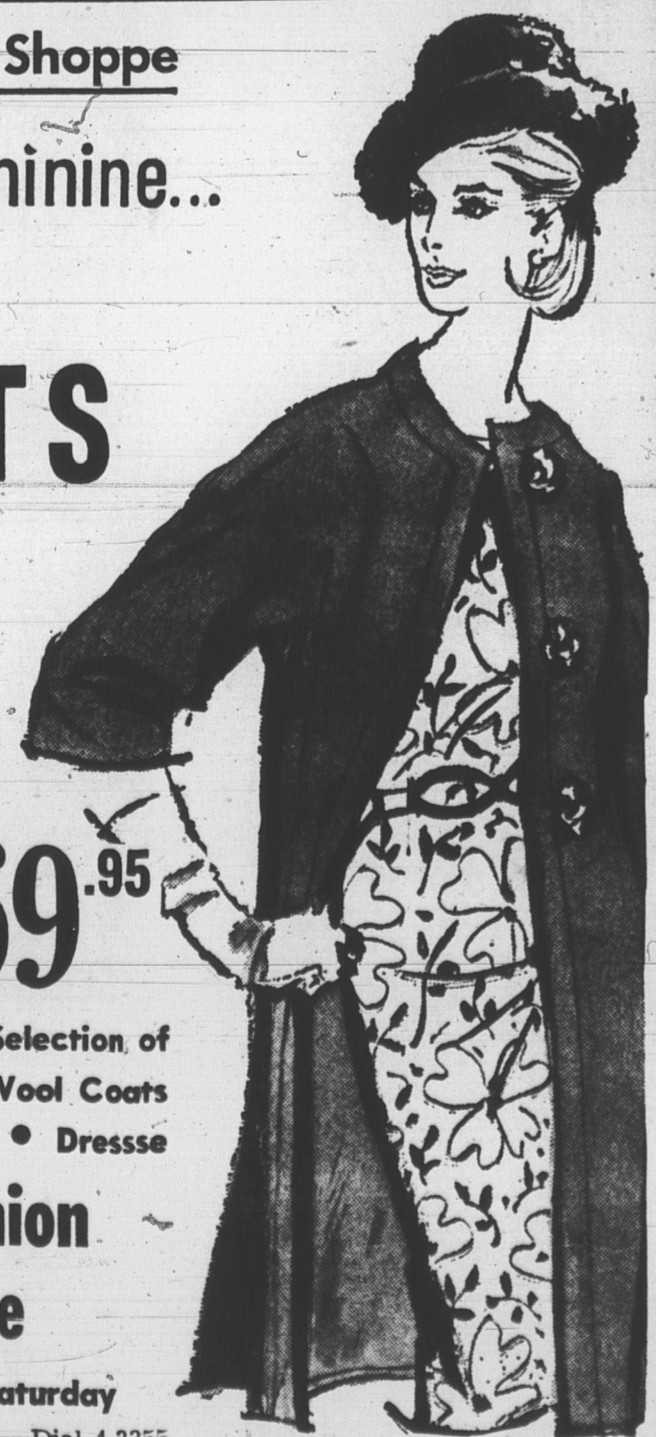
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## HAPPENINGS

Audrey Jenkins, Women's Editor. Phone 4-8506

Members of the Confederation Art Gallery and the P. E. I. Art Society are invited to attend a reception in the Gallery on Thursday evening, April 14 at 8:30 p.m. The occasion is the opening of the Christopher Pratt art exhibit and the Art Society's spring show.

George McKinnon, formerly of Bear River returned to Toronto recently having been called home due to the serious illness of his father, Joseph McKinnon, who is now recovering satisfactorily following surgery. Mr. McKinnon was accompanied back to Toronto by James Hughes, Souris West, who was to visit with relatives and friends over the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William White, Borden, spent the Easter holidays with their daughter Mrs. Heath MacLean and Mar. MacLean, Winsloe.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Pauley of Gunningsville, N. B. are visiting with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sharpe, Borden.

Mrs. Margaret Whalen, Bear River, left by train recently for Montreal, Que., where she will visit her two sons and other relatives and friends. She was accompanied by Mrs. James Pitre, Charlottetown and Mrs. Joseph Gallant, Bear River, who intended to spend Easter with relatives in Toronto and Hamilton, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. MacFadyen and Ralph Jr., Hunter River, left to spend the Easter Holidays with the "McCains", East Florenceville, N.B. Mr. MacFadyen is manager of "McCain Farms (P. E. I.) Ltd. at Hunter River.

Douglas Blaikie, Moncton, N.B. has arrived on the Island to spend his Easter holidays, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Johnstone, Brookfield.

Mary MacLennan, Wood Islands, accompanied by her

obtained for the church lawn.

Following some discussion regarding repairs to the church and grounds, the meeting adjourned and refreshments were served by the hostess and committee in charge.

Mrs. James Dowling will be hostess for the May meeting with Mrs. Joseph Walsh and Mrs. Clifford Hogan in charge of food.

dale, Borden, spent the weekend with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Trowsdale at Bideford.

Marjorie MacArthur, RN and Helena Sherry, RN of Halifax N. S. spent the Easter weekend with their families in Kensington and Albany respectively.

# Women

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### ELLEN'S DIARY

#### Sight Of A First Robin Causes Smiles Of Delight

The appearance of a robin in the front meadow at Alderlea this morning did not in any case sense pass un-noticed in the family. And what smiles lovely days. The mother in the went round at the news! It was a first-lambkin-or-other-long-awaited first of the season: a calf, come or a foal to be the pride of the farm. Or in bygone years of our farming, the warm blue, or white, of a duck's egg, or the intriguingly speckled oral presented by a turkey.

Be robins suspected of a certain arrogance, which in all creatures is considered to be less than a virtue, they are nevertheless exceedingly attractive in their bright-breasted springtime garb. And quite interesting in their nesting and hatching while the affairs of the farming con-

tinued busily right at their doors. Their morning song is a delightful, reveille, that of evening a pleasant finale - a seal to the long lovely days. The mother in the house across the lane was the first to welcome this guest. It is interesting to note that according to her records this is the third consecutive spring a first robin of the season has returned to the place on this date. This gave rise today to conjectures. Is this the same bird? And if so, why in this earlier break of the springtime, did he fail to come before this? Was he a lone traveller, a scout? Or did he part with his company somewhere beyond the hills? In any event he has come, we suspect to lay claim to some land. Fog lay like a gray shawl about the shoulders of the old mill in

the deep of our valley this morning. It scarfed the hills lightly above. As Carl Sandberg puts it in his cute verse, "The fog you had heretofore known only comes in on little cat feet. It sits looking over city and town and also, as we see it, farm-house and field—on silent haunches, and then moves on." "We'll likely get sunshine out of this before the day is done," James offered at a window, in a first look at the new morning beyond.

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JOYCE RAYNER ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rayner, New Annan, P. E. I. are happy to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Joyce Elaine, to Roger Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Newman, Beaconsfield, Que. The marriage is to take place on April 30 in Montreal, Que.

form, you most wished to see suddenly come by. Or to, have a chance meeting with someone, it in his cute verse, "The fog you had heretofore known only comes in on little cat feet. It sits looking over city and town and also, as we see it, farm-house and field—on silent haunches, and then moves on." "We'll likely get sunshine out of this before the day is done," James offered at a window, in a first look at the new morning beyond.

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to pick something up for supper when one, we had, of late in mind, happened to come by. She is one who has said, "The Island can be very boring if you're not active", which is of course very true of life anywhere no matter where one's lot may be cast. She is a girlish and attractive young city matron, who "so lives," that while she could waste away her days more or less idly, chooses to round them out usefully, and pleasantly, with an avocation "which began as a hobby and has become quite engrossing".

Hobbies! We recommend them to our sisterhood of women, be they the cultivation of some talent of girlhood in the arts or some bent in making or doing in the crafts. Once started along such avocations, life becomes broader and fuller. There is no time then to repine! Even the minor aches and pain

### Rheumatic Pain?

—does it make you feel years older? When I think of all the days I dragged through my housework with rheumatic pain in my back and shoulders, I could cry. Many times I did cry. I wish I had tried DOLCIN tablets many months before I did—they gave me such relief from pain in such a short time that my husband said I looked years younger. I sincerely recommend Dolcin." Mrs. B.K., Regina, Sask.

once of some concern can disappear, as one gains ground in its pursuit.

"Put away that pen, Ellen!" James, in from his day now, smiles. "Tell me what's the news from town? Is springtime come there? And... did you see anyone at the farming along the way?"

Until tomorrow... -Diary - Good-night.

### PLATE SHOWED CLAIM

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