

Women

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MARY HAWORTH

She Starves For Attention As Husband Ignores Her

Dear Mary Haworth: I am the mother of four teen-age children ranging from 14 to 17 years. My husband and I were married very young and had our own home, so naturally, so we are still quite young.

I feel that we've had a successful marriage, in that we are raising four well-adjusted children who fill us with pride. As they become old enough to take some responsibility for their own selves I took a paid job to help with family finances. I don't mind working and have a sense of satisfaction in helping this way.

My husband is a fine man with good moral values; he doesn't drink or squander money and shows no interest in other women; nor in me, for that matter. I am practically starved for his companionship and attention.

When I get home from work (he arrives 20 minutes earlier) he is asleep in the living room. I wait him for dinner, after which he returns to the divan and sleeps a while longer, then watches TV until bedtime.

We never discuss the many little things that need to be discussed. Efforts on my part to talk with him are met with an almost inaudible monosyllable. He says "No." And he doesn't seem depressed or unhappy, only indifferent. He lives alone in a world that no one can enter. This has been so for five years and I am at a loss.

Our sex life is almost non-existent. He says he's not interested. I love him and want to feel loved by him. I am growing fatter and farther apart each this frightens me.

Can you offer me some advice?
J. P.
Dear J. P.: The ward for your husband's behavior is "rejecting." It appears that his feelings have been hurt, or his pride wounded, and he is sulking. His intent seems punitive, as if the aim is to hit back, without putting his cards on the table about his grievance.

This pattern of acting out a sense of injury usually is handed down in family life, with a son or daughter acting a parent's example, on through successive generations. It isn't hereditary, you understand; mere by-acquired, through association in formative years.

It is odd that you don't have a pretty clear idea about what is going on with your husband's five-year-old post. Lacking other clues, I would guess it has something to do with your taking a paid job.

The fact that he beats you home daily drags himself on the couch for a soze, and persistently ignores you for the

of the evening, suggests that he is using sign language to bitterly protest the emphasis of home life, with you in the market place; and that he puts the message in reverse, by saying in effect: "You see how little you are missed." Or "How little you count with me, a least."

As for what to do, you can't invade his reserve by storming the barricades. The better way is to stop beating against his resistance and turn your efforts whollyheartedly in other directions.

You may socialize with neighbors during evenings, when he stays home by preference. A weekly bridge game with other wives, evening trips to the shopping center with women friends, evening visits to church events, and occasional neighbors would help to offset his moodiness.

But to get to the heart of the matter and put things right, if possible, you should undertake a therapeutic inquiry into the precise meaning of his withdrawal. In teamwork with a family relations adviser, you may develop insight into the why-and-wherefores of his sulking and thus determine whether drastic revisions in your performance might heal the breach that is widening. M. H.



Sorting and mending day is Friday

Clothing For Needy Nations Is Packed By Ch'town USC

By JEAN MACISSAC
Guardian-Patriot Staff Writer

Every Friday afternoon is sorting and mending day for the ladies of the Charlottetown Branch of the Unitarian Service Committee. It is on this afternoon every week that they gather at the army compound at Brighton Road to repair and package clothing to be sent to needy countries.

A branch of the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada, the Charlottetown group was begun three years ago, and through the work and effort of its members, is now recognized as a branch in its own right.

The work of the committee consists primarily in mending clothes and doing knitting. On the day the above picture was taken, the members were preparing packages of used clothing to be sent to such points as Korea, Hong Kong, Greece, and the Middle East.

Mrs. Fred Osborne, president of the branch, said that all types of used clothing for all members of the family is accepted, as long as it is clean and has at least six months wear. The group then take care of any repairs that are necessary.

Members of the Unitarian Service Committee also knit articles to be sent to other countries, in Charlottetown wool and

lotiontown branch she said it was difficult to make an estimate for the membership count not only of individuals, but of groups, and anyone who does work for the organization automatically becomes a member.

Anyone interested in or wishing to know more about the Unitarian Service Committee may attend the annual meeting which is being held at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 6 in the film board room of the Dominion Building, she said.

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LILLIAN COFFIN A. CECIL LADNER ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Coffin, Charlottetown, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lillian Ethel Mehalabel, RN, to Arthur

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wall Celebrate 50th Anniversary

BALTIMORE - On Saturday, March 31, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wall of Indian River celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home.

During the afternoon and evening hours a dinner was held for Mr. and Mrs. Wall and the members of their family that were able to attend the affair. Among those attending were: Helen, Mrs. Dickson and family of Howling; Harry Wall, Mrs. Wall and their daughter Cathy of Saint John, N.B.; Stella, Mrs. Kenney of Moncton; Lois and her husband W.H. Brown and family of Kennington; James and Mrs. W.B. Goudie and Mrs. Y.L. MacKenzie; James and Mrs. N.B. Kennington; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bryenton and family of Malboro.

Following the dinner an address was read by Mrs. W. H. Brown and the presentation of about, shrinking the drifts, giving us to walk on hating patches of yard, showing us the crystal flow of thawing streamlets and the rain row of melted snowdrifts pushing up through the damp of the flower-borders!

Today was sun, and loveliness, and a gentle breeze tended the far springtime hills. We caught in the call of the crows and their smaller kin the promise to the time of the singing birds, which will be long to be at hand.

"When the robins come-there is a nice song, Ellen," James said today, listening to see if he might catch a broken trill about. "It's good to wake to it. And you hear it at its best in the fields. Away back in the quiet, when I'm at the sewing, that's where you hear whether soft, in the meadows and hedgerows there!"

Soft-footed, on the velvet of kittens' paws, the day goes. It gently out through the starshine. Until tomorrow - - - Diary-Good-night.

BURTON

Bennett Howard, Glenegary has returned home from Charlottetown Hospital where he received treatment.

Mrs. Thomas Stewart, RCMP Station, Summerside, recently visited her mother, Mrs. Len Dalton, Burton.

Victor Cooke, Cape Wolfe, has returned home from O'Leary's Community Hospital where he underwent major surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Costain and family, Mirmingaga, were recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Costain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perry, Burton.

Frank Stevens (Sr.) who was visiting his mother in Montreal, returned home to his home in Campbellton.

SPILLVILLE MUSIC

Composer Anton Dvorak put the town of Spillville in the map by writing part of his New World symphony there in 1893

HAPPENINGS

His Honor, L.J. Governor F. Walter and Mrs. Hyndman, and Chief Justice Thane A. and Mrs. Campbell attended the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. J. Watson MacNaught at the "Tartan" Saturday evening at the conclusion of the Dominion Drama Festival.

Mr. MacNaught is regional chairman of the Dominion Drama Festival for Prince Edward Island and one of the governors.

The reception was in honor of Miss Norma Springford, dramatic adjudicator of the regional festival, and was attended by all those taking part in the festival entries and others who worked and helped in the arrangements for the three-evening event.

Mrs. Arthur G. Bruce left yesterday for Montreal. From where they will sail on the Empress of Britain, on a visit to England and the Continent. While in England they will be the guests of Captain W. J. J. and Mrs. Ready (nee Nancy Beer) and family. They expect to be away from the province for three months.

Lieutenant Andrew Miller of the Canadian Forces Hospital in Kingston, Ontario, is holidaying at her home in West Royall.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Henderson, 35 Rochford St., Charlottetown, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today.

Mr. Paul Murphy, who is with the Provincial Bank in Summerside, has been transferred to the bank's Charlottetown branch. He will head the branch in Charlottetown next week.

A successful pot luck supper was held by the Kennington Ladies on Thursday evening at the Canadian Legion Home with approximately seventy persons in attendance.

After the meal had been enjoyed the tables were removed and dancing to records completed the evening. The spotlight dance was won by Mrs. Stuart Drummond who received a box of chocolates.

Members of the Kennington arranged the event were Lietsetta Ida Peppin, (chairman), Mrs. George MacLeod and Nora MacCarville.

Pink and white streamers decorated the Women's Institute Room at Malpeque for a shower on Wednesday evening for Miss Frances Bryanton in honor of her approaching marriage. To the strains of the British Chorus played by Elaine Adams the bride to be was escorted to the seat of honor by Mrs. Gordon Champion.

The gifts were carried in and also arranged after breakfast.

ELLEN'S DIARY

Banquet At Season's End Is A Gala Event For Youth

"It's only one team that can win the cup," Mack commented this morning. "Last year, we had our turn. Maybe, next year, who knows?"

He had come by, on his way to school to take care of any errands of this house. "Any letters to post? Want anything from the store? Yeast, tea, soap. Not too many things, for I won't be able to carry too much along with my books in the carrier, my bicycle. And "with a smile" would there be any commission?"

He sat a minute to talk of the hockey season now over for him. It had given him and other schoolboys some pleasant outings through the winter, fought them we suspect more than one lesson of the game and now in a pleasant finale, the community was to tender the Junior and senior teams, as a mark of its esteem, a banquet in the hall. "This was not in the district, in which Mack goes to school and where it's a farm site, but in that there Rob's and other fields of the name wander happily.

Even as we chatted, we could picture the mothers there straight to ponder. "Now what shall I make for it?" And straightway turn to the cookery with a wish and a prayer-could see

Mrs. T. L. Cook Is Honored On Her 90th Birthday

Mrs. T.L. Cook, Murray River, celebrated her 90th birthday at her home recently with greetings from friends and family from many parts of the province.

She had 11 children: Mrs. Percy Sharam, Mrs. W. E. Scantlebury, Mrs. E.S. Giddings all of Charlottetown; Mrs. M. MacKinnon, Murray River, Mrs. Alfred Innocent, Waterbury, Conn. Miss Gordon, Charlottetown; Mrs. MacLeod, Charlottetown; and Ray of Toronto. Three sons, Frank, Fred and Dr. T. S. Cook, have passed away, as has her husband, the late Thomas L. Cook.

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