

MARY HAWORTH

Discipline Is Needed

Dear Mary Haworth: We have a friend, call her Madge (which is not her name), who is basically a terrific girl. She is attractive, very capable, good-hearted; will do anything for anyone. But on social occasions, whether at large or small parties, and regardless of whether she knows the guests well, or is meeting them for the first time, she gets rowdy when she starts drinking.

She becomes so uninhibited, after a few drinks, that she says and does things so unladylike that all are embarrassed—and es-

pecially the hostess. Madge has been dropped by numerous friends after such an experience. And we know how they feel, but because she is basically so good, we hate to drop her as they have.

Is there anything you might suggest, in regard to handling the problem? Thank you. — E. F.

NO DISCIPLINE?
Dear E. F.: I once heard a wise gentleman say of a ne'er-do-well nephew (then in middle age): "The boy has lovely qualities; but no character." This might be a capsule reading of Madge's make-up also.

You emphasize the claim that she is basically good. What you mean, probably, is that she has the makings of engaging personality if she would behave herself well; or if she had herself in con-

trol. But the fact is (according to your story) that she behaves very badly; very selfishly; without regard for the feelings of others, or the rights of others, in party situations. Which means that she has not much character in the positive sense—since good character is the sum of educated habit and systematic effort aimed at maintaining considerate conduct.

It appears that Madge's compulsive reaction to a captive audience (as at parties) is to insult the accepted standard of decency, to mock and defy it; to set herself apart from and against it. Why? This is a sick-minded attitude, not to be imputed, simply to drinking too much.

Rather the few quick drinks are but a curtain raiser for the

knocker performance she puts on. They are partly camouflage, a contrived excuse for misbehaving; and partly a help in pulling it off—a way of borrowing courage, dulling the edge of awareness, before throwing stink bombs into the audience.

All things considered, I think my sympathies veer towards those who drop Madge, to get rid of the discourtesy and embarrassment she visits on friends and their guests. Ralph Waldo Emerson, sage of the western world, says friendship is made for rough usage. When real it doesn't wear kid gloves. True friendship is, or should be, a valued source of instructive reproof as needed.

NEED CRACKDOWN
Madge needs to be jolted into a stock-taking, and into lasting

conformity to good manners. It's no favor to her to condone her boorishness—any more than you would permit a "friend" to fetch rotten garbage into your parlor and hurl it about, when you're having company, time and again.

If Madge were put on notice by loyal friends that they are fed up with her rowdiness, and won't be asking her to parties again if she gives any further offense, she might turn over a new leaf in a hurry. And if she needs help in doing this, she probably should apply to psychiatry for it. There is a lot of neurotic material implicit in the ugly behavior she unleashes in drink. — M. H.

FORTUNE BRIDGE W. I.
The February meeting of the Fortune Bridge Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Harry Burke with eleven members and three visitors present. Meeting opened by singing the Ode and repeating Mary Stewart Collect in unison.

Minutes were read by the secretary and approved. Treasurer's report was given, showing \$32.05 cash realized from bean supper, with a total of \$216.23 cash on hand.

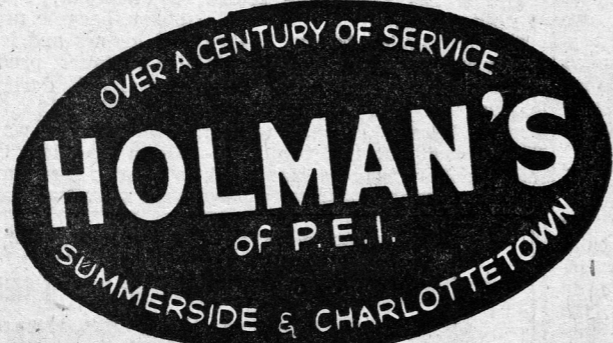
Correspondence was read by secretary. It was decided to donate \$2 to M. S. Society. Mrs. Lloyd Townsend offered her home for a card-party on Friday night. It was decided to have one in the school on February 21st.

Mrs. Jocelyn Col'n invited members to her home for next meeting with Mrs. G. Jackson and Mrs. L. Francis on lunch committee. Collection of \$1.70 was taken and a contest put on by Mrs. Sterling Burke, prizes won by Mrs. H. Townsend and Mrs. J. Bennett.

Mrs. Geo. Campbell to furnish program for next meeting. Roll call for next meeting to be sing or say "something Irish" or pay. Lunch was then served by hostess and assisting committee.

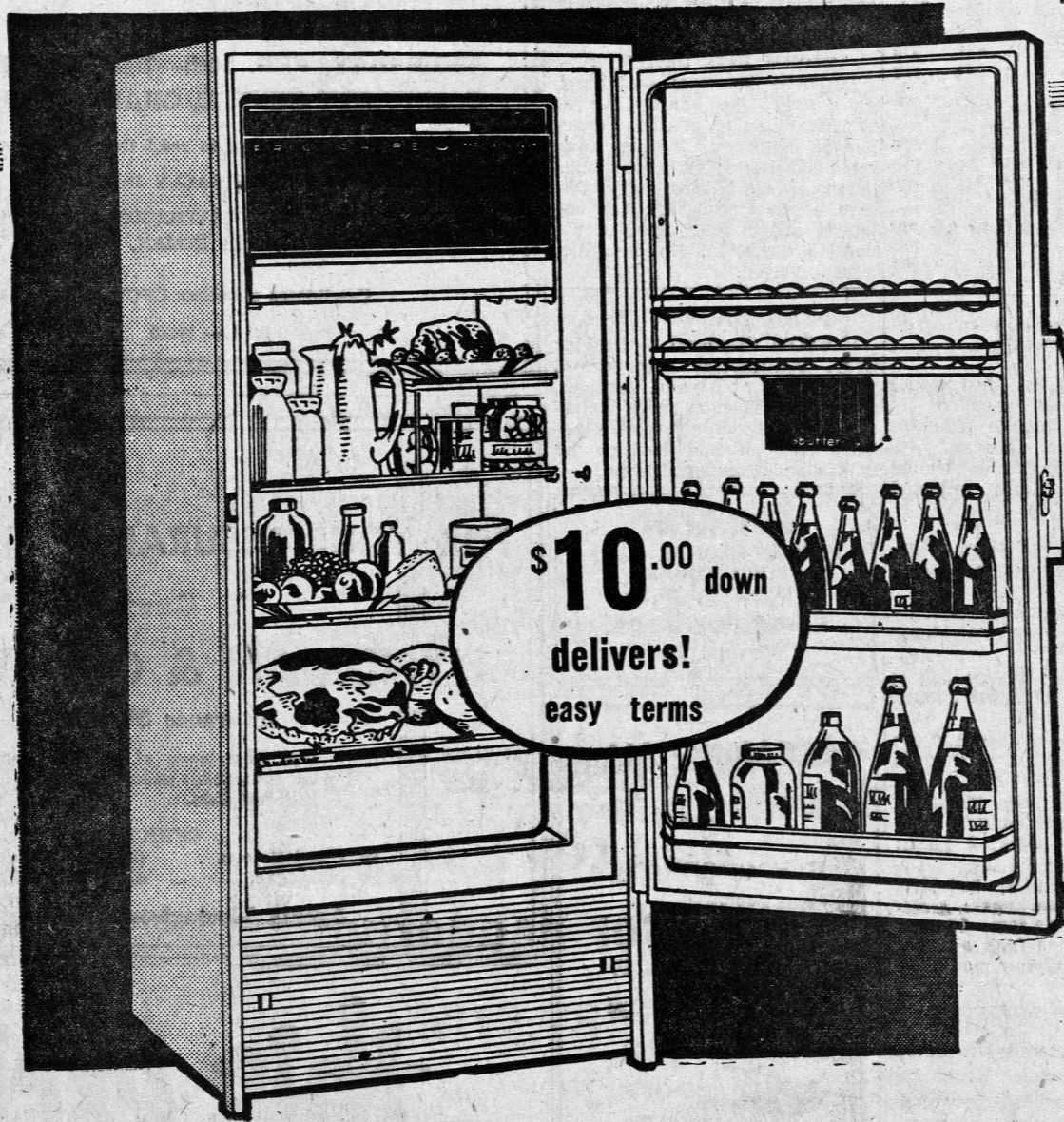
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IRISHTOWN W.I.

The February meeting of the Irishtown W.I. was held on the 4th, at Mrs. Harold MacLeod's home. The opening song "The More We Get Together" was followed by the collect and roll call which was an exchange of original valentines. 18 members responded to roll call.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported \$505.07 on hand. School committee reported that the hot lunches had been served to the school children during January and were appreciated. Also that \$4.64 had been spent on small items for the school.

The new school committee is Mrs. Archie Paynter and Mrs. Ruth Carr who will buy supplies to continue the hot lunches for this month. The sick committee reported making several calls. Mrs. David Campbell and Mrs. Clayton Stavert are the new sick committee.

successful Pantry Sale," by Mrs. John E. McLeod written up in her usual fun provoking manner which caused much merriment. Refreshments and a social hour were enjoyed by all.

BROOKFIELD W. I.

The regular meeting of the Brookfield Womens Institute was held at the home of Mrs. David Andrews on February 4th. In the absence of the president the vice-president presided.

Meeting opened by repeating the creed in unison. Roll call answered by 10 members and 2 visitors. 2 members paid their fees for the coming year.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. The school committee had no report. A thank-you letter was received from the teacher for the pencil sharpener.

The sick committee reported making calls and taking fruit. Thank-you cards have been received for fruit and cards of sympathy sent.

Correspondence was read by the secretary. It was moved and seconded \$2.00 be given the Multiple Sclerosis Society. It was moved and seconded to have a crokinole party in the school on February 14th, each member to take six lunches. Mrs. Preston Sentner to get prizes.

The Red Cross convener passed out material for sewing and knitting programme. Committee for next month is Mrs. Pearl MacLeod and Mrs. John Matheson. Place of next meeting undecided. Collection 70 cents.

Two interesting contests were put on by Mrs. Gordon MacLeod and Miss Grace Wood. Meeting closed with the Lords Prayer. Lunch was served by the hostess.

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