

Few Women Harness Drivers In World

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INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Margot Taylor can't understand why so few women are in her profession. Margot, a slim, fashionable young wife in her mid 20s, is one of less than 50 women harness race drivers in the world and the only one in Indiana, her home state.

She is a spectator today at the finale of grand circuit harness racing at the Indiana State Fair only because she doesn't own a

horse she thinks would make a good showing. But one day she expects to be on the grand circuit, and from the record she made this summer in county races her male competitors may find themselves beaten by a woman.

She broke the track record at Terre Haute driving Kay Way, a mare belonging to Herman Higley, Atlanta, Ind., a few weeks ago. It was a record for the driver, too, and also for Kay Way. Mostly, Mrs. Taylor has followed

her profession the hard way—she generally gets to handle only her own horses. BUT Higley gave her the chance she used so well at Terre Haute for the reason which Mrs. Taylor considers the best advantage women have over men in racing.

Light Touch for Mares
"A woman has a lighter touch and this is particularly important in handling mares," she said. "It was the first time I ever sat behind Kay Way but her owner thought she would do better with a woman because she is a light, delicate mare."

Mrs. Taylor's father, the late Robert Marlatt, Hagerstown, had shown horses as a hobby and his pretty daughter was riding one from the time she was six months old.

"I showed horses from the time I was two years old until I was nine. That's when my father died," she said. "Then for a while after that I worked for Bob Whitney (a widely known horseman who formerly lived at Muncie)."

It was through the county horse racing circuit that Margot Marlatt met her husband, Richard Taylor, Crawfordsville, son of another horse racing driver, Don Taylor.

Richard first hired Margot as a groom for Dauntless Ann, a mare who was skittish about male handlers. "One town follows another on the race circuit," she explained. "We met in Muncie. He asked me to marry him at the state fair. We went to California on our honeymoon to watch the horse races."

That was six years ago and the young Taylors have found in horses, dogs and cats a combined vocation and avocation. In addition to horses, they also raise and sell dachunds and Siamese cats.

Mrs. Taylor got her license as a harness race driver when she was 21. The U. S. Trotting Association has stiff requirements for licenses they issue and the lone woman almost was turned down because of her light weight—100 pounds.

Own Eight Horses
Margot and Dick together own eight horses and have bred the horse which brought them together—Dauntless Ann, to Diplomat Hanover, a castleton Farms stallion, and have high hopes for a colt that could win the state championship some day.

Both Dick and Don Taylor will be competing against each other today in a father-son battle. Margot has raced against her father-in-law (he always won) but her husband refuses to enter a race against her.

Margot's mother, who now lives in Pompano Beach, Fla., is "scared to death of a horse," in her daughter's words. She has seen Margot race only twice.

Margot herself has never been badly hurt in a race, but her husband has. He was thrown out of a sulky against a second horse at Chicago last year with such force that the horse was killed.

"I had a premonition he was hurt, but it was three days before I found out he was in a Chicago hospital," she said. "I was racing at Logansport at the time. I read it in an old newspaper. When I called him in the hospital he said 'I didn't think I was hurt that bad.'"

Articles Inform Public Of Services Of Lawyer

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles presented as a public service by the Adams county bar association. These articles are not intended to answer individual problems which require specific advice.)

MUST ABIDE BY RULES

From time to time, charges of unethical practices are hurled against the legal profession. Most of us realize, however, that the guilty parties are the few, who bring criticism against the entire profession. But many non-lawyers do not realize the strict rules of conduct imposed upon attorneys by what are known as the "Canons of professional ethics." The Indiana state bar association, like many local county bar associations, has canons of ethics which the members must observe or risk being expelled from the association. And all Indiana lawyers are subject to rules of proper conduct enforced by the supreme court of the state of Indiana. The codes of ethics are enforced and enforced largely by the lawyers themselves and violation of them may lead to disbarment or suspension from practice. Let us consider several of the more significant canons regulating the conduct of lawyers so that the reader may appreciate the framework within which the lawyer is supposed to conduct his practice.

Influencing Decision
A lawyer is not allowed to attempt to exert personal influence on a court, and may not approach a judge outside of court for the purpose of getting the judge's views, or influencing his opinion, on matters before him in court.

Defense of Criminals
A great challenge is presented to a lawyer when he is asked to defend a person accused of a serious crime. He naturally considers the possible adverse public reaction to anyone giving aid to the accused. The canons say, however, that it is the right of the lawyer to undertake the defense of the accused, so that innocent persons victims only of suspicious circumstances, are not denied a proper defense. If the lawyer refused to defend those he thought guilty, he would be acting as judge and jury before the trial. Further, having agreed to defend the accused, the

lawyer is bound to utilize, by fair means, all defenses which are available under the law. On the other hand, the public prosecutor's primary concern is not to convict the accused, but rather to see that justice is done. Consequently, he may be duty bound to aid the accused if he learns of facts or witnesses which establish his innocence.

Conflicting Interests

A lawyer may not represent two or more parties in the same matter if the interests of one party conflict with the interests of the other, unless he explains the situation to all parties involved and obtains their consent to continue in the matter as their attorney. A lawyer may not represent a client in the matter which would require him to divulge or make use of information which was revealed to him in confidence by a former client.

Confidential Information

Probably no other section of the canons is of greater importance to the preservation of the dignity of the legal profession than that which requires a lawyer to guard scrupulously the facts revealed to him in confidence by his client. Neither he nor his employees may disclose any information gained as a lawyer, even to closest relatives, and even though the lawyer's employment has long since ended. He may not be forced to testify in court as to confidential disclosures, unless the client consents. The canons also forbid the lawyer to use such information either for his own advantage or to the disadvantage of the client.

Frank Appraisal

Whenever his client's position is disputable, a lawyer is under a duty to frankly inform the client that the desired result might not be reached. Therefore, if a lawyer appears to a client to be less than completely certain about the likelihood of the success in a certain matter, it is usually not because the lawyer is indifferent to his client's case, but rather, because the lawyer is doing his duty of informing the client of the possibility that the other side might succeed.

If a lawyer has been retained to represent one party to a controversy, he cannot properly deal directly with any other party who has retained a lawyer to represent

him. The lawyer must contact the other lawyer. He is forbidden to purchase an interest in his clients legal claims, since this practice would tend to increase the number of law suits and deprive clients of complete and undivided representation by their lawyers.

Fixing Fees

Lawyers are admonished by their canons against charging more than their usual fee because the client is able to pay at a higher rate. Nevertheless, most lawyers will reduce their normal fee if the client cannot afford to pay it. Fees are generally based on considerations such as time spent and the difficulty of the problem involved. Also, certain special factors may be considered, such as the standard fees recommended by a local bar association, the amount involved, the benefits accruing to the client, and the length of the relationship with the client. Most lawyers will gladly estimate a fee in advance for a prospective client.

Report Improper Conduct

The rules described above do not constitute the entire canons of the Indiana state bar association, but they are representative of the type of ethical obligations that a lawyer is bound to observe. Of course, there are some lawyers who do not pay heed to their duties, whose conduct brings the entire legal profession into disrepute. Improper conduct should be reported to the local bar association so that proper steps may be taken to investigate the charge and, if necessary, impose punishment. Generally, however, the layman can expect to find any lawyer he approaches to be an honorable and candid counselor as well as a vigorous advocate.

Tree Baths

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (UPI)—Horticulturist Charles M. Drage of Colorado State University advises home owners with evergreen trees in their yards to give them a weekly bath. He says this will remove dust and allow the trees to "breathe." It also will reduce the possibility of insect infestation.

Bored With Books

NORMAN, Okla. (UPI)—Officials at the University of Oklahoma's University Press discovered that 29 copies of a book had to be taken out of storage because of termite damage. The book's title: "Our National Forests."



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