

## Injustice Exists When Minor Children Assist With Family's Support

BY MARTHA LEE

"WHAT have you ever done for me?" wailed a wife of her drunken husband.

"Haven't I given you two fine children to support you?" replied, indignantly.

These, or similar lines, appear in a play, and they ably illustrate the attitude of some parents. As a matter of fact, parents have no right whatever to expect support of their children.

Children are brought into the world without their own volition and they are entitled to care and support from parents or from the State until they are of age and able to stand on their own feet. For such care and support they owe parents or State, nothing.

Parents who hang around their children's necks like millstones after they are adults are bad enough, but parents who expect minor children to contribute to the upkeep of the household and to help support their younger brothers and sisters are unspeakable weaklings and should be reported to the authorities.

Children who are expected to shoulder the economic burden of a family for whose existence they are not responsible have every right to revolt. If they are of age, they have a right to leave home and live by their own efforts. If they are not of age, the best thing they can do is to appeal to some social service agency.

### Her Mother Fusses

Dear Martha Lee: I am a girl 14 years old. When I start to high school every morning my mother makes me go to her home and says I have some boy that I go to school to see. Today she got mad at me for not having a coat. I am a truant officer and ask her for some clothes and a coat. I haven't got any coat, but I did have a coat when I got up because I wouldn't ask for another one.

I am too big to go and as people think I ought to work and buy my own things, but I can't because I am not 16 years old yet. When I tell my mother that my father ought to clothe me, she says I have to make up. There are no children around that I know of. I don't do that. My older brother works in a factory and he makes me because I have got light red hair and he has got dark black. Please give me some advice. TROUBLED GREEN EYES.

The first thing that I want you to remember is that your mother is probably worn out about half the time and does not mean what she says. Try to win her to your side by treating her with sweetness and consideration. You know what it means to "heat coals of fire" on her head, do you not?

I think you should have some help from a social service agency. Do not be afraid to explain your problem to the truant officer. I admire you very much for your hesitancy in asking for clothes. But as you say, you are not sixteen yet, and you will have to help from someone else. You can pay it all back by helping someone else when you get on your own feet.

Take my advice and show the truant officer this letter, and ask her to tell you what to do.

### Mother is Lazy

Dear Martha Lee: I am a high school girl. I go to school in the mornings, but have to work at home in the afternoons and evenings. I have to wash the clothes and take care of the house, and I have to do most of the washing, watch the kids and clean and feed the little kids and wash the dishes. Then I try to bed and wait on my father, who gets drunk all the time and won't give me hardly any money. I am sick of it. The mother is lazy and makes me do all the work.

I feel sorry for the kids, but I don't think all this is my job as I did not bring the kids into the world nor pick out my father. I can't stand this any longer. Do you think it would be wrong for me to run away from home?

I haven't any place to go and I think parents are hard to get out of, and I think I have to stand this—any longer. J. A. D.

I do not blame you for resenting this situation as it is very unjust. But I would not advise you to run away from home because you might get into a worse situation. At least, do not go without acting on the advice of some trustworthy older person.

Have you no friend among your school teachers who would be willing to talk to your parents and try to arrange more leisure time for you? If you have not, seek out some social service worker, and she will help you solve your problem. I agree with you that you must have help and this is the quickest way to get it.

### Cornelian Luncheon

Mrs. O. B. Ent, 1501 E. Maple Rd., assisted by Mrs. O. L. Burnett entertained the Cornelian Club with a Thanksgiving luncheon Monday. Rose colored chrysanthemums and rose tapers in silver holders decorated the table and appointments were in keeping with Thanksgiving. Mrs. W. D. Long gave southern dialect readings.

### Speaks on Jerusalem

Andrew Soudan, Indiana University medical student, spoke on "Closings on Jerusalem and Bethlehem," at the luncheon meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church this afternoon with Mrs. C. F. Neu, 3103 N. Meridian St.

### Sixteenth Time

Mrs. Wilbur L. Wright, Rossville, has been re-elected treasurer of the Noblesville W. C. T. U. for the sixteenth executive year.

### Life's Niceties

Hints on Etiquet

1. In introducing your family to friends should you refer to them formally, as "Meet my mother, Mrs. White?"

2. How would one introduce her sister to an older woman acquaintance?

3. To a man?

The Answers

1. No. Your friend already knows your family name.

2. "Mrs. Carver, this is my sister, Ruth."

3. "Mr. Carver, I want you to meet my sister, Ruth. Ruth, this is Mr. Carver."

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There is hardly any justice, Mr. Van de View believes. In the wiles of femininity and all that it achieves,

For he's bought enough insurance to submerge an ocean liner

All because each lady salesmen made him think that hers was finer.



"But I have abundant policies," he patiently insisted.

To the first engaging lady who discreetly had him listed,

But her arguments were clever and her frock was better still—

'Twas after all the sheerest tweed made him sign against his will.



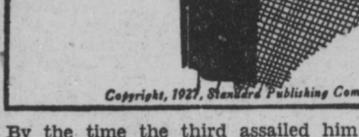
The second lady only looked at him and, smiling, said demurely—

He might already have one, but he'd take another surely,

Agreeing with her perfectly, and saying,

"Yes, indeed."

He complimented her as well upon her choice of tweed.



By the time the third assailed him he had no resistance left

And of arguments and opposition clearly was bereft,

She even might have sold him all the European debt

For the dress that she was wearing—

'twas a tailored wool georgette.

## Mary Wall Married in Home Rite

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Wall, 3353 Kenwood Ave., was the scene Monday evening of the wedding of their daughter Mary to David C. Bixler, Chicago. Dr. J. Ambrose Dunkel performed the ceremony before an improvised altar of palms, ferns and oak leaves lighted with seven-branch candelabra.

The stairway down which the bridal party came was roped with smilax and there was a bank of greenery at the fire-place. Preceding the ceremony Mrs. Alberta McCain Gaunt, harpist, played a bridal program and during the ceremony she played "To a Wild Rose." Mrs. Jane Johnson Burroughs sang "Love's Coronation," and "The Wedding Hymn of Delta Delta Delta."

Attended by Sister

Miss Joan Wall, sister of the bride, was her only attendant and wore pink chiffon velvet fashioned with basque waist and skirt of uneven hemline, longer in the back and lined with pink crepe. The dress was sleeveless and the neck line was in a low point in back and front. She wore a crystal pearl necklace, the gift of the bride, and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and butterfly roses. Her slippers matched her dress.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore white chiffon velvet with batwa neckline and long tight sleeves. The gown had a basque waist and uneven skirt, longer in the back and lined with white crepe. Her veil was fashioned with a head-dress of four rows of orange blossoms and caught at the back with the blossoms. Her shower bouquet was of bride's roses and valley lilies. James C. Wade, of Chicago, was best man.

The ceremony was followed by a reception. In the dining room a three-tiered wedding cake formed the centerpiece of the table which was lighted by four white tapers in crystal holders. Mrs. Wall, mother of the bride, received in a gown of orchid transparent velvet and wore a shoulder corsage of roses and orchid sweet peas.

Will Live in Chicago

Mr. and Mrs. Bixler left on a wedding trip and will be at home after Jan. 1 at the South Shore Club apartment, Chicago. The bride traveled in a blue crepe sport dress with hat to match and coat of Venise cloth with black wolf collar and cuffs. Her gloves, bag and shoes were black.

Among the out-of-town guests were: Mrs. Grace Turman Bixler, Lucille Turman, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Pritchett and Mrs. Perry Pritchett, Cynthia, Robert Turman, Bloomington; George R. Fisher, Chicago; and Mrs. L. W. Kirtley, Lebanon; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Crawley, Danville, Ill., and Miss Chloetie Bixer, Elder, Bedford.

The board of directors will be composed of Dr. Fletcher Hodges, Mrs. Leon Z. Zerfas, Mrs. James N. Lennox, Mrs. Fred Hoke, Mrs. Robert C. Winslow, Mrs. Myron R. Green and Mrs. Roy Elder Adams.

Music, Art Dinner

Two hundred members of the music section and art department of the Woman's Department Club attended the dinner, concert and dance at the clubhouse Monday evening. Chrysanthemums in shades of yellow and orange were used to decorate the house and following the dinner a program of folksongs of various nations was given.

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Visitor From Balboa

Mrs. Harold M. Bemis, wife of Commander Bemis of Balboa, Canal zone, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Samuel Bemenderfer, Munroe, where many parties are being given in her honor.

Bakery Sale

The women of Moosehead Legion will have a bakery sale Wednesday at the Moose Hall, 135 N. Delaware St.

Local Teacher Weds

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