

WOMEN'S HOME AND MAGAZINE PAGE

BRANTFORD L. C. IS UP IN ARMS

Protest Act Protecting Children of Unmarried Parents.

DO THEY MISUNDERSTAND

Social Service Council Answers, Explains Act, Declares Pamphlet Misrepresents.

Brantford Local Council of Women has registered a strong protest against "Act 106 of the Ontario Provincial Legislature," otherwise the act passed by the Provincial Legislature in 1921 for the protection of children of unmarried parents. The public protest takes the form of a pamphlet which is being sent out, entitled, "The Married Women's Explanation of the Act for the Protection of the Children of Unmarried Parents."

A prompt answer has come back from Social Service Council of Canada, in view of the fact that the publication of the national body is mentioned in the pamphlet.

The Brantford Local Council of Women claims that, as the law stands, "the illegitimate children have a better standard of living than the legal children."

The pamphlet says: "It is no longer the one wife and her children who have legal claims on the husband and father, but other women and their children have first claims backed and supported by all the machinery of the law. If at the man's death his widow refuses to pay either a lump sum, or a sum of money weekly, to support the other woman's child she may be sent to the common jail for six months. Already a man has received such a sentence in default of payment."

"All proceedings under this act are to be held by the judge in his chambers and not in open court—here the widow and her children will be forced to appear alone and unprotected in their hour of need, while the woman who has broken the moral law has a government official to act for her, and the law forces the widow to pay. It is left to the discretion of the judge to allow the legal widow and her children 'Necessary maintenance.' The act, however, as before stated, requires a 'reasonable standard of life for the child of the unmarried woman.'"

"We have been informed that the Social Service Council have only given attention to this legislation from the point of view of the child of the unmarried woman, but attention must also have been given to the legal wife and her children as the act provides that the widow and her children must contribute to the support of the child of the unmarried woman."

Social Service Council Reply.

The reply of the Social Service Council of Canada is in part as follows:

The pamphlet published by the Brantford Local Council does not seek to discuss the act fairly nor to

bring to bear the complex factors existing in this age-old problem of parenthood outside of the married state. The Brantford statement either by accident or purpose quotes but part of the law and misrepresents the whole situation.

The manner and terms of the Brantford statement show that those responsible for its issuance are not familiar with the problem in all its bearings as were those responsible for the pressure which resulted in the passage of this law.

Among the latter bodies the provincial committee of the National Council of Women was active. More than 20 years ago the Council of Women asked for incorporation into law of the underlying principles of this bill though then, no less than we, are responsible for certain clauses of the bill which were necessarily introduced in a legal enactment.

The fundamental error in the issuance of the Brantford statement is the assumption that with passage of this act the principle is established for the first time that an unmarried mother and her child have a financial claim upon the man responsible for paternity. This principle has been recognized for some centuries and was recognized in the Ontario legislation which was repealed upon the passage of this act.

What this act did in general terms was to make what had been an offense against an individual woman and an unborn or infant child a definite offense against the unity of the province of Ontario. The act also sought to create adequate machinery for the enforcement of its own principles, which thorough investigation and disheartening failures showed to be lacking under the old law. The Brantford pamphlet, for the purpose of its own argument, departs from or ignores entirely this fundamental fact.

The statement that because the case is heard by the judge in camera the widow and her children will be forced to appear alone and unprotected is made in utter ignorance of procedure. Exclusion of the case from open court is designed to exclude the general public and the press. The hearing of the case in camera of course includes all parties of the case, the counsel, witnesses, etc.

Section 31, so rabidly attacked by the Brantford Council, is as follows: 31 (1) "Where an affiliation order has been made against the father of a child born or likely to be born out of wedlock such order shall bind the estate of such father after his death, and any sums payable thereunder shall be a debt due from and chargeable upon the estate of the father and recoverable at the suit of the provincial officer, but every affiliation order shall, as to any payment falling due before or after the father's death, be subject to review as provided in section 21, and no action or proceeding shall be taken thereon after the death of the father without the leave of the judge, and the judge, before granting such leave, shall direct that notice shall be given to the widow and legitimate children of the father and to all other persons interested in the estate."

(2) "Where it appears to the judge that the terms of the affiliation order cannot be carried out without depriving the widow or legitimate children of the father of necessary maintenance, he shall vary the affiliation order to such an extent and in such manner that the widow of the father and his children born in wedlock, if any, shall be fully provided for before the child or children born out of wedlock."

Concerning the action of the Brantford Local Council of Women, T. D. McCullough, secretary of the Social Service Council for Western Ontario, says: "The pamphlet is not altogether a surprise to me, owing to the fact that I heard rumors of criticism of the act when I was in Brantford some time ago. It is evident that an entire misapprehension of the act and its intention exists on the part of the Local Council of Women of Brantford or whatever members prepared the 'explanation.' The act was first and foremost framed for the protection of the child born out of wedlock, and not, as is charged, to encourage wrong-doing and protect wrong-doers."

So far as machinery for its administration is concerned, Mr. McCullough states that further legislation will be required to adequately provide for this in municipalities and throughout the province.

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Flower Hats Gaining Favor



BY MARIAN HALE.
LONDON, Feb. 22.—Flowers are making their appearance early this season and one finds on some of the smarter straw hats a single flower used as trimming. This Peggy Hoyt model depends for its ornamentation, on one large and very beautiful gardenia poised at the very brim of the chapeau and apparently held there by ribbons which circle the crown and are loosely knotted.

The hat is faced with satin.

CLUB NEWS

What Women Are Accomplishing in London.

HOLDING "MOTHERS MEETING."

The February meeting of the Victoria Mothers' Club, postponed from Tuesday until Thursday evening, will take the form of a real mothers' meeting when the members of the club will discuss their problems as mothers.

PROF. DE CHAMP COMING.

Prof. De Champ of Toronto University will give an address at the meeting of the Alliance Francaise Friday evening at the Institute of Musical Art.

LITTLE THEATRE.

The players of the "Little Theatre" of Western Ontario are presenting at the Medical School Tuesday evening, Feb. 28, two plays, "Joint Owners in Spain," and "The Beauty and the Jacobean," by Booth Tarkington, under the direction of Miss Shirley White. The cast included Misses Waller, Page, Trezser, Allison, Gibson, Patterson and Messrs. Lewis, Hamby, Colbert. This is the second entertainment given by the club.

VALENTINE TEA AND CONCERT.

The C. G. I. T. of Hale street acted as hostesses at a valentine tea and concert in the basement of the new Hale Street Church on Tuesday evening. Tea was attractively served in the most charming way by the girls. Plates for four were laid on each small table, illuminated by Oriental candles mounted in Old English sticks. The concert was an added attraction, and Miss H. Breton, president of the C. G. I. T., ably occupied the chair. Miss E. Beattie told the auditors of the work carried on and the aims of the C.G.I.T. and their fourfold program. Continuing, she outlined especially the intellectual, physical, devotional and social work as carried on by this group. The orchestra was greatly appreciated by all, and was under the leadership of Mr. Cooke. Those taking part were: Miss Poad, Mrs. Neely, Miss E. Talbot, Miss E. Beattie, Miss E. McClurg and Miss G. Robinson. The proceeds of the tea, which amounted to about \$50, will go towards the equipping of the C. G. I. T. club room in the new Hale street gym.

WITH THE BRIDES

WAECHTER—CHESNEY.

The marriage of Rose Chesney, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chesney, of Brant, to Mr. Clements Waechter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Waechter of Carleton Place, took place at the Church of Mary Immaculate, Chestow, on Tuesday morning, Feb. 21, Rev. F. A. Zettler officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Waechter will reside on the groom's farm in Greenock, near Chestow.

FEENEY—DONNELLY.

The Church of Mary Immaculate, Chestow, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday morning, Feb. 22, when Verna Donnelly, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donnelly of Pinkerton, was married to James Feeney of Caledonia, Rev. Father Mulvey officiating. The young couple will reside at Caledonia.

EAST SENDS DELEGATES TO ATTEND CONVENTION

In all about 70 from outside points have already registered for the educational convention for Western Ontario, under the auspices of the London Union Mothers' Club, which opens Friday afternoon in the new Collegiate auditorium.

When the executive of the London Union Mothers' Club decided several weeks ago to hold an educational convention the end of February, interesting the whole of Western Ontario in the event seemed an ambitious project. Successful beyond the rosiest expectations, they will have the satisfaction this week-end of welcoming to London not only representatives of districts throughout Ontario, but also delegates from points as far east as Oshawa and Peterboro.

Mrs. W. R. Morris, a member of the school board, and Mrs. E. L. Mead, a home and school club president, as well as other delegates, are coming from Peterboro. Toronto is sending at least ten delegates, including members of the executive of the Ontario Federation of Home and School Clubs; Prof. S. B. McCready, president; Mrs. Alex. McGregor, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. C. Courtney, provincial organizer; Dr. A. E. Marty, first vice-president; Mrs. Newton MacTavish, president of the Toronto Federation of Home and School Clubs; Mr. Chester B. Hamilton, treasurer of the Ontario Federation; Mrs. E. E. Reece, president of the Birchcliffe Home and School Club; Mrs. George Payne, and Mrs. Helen Ferguson, president of the Palmerston Avenue Home and School Club.

Among registrations of Wednesday were the following: Stratford—Mrs. Sidney Gibson and Mrs. Youngs, representing Hamilton Home and School Club. Windsor—Mrs. W. H. Bull, Mrs. W. L. Hamilton. Strathroy—Mrs. Harold Currie, representing the United Farm Women of Ontario.

Wardsville Women's Institute—Mrs. Russell McPherson. Kirkton Women's Institute—Mrs. (Rev.) R. C. Copeland.

Thorndale—Miss M. S. Molland. Among others who have announced their intention of being present are: Leamington Home and School Club—Mrs. Florence Terryberry and three delegates.

Brantford—Mrs. J. Hodge and others. St. Thomas—Mrs. Backus and others. Granton—Mrs. A. Powers and others. Belmont—Mrs. C. Warren and others.

Thamesford—Mrs. (Dr.) MacDonal and Mrs. W. Armstrong.

M. T. BRYDGES W. M. S.

The February meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. Nagle recently, with an attendance of about thirty-five.

An interesting program was given by the different members of the society, after which arrangements were made for a banquet to be held in the church on Wednesday evening, March 1. Tea was served by Mrs. Nagle, assisted by Mrs. Wonnacott and Mrs. G. Richardson.

Lonardo's orchestra struck up the first notes of an irresistible program of dance music, including several novelty numbers, a few minutes after 5 o'clock, and the last chord died away at the witching hour of midnight, leaving everybody regretful that Cinderella had once upon a time seen an early closing example to college students.

The patrons and patronesses were Dean Sherwood Fox and Mrs. Fox, Dean Paul S. McKibben and Mrs. McKibben, Dean H. W. Hill and Mrs. Hill, Dr. J. D. Detwiler and Mrs. Detwiler, Dr. H. R. Kingston and Mrs. Kingston, and Dr. C. R. Somerville and Mrs. Somerville.

The members of the committee in charge of arrangements who were largely responsible for the success of the entertainment were Harold Pink and Winston Harrison, representing the medical department, and H. King and Edward Cowley the arts.

Personals

Mrs. A. H. Clinger returned Tuesday from Toronto.

Mr. Craig of Kingston is visiting his son, Mr. Hugo Craig, Hyman street.

Mrs. Walter J. Brown is in Toronto, the guest of Miss Jean Haines, Pape avenue.

Mrs. R. H. Dignan was the hostess of a bridge Tuesday afternoon, given at her home in Queen's avenue.

Mrs. H. W. Bull of Windsor will be the guest of Mrs. J. I. A. Hunt while in town for the Western Ontario Educational Convention.

Mrs. W. R. Morris and Mrs. E. L. Mead of Peterboro will be guests during the next few days of Mrs. F. N. Reynolds, 509 Maitland street.

Tom Dillon of Stratford is a visitor in town for the Pals Club "at home," Thursday evening, attending also the ball in Ingersoll, Tuesday evening.

The Girls' Auxiliary of Knox Church is holding a Dutch supper Thursday evening in the Sunday schoolroom to be followed by an interesting program.

Little Miss Ida McLean of 94 Wellington street was the young hostess of a happy party this week when she entertained a number of her school friends at tea, followed by games and music.

Miss E. Henry of Strathroy, will be the guest of Major and Mrs. A. Graham during the educational convention of this week-end, under the auspices of the London Union Mothers' Club.

Mrs. J. Hamilton, 149 Tecumseh avenue, was the hostess of the week's social given by the Waverley Road Mothers' Club. Next week Mrs. F. Finch, 143 Tecumseh avenue, will lend her home for the tea.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Keene, accompanied by Miss Hilda Keene, Miss Margaret Purdon and Miss Lorraine Winter left Wednesday evening for California where they will spend several weeks.

Mrs. Terryberry of Leamington arrives in town Thursday to attend the educational convention for Western Ontario, under the auspices of the London Union Mothers' Club. She is the guest of Mrs. C. Munce, 376 Maitland street.

Miss Ernestine Partridge is going to Windsor Friday for the Western Ontario Secondary Schools Association oratorical contest for girls, accompanying her schoolmate, Miss Dorothy Silverwood, one of the competitors.

A charming and well-attended affair was the tea, Wednesday afternoon, given at the home of Mrs. Harry Huddart, Dame street, under the auspices of the Chesley Avenue Mothers' Club. The hostess was assisted in receiving the guests by Mrs. W. Kiselek, and Mrs. Roberts presided at the attractive tea table.

A well-attended affair of Wednesday evening was the informal dance given in the Hyman Hall, under the auspices of the Overseas Chapter, I. O. D. E. in aid of the War Memorial Hospital. The guests, numbering over 100, were welcomed by the hostess, Mrs. A. H. Clinger, assisted by the convener, Mrs. C. J. Wakeling, and Mrs. H. Link, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Pickett. Excellent dance music was provided, and dancing continued until midnight.

Mrs. Eberhard, Dufferin avenue, was a tea-party hostess Tuesday when she entertained the committee who assisted at the Lord Roberts Mothers' Club tea. The rooms were brightened with spring flowers and cheery open fires. Mrs. Lamb presided at the attractive tea table, centered with daffodils. The guests were: Mrs. F. Bryant, Mrs. J. B. Alkenhead, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Keenleyside, Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Beemer and Mrs. Steele of Toronto, a house guest with Mrs. Eberhard.

Accompanied by her father, Mr. A. E. Silverwood, Miss Dorothy Silverwood goes to Windsor Friday afternoon to compete in the finals in the girls' oratorical competitions of Western Ontario Secondary Schools Association. Miss Dorothy won the right to enter the finals by carrying off first honors for London district in the contest held Feb. 10, in St. Thomas. It is expected some six or seven other districts, which make up the Western Ontario Association, will be represented by girl orators to compete for the medals. The one to take first place on this occasion will receive a gold medal for herself and a shield to take home for her school, and the winner of second place, a silver shield.

Western Ontario Women's Activities

Address News For This Column to The Editor of Woman's Page.

NORTH STREET W. M. S.

The February meeting of the W. M. S. of North Street Presbyterian Church was held recently in the manse. A report of the W. M. S. annual meeting held in London was given by Mrs. Harry Davis, Mrs. N. E. Scott gave the report of the laymen's conference, which was most interesting, followed by a reading on "Bible Women," by Mrs. G. Burt-whistle. Several solos by Mrs. Gounlock were greatly enjoyed.

CARADOC CENTER W. M. S.

The February meeting of the Cook's Mission Circle was held at the home of Mrs. Frank McCracken, Miss Donna Ramsay, the president, in the chair. After the opening exercises, the topic was given by Miss Alice McCracken and the chapter from the study book, "The White Queen of Okoyong," read by Mrs. F. McCracken.

The reports from the W. M. S. convention in London, were then given by Misses Annie Burch and Alice Trott. The roll call was responded to by 34 members with quotations from Burns. At the close of the meeting dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

The March meeting is to be held at the home of Miss Fannie Sutherland.

SPEAKS ON "MODERN HOME."

A talk on "The Modern Home" by Rev. Jefferson was a feature of much interest of the February meeting of the Granton Women's Institute, held at the home of Mrs. Newt. Guntnig.

W. M. S. PROVIDES PROGRAM.

The Women's Missionary Society took charge of the league meeting at Granton Monday evening, giving a fine program of readings and music. Mrs. Jefferson sketched the history of the society.

START ANTI-TOBACCO CRUSADE

Wardsville W. C. T. U. held what is considered its most important meeting Tuesday afternoon, giving a much needed program of readings and music. The meeting was held at the home of Miss McKivier, and in the absence of the president, was presided over by the county president, Mrs. Potter. An interesting crusade was inaugurated. Mesdames Elliott, Linden and Potter were appointed a committee to interview the school board re cleaning out an old building where tobacco had been stored, which is proving a curse to many of the boys, and to start a loyal temperance legion in the school. John Bliton was appointed an officer of the W. C. T. U. to look after law enforcement in the village as it relates to the sale of tobacco to minors. It was also decided to rent and fit up a vacant building as a community building, where the young people might meet and have suitable amusements under proper supervision. This is to meet the wishes of those who are advocating the opening of a poolroom, and to take its place. There was a large attendance of members present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. V. Faulds.

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Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

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Did you grumble that it was a gloomy day and dark indoors if your duty lay within the house? If you were obliged to go to school, to office or factory did you protest every step of the way that it was slippery walking and made you tired?

Perhaps you were like the girl who greeted friends and acquaintances with radiant face as she walked along the street to her day's work.

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"But, I don't believe I want the sun for a little while yet, because Fairyland would vanish and all my valuable necklaces strung on ice, phone, telegraph and electric light wires would disappear."

"Isn't the air soft and spring-like? I suppose I'm selfish, but I can't help being glad the cars aren't running. I might have been on one and missed this walk. It is going to be a beautiful experience to remember when things really are dull and uninteresting."

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