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SOME DON'TS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Never resent an injury. It hurts you more than it hurts your enemy. When I was a boy I went barefoot. One day I stubbed my toe on a stone. I was angry at the stone and kicked it with the other foot.

Never act from impulses. I once knew a brilliant man who occupied several prominent positions but who lost the confidence and respect of men, because he was always acting on the spur of the moment, saying things which had to be taken back and apologized for or adopting plans which had to be abandoned.

Deliberation, care, reflection, taking time to decide, these are very important. Let us this year learn to be cool and cautious. Never boast of what you have done or can do. You may be very capable and may have done great things.

Few things are finer than to see a strong and able man doing a great work and doing it well without seeming to know that he is doing anything extraordinary.

A MICHIGAN DISGRACE

A recent editorial in the Detroit Free Press calls attention to the fact that in the city of Detroit there is one divorce to every six marriages and in the entire state of Michigan the ratio is about one divorce to every ten marriages.

This state of affairs can be regarded in no other way than as a great menace to our civilization and domestic peace, and should be a matter of serious concern to every thoughtful person.

Every divorce means a broken home and in many instances it makes children a public charge robbed of the opportunity for home environment and the chance to become the highest type of American citizens.

There must be a reason for so many divorces in the state as well as for the increased divorce in the city. That reason undoubtedly be found in the fact that all too often the home is only a convenient place to eat and sleep, while associates, entertainment and recreation are sought and found elsewhere, and real home life with its sacred associations is entirely lacking.

Men give the office, the club, the pool room, the card table and the street much more time and attention than they devote to the home. Women find their societies, clubs, theatre and social affairs engrossing their time and attention to the neglect of the home so that they are too busy to keep in touch with and direct the lives of their own children provided they have any.

Thrift and economy seem to be old fashioned and no longer a part of our program. People are living and dressing beyond their means. Our children are being taught extravagant habits.

It is not only a disgrace to our state that such a condition exists but it is an awful commentary upon our ideals and morals. If this condition is to be remedied the work must be done by returning to the sacredness of the home and promoting the homely virtues of thrift, economy, chastity and patient labor, and every father and mother should realize responsibility along this line.

The men and women of this generation are the guardians of the honor and integrity of our state.

THE JOB IN HAND

The American people expect a substantial reduction in their Federal taxes, and a revision of what is left. Such a program is not only possible, but it is the logical one for Congress to adopt.

RIVERDALE

Peter Britten was in Alma Monday on business. Quite a number in this vicinity are ill with small pox. Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Dean of Alma were over Sunday guests of Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Strong.

Mrs. J. W. Lonaberry of Detroit is a guest of Mrs. Reuben King. Mrs. Johnny Green of Isabella county was an over Sunday guest of her sister, Mrs. Norman Brownridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Friz and daughter, Virginia, have returned from their week's vacation with relatives near Grand Rapids. Mrs. Laurel Welsh and children have been spending the past week near Vestaburg, guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Erskin.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nunn and children of near Ithaca and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Croton southeast of town were guests of Mrs. Fred Nunn Sunday.

Miss Thelma Schaffer spent Thursday with friends in Alma. Mrs. Paul Mack and Opal Mack have returned to Detroit.

Mrs. Lee Schaffer, who underwent a serious operation in Alma last Monday morning is gaining nicely. Mrs. Claude Manley and daughters, Claudian and Ruth, spent Sunday in Vestaburg, guests of Mrs. Blanche Manley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Whitney of Escanaba were week end guests of Mrs. Wm. Bradley and son, Forest. Mrs. Bernice Buzzard and son, of Alma spent Tuesday with Mrs. Paul Bywater.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Round west of town are entertaining relatives from Chicago. M. A. Tesmer has returned to his home in the upper peninsula, after spending the past two weeks at the home of A. Van Alstine.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Follick of Lansing spent several days last week at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Friable.

Paul D. Snyder has returned from his two weeks vacation with relatives and friends at Pompeii and Battle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moblo and son, Donald left Thursday morning for Detroit, where they remained for several days with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Moblo, before leaving to spend the remainder of the winter in San Diego, California.

Mrs. Wm. Kellcut of Alma called on friends in town Tuesday. Miss Mildred Hudson of Cleveland, Ohio, is a guest of her mother, Mrs. Cora Hudson.

Charlie and Fred Rice of Pontiac were week end guests of Mrs. Julia Rice. Mrs. Manley Evans and children of near Elwell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Schnepf Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bellows of near Eaton Rapids were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben King. Mrs. James Fisher gave a very pleasant dinner party in honor of Mr. Fisher's birthday Monday evening.

The following guests were present: Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bemis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schnepf, Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Alstine, Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Highfield, Roy Strong and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lucas were in Alma Wednesday shopping. Mrs. Frank Gee and son, Russel, of Sumner Center were guests of Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Strong, Monday.

Little Margaret Brownridge has been quite ill the past week. B. W. Tuttle and wife are visiting friends in Greenville.

Howard Haines spent New Years with relatives at Amber. Mrs. David Dutt has returned from her two weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Roscoe Haines, of Fremont.

Mrs. Reuben Herrington has been ill the past week. Wm. McGee of Toledo, Ohio, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Webb. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barlett northeast of town spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bemis.

SUMNER

Mrs. Eunice Gillet and her daughter, Bessie, returned to her home at Eatoo Rapids after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. S. Berry. Lyle Blanch and Asa Schlappi were in Ionia Tuesday.

Vance Woodard made a business trip to Alma Tuesday. Mrs. I. F. Tucker returned home Tuesday after spending the holidays with her son, F. J. Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Osterhout of Ferris returned home Wednesday from several days' visit with relatives in Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ostrander attended the funeral of their niece, Frances Ostrander, Wednesday. Mrs. Walter Smith and daughter have returned to her home in Alma after a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood.

Irett Ferris, commercial teacher at Sheridan, after spending the holidays with his parents, returned to his school Monday.

Mrs. Nettie Black and children have gone to join her husband at Port Huron where he has employment.

Mrs. Fred Fullerton is spending a few days in Ithaca visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Sherman and children of Manistee are enjoying the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood.

Willard Robbins was a business caller in Alma Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook and son, Kenneth, spent Christmas day with his parents at Middleton.

Clinton Fowler and Forrest Cherry have returned to school Monday after enjoying their vacation with their parents.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Perry December 30. Mrs. Wm. Price visited her daughter at Coral last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Black visited their sons at Shepherd Friday. Mrs. Hattie Peterman returned from Alma Saturday after spending a few days there visiting relatives.

L. Conklin was in Maple Rapids the last of the week. Ellis Ayers enjoyed New Years with friends at Elwell.

Clinton Evey, rural carrier on route 1, drives a new Ford. Murl Mulford and wife of Montana are visiting relatives here.

Chas. Pugsley from Spokane, Wash., was called home by the illness of his mother, Mrs. Wm. Pugsley. Byron Sommers visited a few days in Belding with his mother.

Guy McGurn of Detroit is spending a few days in Ithaca with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. McGurn. Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Evey of Ithaca called on friends here Saturday.

Mr. Sheridan of Perrinton called on J. F. Tucker Friday. Mr. and Mrs. W. Price visited their son, Earl, in Alma one day last week.

Clyde Dayton of Alma spent New Years with his mother, Mrs. M. A. Dayton. Rev. Cotteral and family have moved into their house they recently purchased.

Harold McKinsley of Alma visited his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie McRuisby, the last of the week.

SETHTON

The New Haven L. A. S. made over fourteen dollars with their sale dinner at John Fryes.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jarvis and daughter of Brice spent Wednesday at the John Jarvis home. Harvey Humphrey and family of Portland ate Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Addison Frye have gone to spend the winter at the Roy Helman home east of Ithaca. Mrs. Glenn Wilcox entertains the New Haven L. A. S. this Thursday. All day meeting, pot luck dinner and election of officers.

Verne Gardner and family and Mrs. Hattie Hyatt and Cecil Hepler spent Wednesday at the Clark Freeman home near Shepherd.

The Young People's class held a New Year's party at the home of Miss Ruby Jason. Games and music made the Old Year pass quickly. Light refreshments were served, the New Year cake being especially attractive.

The new officers in their places at Sunday school Sunday morning were Mrs. M. C. Morse, superintendent; Mrs. Wm. T. Morse, assistant superintendent; Iris Gardner, secretary and treasurer; Ruby Jason, pianist; C. Wood, chorister.

Miss Alta Lepley, who is attending Ferris Institute has spent her vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lepley.

STOCKHOLDERS' ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants' Building Company of Alma, Michigan, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before the meeting will be held at the office of the First State Bank on Tuesday evening, the 11th day of January, 1921, at 8:30 o'clock.

Carl H. Washburn, Secretary. Douglas Fairbanks latest picture, Strand next week.—adv.

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