

WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS

THE SILLY FUND

Somewhat light-headed from the plays, dancing, music and art exhibits of last week, I shall air, for those of mature years, one of my pet ideas discreetly kept hidden in my mind.

Because I think, contrary to the general belief, that most of us habitually spend our money carefully, thriftily and unselfishly, I advocate for every man and woman a yearly fund—a Silly Fund, to be used as the name indicates for reasons that might appear foolish or silly in the eyes of others, but desirable in the user's opinion. Say a man, poor dear, has a dozen ties—why shouldn't he buy another that he believes would just set off his type? So he has a fishing rod—why not buy a new one? Or a hat—might do the trick? But no; too often he buys something for "the wife and kids"! And women are even worse offenders. How seldom do the poor darlings indulge themselves in something for themselves alone—a dress or hat? That's usually bought to please the husband and children!

These profound thoughts came to the surface the other day when a friend of mine won thirty dollars as a door prize—or through some other chance. You'd think she'd be happy. But no, she was sunk in doubt.

"I can't make up my mind what to do with the money," she sighed. "Bill (the husband needs—and the children need—and there are so many things I should buy for the house—but it seems only right I should donate some of it for a good cause—"

"Look, my dear," I said, "Suppose you hadn't won the money, would Bill or the children or the house or the Good Cause suffer much? How about being good to yourself for once. Isn't there something you'd like to do?"

Her face lighted up then fell. "I've often thought," she said wistfully, "how wonderful it would be to be waited on and do just as I please for a while. I'd go to a quiet hotel where the food is good and everyone is friendly and stay for a few days. I'd have my breakfast in bed—and no dish-washing afterwards—and then I'd just doze or read or take a walk. Then it would be time for lunch—and think of it, no preparations—and no interruptions while I ate—and no dish-washing. And I'd doze or read or walk, or maybe visit a friend—or see a movie—and then, and no dish-washing. And then the evening to myself! I think I'd just sit and gloat and think how happy I was!"

"That is a wonderful idea," I exclaimed. "Why don't you do it?" "Why Bill would think it plain silly," said my friend. "He'd say, 'Why not make the kids wait on you for a few days? Why spend money at a hotel? I guess he's right; it is a silly idea—but it would be nice, wouldn't it?'"

I tried to explain that here was a fine example of putting her money into a "silly fund" and telling Bill she didn't care what he thought of it. But the conviction

SYRACUSE TO JOIN EASTERN LEAGUE

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Syracuse will join the Eastern Baseball League this season, it was reported Monday.

The Syracuse Herald Journal says in a story by baseball writer Jack Durkin that Syracuse will take over the Elmira franchise of the Class A Eastern League.

The Syracuse Chiefs' International League franchise was sold recently to Miami.

Charles Humez To Make U.S. Debut In March

NEW YORK (AP) — Charles Humez of France, the European middleweight champion, will make his first appearance in the United States March 23 when he meets Ralph (Tiger) Jones in a 10-round fight at Madison Square Garden.

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Phillies Increase Roster To 32

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — The baseball roster of the Philadelphia Phillies was increased to 32 today when signed contract were returned by utility infielder Ted Kazanski and outfielder Glen Gorbous. Ten players remain unsigned.

Kazanski hit .307 in 140 games with Syracuse last year and .093 in nine games with the Phillies. Gorbous, a native of Vulcan, Alta., who came to Philadelphia early last season in a trade with Cincinnati, hit .237 in 91 games.

SMALL REINDEER

Reindeer of Alaska and Canada's far north stand about 3 1/2 feet high.

Remember When

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sonja Henie won her 10th and last world figure-skating title at Paris 20 years ago today, shortly after capturing Olympic honors in Germany. The Norwegian skater turned professional and went to the United States where she became a star in movies and big skating shows.

JAILED FOR SUBVERSION

BERLIN (Reuters)—At least 15 East Germans have been jailed in East Germany for "inciting" others to flee to the West—the latest crime in the East German penal code. A wave of trials started last month at a big show trial in East Berlin at which two men were sentenced to death on charges of "incitement to flee the republic" and espionage.

Girl Bullfighter Gets Leg Injured

AGUA CALIENTES, Mexico, (AP)—Patricia McCormick, the girl bullfighter from Big Spring, Tex., fell on the horns of a young bull Sunday, injuring her right knee. It was her fifth professional mishap.

Only 25 days ago a bull gored Miss McCormick in the left thigh.

OLD THEATRE CLOSES

LONDON (Reuters) — The Queen's Theatre, in London's east end—one of the oldest music halls in Britain—closed down after Saturday night's performance because of lack of support. It was at the Queen's that Gracie Fields made her first appearance in London.

YORK

Mr. Howard Watt, of the C.N.R. is back to work after a attack of the flu at his home in York.

Mr. Leonard Andrew, Halifax, is spending a few days at his home in York.

Dwight Vessey who was a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital has returned to his home. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vessey, York.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Welton and family spent Sunday at High Banks, the guests of Mrs. Welton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John MacLean.

Miss Fern Vessey has returned to school after being sick at her home in York.

Mr. J. B. Lewis, Freetown, has taken a position as teacher in York school.

recent visitors to Hazel Brook. Mr. Randolph Murray was a visitor to Charlottetown on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pessey and family, York were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Chandler, Milton, on Sunday.

Mr. Frank Watts spent Wednesday in Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Leith Watts, City, were visitors to York on Thursday evening. Mr. Watts attended the Men's Supper in York Hall.

Miss Lavina MacDonald, City, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wyatt, Pleasant Grove has taken up residence in York for the winter months.

Sproule. Mrs. Castage has returned to her home in York, after being a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital.

Mrs. R. Newson, York, is much improved in health in the P.E.I. Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrel Craswell and family were the guests of Mrs. Harry Swan, York, on Sunday.

Mr. Raymond Watts, York, spent Tuesday in Charlottetown.

Miss Olga Proud, York, spent Friday in Charlottetown.

Master Allison Swan celebrated his seventh birthday on Sunday, Jan. 29th.

ter, Gloria were visitors to Charlottetown on Tuesday.

The friends of Rev. Mr. Sproule are sorry to hear of his illness at York Mansie. They wish him speedy recovery.

The Card winners at the card game held Monday evening in York Hall were Mrs. Eddison Hardy and Mr. Arthur Brown.

Mrs. Howard Watts, York, spent Friday in Charlottetown.

Mr. Fenton Crockett, Pleasant Grove, was a visitor to Charlottetown on Friday.

A large crowd attended the supper in York Hall on Thursday evening.

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