

## MUSSOLINI VEILS HIS FAMILY LIFE

Il Duce's Scowl is Fixed and None Presume Upon Familiarity, Yet He Can Smile

(By J. C. Oestreicher)

There is a saying that he who would attain greatness sacrifices friendship. This is surely true in the case of Benito Mussolini, who, except for a few intimate colleagues, has been compelled to rely upon his family for release from the dignity and aloofness of his official life. To this family life in the country he retires at regular intervals.

Mussolini's wife is a paragon of self-effacement. She has always stood in the background, and Il Duce has never attempted to life her from this obscurity save to tacitly acknowledge her as the epitome of Italian womanhood.

This, in his lexicon, means fecundity and readiness to sacrifice her offspring to the State.

Signora Mussolini was Rachele Guido. She has borne him five children, and she is yet young. The eldest, his daughter Edda, is married to Count Galeazzo Ciano, one of Il Duce's most trusted aides, and mentioned by many as the most likely recipient of the leader's mantle.

The next two are sons—Vittorio and Bruno—19 and 17 years old, who a few weeks ago enlisted as reserve pilots in the African expeditionary force. Both are ready for service in the colonies.

The youngest children are Romano, a boy and Anna Marie, the "baby" born in 1929.

Mussolini Scowl Not Feigned

The Mussolini family life is not permitted to be a subject of comment in the Italian press except when he chooses, which is seldom.

The Mussolini of the newsreels, black-eyed, heavy-jowled, scowling, is not necessarily a poseur. Early pictures show the same determined, forceful mien which is today a stock in trade.

The years have given him girth, him kissing the hand of a lady or

bull-like neck and abnormally out-thrust jaw, but the natural basis for his present physical appearance has not been greatly altered.

Perhaps because of his aristocratic antecedents, and due in some measure to the fact he studied in the school of adversity, Mussolini has surely the characteristics of a Roman.

Painters and sculptors who have perpetuated his likeness may have accentuated this relationship — one decked him out in the laurels of a Caesar — but of all the dictators in a dictatorship-ridden world, of Mussolini alone it can be said he looks the part.

All who have met Mussolini at the Palazzo Venezia, where he works, or in the various palaces and villas, where from time to time he makes his home, come away with different tales of his appearance in action and repose.

There is no question but he has a keen sense of the dramatic. When he implores his blackshirt cohorts to rise with him against an enemy, seen or unseen, he acts the part.

Hitler employed a shabby, jobless Shakespearean actor to tutor him in declamation and apostrophe; Mussolini seems to have come by his ability through heritage.

Can't Be Familiar With Him

At close quarters, Mussolini has a sense of humor and, strangely enough, a ready smile. But in discussing serious matters he is deadly serious and as his life has been consecrated to serious designs, it is rare that smiles light up his face.

This, probably, is responsible for the fact that while he has many acquaintances he has few friends. His official biographer, Signora Margherita Sarfatti, writes:

"I have, indeed, often seen him embracing other men and I have seen

fondling a child in the affectionate way that seems so natural in this land of lavish caresses; but I have never seen anyone presume to button-hole him or to place a hand upon his shoulder.

"Even those who are entitled to address him by his Christian name—his brother, for instance, and the comrades of his boyhood—do so with a certain involuntary hesitation and in accents of respect, almost of reverence.

"Mussolini knows men and he knows how dangerous it is to be at too close quarters with them.

"A group of four is his ideal. With more than that you begin to have a mob. He has no liking for a "refectory," he will complain when he has to sit down at table with too large a company. He does not drink convivially. He empties his glass at a gulp.

"An unconvivial, unsociable individualist by nature, Mussolini cultivates this inborn aloofness as a weapon of defense; this explains the frown. No one finds him haughty or repellant, but no one can boast of being on terms of intimacy with him."

And yet, one unconsciously recalls a day last spring when the statesmen of the world had assembled in an effort to find some path of peace in a strife-torn Europe.

Mussolini was host to this motley crowd of French, British and Italians and he was, commentators say, a charming and courteous host.

Mussolini has written, he believes religion is in his soul, but that the scent of incense and the sepulchral atmosphere of churches chokes and paralyzes him.

He is distinctly a "man of the hour". He moves on impulse. If it behooves him to rush troops to a European border—as he did after the assassination of Chancellor Dollfuss of Austria—he goes so, even though those who cry "war" at the slightest provocation are thrown into furore thereby.

And if he decides on the morrow that his aim has been accomplished and the troops may be returned to barracks, he does so, and no apologies or explanations are offered.

## Marysville News

MARYSVILLE, Sept. 19.—Some improvement is noted in the condition of Ronald Stafford, 11 year old son of Bernard Stafford, who was suddenly stricken with infantile paralysis some time ago. He is slowly regaining the use of his legs and arms. Doctors have definitely diagnosed the case as poliomyelitis, commonly referred to as infantile paralysis.

Oscar Hughes is confined to his home with a severe cold.

None of the local hunters have shot any game yet.

Waldo Morgan of Sussex is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morgan. Bears can be seen most any time in the fields and along the edge of the woods. People on the way to work watched them today just back of Fred Bailey's home.

Edward Wilson of Montreal is visiting his brother, W. P. Wilson of this place. Mr. Wilson resided here a number of years ago.

A Young Men's Canada Conservative Club was formed here last night at a meeting of the young Conservatives of the town. The speakers for the evening were Horace and Leo Cain. Ralph MacDowell was chairman.

In his speech Mr. Hanson briefly outlined the relationship of politics and government and of the efficacy of Conservative politics, stressing his beliefs by contrasts with past governments particularly in 1891 when Sir John A. MacDonald was returned to power despite every province having a Liberal government at that time.

Continuing, Mr. Hanson stated that it was his belief that any government other than a Conservative, would in all probability be detrimental to the textile industry, which is of prime importance to the people of this town. Remarking upon some of the seeming impracticabilities of the Stevens policies and of threats of the King policies, he closed his speech with a plea to the "young Conservatives who are growing up with Canada" to carry on.

Mr. Cain in his address followed along somewhat the same lines as Mr. Hanson except that he dwelt to some extent on the question of tariffs. What they meant to the Canadian industrial world, particularly in the textile centres, where the threatened lowering of tariffs by Stevens or King in event of their coming to power would be drastically injurious to this particular

It has been many months since a paper protest was delivered to the Foreign Office in Rome. European statesmen and politicians alike have learned that Mussolini is less of a "spokesman" than a phenomenon. For the present, at least, he is Italy. And the Italy he represents apologizes to no one.



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N. DESJARDINS,  
Secretary.

By order,  
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Ottawa, September 16, 1935.

## SHERIFF'S SALE

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ROY W. SMITH,  
High Sheriff of York Co.

industry. In view of other countries keeping tariff walls solid, Mr. Cain asserted that Canada must do the same to protect her industries, in fact he was of the belief that lowered tariffs would not promote and protect trade but would certainly have adverse results.

The meeting was well attended and the crowd was entertained by a group of musicians from Fredericton and Marysville. Refreshments were served at the end of the meeting.

Possibly of some interest was the brief delivery made to a few listeners at the end of the proceedings by Ralph Boyce who surprised many by the fluent manner in which he delivered his address. Basing his subject on the bogey-man created by misinformants from the proceedings at St. James Street, Montreal, Mr. Boyce, who is to some extent familiar with financial and economic matters, delved rather deeply into the capitalistic

system, remarking that while he was opposed to various current practices as concerns the capitalists he was however, of the opinion that a moderate form of capitalism as advocated by the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett was not only preferable to state capitalism, controlled capitalism, or what have you, but in his opinion was vitally essential to the welfare of any country pointing out as examples the great countries who are endeavoring to improve and remedy the great system made gross blunders which can be readily seen by the maladministration of their governments. He pointed to the fact that here in this locality the conditions for the last five years compare exceedingly favorably to any industrial town in this country or any other country which in his opinion is adequate proof of the Conservative policies being helpful.

Mr. Boyce's speech was not advertised but came as a pleasant surprise to those who heard him.

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