Women's Page

THE WOMAN BEHIND MUSSOLINI

Many rulers and men of high position have some woman 'behind the throne' to advise and suggest and often to lead him. She is not necessarily his soul mate, but is apt to be his mentor in many things.

Mussolini, who was the son of a blacksmith, had already married a woman of his own class. Donna Rachelelong before he met Donna Safatti, the beautiful wife of the socialist lawyer, Signor Safatti.

She was born in Venice, the lovely Margherretta Grassini, of a family of background and culture, for the Grassinis were always reading and studying. There in this city she read of the young Italian heroines. Victoria Colonna and Cassandra Fielde and she too, longed to be a leader of thought and courage.

She early espoused the socialistic cause and married Signor Safatti when she was quite young. They then removed to Milan. They were very poor, for her husband had sacrificed all worldly success to socialism. So she was glad to get a place as art critic in the Avanti, the great Socialist newspaper and her writings were attracting wide attention. Her husband on one of his journeys wrote her. 'I have just heard a young man speak and I want you to remember his name—Mussolini. Remember that, Cara, Mussolini.' For some day not only Italy but the whole world will know it.'

It was in 1912 that she met him. He had come into the office of the Avante for he had purchased the paper. 'Perhaps you do not want me on the Avanti now 'she faltered, you may have other plans. No, I have not,' he said, and then she looked into his eyes. She saw there a man of action, a strong souled Captain. Between them the warmest friendship sprang up, first at the office which they shared and afterwards at the Sarfatti home.

Some of her friends wrote that all that Mussolini knew of social polish he owed to her.

After two years came the war. The socialists were against it, but Mussolini felt that if Anstria were successful it would be ruinours to Italy, so he urged that the country should go in on the side of the Allies.

He was called traitor and temporiser, but he went ahead losing many of his friends by so doing.

And when the war was over he espoused fascism and she followed her leader. Shoulder to shoulder she stood with him as the fascist movement swept in three short years all of Italy. While she cried 'Higher, higher, Master Builder!'

All this time she continued to write and lecture. She edited a novel wrote poetry and musical improvisations.

But her greatest achievement was a biography of Mussolini. And for it, Il Duce wrote the preface himself.

This is my life 'he writes in the preface,' at least that part that can be known, for every man has secrets and angles of unexplorable shadow.'

Perhaps he cared for this woman very much, but his creed is that a ruler must stand before his people for all the family virtues and Donna Rachiele has her rights and need not fear that the fair women will take her place. Donna Safatti says if she has influenced Mussolini it is because of what she is, and not what she has said.

STYLES

Berets will be the favorite head wear this winter but they will be much larger than last year. Many have no crowns at all and fit on the head by bands of ribbons. There will be many light and dark tips used for trimming and fur is also used. Even fur flowers are seen on the new fall models.

Flowers are extensively worn. One sees them at the waist line on the shoulders and on the bosom while many women use them to deck her coiffure.

Spanish Influence Seen On Beaches

Paris (AP)

The Countess de Robilant is among smart continentals who are wearing beach clothes inspired by Spanish styles this summer. For the hours spent on the sands she wears over her white bathing suit a beach skirt of gay Spanish plaid wool and a knitted hat inspired by the paintings of Goya, with a net cotton veil hanging from the crown to the shoulder blades.

New Buckles Made Of Rhinoceros Hide

Paris (AP)

Rhinoceros hide belt buckles are something new. They are big, square, brownish designs about a quarter of an inch think with the rough skin highly polished. Dilkusha (the Princess de Rohan) uses one on a green leather belt which accompanies a frock of beige, green and brown elasticized cotton.

Ostrich Feathers Used To Make Novel Print

Paris (AP)

An ostrich feather print gives a novel touch to a black and white satin afternoon frock which Lady Millicent Hawes wears this season. The dress of white crepe satin printed in black ostrich feathers is cut on the bias and clings to the figure, making a slender silhouette.

RECIPES

Baked Maccaroni and fresh Tomatoes.

1 cup Maccaroni broken in inch pieces.
4 table spoons of shortning.
3 table spoons of flour.
2 cups of milk.
1 teaspoon of salt.
1-8 teaspoon of white pepper.
3 teaspoons Worcester sauce.
1-2 cup of Mayonaise.
3 medium size tomatoes.
Buttered bread crumbs.

Cook the maccaroni in boiling salted water. Drain and rinse with cold water. Make a white sauce in a double boiler, using the shortening flour milk salt and pepper. Remove from the fire and slowly add the Worcester sauce and mayonaise very slowly stirring constantly. Arrange alternate layers of sliced peeled tomatoes and maccaroni in a greased cassarole. Cover with the white sauce and buttered bread crumbs and bake in a moderate oven until brown.

KENNEDYVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Bobby and Mr. Smiths father of Philadelphia, visited relatives here on Friday.

Miss Catherine Fogwell returned home on Wednesday after a pleasant week spent in Baltimore.

The Mite Society of Grace Presbyterian Church held their picnic on Thursday at Betterton.

Mrs. Smith and daughter, of Baltimore, visited Mrs. Anna Melvin last week. Mr. Smith joined them on Sunday.

Mr. Walter Hill, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hill. Mrs. Hill and daughter returned home with him.

Mrs. Carl Price and daughter, of Middletown. Del., spent a part of last week with the Misses Scotten.

Mr. Hazel Rash and mother visited Mr. and Mrs. James Nickerson last week.

Mr. William Jewell took a number of folks to Rehoboth on Tuesday in his bus, all enjoyed a grand day.

Miss Annie Weer and Otho Fogwell are visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Weer.

Mrs. Hope Copper is spending this week with her friend, Mrs. Weeden in Sudlersville.

Mrs. Harvey Hopkins entertained her mother, Mrs. Poor, of Chester last week.

Mr. Howell Crew and brother, Julian visited the World's Fair in Chicago this week.

Mrs. Howell Crew spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moffett.

Miss Anna Simonds and relatives from Baltimore visited Mr. and Mrs. Lin Redmile on Saturday.

Mr. Harper Webb and family, of Wilmington, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. George Glenn is suffering with a sprained ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rutter visited relatives near Locust Grove on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hopkins visited friends in Galena on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young entertained relatives from Baltimore over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lin Redmile entertained Miss Anna Simonds, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Redmile, Mr. and Mrs. Keys, Mr. and Mrs. Knotts, of Wilmington, Del., and Miss Emma Shafer at dinner on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boggs and Sara returned their home in Nassawatax, Va., on Sunday after spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boggs.

Miss Anna Simonds, of Baltimore, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lin Redmile.

Mrs. Rouk and family, of Wilmington, Del., visited her brothers, Mr. William and Harry Lipscomb on Monday.

Mrs. Mollie Miller is spending a part of this week with her son, Ralph and famiiy, near Locust Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Massey returned to their home in Washington, D. C. on Sunday after spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy.

Miss Catherine Nickerson spent the week end with relatives in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Keys and Mr. and Mrs. Knotts, of Wilmington, Del., Mr. and Mrs. Lin Redmile and Mis sAnna Simonds spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Redmile.

Mr. and Mrs. Vogt and son, of Trenton, . J., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. William Black, of New York, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Homer King.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boggs and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boggs and Sara, visited relatives near Easton on Saturday.

Mr. Samuel Ringgold, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with his brother, George Ringgold and family.

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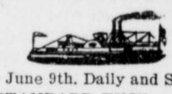
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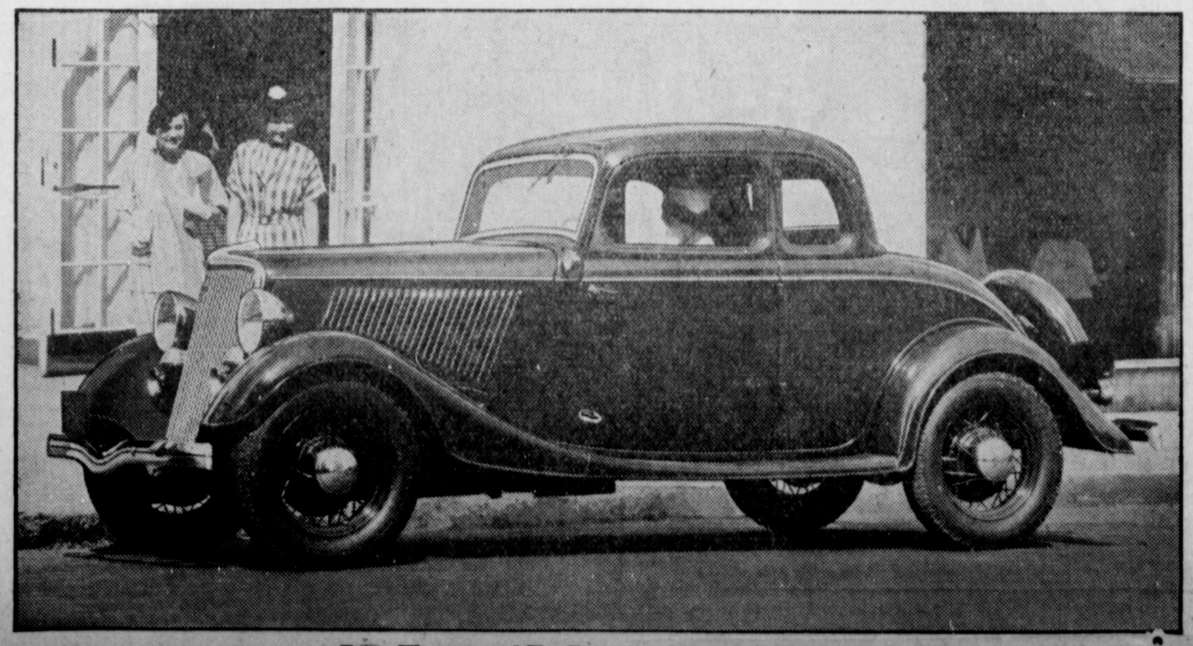
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