

## Two Viewpoints on Problem of Living With Old Persons Given in Letters to Column

Jane Advises Woman Who Finds Mother Vexing to Co-operate With Relatives to Place Her in Institution.

Note—Our readers have come upon an interesting difference in viewpoint. A writer said that her home had not been happy since her tedious old mother of 71 had come there to live. This brought letters both of condemnation and sympathy. Have you an experience to add?

DEAR JANE JORDAN—Here is my opinion on the letter about the 71-year-old mother who was driving the family away from home. I think it is the most terrible letter I ever saw published in your column. At best this mother hasn't long to live. She has reared her family, listened to all their whims and wants, deprived herself of pleasures, clothes, etc., so the children could have. She educated her children and taught them to be good mothers and fathers. Now she is old.

She has lost her companion and is lonesome. All she has is memories. Her heart aches for kind words and a gentle pat on the back which she never gets. You can't modernize older people. Neither will young people profit by older people's past experiences. There is nothing sweeter in a home than a grandmother, sitting in a comfortable chair, probably with a little shawl around her shoulders, living over her yesterdays.

Why not try a little tenderness and show a little appreciation for all she has done for you? In a few short years you will look at the dear form cold in death. She'll be gone then, never to return. The children who are finding fault now will find other excuses then to stay away. When the time comes for you to live with your children, do you want them to write a column about you? Sure you don't!

FAITHFUL

ANSWER—This letter represents the sentimental viewpoint perfectly. It is held mostly by people who have not lived with the old or who have had no problem with them. Here is the other side of the picture.

DEAR JANE JORDAN—I wish to extend my sympathy to "Another Mother." Her case is mild when compared to mine. I am a widow with three children of school age. I am employed and have furnished a comfortable home, but neither my children nor myself can call it a home, for it is ruled by my mother. (She appointed herself.) She criticizes every move we make, insults our friends, and we are not allowed to use our own things without criticism.

We live in a respectable section of the city, but that doesn't stop her from sitting on the front porch barefooted and with a dirty dress on! Although I have tried to break her of this, she seems to get pleasure from the discomfort it causes me. Then, too, we have to weigh our words, for she can swear like a boiler-maker and loud enough to hear for blocks.

Although I have two sisters and a brother, neither of them will have her in their homes. Not even for a week-end or for a meal. As mean as she is, she has to live somewhere, but I would be grateful for a breathing spell. What would you do? Understand, there is no reasoning with her. If this "Other Mother" thinks I am heartless, I will gladly let her try a while.

ANOTHER MOTHER NO. 2

ANSWER—In your place I would combine with my brother and sisters for funds to place the mother in an institution where she would have to conform to the rules of decent living.

JANE JORDAN.

## Calendar of Club Events TOMORROW

Address: "Joan of Arc," Msgr. Maurice F. O'Connor.

THURSDAY

Thursday Lyceum Club. Mrs. H. T. Brown, Kool Kenny Towers, Carmel, hostess. "Early Settlers." Mrs. T. D. Campbell.

Beta Delphian Club, 10 a. m. Directed by Rosine, Indiana National Building. "Scandinavian Countries." Mrs. Albert Alexander. General discussion.

FRIDAY

The Irvington Quest Club. Mrs. G. E. Jordan, 5730 E. Washington, hostess. "Whither America." Mrs. W. G. Gingery. Group discussion.

Alpha Gamma Latvian Club. Miss Dorothy Webster, 3502 Guilford, hostess. "Current Events." Miss Zonia Brindie. "Trends in New Publications." Mrs. Lota Snyders. Emery.

The Friday Afternoon Reading Club. 12:30. Marott, President's Day.

WEDNESDAY

The Irvington Catholic Woman's Study Club. Mrs. George W. Farstich, 4580 Allisonville-rd., hostess. Report of National Council of Catholic Women, by Mrs. T. J. Murphy.

Eastern Star Group to Hold Annual Event

Queen Esther Chapter 3, Order of Eastern Star, is to present its annual "Fruit of the Home" program at 8 p. m. Friday in the social room of Masonic Temple, North and Illinois-sts.

Mrs. Florence Mickey McShane is to present "The Frolics of 1936." A musical program is to be given by Mrs. Florence Howell, pianist; Miss Louise Baker, soloist, accompanied by Mrs. John Baker; Miss Betty Star, soloist, accompanied by Miss Althea Star; Queen Esther Chorus, directed by Mrs. Agnes Singer and accompanied by Mrs. Golda Albrecht; Alvin Joslin, saxophonist; Robert Bruner, violinist.

Songs are to be sung by a trio composed of Miss Vista Ketterly, Miss Mary Beth Oldham and Miss Lois Oldham.

Miss Dorothy Young is to give an accordion selection and Paul Ploughman is to play the harmonica. Betty and Bobby Stonebreaker are to give a series of saxophone, accordion and piano numbers. Mrs. C. M. Dobbins is on the program for readings.

Each guest is to take a can of fruit for admission. This donation is to go to the Masonic Home, Franklin.

Mrs. Forrest Bennett is committee chairman, assisted by Miss Julia Smith and Mesdames C. M. Young, A. B. Long, W. H. Vintzant, C. J. Russell, O. L. Maberry and E. R. Brown.

Mrs. Harry Bolin is worthy matron and Edward Kappeler, worthy

patron.

Shoes Show Ingenuity

Much of fashion's ingenuity has been lavished on the new footwear. Brass eyelets, tongues and various colored piping are used cleverly to accent the new shoe styles without detracting from the dramatic simplicity of their cut.

## LATEST FASHIONS FROM LOCAL SHOPS



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### Fall Meetings of Musical Sorority to Begin Tonight

Miss Louise Swan has arranged a program for the opening fall meeting of Indianapolis Alumnae Club Mu Phi Epsilon, national honorary music sorority, tonight at the home of the incoming president, Mrs. Clyde E. Titus, 73 Middle-dr.

Edith Jane Fish, contralto, accompanied by Mrs. Neal Ireland, is to present a musical program and Mrs. Titus is to report the national convention held recently in Cali-

ifornia. Madames Alfred Brandt, Elizabeth Kalts Cochran, John A. Sink and Max H. Wall are to assist the hostess at a 6 o'clock dinner.

Officers with Mrs. Titus for the year include: Mrs. Wall, vice president; Miss Grace Hutchings, secretary; Mrs. Sink, treasurer; Mrs. Fred Smith, historian; Mrs. Frank Fory, warden, and Miss Lulu Brown, chaplain.

Chairmen are Miss Swan, program; Mrs. Aspel Spillman Stitt, publicity; Mrs. Alfred Brandt, finance; Mrs. Pearl Munday Deder, membership; Miss Fish, social; Mrs. Lula Hoss, telephone; Miss Louise Quig, courtesy; Mrs. Nell Kemper McMurry, luncheon-dues and Mrs. Lorenzo B. Jones, housing.

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