

Ask Mrs. Manners—

'She's of Age, but Parents Balk Wedding'

Dear Mrs. Manners:

I'VE BEEN following your column quite some time now but have yet to find a problem like mine. I've been going with a girl five months and at end of the third gave her a diamond. We planned to get married in December or at the end of our course at business college, which would be June. Now she is backing out.

It seems her parents want her to work a few years and be with them till then. She is of age and has never been away from home other than while living here with her aunt while attending school. Her parents have nothing against me. Her dad isn't too well but is a long way from being dead, but they use that as another excuse.

She claims there's no one like me and I'm as sure as I need be that it's she I want to marry. We get along fine and have few differences as long as marriage isn't mentioned. While she's with me she wants to get married soon, although she has never said it directly, but when she talks to her aunt or her parents she doesn't want to marry for at least two or three years.

I have a business of my own with a promising outlook. I have given in to her as to the wedding date three times. I have said now June was the longest I'd wait and she is going to ask her parents. If they say "no," she is going to say "no" to me.

I told her I'd let her work a little while before getting married if she worked after school and she could work after we were married but her parents just don't want her married till she's 23 or 24. She's the only child.

Everyone says to quit her and forget her if she can't listen to me instead of her parents but I love her and she's told me she loves me. I've tried to stay away from her for awhile but I end up giving in to her and then it's right back where it started. We may be a little young but I don't think age has much to do with it—it's how you feel toward each other and the way you act that counts.

I've been in the service and have worked before and after my enlistment but am now going to business school so I can keep books for my business. She has never worked but has been with plenty of boys and is very popular with everyone. She is still being asked out although she never goes. She doesn't wear the ring because of her aunt and parents.

I would like to know whether she is right or if not, what I should do other than quit her.

I would appreciate an answer as soon as possible as she is about ready to agree with her parents and if she were told I was right or that her parents were either unjust or wholly right she would have the matter cleared up, as she doesn't want to lose both of us or hurt either of us.

A WORRIED LOVER, City.

What a perfect way to describe your love—"it's how you feel toward each other and the way you act that counts."

Somehow I think that you'd be able to make this girl a happy wife. You'll have to be a "father" as well as husband for a few years. You can do it, if you're certain that she loves you and if you're patient.

Your war and business years have matured you. You'll expect her to share your joys and sorrows, your ambitions. She may be slow but I think she'd like to lean toward you. You really are talking her into marriage. If she's sorry, she and her relatives will blame you. You have a big job—don't begin it wrong with a blowup.

Of course we are gambling on a serious thing. But I'm counting on you becoming a good husband to a girl slow to decide.

My Sister Doesn't Take Life Seriously'

MY SISTER is two years younger than I am and just isn't the kind to take life seriously. I do. She was engaged to a boy who is coming home after being gone three years. While he was away she was very popular. He knew that she had dates but she didn't tell him when she fell in love with another boy. The second boy doesn't know about the first fellow.

She just can't help getting in messes and somebody has to get her out. I'll have to help. What can I tell him?

WORRIED SISTER.

Your sister should have been honest with both boys—but it's not too late to begin telling the truth. Let her tell it. She will keep getting into trouble as long as you help. She doesn't mind breaking hearts as much as facing consequences.

You aren't helping her by shielding her. Sometime she'll have to mature. Prolonging the process will only make it harder.

One of the Club Girls is a Problem'

ONE OF THE CLUB GIRLS recently divorced her husband. We all thought she did the right thing and wanted to say so, but she didn't give us an opening. We knew that he was running around and we tried to tell her but she changed the subject. She has a young son and is supporting him on her job. How she does it we don't know.

Now she has a boy friend. She didn't tell us, but we've heard it. He is far too young for her. I guess he's old for his years and is good to her—but she shouldn't make another mistake. We'd like to tell her but what can we do? We talked it over when she wasn't at meeting but couldn't decide. We don't see how she gets to marry men.

THE CLUB.

If your own marriages are working they aren't keeping you very busy. You'd better strive as hard at keeping your husbands as you do in getting them.

Don't you know any subjects other than the business of your friend? Good friends respect requested silences on topics near the heart.

Nurse Recruiting Chairman Named

James A. Stuart has been appointed chairman of a special sub-committee for student nurse recruiting by Prof. Jerome Hixon, DePauw University, chairman of the Committee of Nursing Education.

Leading former Hoosiers arranging the affair are George B. Wellbaum, founder of the Sons of Indiana; C. G. Brodbeck, president; Robert L. Batchelor, vice president; P. E. Tobin, treasurer, and David Marshall, secretary.

The committee will meet at the hospital Friday night to make plans for an intensive recruiting campaign for the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing.

Members of the committee are Miss Virginia Platz, C. R. Maxam, Wilbur S. Barnhart, Robert E. Neff, hospital superintendent; Miss E. Louise Grant, director of the school of nursing, and Miss Rena D. Moore, director of education.

Orphan Welfare Group To Meet Friday

PAST NOBLE GRANDS MEET—Olive Branch Past Noble Grands Association will have a noon luncheon tomorrow in the home of Mrs. Opal Foltz on Acton Road. Assisting Mrs. Foltz will be Martha Foltz, Sylvia Leach, Betty Wickliff and Ethel Rhoads.

'Sons of Indiana' Arrange Festival

New Yorkers who are "Sons of Indiana" will hold their annual cracker-barrel festival and Hoosier appreciation dinner at 6 p. m. Friday at the New York Advertising Club.

New officers of the Elementary Education Students Organization of the College of Education are Georgia Pitcher, president; Virginia E. Rodman, vice president; Ruth Morarity, secretary, and Joanne Childs, treasurer. All are from Indianapolis.

Twenty-two ministers whose churches are represented by members of the Meridian Woman's Christian Temperance Union will engage in a forum discussion at the meeting of the group tomorrow.

The ministers will discuss practical methods for "education of young people for total abstinence."

Dr. Friesner will speak on education and the education system in observance of American education week.

Lions Club to Hear Butler Educator

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