

Ask Mrs. Manners—

Tell of Homes Periled by Excessive Drinking

Dear Mrs. Manners:

EXCESSIVE DRINKING by one woman's husband is killing her love and bringing her physical abuse. Another woman is the widow of a man who drank immoderately. A teenager is deprived of the companionship of a sober father.

Alcoholics Anonymous was organized to help such families. The group reports nearly 50,000 recovered alcoholics in the United States. Local counselors may be contacted by calling FR 2743 or by writing P. O. Box 1474, Indianapolis.

The group is a dependable source of information on recovery from alcoholism and lends encouragement and confidence to persons voluntarily trying to stay sober. The AA motto is: "Avoid one drink (the first one) one day at a time."

Alcoholics Anonymous considers a non-drinking alcoholic as trustworthy as any other non-drinking person. Members do not believe that there is a cure for alcoholism in the sense that an alcoholic can ever hope to be a "social drinker" again—but they know it is possible to be a non-drinking alcoholic and live a normal, useful life.

Man in his extremity has ever turned to God. This is the situation of the alcoholic who faces mental and physical anguish of the recurring "hang-over" and the danger of loss of reason—even death. In AA he seeks through prayer and meditation to improve his conscious contact with God as he understands Him. He carries the message of his spiritual awakening to other alcoholics and strives to practice these principles in all his affairs.

'He Always Promises He Will Change'

I AM 24 YEARS OLD and have been married several years. We've never gotten along very well. My husband has always beaten me when he got mad. He has always promised he would change. Right after a mad spell he would beg me if I wouldn't leave he wouldn't do the thing anymore.

He has "stepped out" on me several times and he would make the same promise about that. That I know of, he isn't sleeping out on me now. It hasn't been but a little over a week since he got drunk and beat me and tore up three of my best dresses and a new blouse. Now he says he'll never do the thing again, as he always says.

I work. I don't have any children. I don't think my working is the cause of it. We both work the same hours and we just live in a two-room apartment.

I don't think I really love him as I used to, since all I've gone through. I seem to stick with him and try to believe in him. We have been separated several times and I always come back on his promise. But I'm getting to be awful nervous and think I should go for good. Now his promise is "to be good" and never do what he did again. I try to be a good wife. What should I do? Please help me.

DISCUSTED, City.

Love or pride evidently keep you from calling the police. If it's love, neither the police nor I can help. If it's pride, you'd better change your definition and suggest a cure for his drinking.

Loving this man whom you don't respect and who gives you no respect, fidelity or kindness is your business. There is no accounting for that emotion—but you aren't happy.

Make your husband keep his promises this time or leave—if you've been the best wife possible and if you have enough courage to live without him.

'Did I Murder My Husband?'

I AM a young widow. I think I murdered my husband. I married the boy who took me to my first dance. We were very happy. He hated to have me work but I wanted so many things for our apartment. He helped me with every meal and always met me after work.

He started drinking. I don't know why. He never mistreated me and he tried to quit. I tried to quit. Finally, we didn't go around with other couples because I knew he was an alcoholic. People dreaded him. I couldn't stand it any longer so I asked him to leave.

I went to work while he packed his things. His boss called me—my husband hadn't been to work. I knew something had happened so I went home. I found him dead in the car, with the engine running. I don't think it was an accident.

Would I be happier if I told people about this? Everyone considers it an accident and that it's just as well it happened. He'd still be alive if I'd let him stay.

ALONE.

Saying that your husband committed suicide would attribute another weakness to his character. You wouldn't be fair—you aren't sure.

Feel that you did your best. You weren't expected to live uncomplainingly with a heavy drinker. Remember his good traits—and your own patience.

Blaming yourself won't whiten your husband's reputation with your friends. They wonder that you suffered as long as you did. He seemed offensive to them—they avoided him. They probably think that he committed suicide—but they're still for you.

A later incident might have caused your husband's suicide if he had that mania.

Resume your rest for living. Force yourself into activities and out of brooding.

Says She Can't Get Along With Father

I'M WONDERING what I should do to get along with my family. My father drinks and comes home griping nearly all the time. I'm 15 and he says I'm too young to be out after 9 p. m. Unless he says I can go some place with a boy, he comes out looking for me if I'm out later, with a club.

When I go out with a boy I ask him if I can go and he always says "yes" at the last minute. But first he always says "no." I usually don't feel like going after that. I try to go out with nice boys.

When I'm home at night he's never home until late. When he is home he is arguing with mother or my sister or me, or else my sister and mother are arguing. I just can't stand to be around anyone that gripes.

HEARTSICK, Morristown.

Try being as charming to your father as you are to your dates. Appeal to him to give you his decision in time that you may look pretty for your date. Introduce the boys to him and come in when he says. Fathers are approachable if the right tactics are used.

Appeal to your parents for a friendly home—and do your part. You don't deserve being hunted with a club, but accept discipline. You're young to decide if your father needs a visit from the police or if he is an alcoholic. Ask your pastor to advise you. If you don't attend church, start. Several churches and social agencies conduct marriage counseling and your parents might be persuaded to enroll.

Navy Sends Sailor To Dying Brother

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Nov. 5 (UP)—back to San Diego and sent Brouillette off by special Navy plane.

The Navy called a sailor's ship in from maneuvers today and sent him ashore to answer the dying plea of his 7-year-old brother.

The sailor, Radioman First Class Norman J. Brouillette, hoped he would reach Hastings, Neb., in time to see Jerry Brouillette, who has been crying hysterically for him. Brouillette's ship, the aircraft tender USS Duxbury Bay, was on maneuvers of the coast when Mrs. Hector Brouillette asked Rear Adm. W. K. Harrill to let her son come home.

Adm. Harrill ordered the ship

back to San Diego and sent Brouillette off by special Navy plane.

Members of the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of Marion County OES will meet in Danville Monday to exemplify the work of the Eastern Star as it was done in 1870.

A. F. Landers of the Southport Chapter will act as Worthy Patron and Edith Mumaugh of the Prospect Chapter, Indianapolis, will act as Worthy Matron. Tressie Kirk of the Indianapolis Chapter is president of the association.



STAGE PROPS—Civic Theater properties committee members examining early American firearms and household implements are (left to right): Mrs. Edward Berry, Mrs. Harold Henderich, Mrs. Paul McNamara and Mrs. Eugene Roeger. The "props," some dating from Revolutionary times, will be used in the Civic's production of "Pursuit of Happiness," which opens at 8:30 p. m. Friday.

Todd Stoops Re-elected By Auto Association

Todd Stoops of Indianapolis was re-elected to the board of directors of the American Automobile Association today, at the 45th annual meeting of the association in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Stoops represented the Hoosier Motor Club at the three-day meeting, attended by more than 500 delegates from the United States and Canada.

'Fliver Fliers' Rest After Anchorage Hop

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Nov. 5 (UP)—Fliers George Truman and Clifford Evans rested today while mechanics tuned up their "flying flivers" for the next leg of their 24,500-mile journey round-the-world.

The fliers landed their planes on snow-covered Elmendorf field yesterday, hopping 300 miles from Naknek, Alaska.

Last 'Major' Red Opponent Flees Communist Hungary

BUDAPEST, Nov. 5 (UP)—The Communist-dominated government announced today that its only remaining major opponent, Zoltan Pfeiffer, 47-year-old leader of the Hungarian Independence Party, fled the country last night.

(Unofficial but authoritative sources in Vienna said that Mr. Pfeiffer arrived in Vienna early today.) A warrant already had been issued for Mr. Pfeiffer's arrest. It was to have been served as soon as his parliamentary immunity—he was a deputy—could be taken away.

The government had opened court action against the Independence Party to take away the 40 seats in the National Assembly it won in the last Aug. 31 elections. A government spokesman hinted but would not say outright that Mr. Pfeiffer had escaped with the knowledge and tacit approval of the government.

The Social Democrat newspaper, Villagossage, said Mr. Pfeiffer, his wife and daughter, arrived in Vienna this morning. It said Francis Nagy, a former deputy who fled earlier to Vienna with Bela Varga, erstwhile speaker of the assembly, returned to Budapest last night to spirit Mr. Pfeiffer away, but discovered he was already gone.

Thus, like Stanislaw Mikolajczyk of Poland, Mr. Pfeiffer had decided it was no use to fight the government that has come into control of his country and had gone into voluntary exile. Mr. Mikolajczyk arrived in Britain Monday after having been missing 11 days.

LINCOLN'S INN LIBRARY First library in London was established in Lincoln's Inn in 1547.

Corporate Tax Cut Urged by Knutson

Expects Action During Next Session

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (UP)—Harold Knutson, House GOP tax chief, said today he looks for some reduction in corporate tax rates at the next regular session of Congress.

Mr. Knutson, who is pressing for special session action on a \$4 billion personal income tax reduction program, believes prospects for corporate cuts were brightened by the long-range "free enterprise incentive" tax program proposed by the committee's special tax advisory group.

The committee recommended: ONE: Retaining excise taxes with inequities eliminated.

TWO: Lowering corporate tax rates, particularly in the case of small corporations.

THREE: Eliminating double taxation on dividends.

FOUR: Abolishing the additional income tax that corporations must now pay on that portion of income distributed in the form of dividends to other corporations.

FIVE: Exempting from federal estate taxes the estates of men and women who died in active service during World War II.

SIX: Permitting taxpayers to pay federal estate taxes in installments over a longer period.

Mr. Knutson thought the steering committee might meet Nov. 13 or 14, but Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. was still undecided.

Rep. Robert L. Doughton, North Carolina, ranking Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee, said he did not think it was "advisable" to bring up the "quickie" bill during the special session.

Near Freezing Predicted Here

The mercury tonight will dip nearly to the freezing mark, the weatherman reported, but there is little danger of a killing frost.

Clearing skies late today and tonight were expected to scout rain clouds which were scudding north. However, other fast-moving "low" weather masses were predicted for the week-end, clear tomorrow but becoming cloudy and a little warm-predicted for Saturday.

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