

ASK MRS. MANNERS—

He Is 26, But I Am 31—What Shall I Do?

Dear Mrs. Manners:

I HAVE A PROBLEM which has caused me a great deal of worry and concern. I am an unmarried girl of 31. For the past few weeks I have been having dates with a boy who is 26. He is aware of my age and doesn't seem to mind as he continues asking me to go places with him.

He is much older acting than his age and has been married and divorced. We have a great deal of fun together and like to do the same things and go to the same places for entertainment.

I am wondering if you think that this difference in ages would create any problems which I should avoid. Should I continue to go out with him when he asks me, or should I stop? Please advise me.

BEWILDERED.

Age problems likely would be of your own creation with only five years difference existing in your ages. Your boy friend probably feels no younger than you. You don't feel younger than persons five years your senior, do you? Don't make him self-conscious of the difference. Let him take care of you.

Emerson wrote in "Society and Solitude: Old Age"—"We do not count a man's years, until he has nothing else to count."

SPCA Should Be Told of Cruelty to Dog

REGARDING the little dog that cries day and night out in the cold, bad weather, why not call the Indiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MA-8776)?

It certainly should be taken care of at once. Poor little dog—hope he gets help soon.

The Indiana Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals contacts dog owners over the entire state when dogs are molesting several persons or are mistreated. Legally, the animals must be provided with food and shelter.

'Funny Person' of 18 Baffles Girl of 18

I AM A GIRL OF 18. I am very unhappy because of my boy friend who also is 18. We started going together when we were high school sophomores. I am at a loss to understand him as he is such a funny person.

He seems to be afraid of spoiling me and treats me badly at times. He gets angry at me for very simple things such as my asking him a question about something which he thinks I should know. He hardly ever calls me and we go out only two nights a week. I know that he doesn't go out with other girls and that is one of the reasons why I can't understand him.

He tells me that he loves me but he doesn't show it. No matter if I want to go somewhere we don't go if he doesn't want to go. My relatives tell me that he doesn't love me but I just can't believe it. They all say he would call me or remember my birthday and holidays if he loved me, but he doesn't even remember his mother's birthday or Christmas.

He is supposed to give me an engagement ring Christmas and yet it scares me to hear my relatives say we will never make it because he doesn't love me.

I love this boy very, very much. When we get in an argument I am the one who has to make up three-fourths of the time. I've gone out with other fellows but I don't care for any of them. Although we argue all the time I'm happy when I'm with my present boy friend.

Would I be making a mistake to become engaged to him? He doesn't want to marry for a couple of years until he gets enough saved to buy a car. He is saving very fine now.

You're asking for trouble, if you take the ring. You think that you're neglected and criticized NOW—it would be worse after marriage.

The rough treatment, maybe appealing in courtship, would make you unhappy in marriage.

The boy sounds thoughtless and selfish. He saves for what HE wants—a car. If he makes the car payment you may get the ring. That's the way he'll be all of his life.

Don't you know other men? There are some, you know, who mark calendars and are attentive. You have plenty of time to marry.

The Male Lead in 'The Fleet's In'

WOULD YOU TELL me who was the leading man in "The Fleet's In"? Dorothy Lamour, Betty Hutton, Gil Lamb and Eddie Bracken were in it.

William Holden played the leading male role.

Telephone Directory for Disabled Veteran

I WOULD LIKE to send a 1946 telephone directory to "E. D. R." the disabled war veteran who was hunting one. MRS. W. R. City.

I am supplying you with his box number. Your kindness is appreciated.

Electronic Assn. To Outfit Children

The Radio & Electronic Association of Indiana voted in a meeting recently to outfit two children in co-operation with The Times Clouthier-A-Child Drive.

The association also voted to retain present officers in their positions for 1948. Re-elected officers were Claude Maris, president; Nick George, vice president; George Bauder, secretary; Bert Post, treasurer, and Noble Harlos, sergeant-at-arms.

Members of the association will present 12 radios to the Marion County Juvenile Center in ceremonies Dec. 3, at 7:30 p. m. at the center.

Presentations will be made by Bert M. Post, association president. The program will include Judge Joseph O. Hoffman, speaker; John Hemphill, magician; Mrs. Harry Bobenmeyer and her son, Harry, pianists, and the Star Dusters. Fred Holt, WIRE newscaster, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Three Crews Put on To Overhaul Bombers

OKLAHOMA CITY (UP)—Oklahoma City residents recalled the industrial hustle of war days with announcement that three crews of workers had been put on the night shift at Tinker field to speed up overhaul of B-29 Superfortress bombers.

DeMolay Order To Seat Officers

The Indianapolis Chapter of DeMolay will install officers in a new degree for boys 18 and over in public ceremonies tonight.

The new degree, Order of Knighthood, provides a program of activity appealing to the older group. The new program resulted from the lowered age standards during the war.

Officers to be installed are Robert Wilson, commander; Donald St. Clair, squire; Donald Forbes, registrar; Marion Wood, senior deacon; Edward Adams, junior deacon; Jack Dickey, prior; Albert Freije, senechal; William Durham, sacristan; David McGarr, standard bearer; Richard Kernodle, sentinel, and Paul E. Pierce, herald.

Installing officers are Dale T. Diefenderfer, chapter "dad"; Hugo W. Klingstein, chairman of advisory council, and Otto F. Klingstein, chapter treasurer.

Named ROTC Officer

Richard F. Seehausen, 744 N. DeQuincy St., has been appointed a cadet lieutenant colonel in the Air Force unit of the University of Illinois ROTC. He is a student in the advanced ROTC unit.



PLANNERS—Left to right are Patricia Smith, James Cooley and Irene Sims, members of the Shortridge High School Alumni Committee, preparing final plans for the second annual "Alumni Prom" to be given Dec. 29, from 9 p. m. until 1 a. m. at the Indiana Roof ballroom. Johnny McBryce and his orchestra will play. Formal dress will be optional.

'Surveyor' Editor To Attend Parley

James Moore, feature editor of the Washington High School Surveyor, school publication, is a delegate to the National Scholastic Press Conference in Cleveland, O., Nov. 28 and 29.

Ferd Brumblay, Washington art teacher, has been asked to participate in the Creative Arts Hobby Bazaar sponsored by the Logansport Art Association Dec. 1 in Logansport.

June Lalen, Surveyor managing editor, placed third in the national essay contest sponsored by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Her subject was "Racial Democracy at Home as a Means of Fostering International Understanding."

Helen Alexander, Francine Camden, Vivian Kretheotis, Chris Theofanis and Agnes Trotton received honorable mention.

Eleven members of the Washington High School faculty attended the convention of the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers in Chicago Friday and Saturday. Delegates were Walter Gingery, Mrs. Marie Wilcox, Miss Vivian Ely, Mrs. Grace Barker, Ross Campbell, James Otto, Estil Van Dorn, Allan Stacy, Miss Elizabeth Hester, Arthur Sims and Mrs. Geraldine Johnson.

Hoosier Is Named Kaiser Assistant

Robert Elliott, former resident of Indianapolis and New Castle, has been appointed executive assistant to Henry J. Kaiser.

Mr. Elliott, graduate of Indiana University and former industrial editor of the San Francisco News, will manage the Kaiser New York City office in Rockefeller Center.

He has been associated with Scripps-Howard newspapers for 16 years, and was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University in 1942 and 1943.

Henry E. Hill Heads Butler Classical Club

The recently reorganized Classical Club of Butler University has announced the election of officers for the current semester. The club, sponsored by Dr. Janet MacDonald and Dr. Virgil E. Hiatt, is composed of students interested in classical languages and fine arts.

Officers are Henry E. Hill, Indianapolis, president; Miss Patricia Pearson, Indianapolis, vice president, and Miss Betty Jean Underwood, Kirklin, secretary-treasurer.

Realtor Opens Branch Office

Jack C. Carr, Indianapolis realtor, has opened a branch real estate office on the East Side at 5106 E. 10th St.

The new headquarters will be known as the Irvington Branch and will be managed by Ed Johnson assisted by G. R. Thompson, Vic Kaiser and Mrs. Emma Moeller, East Side residents.

Large photographs of homes will be shown on the walls of the modern lighted display room.

Mr. Carr, a member of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board and the National Real Estate Association entered business here 15 years ago. This year, Mr. Carr said, the firm has completed sales of houses and farms aggregating more than \$5½ million.

W. D. Peat to Confer With Oberlin Students

Wilbur D. Peat, director of the Museum of the John Herron Art Institute, will confer this week with Oberlin College students interested in fine arts careers.

Walter Wallace Sikes, 34 N. Kenyon St., will act as student host to visiting students. He is a junior political science major at Oberlin.

Ben Davis PTA To Hear Carols

Combined Choirs To Appear Twice

Members of the Ben Davis High School PTA will hear a program of Christmas Carols by the combined choirs in the high school auditorium Dec. 16. The choirs will also sing on the Circle Dec. 19 under the direction of Omar Rybolt.

James Shockey, boys' dean and sponsor of the Ben Davis Hi-Y Club has been appointed co-ordinator of the State YMCA "older boys" conference to be held Dec. 5 and 6 in the Broadway Methodist Church.

A play "Grapes for Dinner" was presented for the Ben Davis Thanksgiving convocation last Wednesday. Students in the cast included Mary Branham, Jack Young, Pat Heun, Jane McCamack, George Bauder, Joan Perrott and Paul Daniels. The play was directed by Mrs. Lois Curtis.

Members of Ben Davis Triale Club will hold their annual Christmas party tomorrow evening in the high school.

Lois Atwell, Ben Davis junior, has been appointed special reporter and typist on the staff of the Spotlight, student publication. Robert Leonard, a senior has been appointed special reporter.

The highest ratings in typing classes at Ben Davis High School are held by Pauline Rogozia, Veronica Pacala, Suzanne Mitchell and Eleanor Hylton.

Group to Discuss English Essentials

"What English essentials a college freshman should know," will be the theme of the first fall meeting of the Indianapolis Council of English Teachers at 4 p. m. tomorrow in the War Memorial building.

Principal speaker will be Dr. Paul Cuniff, new head of the English department at Butler University. He will outline the English essentials for high school graduates.

New officers of the council for the coming year are Mrs. Josephine Caldwell, president; Mrs. Eugenia Hayden, vice president; Miss Lucy Belle DuPee, secretary and Miss Kathleen Klaber, treasurer.



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