

Ask Mrs. Manners—

'He Left Me—Shall I Join Him Overseas?'

Dear Mrs. Manners:

I AM A YOUNG GIRL who married a fellow over a year ago. He joined the Army without asking me and I was expecting a baby. He has never supported me and I was dependent on my parents.

After the baby was born he started writing to me. He is overseas now and wants me to come to him but I feel that he would mistreat me again. He writes insulting letters even now. Should I wait three years for him or get a divorce? I got my checks through the Red Cross. What should I do? BETTY N. City.

Become self-supporting and stay here. He doesn't sound worth your effort but if he's necessary to your happiness he's worth consideration.

I certainly would want to observe him for several months on home "shores" before I resumed married life. He may be lonesome, or embarrassed over desertion, and is trying to clear his conscience. He'd have to change to make you happy overseas or in the United States. Tell him that, and demand support and kindness.

Father Cannot Fathom Wife's Suit for Divorce

I AM A MAN, 41, and have been separated from my wife and daughter three months. My wife has filed a divorce suit against me and I am trying to fight it. All she says is that she wants to be free. I can't believe this as we were always so close, the three of us.

I have always provided well for them. We have our home over half paid for and they don't need for a thing to my knowledge. I am all broken up. My life is just like an empty shell. I work steady and am dependable so what more can they ask?

My wife is 30 years old and my daughter 5%. The difference in our ages was discussed and that has nothing to do with it.

Of course I am living apart from them and see my daughter two or three times a week but that's not enough. I want to be back at the house where I can be with them always and care for them and love them and have their love like we should.

I don't drink, very seldom smoke, and have never stepped out on my wife. I have always enjoyed being out with my family and still would. Please try to help me. BEECH GROVE RESIDENT.

Learn the reason for your wife's sudden indifference. If she won't name the reason (and she owes you one) talk to her mother, a close friend or your minister. Ask her to visit her doctor, and to join you in a visit to Family Service Association for marriage counseling. I'm certain that you'd be willing to change if you knew what to change.

If a final analysis proves that she just wants freedom let her have it. You might win her back by playing indifferent but that role couldn't last.

Most women like good and dependable men for husbands—and there will be one for you. You're the type of person who could make a second marriage successful because you're conscientious and not bitter.

College Boy Ponders Girl Friend's Behavior

I AM A BOY of 18 and a college student. When I left home for college I was going steady with a girl. She says she loves me but yet she has been going out with another boy while I am away.

Could she truly love me and do me that way? D. C. F. City.

She could love you and "do you that way"—but I wouldn't count on it. Why don't you find other girls? That might do the trick. You should be having fun in college—you can't stay there forever. Next comes the serious business of making a living.

53 and Freiful of Her Idol's Buck Teeth

FOR THE PAST YEAR and a half I have gone with a boy who is just 21. He's a handsome lad, fiery red hair, freckles and a laugh that

makes you want to cry. Now I am 53 but look very young for my age. My boy friend doesn't suspect that I am really so much older than he is.

We have been thinking about getting married, and I'm sure I could be happy with him except for one thing—his buck teeth. My problem is, should I ask the boy to have his teeth pulled—or straightened? Or would it be better to wait until after we are married and then very tactfully slam the door in his face, knocking out all his teeth so that he would have to see the dentist without my requesting that he do so?

I hate to hurt his feelings by mentioning the teeth, but after waiting as long as I have to be married one doesn't want to spend the rest of one's life kissing one's husband and feeling as if one were eating corn through a picket fence. DESPERATE, City.

Why don't you adopt the lad? It would be much easier to drag him, though kicking and screaming, to the dentist if he called you mother.

You and Sonny could go to the dentist together—you can't expect to hang on to your molars forever.

Can a Doctor Sue? The Answer Is Yes

IS IT AT ALL possible for a medical doctor to sue a family unable to meet a doctor bill because of financial difficulties? WORRIED, Indianapolis.

Legally, it's very possible. A talk with the doctor and serious attempts to make small payments might prevent legal action.

Doctors are people and the men who appear when you worst need them.

(Write problems, questions and comments to Mrs. Manners, The Times, 214 W. Maryland St.)

IU Law Alumni To Hold Banquet

The alumni association of Indiana University Law School will have its annual banquet tomorrow night in the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

Members of Sigma Delta Kappa, legal fraternity, will welcome members of the new legal fraternity, Phi Delta Phi recently installed at the Indianapolis Law School extension.

George W. Henley, Bloomington, will act as toastmaster for the banquet. The principal speakers will be Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pulliam, who will report on their European tour.

Members of the Indiana Supreme Court, and Governor Gates have been invited to attend.

Masonic Unit to Meet

The Indianapolis Chapter of the Indiana Masonic Home Alumni Association will have a winter roast

outing Saturday night at Indian Lake. The outing will begin at

Appoint Dawson To Rail Vacancy

Fred A. Dawson, formerly of the freight transportation office in Indianapolis for the New York Central System, has been appointed vice president of the Line East for the system. He succeeds A. H. Wright, who retired Sunday.

Mr. Dawson had been general manager of the Line East since August 1946, with offices in New York City.

Joining the railroad in 1919 as a clerk in the freight transportation office here, Mr. Dawson advanced to superintendent of freight transportation. In 1942 he was appointed superintendent, terminal division, in Cincinnati.

Two \$2400 Prizes Only 40 boys and girls will be invited to the Seventh Annual Science Talent Institute in Washington in late February. For five days they will learn about new developments in science, listen to and talk with prominent scientists and be introduced to the possibilities for their future in scientific research.

During their five-day all-expense stay in Washington one boy and one girl will receive \$2400 Westinghouse Grand Science Scholarships; eight will receive \$400 Westinghouse Scholarships and \$3000 in additional awards will be given at the discretion of the judges.

Following a discussion of civic problems, a short Christmas program will be given.

Paul C. Wetter, president, will preside at the meeting which is open to the public.

Civic Clubs to Hold Combined Meeting

The Indianapolis Federation of Community Civic Clubs will hold a combined November and December meeting at 8 p. m. Friday in the Washington Hotel.

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Talent Institute Tests U. S. Pupils

Scientists Sought In School Seniors

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Today will be Christmas-in-advance for thousands of boys and girls.

All over the country high school seniors are sitting down before the super-stiff, three-hour examination for the Seventh Annual Science Talent Search.

They are trying to earn for themselves the best Christmas present they could receive—an invitation to the five-day Science Talent Institute in Washington, D. C., and a chance to win one of the 40 coveted Westinghouse Science Scholarships.

Sent on Request The largest number of examinations in the history of the science talent search, conducted by Science Clubs of America, are being requested this year by the faculty of public, private and parochial secondary schools. The examinations must be administered on or after Dec. 1. They will be sent out on request to such persons up to Dec. 26, the closing date of the competition.

Each contestant must take a science aptitude examination in his own school, submit his scholastic record and recommendations from his teachers and principal, and write an essay of about 1000 words on the subject "My Scientific Project."

The science aptitude examination, designed each year by Dr. Harold A. Edgerton and Dr. Stewart H. Britt, New York City psychologists, is built to reveal ability to think and reason rather than to measure acquired knowledge of science.

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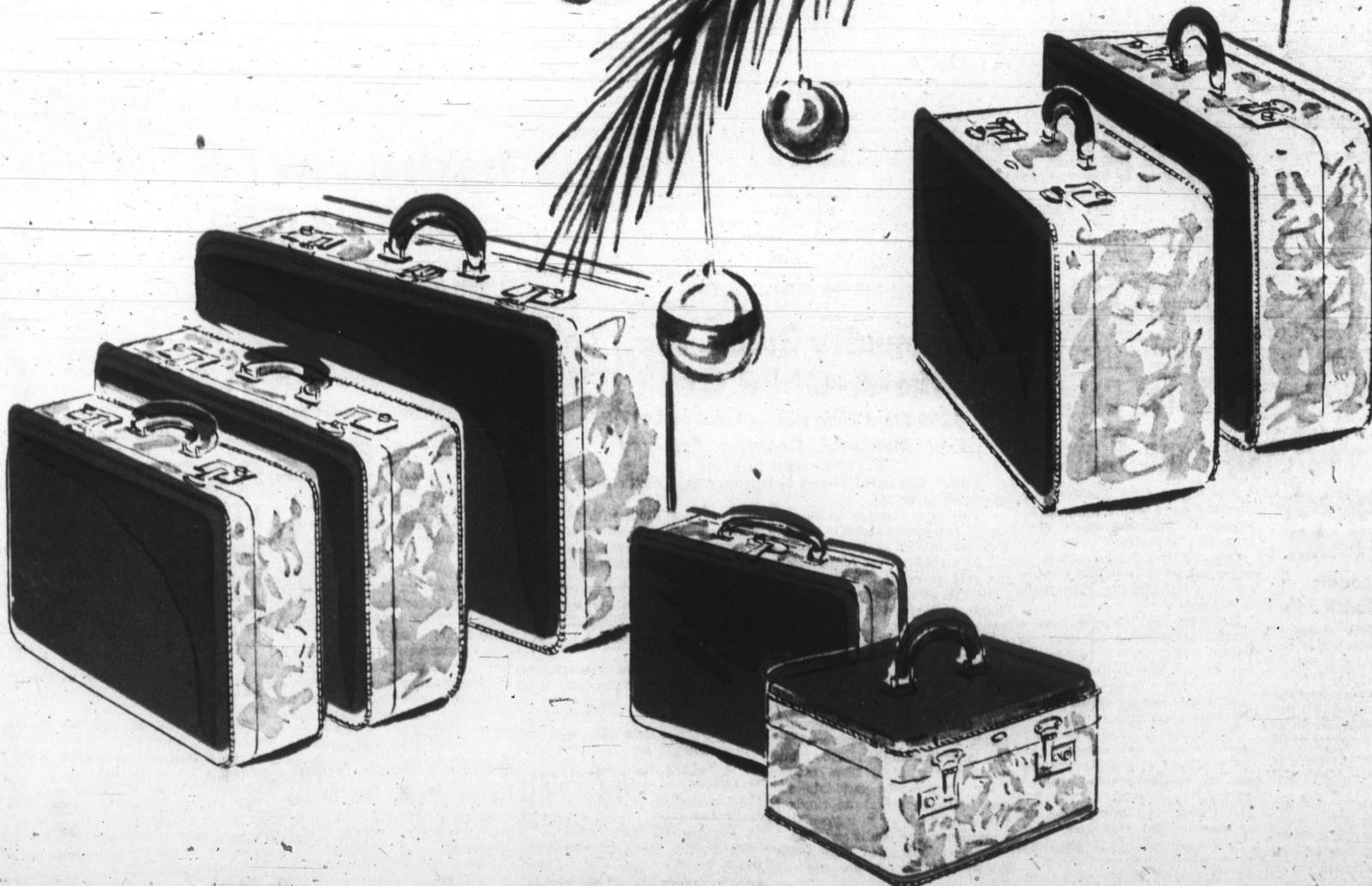


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