

Ask Mrs. Manners—

She's Waiting for Her Lost Dream Man

Dear Mrs. Manners:

I AM A WIDOW, just past 40. During the war I met a man, and admired him very much. We worked together six nights a week.

I am so lonely! I have tried going out and meeting other nice men but I'm just a bore. I would rather be alone until I see this certain one. He is so different, likes a quiet evening, and doesn't run around and drink like most men do. I belong to three lodges, and I have a small restaurant.

I have almost promised myself at times to wait till the end of time for this man.

A SERIOUS READER, CITY.

A good business woman like you should live just as intelligently as you work. You're in a grand place to gain self-confidence and to mix with people.

Maybe you need a vacation. If you take one, don't keep hunting the man of your choice. He probably has been married for years. Likely he's changed—haven't you? You wouldn't remember him so well if you crawled out of your shell. Living within yourself is why you're lonely.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, former missionary to India, writes in "Abundant Living": Self-centering works havoc on the very self upon which we are centering. Every self-centered person is a self-disrupted person. Whether you center upon yourself for artistic, religious or financial reasons or for just purely selfish reasons, the result is the same. The self goes to pieces.

Those who center upon themselves and have their way, don't like their way; they do they like, and then don't like what they do; they express themselves and then find the self that is expressed souring on their hands. This disruption doesn't stop with the soul but extends into the nerves and tissues and poisons them with disease, functional and structural."

Says Neighbor Neglects His Family

ISN'T THERE SOMETHING that can be done about a man who just won't support his family right? There is a man in our neighborhood like I described. He can afford to drink and run around but not to feed and clothe his family properly.

It is a very large family and they live in an awfully small house. I hate to see children abused. They are practically barefooted all the time.

An interested party can charge the man with neglect of his children in juvenile court. The wife can charge her husband with support and neglect of children in the same court.

'Wants to Get Married—I Don't Love Him'

I'M 20 YEARS OLD and am going with a fellow 12 years older. He treats me swell and loves me very much. I am very fond of him. He wants to get married and I told him I would. He tries to give me anything I want, and I like all his people.

I want to get married too but there is a boy I love very much. He was in the Army and married a foreign girl. My cousin tells me he does not love her. We never were together often because the boy used to drink a lot and "Mom" wouldn't let me see much of him. I think he loved me once for he wrote to me awhile and said so, but I'm afraid to say for sure. I told my cousin I loved him which I wish I hadn't done.

How can I forget this boy? I want to. I want to marry the fellow I'm going with and be happy and I want to love him as much as he loves me. If I could just forget this boy and be sure "K" does not know about him. I am afraid if "K" learns about him he will not love me as much. Do you think I am being unfair and untruthful? Tell me what to do.

Should I write this boy and tell him what I've told you about "K" and me? I did tell him once. He married this girl knowing how I felt

about him. I am a worried person. Do you think 12 years difference in ages is too much?

EVELYN. Don't be dishonest and marry the older man because someone sometime, will replace the GI in your heart. You won't want to miss him.

You don't owe the older man an apology for your past loves—he doubtless had some himself. You do owe him honesty. Tell him that you're too young to decide on marriage and too young for him, which is true. Your fondness for him might develop into love but it might not. Don't hope that you can win the boy who married someone else, even if he doesn't love her—and DON'T write to him or see him. You don't have to retire from the "field"—but don't sit around and wait. He evidently didn't like your type—improve it if he ever is a free man—and have plenty of other dates.

If he drinks heavily he's a bad prospect. You really don't know him well enough to determine whether you love him.

She Wants to Enlist in WAVES

COULD YOU PLEASE give me some information on joining the Navy? Do girls have to be older than 17 to join? Would I have to go to the same place that boys go to join?

EDINBURG READER. The Navy isn't enlisting for WAVES at present. During the last recruiting period girls were required to be 21 years old.

Caught in Daily Whirl of Time Clocks

MY HUSBAND and I are typical products of this modern age. We are both 27 and have two sons, 7 and 2. We are well-educated and financially are doing well. But we feel that now is the time for us to decide what we are to do with our future.

We seem to be caught in this daily whirl of time clocks, paychecks and the usual city way of living. We would like the chance to work and create together for our future. We would like to start again where we could plan and build by working together, thinking that a couple could realize more happiness materially and spiritually by building with their own labor what they desire.

We have talked of Alaska and the West to try our experiment. Do you have a place to suggest? We want to escape the boredom, the restlessness and discontent that have overtaken so many of our friends. We want to "strike out" for a complete new future. It isn't a revolutionary idea, but our families and friends think we are crazy and tell us so. What do you think?

MR. AND MRS. CITY.

I don't think you're "crazy" but you're very brave. Explain your unnamed qualifications and desires in a letter to Mrs. Jean Chapple, representative, Office of the Secretary of War, 1429 Adams-Franklin Bldg., 222 W. Adams St., Chicago (6). She can explain foreign prospects.

Regarding jobs in the West write Civil Service Offices in Denver, and San Francisco. You might contact local employment agencies. Read travel books and pamphlets at libraries. I wouldn't go at this blindly—particularly with two children.

Let Mrs. Manners and readers of the column share your problems and answer your questions. Write in care of The Times, 214 W. Maryland St.

Producer's Council, Inc., To Elect 1948 Officers

The Indiana Chapter of the Producer's Council, Inc., will hold annual elections of officers at a luncheon to be held Friday noon in the Hotel Lincoln.

NYC LADIES PLAN PARTY

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