

Ask Mrs. Manners—

'My Husband Is Kind, But I Don't Love Him'

Dear Mrs. Manners:

I AM A WOMAN 48 years old and want you to solve my problem.

When I was 2 years old my mother died and my father married again. My stepmother made life very hard for me. When I was 13 I started working for a living with a seventh grade education. As 15 I married and for 20 years we lived very happily, raising our five children. Then my husband started seeing another woman and we quarreled constantly.

I got my divorce and left the state with my youngest daughter. I got a job and we lived by ourselves two months. I then met a man who had two sons. We enjoyed each other's company so we married. Well, that didn't work. Our children fought all the time. I didn't love him and we fussed. I got my divorce and started to work again.

I married again, to get my daughter a home and education. My husband is very kind to us. We have been with him six years, and my daughter graduates next year. My problem is, should I live with my husband? I do not and could not ever love him. I am grateful to him, though.

He isn't any company when I am with him at home. He sits and sleeps. When we go to town (which is very seldom) I have to suggest places to go. I am thinking of divorcing him and getting a job. That's why I want your advice. I do not intend to marry again.

A STEADY READER.

Your years of being knocked around make your practical views understandable. I compliment you on your adjustments, but I'm disappointed that you haven't developed kindness toward people because of your suffering.

It's pretty heartless to cast aside a man who helped you when you needed him. I wouldn't think that you could do that to a friend, much less to a husband who looked out for you and your daughter. You didn't love him when you married but you used him—he was good enough when you needed him.

He lets you choose your entertainment—he wants to please you. You probably ignored his sleeping and lack of suggestions when you wanted his support. People usually get more sleep after several years of marriage than they do during courtship—it's quite normal.

Why not work and get your conversation on a job—and keep your husband? If you left him and your salary weren't ample your practical sense probably would send you husband hunting again. As soon as the man "outlived" his usefulness you'd leave again. Your three marriages make me wonder if you're the best of wives.

Who Selects Hoosier Salon Jurors?

WHO SELECTED the jury for the next Hoosier Salon? What were members' qualifications? Have the artists of this state ever had the chance to help choose that jury?

CITY READER.

Names of jurors for the Salon are submitted by members of the Indiana Artists' Club comprised of Hoosier artists, Salon members report.

Looking for Companionship

I AM IN the middle-age bracket like "Mrs. M." who wrote. I like children because my "sis" has three. I like to play cards, but you see I have no one to play with. I also like to go to shows, but not alone. I do a lot of bowling which I know the ladies also like. I have a good job.

Mrs. Manners, I would like to win that lady's companionship. Can you help me?

I'd like nothing better than to find you a bowling partner, but you see, my readers trust me—they write me in confidence.

Midwest, East Lashed by Storm

(Continued From Page One) Village, Ark., where the tall of the twister struck a high school gymnasium.

Wind destroyed a house in Jefferson County, Ark., and a three-month-old baby was killed there.

Storm Moves Northeast

Today the storm was moving northeastward in the cold-weather belt. Its center was bellied in between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic coast.

It knocked out telephone communications to seven towns in southern Michigan. More than 125 line poles were down in the state.

Detroit's transportation system was crippled. Wind-driven ice formed dams across the Detroit River and Silver Creek, threatening to let the water flood Horse Island and several river communities.

Ontario, Canada, was reported hard hit.

Bowling Green and Napoleon in Ohio were isolated for several hours.

Heavy ice formed on trees, bowing them over onto power lines, trolley and railroad tracks and making it dangerous to walk or drive beneath those left standing.

Trains Running Late

Trains entering Philadelphia from the West ran an hour to two hours late. The high-speed trolley line between Allentown, Pa., and Philadelphia was out of service.

Pittsburgh, however, reported that it had escaped any storm damage although strong winds were sweeping through the city today.

Transportation facilities around the bottom of Lake Michigan were suspended completely from 9 a. m. yesterday until 6 a. m. this morning when power lines snapped along the route of the Chicago, South Shore and South Bend Railroad.

The line runs through the densely populated areas of Gary, Hammond, Michigan City and South Bend. Railroad officials said considerable debris was swept onto the tracks by high winds but had been cleared away this morning.

Hammond Hard Hit

At Hammond, an area of more than two square miles was left without electricity. Calumet City, Ind., had no lights or telephone power.

The 4000 prisoners at Stateville Prison, Joliet, Ill., were locked in their cells and the guard doubled when ceiling lights flickered and officials feared the electric power would fail.

Five Chicago radio stations were forced off the air for varying lengths of time. Two of them, WGN and WGES, reported that their transmitting towers buckled and fell under the pressure from the ice and strong winds.

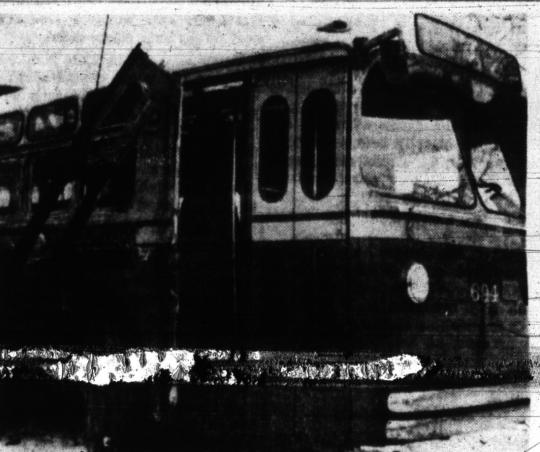
Elmhurst, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, was left without telephone, electricity or water-service.

The Illinois Bell Telephone Co. said the storm had done at least \$1 million damage to communications facilities in the Chicago and northern Illinois areas.

Earth Closest to Sun—Only 91,444,000 Miles

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (UPI)—The earth is at its closest point to the sun today, according to Gordon A. Atwater, chairman and curator of the Hayden Planetarium here.

The distance is about 91,444,000 miles, compared with 94,451,000 miles last July 5 when the earth was farthest from the sun.

**Time Study Men Held Under T-H Act**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (UPI)—The National Labor Relations Board, in its sharpest split since the Taft-Hartley Law went into effect, ruled today that time-study men are professional employees and as such entitled to protection under the law.

The board voted unanimously to order the Worthington Pump Co., Holyoke, Mass., to bargain collectively with time-study men and the Time Study Association, an independent union.

Board Chairman Paul M. Herzog and members John M. Houston and Ave Murdock said time-study men are essentially "fact-finders" with no "substantial" voice in management. They held them to meet the "professional employee" test set up by the Taft-Hartley Act.

Members James J. Reynolds and J. Copeland Gray voted with the board majority because they said it was the apparent intent of Congress to give such employees bargaining rights.

But each felt that time-study men were basically part of management.

Mr. Reynolds said he would support the majority decisions only as long as the union remained independent. The board gave the union 30 days to file non-Communist and financial affidavits required by the law.

WANT WARTIME PAY-PLUS

MANILA, Jan. 2 (UPI)—Union employees at two large refineries struck at 8 a. m. today, demanding wartime back pay at a 50 per cent general increase.

Economist Sees New Rise in HCL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (UPI)—A prediction that living costs will climb even higher this year came from one top government economist today while another appealed to business to plan now for "real price competition."

Ewan Claque, commissioner of labor statistics, said 1947 ended with retail prices "creeping up" and no indications of a "break." But he said there were very few signs of factors that could make 1948 a de-pressure year.

However, Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers, said in a separate interview that production in many lines is coming up to demand. With the end of the sellers' market approaching, he said, "far-seeing business leaders will follow the policy of competitive pricing."

Rockets Lay Phone Lines

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (UPI)—The Army Signal Corps has found a way of using rockets to lay field telephone wires across rivers, ravines and other areas which cannot be reached on foot. The trolley-firing method has been found practical for distances up to 150 yards.

Royal Palace Given To Italian Government

ROME, Jan. 2 (UPI)—Historic Quirinal palace, royal residence of the ruling Savoy family for 73 years and before that the residence of the Popes, belonged to the Italian government today as the official residence of the Italian president.

The cabinet decided to take over the palace when the Italian constitution went into effect yesterday and the keys were handed over to troops of the republic by the palace guardian in a brief ceremony.

President Enrico de Nicola said he would not use the palace as his official full-time residence but only for state occasions.

Hoosier Roads Dangerous In North and West Areas

Hoosier roads except in the extreme south and west portions of the state are dangerous for travel, the State Police and the State Highway Department warned today.

Most hazardous section was in and north of Ft. Wayne.

The highway department had emergency crews working on hazardous spots and announced that conditions were expected to improve by this afternoon.

The police road report showed:

Dunes Park Area—All roads dry and snow covered.

Logansport Area—All roads dry and snow covered.

Covered Bridge Area—Some roads rough and very hazardous. Some roads blocked by fallen trees.

Chartiers Area—All traffic banned except for emergency due to blocked roads.

The State Highway Department said some roads were blocked by fallen trees.

Pendleton Area—All roads covered by thin ice, very hazardous.

Lafayette Area—All roads covered by thin coat of snow; packed snow, slippery and hazardous, some hills and curves.

Paw Pawville Area—Road 41 clear from Terre Haute south except for icy spots on the road.

Brazil to Illinois line: packed ice and snow on other roads in area.

Canton Area—All roads icy and very hazardous.

Seymour Area—Roads covered with ice and snow and ice and very hazardous.

Jasper Area—Main roads icy and snow covered.

Logansport Area—All roads icy and snow covered.

Ft. Wayne Area—All traffic banned except for emergency due to blocked roads.

These prices were obviously in error. They are switched. The items should have read as follows:

Blind Suspect Ends Life in Slaying

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2 (UPI)—

A 37-year-old blind man, who failed to end his life two weeks ago when he fatally shot his housekeeper, hanged himself in a Moymensing prison cell yesterday.

William Neithamer was awaiting Grand Jury action in the slaying of Mrs. Anna Austin, 67, who has cared for him since the death of his wife several months ago.

Police said that early yesterday Neithamer removed a sheet from his cell cot, tied one end to a cell door and looped the other end around his neck and jumped off

a police station Dec. 19 and announced that he had killed Mrs. Austin. He said he feared she was to baffle military problems. The group is headed by Dr. W. V. His invalid wife was before her Houston, president of Rice Institute death.

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