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PROVOCATIVE—Screen Actress Hazel Brooks, photograph, taken by Durward Graybill, was chosen the "Most Provocative Still of 1947" by the International Society of Photographic Arts in Hollywood today.

Ask Mrs. Manners: Girl, 19, Works for Two Old 'Sourpusses'

Dear Mrs. Manners:

I am a secretary for two men in their 60's. I usually am a good-natured person, and I can get along with everybody—but my co-workers.

They are both very cross and irritable, and the office is strictly business. If either one of them would smile I am sure he would never recover from the strain.

I am only 19 years old and although I am not giddy, I certainly do not enjoy going to work and looking at two old "sourpusses" all day.

Of course the logical thing to do would be to leave this job and take another, but I make very good money and the work is comparatively easy.

I am around these men so much that I get despondent and my husband is abused a lot of times when I really don't mean anything by my remarks. I am living under a strain, and I am not enjoying it.

Can you help me?

"The primary joy of life is acceptance, approval, the sense of appreciation and companionship of our human comrades," says Dr. Joshua Loth Liebman, author of "Peace of Mind."

You're 19 and peppy—your bosses are past 60 and serious. Accept them for what they are, if you want to be happy. Accept them as bosses who pay well, men whose serious thinking and firm supervision make a thriving business that provides good salaries.

Try to please them—keep smiling at them—you'll feel better even if they don't. Find your entertainment outside the office and don't take the office home with you. Ask the other girls if they would like social events among employees. If they would, propose the idea to the bosses. You might discover that these men are just as successful as hosts as they are as bosses.

Note to 'Miserable One'

To "Miserable One"—I'm not certain what happened to change things with your boy friend. Do you want to explain?

Don't Settle for Less Than Love

I AM A GIRL of 17 and I have a baby and am not married. I have a boy friend and he wants to marry me. We have been going together about a month and a half. What shall I do? L. V. M.

It's a good idea to be patient. You may be surprised to find that in six weeks, you're probably grateful for his kindness to you at a time when you needed it. Don't settle for less than love at your age. The boy won't be happy if you're just grateful—not will you.

Busy yourself regaining your reputation by making no more mistakes. You'd still have it to do, even though you married. Of course, your mistake would be forgotten more quickly, but you might not resist temptation any better married than single. Don't rely on anyone else to make your character strong.

A Wife Changes Her Mind

I WAS MARRIED four-and-a-half years and we have a baby boy, 3. We then lived in Indianapolis and were very happy. The first summer we went out of the state on vacation and I was offered a better job. The company promised to build us a home. My wife was very pleased.

So we came back and I gave notice to the company I worked for. We gave up our apartment and my wife went to stay with her mother two weeks. When I stopped for her on my way to the new job, she refused to go with me and said she would never live in that state.

I tried to explain that we could do better and have more and said I would buy a car so she could come home any time she wanted to, but she still refused. I took the job hoping that she would change her mind, but she didn't. She got a divorce a year later.

Six months later I came here and was thinking of marrying another girl when my ex-wife came to me and begged me to take her back and made promises which, if she'd kept, I'm sure we could have gotten along. I married her the second time. She couldn't wait until I found a house so she continued to live with her parents.

I found a house in about a month but she had changed her mind about living away and wanted to live with her parents and work in Indianapolis.

I wouldn't do this, so she and our baby moved in with me on a Saturday. She had to go back home next day to sing at someone's funeral, which was all right. Then she went home again Thursday for Christmas and said she would be back that night but she didn't return. She spent the night and when she did get back we argued.

The next morning she kissed me goodbye when I went to work and I thought all was forgiven and forgotten—it was with me, anyway. I came home at noon ill and she had all her things packed and was going home. I got down on my knees and begged her to forgive me but she made up her mind and tells me when I get to be a Christian like she is, maybe she will come back to me.

We never had an argument that would merit such actions. I love the girl and always tried to give her the things she wanted—fur coats and such. I always turned every nickel I made over to her.

What would you do in a case like this? R. D.

Naturally, I imagine you've omitted your faults or else why did you have to beg forgiveness?

However, I think that you married a very changeable and immature woman. You've probably been too easy.

Now don't race out of town and give her a beating. State your platform—tell her that you expect her to live with you and make fewer visits home. She made up her mind about you quickly enough when you planned another marriage. Force her hand.

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.

Taft Asks Bigger Income Tax Cut

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 16 (UPI)—Sen. Robert A. Taft (R. O.) called last night for a \$3 million cut in the Truman administration's budget to provide a "most substantial" income tax cut.

Charging that there "never was a justification for vetoing the tax bill," the Senate majority leader indicated the money could be saved by eliminating duplication in the military budget. Paring public works, and chopping \$2,600,000 from the Marshall Plan and overseas occupation costs.

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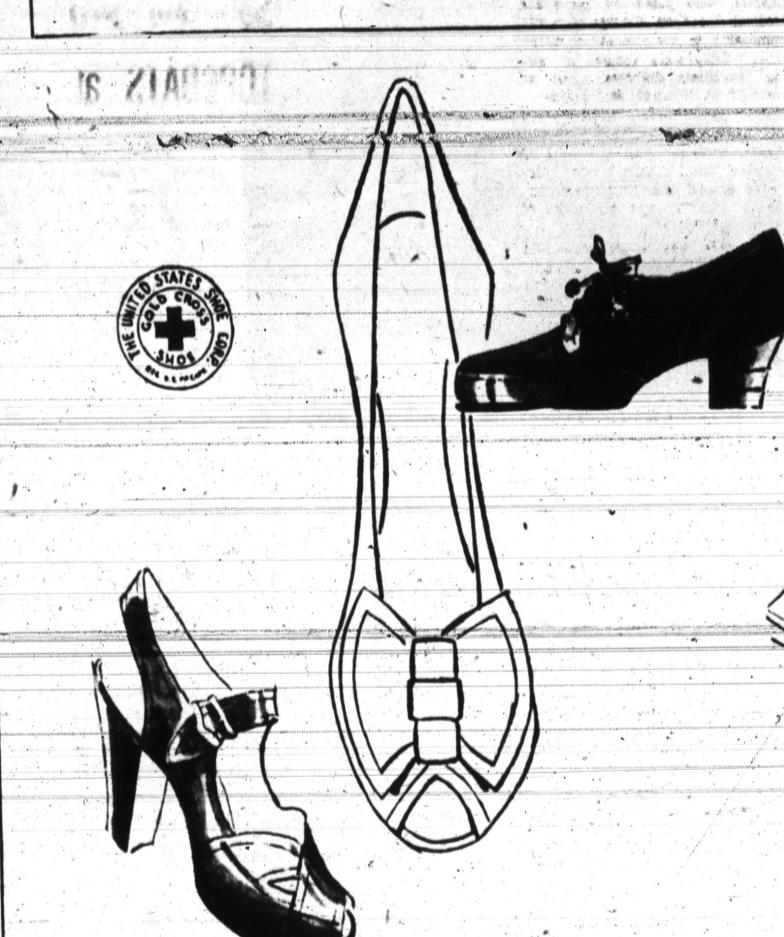
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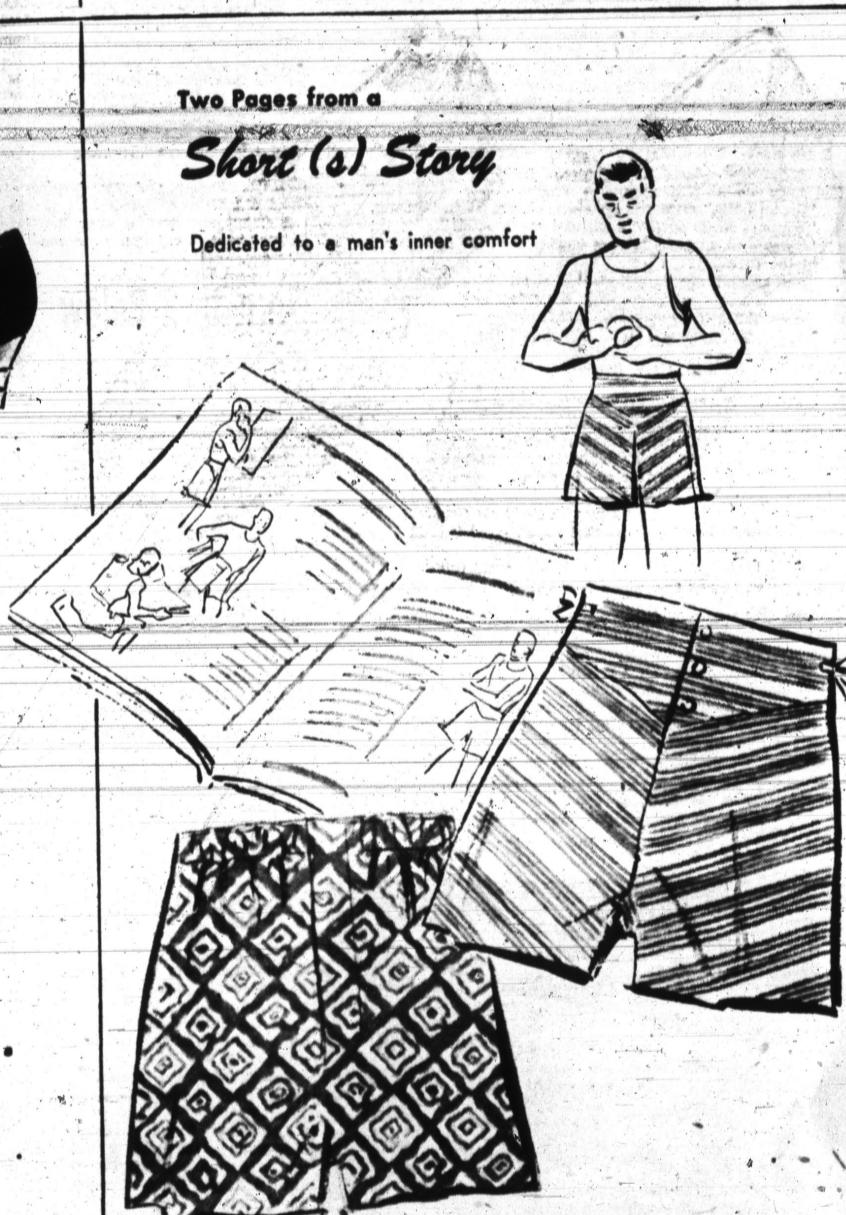
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