

## Dear Mrs. Manners: Falls for Man's Line; Irked by His Wife

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I'M A GIRL nearly 18. I met two fellows at a Christmas party and one introduced himself as not married. We danced and he bought drinks. We had a very enjoyable evening. He told me he would see me again soon. He talked to my mother and sister-in-law for quite a while. I fell in love with this man who tells me he is in his 30's.

A few weeks later we were at the same club and he came in with a nicely dressed and "not bad to look at" lady. I gave him the "eye" and he smiled back but seemed nervous. I went to the rest room and his lady followed me and asked me about the big "eye." She showed me pictures of her children and was angry, saying she had been married to him 19 years and had no intentions of getting her home split up.

I am still in love with this man even if he is married and would like advice about keeping my important date with him. Should I let him stay with his wife who seems to love him? I don't trust this lady very much as I think she means business. WORRIED.

You're trying to live against the rules of life—against fair play—you can't do it and be happy. Your future frightens me. You ask if you should "let" the man stay with his wife. Can't you see that he tried to avoid you, after deceiving you? Where's your pride, your common sense—are you going to believe everything a man tells you?

He didn't say that he loved you—he probably has no intention of dissolving his marriage. Blindly loving a man, basically a deceiver and laughing at you, is a bad beginning. Interest yourself in men your age and let them court you. Interest yourself in recreation and sports of the athletic variety.

### Should I Have Paid for the Doughnut?

I HAVE a small problem and would like your advice. A few days ago at lunch I sat down across from a lady who had two doughnuts on a plate. I decided after that I would like to have a doughnut. I called over the waitress and asked if she would get me one, but she said I would have to get it myself.

The lady across from me said she didn't want both of hers and I was welcome to have one of them. I accepted and thanked her. Should I have offered to pay her or not? DAILY READER.

To attempt to pay the lady for the doughnut only would have resulted in complications. How could you, apparently not an expert in economics and mathematics, arrive at an agreed figure on the fair price of a second-hand doughnut?

You and the lady, who evidently was friendly with you up to that point, might have argued over economics. She might get nasty and there would be hair-pulling. That would upset other diners—they would get indigestion—hundreds of office and store employees would not do their best job the balance of the day. Indianapolis' business and professional peace would be upset—all because you wanted to pay a kind lady for a second-hand doughnut.

I wish that you'd never taken that doughnut. Of course you shouldn't pay her, but if you see her again don't be a piker—give her one of your doughnuts.

### Husband Good Worker—Not True

MY HUSBAND and I were married young. I'm 20 and he is 24 now. We have three sweet daughters.

During our five years of marriage we've always lived with relatives—his or mine—except once. My husband is a good worker, but he never has been true to me and never has given up his single life. I have tried to make a home because of the children. I was a child of divorce and I know how hard divorce is on children.

I love my husband very much and have tried to overlook his wrong doings. He is nice looking and the type that girls admire. Lately his "stepping out" has increased to every night—sometimes all night. He says he wants me to leave with the children. First, he said he was in love with someone else and wanted a divorce. Then he said there was no one else but he wanted his freedom so he could go with whom he pleased. I've tried to reason with him.

I don't know how I can support and raise my three girls. It's almost impossible to get a place to stay, and to get anyone to take care of the children. He says he will pay me support for the children and that I can stay here with him until I make other arrangements. Should I give up my pride and beg him to stay with me or give up without a fight? I love him so much that I can hardly stand the nervous strain I'm in. —DESPERATE WIFE.

You sound like a good woman in love with a worthless husband. Isn't he something! He'll be big-hearted and LET you stay until you get a job so that you can rear his three children. Living with relatives may have made him irresponsible and feel neglected, but he isn't excused.

Of course you hate to fail. I believe that you've honestly tried

# Blames 'Curse' As Fire Destroys Dwelling

Couple Saves 29 Years for Home, Then Sees  
Flames Consume 4th House on Property

By VICTOR PETERSON

Is there a hex on the lot at 3251 S. Lockburn St? "There must be," said Mrs. Mack Rorex in a voice filled with sorrow. "Some time in the past somebody must have done something to put a curse on it."

Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Rorex watched their dream house of 29 years of waiting go up in flames. He is 56; she, 60.

Their's was the fourth dwelling to be destroyed by fire at 3251 S. Lockburn St. Years ago a double trailer burned. Then a trailer with a lean-to shelter disappeared in smoke. Two years ago a house was engulfed in flame.

Goods Litter Yards Today the Rorex dream is nothing more than a blackened shell. Charred household goods litter the yard.

Into their dream Mr. and Mrs. Rorex had poured their lifetime savings. The weekly paycheck from Acme-Evans Co. dissolved in monthly house payments and installments on new furniture.

Now Mr. and Mrs. Rorex must begin life again. It won't be easy. "Another year and we would have been out from under our obligations," Mrs. Rorex said. "Then I was going to have a cataract removed from my left eye."

Niece to House Couple Where they will live now, they don't know. They plan to stay temporarily with a niece in Valley Mills. "But we want a spot of our own," Mr. Rorex said. "If we could find just two rooms to rent we would be happy."

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THE WEATHER SUMMARY: The weather will be cloudy with some rain. The temperature will be in the 40's.

How gay they are! How dainty and feminine! Flower-and-parasol print on a hand-rolled sheer handkerchief with an unusual, new ombre-print border. Open or closed parasols... the borders come in shades of blue, brown, green or red.

Handkerchiefs, Street Floor



THE HELPING HAND—When fire destroyed the dream home of Mrs. Mack Rorex, 3251 S. Lockburn St. (left), kindly neighbors gave of their heart, their clothes and their food. Mrs. Andrew Breedlove gave refuge to her burned-out neighbors.

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## 1 to 2 Million Out In German Strike

U. S. Bans Red-Front  
'People's Congress'

By WELLINGTON LONG

United Press Staff Correspondent  
FRANKFURT, Jan. 23.—Business, industry and transportation in the American zone province of Bavaria was paralyzed today when between 1 and 2 million German workers walked out on a 24-hour general strike to enforce approval of an emergency food program.

There were no reports of violence or untoward incidents.

Meanwhile, the United States Military Government said today that all future activity of the German Communist-front "Peoples Congress" would be banned in a move to halt Communist infiltration into strike-torn western Germany.

Britain banned the organization in her zone yesterday.

Streetscars Halted Dispatches from Munich, largest city in the American zone, said that largest in Germany, said that life came to a virtual standstill.

Meanwhile, the bi-zonal economic council, scheduled to meet in Frankfurt to consider an emergency food program which union leaders insist must contain a clause for confiscation of all foodstuffs.

Reports from Nuernberg said that railroad workers there apparently ignored the strike call.

Telephone calls to Wuerzburg, Bamberg, Augsburg and Regensburg confirmed that railroads were on strike at those points.

OES CHAPTER TO MEET Englewood OES will meet at 8 p. m. Monday in the chapter house for initiation services.

## VFW to Discuss National Issues in Regional Meeting

Veterans of Foreign Wars officials from nine Midwestern states opened a three-day regional conference at the Antlers Hotel today.

Discussions of national affairs related to peace, universal military training and other issues will be led by Commander-in-Chief Ray H. Brannaman, Denver, Colo., who recently testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Commander Brannaman pledged support of the VFW to the proposed Marshall Plan for European recovery. He also went on record for expansion of the nation's armed forces, especially the air force.

Preceding the conference of department officials today, Commander Brannaman conferred with Gov. Gates on veterans' affairs in Indiana and with Mayor Al Feeney on local housing problems.

Following a dinner at the Antlers Hotel tonight, department officials from nine states will make a tour of inspection to all VFW posts in Indianapolis.

Sessions will open tomorrow at 9 a. m. at the World War Memorial auditorium attended by delegates from Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Indiana.

A Saturday night banquet will be highlighted by presentation of the annual VFW citizenship medal to Col. Robert Rossow, superintendent of the State Police.

Mrs. Dorothy Mann, of Detroit, national president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW, will arrive here Saturday to start a campaign to raise \$50,000 in Indiana to aid in financing the National Cancer Research Foundation.

—But check yourself. Have you played up his vanity? Most men think they could win any woman. If you've made him feel like a failure he may have gone to other women. Have you devoted too much time to your children, to the people with whom you lived and to your household chores, and not enough time to your husband? Have you tried to be the "needed" woman in his life? If you've done your level best, offer him his freedom without further conversation. He may be surprised. If he goes, you won't lose much.

Your nervousness is partly due to your insecurity, to your unhappiness and to your injured pride. I doubt if you truly love a man who doesn't deserve respect.

Forget about your nerves—get busy being creative. Work with and for others—get "out" yourself. Pretend happiness. Hitch your wagon to an attainable "star"—livelihood for your family.

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.

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