

Ask Mrs. Manners— Marriage Hits Snag After 2-Score Years

I HAVE A PROBLEM concerning my mother and father. They have been married 41 years and just recently my father asked for a divorce. It seems like, after living together that long and rearing nine children, surely they could stick together until death.

My father never has been exactly true to mother but he didn't make it so public until recently. He doesn't get drunk or smoke.

I'm the youngest—I'm 17—I could take care of myself. The other kids are married. Dad has always given us a decent place to live and plenty to eat but never buys us clothes.

The main reason dad asked for a divorce is that mother is in poor health since having so many children. I think that is a very poor reason for divorce. They never loved each other but stuck together until the kids married. After having the best years of mother's life he should try to make her happy in their old days. He owns a small farm and has a small bank account but mother doesn't care about money.

Mother has left it up to me about suing for divorce and that puts me on the spot. If they get a divorce don't you think she should have half of everything?

Your mother shouldn't make you the small (and useless) thread on which to hang her marriage which failed years ago. With you leaving eventually, gone will be the last tie—and your father.

Urge her to become interested in a job or hobby to occupy her time if she decides on a divorce—and let her make the decision. Urge her to visit her doctor. Of course she deserves her share of savings.

I wonder if your father will be as happy as he expects, "free" after many years, with one last fling at romance when house-slippers and a fireside might be more comfortable.

Don't let your parents' trouble emitter you toward marriage—there are happy marriages.

'Don't Ask—Try for Kiss'

TO UNWANTED, who asks for a kiss—Mister, I couldn't resist writing this. If I were you I'd quit asking to kiss a girl, and try. After all, if she doesn't want you to kiss her she'll let you know without being asked. Me, for one, I'd like to meet someone like you. You haven't got a friend, have you?

It makes me feel good to know there are some men like you left in the world. I know a lot of other girls feel the same.

S. M.

Somebody agrees with me on approach. Tell us how you turn out. Unwanted, will you?

'Seems to Crumble Up Inside'

I AM 16 and met a nice fellow at a skating party. We went together a long time. I went out with my sister and her date and my boy friend caught me. He thought I had a date and stopped coming.

Every time I see him or hear his favorite song I seem to crumble up inside. I've gone with other boys but I don't seem to care for them, though one boy is crazy about me.

The first boy has been going with other girls. His girl tells him untrue things about me. I asked him to come out for his things but she won't let him and she won't let him speak to me on the street. He meant everything to me. Will he come back? I'm sure he still likes me very much.

He'll be back if he wants you enough, and no new girl can stop him. In the meantime, find someone else to "crumble" over. There is a lot of "crumbling" to be done at 16.

Explain about your sister's date if you've given opportunity, though there's no need. You weren't engaged. You should have explained instead of telling him to "come get his things." He wanted you, repentant, not cocky.

If he believes gossip about you I wouldn't want him anyway.

Tip on Lime Removal

WHAT WILL remove a heavy lime deposit in a cast aluminum teakettle?

Though this isn't a household column, I'll give you a tip. Fill the kettle with an equal amount of vinegar and water and boil the solution. Let stand overnight. Scrape off the lime with a wooden spoon.

Seeks Value of Books

I HAVE SEVERAL old books. Where can I write to find out their value or where can I get a book list and values?

H. M. BLOOMFIELD.

I have some old books that may be collectors' items. Who would I contact to be sure?

V. M.

To H. M. and V. M.—Write Park-Bernet Galleries, Inc., 213 E. 57th St., New York City, sending book list and complete description of title page and binding.

Old Enough for Dates

AT ONE TIME I was very popular with the boys. Many of them, asked me to go on dates but my parents thought I was too young.

Now I am old enough but the boys don't know it and don't ask me. What can I do to make them realize that I can go?

MISS C. G.

Start with the girls—tell them that you're so happy that you now can go dancing. The word will get around.

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.

Unfinished Sewer Project Halted Pending Inquiry

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\$179,481.80 paid, there is a balance of \$137,126 to be paid this year.

TWO: That a payment of \$60,000 which the Moore firm was to receive last fall for Sanitation Plant improvement plans was withheld at the end of last year as the city plunged into a deficit.

THREE: That the bulk of money so far paid the firm was paid out of state and federal loans, and imposes a future obligation on the city tax rate.

FOUR: That the contracts between the Moore firm and the Board of Works and Sanitation projected the biggest construction program ever undertaken in this city.

FIVE: That the total cost of the program, estimated at \$32 million over 20 years, was to be financed by gigantic bond issues.

SIX: That expenditures so far on this project will have been wasted unless the vast program of construction goes forward, for not a sewer tile has been laid.

Post-War Planning Result

The Moore survey was an outgrowth of the Municipal Post-War Planning studies which were made by a special committee of private citizens during the war.

One of the main purposes of the planning was to set up a series of priority projects to improve Indianapolis and at the same time provide public works to take up any post-war slack in employment.

The employment slack did not develop, but the Committee's recommendation that a complete overhaul of the city's sewer and sanitation system was essential was set in motion.

The first step in the program was to determine the actual condition of the city's sewers and sanitation plant, and then figure out what was needed to expand the sewer system to match the city's growth.

A survey of the City's sewers, sewage disposal and sanitation system had been made in 1939-40 with WPA funds under the supervision of Federal engineers. It was given to the City free.

But the City had decided a second survey should be made.

Dean Potter also qualified his status as an authority on the subject, saying that his specialty was in the field of power.

The Board then unanimously selected Russell B. Moore's firm to make the survey. It is a matter of record that several of Mr. Moore's former employees held high positions in the City administration.

The Board said the Moore firm had submitted the lowest and best bid to make the survey for \$75,000. The resolution approving the contract was signed May 21, 1945, by Walter E. Hemphill, Gordon W. Blaine and Joseph B. Wade. That was how it started.

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Cold Wave Deaths in Nation Soar To 52



VALENTINE WEDDING SMILE—Barbara Paul Sears and Winthrop Rockefeller smile happily before their wedding last midnight in a glittering Florida ceremony. Mrs. Sears is a former Lithuanian beauty and stage actress.

Hold Marines As Hostages 'Cinderella' Bride Begins Valentine Honeymoon

Rockefeller Marries Lithuanian Beauty
In Glittering Florida Midnight Ceremony

By ROBERT VERMILLION, United Press Staff Correspondent
PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 14—Winthrop Rockefeller and the blond beauty queen to whom he gave one of America's most famous names, began a Valentine's Day honeymoon today. Their midnight marriage outdid anything this glittering winter social capital has seen in years.

The ceremony uniting Mr. Rockefeller and the lovely former Mrs. Barbara Sears, daughter of Lithuanian immigrant parents, began on the stroke of midnight. Fourteen minutes later the Rev. Winslow Rummond, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at West Palm Beach, pronounced them man and wife. The couple left immediately by automobile for a 10-day wedding trip.

Wedding Delayed

On their return they will take up residence at 770 Park Ave. in New York and Mr. Rockefeller will go back to his job with the Socony-Vacuum Co.

Originally planned before the reception, the wedding was delayed until after midnight to make sure of compliance with Florida's marriage laws requiring a three-day waiting period after application for a license.

Although the reception gave Palm Beach socialites one of their palmiest days since the end of World War II, the actual wedding was private.

Mrs. Rockefeller, wearing a pink linen dress with Peter Pan collar and crocheted white trim, was attended only by her sister, Miss Isabel Paul.

She carried a spray of baby white orchids with one blue blossom in their midst. "Something blue," she explained. Miss Paul wore an aqua linen dress and carried pink camellias.

The 36-year-old Rockefeller wore a tan gabardine suit. His brother Lawrence acted as best man.

Long, low-slung limousines that had not seen dress service since the depression were quickly shined up to carry jewel-bedecked guests to the reception.

Many of the older guests, not acquainted with the younger Rockefeller generation, were invited automatically because of their friendship with the bridegroom's parents and grandfather, the late famed John D. Rockefeller.

By the time for the reception yesterday, members of the Palm Beach social set were saying that Mr. Rockefeller's divorcee bride came "from a fine old family in Oakdale, Pa."

Mrs. Sears, divorced less than

two years ago from diplomat Jevus Palekute, to "Eva Paul" when she entered Northwestern University in 1933 and used that name later when she entered show business.

Among her better-known roles was that of "Pearl" in "Tobacco Road." She also appeared in "You Can't Take It With You."

Her romance with the nation's most eligible bachelor took on a Cinderella aspect because she was living in a Third Avenue tenement building in New York when the handsome combat hero wooed and won her.

Friends of the couple pootled the "Cinderella" angle, however, pointing out that the former Mrs. Sears' top floor walk-up apartment was elevated furnished despite its location near the din and clatter of the Third Avenue elevated trains.

Pursues Her

Mr. Rockefeller followed her to Florida and his trips became known only when it was revealed he was a passenger on an Eastern Air Lines Constellation which made a spectacular emergency landing last week-end at Bunnell, Fla., after one engine exploded over the ocean.

Details of the wedding and reception were handled by James Lee, whose firm which has served the Rockefeller family for years, included on the reception guest list were the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Lord Brandford, Tony Pulitzer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Young, Mrs. Hudson Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Fulton, Mrs. James T. Donahue, Mrs. Claude K. Boettcher, Reginald Boardman Jr., the Countess Dorella, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Chipworth and Brenda Fraser.

Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cushing, and "Prince" Mike Romanoff.

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Flood Waters Rout 10,000 From Homes

Frigid Blast Heads
For Atlantic Seaboard

By United Press

A cold wave moved toward the Atlantic seaboard today through the eastern United States, where winds, floods and cold weather took toll of lives and property.

At least 52 persons were dead in the last few days of weather-born disturbances. Of these, 10 died in tornado. Another estimated 10,000 persons were homeless in floods.

The period saw storms in the Pacific northwest, a three-day blizzard in the Rocky Mountains, a freezing rain from the Mississippi to New York state, floods from Ohio to Mississippi and a tornado in Mississippi.

Tornado Hits Rural Area

The deaths resulted from traffic accidents, slippery pavements, freezing and exposure, drownings in rampaging streams, and the impact of the tornado in a rural area.

The fuel situation appeared to be easing. Natural gas supplies were being increased to many industrial users.

Torrential rains followed the tornado at Newton, Miss., causing floods in the surrounding dairy farms and cotton-growing lowlands.

Rescue crews searched for more victims in the wrecked homes.

The Red Cross said that at least 15 persons were injured seriously and that the death toll might rise in the surrounding farmland.

Trees Block Roads

Uprooted trees blocked many roads to outlying farms where occupants of 15 to 20 flattened houses were missing and feared dead.

Thousands of persons were driven from their homes by floods in the Ohio and Tennessee valleys. They shivered today as temperatures in the flood areas dropped below freezing.

Rains were less heavy than expected, but snow and sleet in Tennessee brought new misery to an estimated 4,000 persons left homeless by rampaging streams in that state.

FBI, State Police
Hunt LaMarr

An interstate search was under way today for a 35-year-old ex-convict whose trial on a manslaughter charge has been delayed twice here.

The defendant, James LaMarr, was missing after police Thursday obtained a capias charging him with being an habitual criminal. He has been arrested 20 times and convicted on seven of the charges.

He has been free under \$4,000 bond on the manslaughter charge. He is alleged to have been driving a stolen automobile that fatally injured a 17-year-old boy in a traffic accident in July, 1946.

'I'm Skipping Out'

State Police and the FBI were asked to help find LaMarr after he told fellow-workmen, "So long. I'm skipping until this cools off."

Also pending against LaMarr are charges of grand larceny, burglary, and two of vehicle taking.

Last September, Judge Pro Tem Richard Smith said he had been "intimidated" and refused to continue in the manslaughter case. Last week, Judge William D. Bain was accused by the state of showing partiality toward LaMarr and the case was stopped again.

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Keep Sawin'

By Barton Rees Pogue

Don't blow your horn or advertise
Your virtues to the world,
Don't put your talents on parade
With banners all unfurled;
If folks you know don't seem to see
That you are mighty good,
Don't tell 'em "specs" to help their eyes—
Keep mum and just saw wood.