

Labor Shortage Faces U.S. Farms

Washington Parley To Study Problem

Times Special
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—American farmers are wondering where they will find ample labor to meet food production goals that have been raised to new highs in anticipation of heavy foreign aid this year.

Representatives of agriculture from the 48 states will meet here next Friday, Feb. 20, at the request of the U.S. Employment Service to discuss the problem. They will represent agriculture manpower advisory committees organized in each state on USES request.

Edward K. Keenan, USES deputy director, believes the problem probably will require importation of a considerable amount of Mexican labor this year. These workers would be for western states, principally for vegetable farming.

The need for these workers was indicated at a recently concluded series of regional manpower meetings, Mr. Keenan said.

Ask Mrs. Manners—

'I Think Of Him Constantly, Visualize Him Everywhere—Is It Love?'

I AM NOW 16 years old. I met a wonderful man this summer—he is 25. I knew him for four months. We were good friends. Then one afternoon I took a ride with him. Everything was all right until we got back to the town where we lived and then I found out that my parents had sent the sheriff after us because they didn't know where I was. They didn't press any charges against him because we came back first.

I've seen him since and he acted as if it was his fault and didn't blame me. We had done nothing wrong but my parents seemed to think we had. We talked when we saw each other but he had to leave for his job in another state. He'll be back in this state this summer. I've thought of him constantly.

When I hear certain songs that he used to play on the juke box I feel "kinds" sick inside and want to start crying. Every red truck I see I visualize his red truck and I can see him as if he were really there. Every time I see a man six feet tall or over I see him. Do you think I'm really in love?

MISS B.

What good is a sentimental song if you have no one to sob over? What good to a woman, 16 or 60, is a movie or a book if she can't put herself in one of the romantic roles?

The "older" man and his absence, the sheriff's chase with your parents' opposition have exaggerated your feeling for the man.

You must have taken an extended ride or you must have previously aroused your parents' distrust. Convince them that you're dependable before you climb into any more red trucks—and be sure they know the driver.

Wants to Find Sister, Last Heard From in 1933

I HAVE A SISTER I haven't heard from for 15 years. When

I last heard she was in Michigan. How might I find her?

MRS. N. B.
Ask local Michigan police for suggestions, submitting all your information.

Dated Marine, 19, Against Mother's Wishes

I'M 15 and like a boy 19 who's in the Marines. He leaves in 28 days. He wants to write me but I don't know what my mother would say—because she thinks 19 is too old for me.

I've had dates with him but my mother doesn't know it. She thinks I have been with a boy 17 and I'm afraid to tell her. I can't lie about his age because he went with my older sister a few years ago. What should I do?

Tell your mother that you've seen the boy and that you're sorry. Ask her to let you bring him to your house before he leaves. If that works, mention the letter writing later.

It's quite a speech, but making it won't be as bad as feeling guilty. You'll get farther with your mother by being honest. She'll never trust you and accept your plans if you keep lying.

Husband Resents Stepdaughter

MY TROUBLE is my husband. I am 34 and my husband 39, and I have a daughter by my first husband. I've been married to the present man 10 years. He was very nice to my daughter until she started in high school. She finished in 1945 and went to college a year, quitting because she says I may work too hard. I have worked awfully hard all her life and she wants me to stay home and rest now.

My husband won't give me any money, though he makes good money working in a foundry. He says he dislikes my daughter and has never liked her and that I am very dumb for just finding it out. He says if she leaves home he would treat me better.

He throws his money away week after week and now we have

a notice to move. I don't feel like looking for a place to move as I feel it's his place to find a place himself—I work every day in a factory. Should I move to myself? He drinks awful heavy and I am afraid of him as he looks and talks very crazy.

MRS. E. H.

I just wonder—might your husband resent your husband's college training—or your attentions to her? She doesn't sound like the type to flaunt academic knowledge, but it's possible that he may resent lack of education. Try praising his wisdom and show him affection. If you think his drinking is out of hand and that he can't stop, try to get him to visit Alcoholics Anonymous—after you've tried affection.

Are you lucky to have such a thoughtful daughter? Show your gratitude to her—but don't do it before your husband. You both should look at houses.

'Ex' Has Advice for 'Interested Friend'

I'D LIKE to answer "Interested Friend" who wrote about the woman marrying a man wanting her money. If she goes on, surely she'll be hurt emotionally and financially. As for his ex-wife running after him that is silly, especially if it were the ex-wife who sued for divorce, as most women do.

If your friend has an offer from a wealthy man she'd better take it. The other man can't be too proud or he wouldn't expect her worldly goods.

AN "EX."

Comments on problems are welcome—we can all help. Thank you.

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.

Nine Rules Listed For Youth Success

By LEIGH WHITE
Times Special Correspondent
CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 12—Young Egyptians have been advised by the newspaper El Messawar to observe nine rules which constitute its formula for a successful life in the Middle East today.

They are:
1. Don't join any of the political parties now in power.
2. Don't run for any political office.

3. Learn to speak at least two foreign languages.
4. Don't take any government job.
5. Don't write for the newspaper unless you are immune to political pressure.

6. In marrying, seek a happy combination of love and self-interest.
7. Marry between the ages of 30 and 35, but no later.

8. Consult your doctor and your oculist.
9. Amined once every six months.

Leave the country and get to know this vast world of which you are so ignorant.

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