

Ask Mrs. Manners— Tall Texan Anxious To Meet Towering Gal

WHERE AND HOW can I meet some tall gals—the taller the better—who like sports? I'm 6 feet 2 inches tall and I hate short gals, which this town is full of. Every time a buddy fixes me up a date, by golly, the girl is even more hammered down than the last one.

Men are all right for lots of things but I crave feminine association, too. Furthermore, I'm 26 and it's time I settled down. I've been here just a few weeks and find your column about the most interesting newspaper feature I've ever seen. I'm from Texas where we're not supposed to admit anyone can outdo us on anything, but confidentially, Mrs. Manners, Texans aren't really any smarter. They've just shouted about it for so long they've got themselves convinced.

I've bought a motor boat up in Broad Ripple, I own a car, and I like camping, boating and swimming but don't care a hang for football or basketball. I like dancing but think jitter-bugging is stupid for a tall man. I'm here to stay because I like Indianapolis and I've got a good job as engineer. With these qualifications, do you think it's possible to meet a tall girl—very tall—who might enjoy the things I do? Also, I'd like to find an apartment. You all wouldn't know where—all now would you—all?

LONESOME FROM TEXAS.

Well, Suh, I feel mighty, mighty bad that I can't name a tall girl for a towering Texan. They write me and if you all go the places I've named you may see each other. "Hopeful" wrote Jan. 17 and she's six feet tall.

You may dislike organizations but they provide ways to meet people. Men join girls in swimming at the Central YWCA at 7:15 p. m. on Tuesdays. People of various ages (and sizes) gather there on Sundays for bridge, a buffet supper and dancing to orchestra music. Ping-pong and billiards are available. You may go unescorted—just introduce yourself. The YWCA also is starting an Outing Club and Phyllis Herring (RI 5471) could tell you about it. Of course, you know about the YMCA-YWCA dances on Saturday nights.

You'd meet people in church groups and in country clubs and other private clubs. Check activities of the Green City Boat House (BR 9216) when the season opens.

Don't be selfish, now, with that tall gal. Take her to baseball games if she likes them.

Place your name at Homes Registry Office, if you're a veteran.

Dad Thinks I'm Getting Boy-Crazy

OUR FAMILY COULD have a lot of fun if things were different. My father thinks I'm getting boy-crazy and my sister, who is 16, goes with a married man. My sister and I fuss and our parents hardly ever get a minute's enjoyment.

I can't even say I have a boy-friend. All my girlfriends have boy-friends but don't have dates and their parents let them talk about boys. I'm 12 and don't keep late hours. I practice basketball, attend basketball games with girls and go to church, then spend the rest of the time with my parents. I have a nice, clean home.

My sister gets in late and won't go to school the next day. My parents have done everything to stop her dating the married man without taking it to the authorities. They are good to her.

LITTLE SISTER.

Be all that your parents want both you and your sister to be—win their trust. They'll let you have boy-friends in time. Spare them the boy-talk—your girls can cover that subject.

Try winning your sister's companionship and don't talk her about her love affair. That matter is between your sister and your parents, and between your sister and her conscience.

Where Can I Sell Plays, Poems?

WHERE COULD I sell stories, plays and poems? I've written some three-act plays and most of them are funny and pretty good. I'm only 14 and think these should be in children's magazines.

CHRIS.

Check Writers' Market or other writers' guides at your local library for publishers' names. Wee Wisdom, children's magazine, is located at 917 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Mo. Among poetry publications are American Weave, 1555 E. 115th St., Cleveland, and Chaparel Voices, Crescents Valley Ledger, Montrose, Cal. Play publishers include Art-Craft Play Co., Box 1830, Cedar Rapids, Ia. (one and three-act plays); Walter H. Baker, 1728 Tremont St., Boston; Drama Guild Publishers, Box 527, Boston (2); Northwestern Press, 2300 Park Ave., Minneapolis, and Samuel French, 25 W. 45th St., New York City.

Publishers of stories are listed in "Saturday Review of Literature," 25 W. 45th St., New York City.

Help! I want to answer every letter BUT—I don't know to whom Don refers. Write me will you, Don?

I have an address for the person who can help on writing dialogue.

I just can't reveal names, "V. W." and "R. H."

Write me, "Faithful Reader"—I have a string of buttonhole makers for you.

I can help on that "egg" question, Grace, if you'll send your address.

MRS. MANNERS.

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.

Washington Calling— Reds Able to Fight Now? Yes, Say Top U. S. Officials

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Put big armada of B-29s over Moscow; recently also tried to place orders here for B-29 wheels, tires and brake assemblies.

They had as many as 100 jet fighters over Moscow at one time. And we know they have at least ~~some~~ types of jet planes, including four-engined jet bomber.

Russians sub navy is five times as large as German U-boat fleet at start of World War II. And all Russian subs are modern, snorkel equipped.

They are, mathematically, 60 times as hard to detect and destroy as standard subs. And we had to put 2 million men on anti-sub duty at peak of German campaign when they were just starting to use snorkels.

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Italian 'Liberation' Move Predicted If Communists Lose Out

Informed Observers Confirm Warning That Po Valley May Become Battleground

By BOGDAN RADITSA, Ex-Yugoslav Press Information Chief.
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MARSHALL TITO has an army of 300,000 men ready to back up the Soviet rocket bomb bases on Yugoslavia's western borders and to make use of the Balkan arsenal being built in Yugoslavia's busy war plants.

As the crucial April 18 elections in Italy approach, these troops are being readied for a "liberation" mission, according to the same sources which have managed to give me a steady flow of military facts from inside Yugoslavia.

These sources — trustworthy friends who one-by-one are slipping out of Tito's domain as I did in 1944—add weight to the threat publicly voiced last week by Italian pro-Communist Pietro Nenni that the Po Valley may become a battlefield unless the Reds win the vote next month.

The Tito army commands the eastern flank of the Po Valley, and the Communist orders for the army, my sources report, are to "free" northern Italy from the non-Communists if such a move is necessary.

Coached by Russ

Coached by Russian officers and commissars, Yugoslavia's forces are divided into six armies, and an armored army is being formed. There are 31 infantry divisions.

The facts which filter out of Yugoslavia to me do not contain figures on the air force, but they mention an entire aviation division—the Sixth—as having been formed and trained in Russia.

In the forces facing northern Italy is the Proletarian Division, commanded by Col. Gen. Gajo Vojvodic. It includes the 1st Serbian Proletarian Brigade, the 3d Krajska Proletarian Brigade, the 13th Croatian Proletarian Brigade, and an artillery brigade.

In the Trieste Army is the 7th Banjaka offensive Division—mostly Serbian mountain troops rated as Tito's most savage—under Col. Gen. Gruber; the 26th Dalmatian Offensive Division; the 27th Slavonian Shock Division; the 23d Krajska Shock Division; and the First Tank Division.

Between 25 and 50 pupils of the Rising Sun grade school along the Ohio River in Southeastern Indiana were reported slightly injured when wind ripped off the roof of the building. Most of them were hurt by flying glass. The Pilgrim Holiness Church there was demolished.

Two other school pupils were injured slightly at Spencerville in DeKalb County when wind lifted the roof from a school toolshed.

Three hangars were leveled and 19 privately-owned planes destroyed by wind at Crawfordsville, where an estimated 50 buildings were demolished or badly damaged, including some school children.

Damage in Johnson County included the unroofing of a furniture store at Whiteland. At Franklin a water tower was twisted out of shape.

The Jay County storm, around Portland, caused a loss estimated at \$100,000. It killed livestock, destroyed four barns, and over-turned a semi-trailer, injuring the driver.

Children Escape Injury Fourteen children escaped injury when the wind destroyed part of the second story of a building at White Institute, a home for children near Wabash. Half the roof was blown off a brick factory building of the Perfect Circle Co. at Tipton. Twenty workers inside escaped injury.

Power and telephone service around Kokomo, Frankfort, Crawfordsville, Rockville and Lafayette were disrupted when poles went down.

At Kokomo, pupils at the Jefferson school were evacuated to the gymnasium after windows blew out, cutting three children with glass.

Factory Wrecked The second story of the Kokomo Cement Products Co. was blown down. Damage was estimated at \$60,000.

A poultry house was picked up by the wind and carried into the path of a speeding Pennsylvania freight train near Bunker Hill. The engine hit it and eight cars were derailed—either by the force of the wind or the collision.

Disrupts Power Service At Covington, near cyclonic winds smashed windows, disrupted telephone and electric power service and blocked streets and highway leading out-of-town with debris of trees, poles and power lines.

Portland was hard hit with nearly every building with the exception of dwellings badly battered or flattened by the high winds.

State police reported that two houses were demolished at Deer Creek (Carroll County) and that there was heavy damage in Brazil.

Property loss estimated at more than \$25,000 was reported in Elwood; with the greatest damage being done to the city airport. A hangar collapsed destroying six planes. Damage was estimated at \$16,000.

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IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

Civic Theater Workshop Play — 8 p. m.

State Day, Chi Omega Sorority — 2 p. m.

March 18, Delta Gamma Sorority — 11 a. m., Indianapolis Athletic Club

Sorority Open for Registration of Students — 10 a. m., Indiana University, Indiana Chapter, Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots — 1 p. m., Proprietary Girls.

EVENTS TOMORROW

March 19, opening day of Holy Week, Masses in Catholic and Protestant Churches.

Office Open for registration of students — 2 to 9 p. m., Schools 8 and 13, and First Stations 11 and 23.

BIRTHS

At General—George, Mary Watson, boys.

At General—Francis—Doris, Mary Ann Robarts; Robert, Marie Faddell.

At Methodist—Sterling, Marion Winkles, Betty Sturdevant; Homer, Louis, Hume, David, Phillip, Roberts; Richard, Ruth, Phillip, Cecilia, Cornelius, Mayel, Rice, Lovette, William, Maxine, Yochie, Carl, Mary Nunester; John, Eileen, Walker, Wallace, Doris, Miller.

At St. Francis—Harold, Marjorie, Chidlers.

At General—Parker, Barbara, Betty, Armond.

At Methodist—Thomas, Jessie Geis, Carl, Patrick, Mangold, Marshall, Olive, Brock, Winkles, Revel, Bolly, Pauline, Whitford, Walter, Honora, Wilson, Ralph, Valerie, Hornbaker.

At Vincent—William, Shirley, Jones, William, Helen, James, Mary, Jane Johnson, Stanley, Helen Lukanik.

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