

Ask Mrs. Manners— Younger Men Object If Addressed as 'Sir'

WHY DO MEN, particularly young men, object to my reply of "yes, sir" and "no, sir"? If they're worthy of my keeping company with they're worth respecting and I say it as kindness, not as degradation. I've always used "sir" to bosses and professors. One young man asks: "What do you mean?" Another says, "Don't 'sir' me, you 'red head'." It's obvious they don't care for it. What do you say?

There are ways to show respect without adding years to a man's life and formality to his romancing. You're making a mistake—yes sir!

You aroused my curiosity so I tried this "sir" business. Only one man enjoyed it. Now I'm stuck—and it's your fault. If I don't inflate his dignity he'll be hurt. I couldn't draw the attention of two men I addressed with "sir," but "hey" brought an audience. The "social sir" definitely seems associated with receding hairlines and bulging waistlines.

I'll bet "sir" with some feminine "no's" would be baffling in several ways.

Who Were the Publishers?

WHO PUBLISHED The People and The Independent newspapers in 1887 and 1888? Are they valuable? A READER.
E. B. Reed published The People in 1887 and Solomon P. Hathaway was listed as "proprietor" of The Independent in 1888. Ask about their value at the Indiana State Library, newspaper division.

Wisdom About God, Understanding Needed

LEEM, WORRYING ABOUT leaving his wife and religion, needs wisdom about God and after wisdom, understanding. He is conscientious or he wouldn't worry about doing wrong and displeasing God. Read Revelation 20:13. King James version of the Bible, to see what hell is and then read the next verse.

Leem's conscience wouldn't be easy to overcome, would it? MRS. MANNERS.

German Girl Wants U. S. Correspondent

TO THE HOBBYIST interested in writing to foreign children—I wrote once to a German lady who wrote only in German, but a young girl, 16, answered for her in English and wanted to find someone to correspond with. I have a good wish. Would you be kind enough to give me an address from an American girl who wants to write to Germany? I have no relation in America, but I'd like to know more about it, so I thought you would be so kind and help me. This correspondence is also favorable for learning English. Her name is Evika Wuoser, and her address, Wehrstrasse 46, 14 a Goppingen Wivitt, A Zone, Germany.

I'm very grateful for the help you readers give.

Mrs. Manners' Fame Has Spread

YOUR FAME as an Indianapolis problem solver has spread to Chicago and I thought you might help us out of a fix we aren't in yet but will be in five months.

My boy friend and I plan to marry in September and because he works in Indianapolis we want to live there. He hasn't been there very long and doesn't know his way around because he likes to spend a lot of time in Chicago. Besides, he's only been a civilian for a year after seven years in the Marine Corps.

I was in the WACs for two years and unfurnished, with the usual accessories. Can you give me advice so I can start my ex-Marine looking?

File your name with Homes Registry, set up for veterans. I'll forward your letters.

Wonders How Much Sleep Needed

HOW LONG can a person go without sleep? J. R. S.
Newswave (Feb. 3, 1945) conducted an experiment among 350 Marine volunteers. At the end of 112 sleepless hours their sense of balance, hearing and eyesight changed only slightly. Their reaction time somewhat slowed. As fatigue increased most of the men complained of loss of memory and appetite and of nausea and inability to concentrate. The second night seemed the worst and by the third morning most of the men felt better.

Begrudges Man's Attention to Own Wife

WHY SHOULD my friend take on his wife when he doesn't like to? I don't want him but if I'm nice to him he sure shows me a good time. He's old enough to know what he wants and if he wants a good time with me, this is 1948. That "until death do us part" should be omitted from the marriage ceremony. You'd be surprised how many men cry on my shoulder.

I am good looking and like this married man with three children. For awhile we had a fine time talking on the phone and meeting once a week and to talk. Then his wife interfered, claiming I'm breaking up her home. She won't call him to the telephone when I call and complains about his beer drinking. She said he's 36 and never drank beer before and that he wasn't going to now and live with her. She said beer led to women and they led to the gutter.

Their daughter knows me. I like her. He provides for his daughter and two sons. What shall he do?

The number of men crying on your shoulder doesn't surprise me in the least, nor would your scarcity of proposals from sincere men or your lack of friendship with women of character.

Seeks Theme Melody Publisher

COULD YOU TELL me the name and publisher of the theme melody used in the International motion picture, "The Woman in the Window"? The picture featured Edward G. Robinson and Joan Bennett.

Nunnally Johnson produced the film made for International Pictures and released by RKO Jan. 25, 1945. RKO New York offices write: "No information is available as to the theme melody."

Reply to Puzzled Botany Teacher

TO "R. C." (Botany Teacher)—I have biology from 7:45 to 9:10 a. m., my first two classes. At that time I'm not very willing to listen to anyone talk and talk. On the other hand, if we were drawing pictures I'd awaken. I suggest you talk but also let your pupils do some work. Exercise always wakes a person up.

I didn't think teachers worried about their pupils being awake and interested in their class. You sound human.

Thanks, Phil. I guess pupils and teachers need to understand each other, don't they?

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.

Flood Threat Ended In Southern Indiana

Ohio River Towns Wait As Crest Nears

Families Evacuated Well in Advance

The Ohio River flood crest edged toward Indiana today as an anti-climax to days of feverish preparations for its arrival.

Nearly all families in the path of the spreading overflow along Indiana's southern border were evacuated well in advance. The emergency was over.

All that remained to do was sit by and wait for the crest to pass along the Hoosier portion of the big stream and for the water to fall back into its normal course.

The crest was expected at Aurora today when the river stage reaches 65 feet. It was a major flood but 15 feet below the crest of 1937's worst flood in history.

It will be Sunday night before the crest reaches New Albany and Jeffersonville, observers predict. A height of 69 feet is expected there, 14 feet above flood stage but far below the 1937 mark.

The crest was due in Evansville next week.

A flood wall at Lawrenceburg saved that city from inundation and gave a preview of what river folk all along the stream may expect when further flood control projects are completed.

Meanwhile, the Weather Bureau reported that no rain of any consequence was expected in the next four or five days. Warmer temperatures were forecast today and tonight.

The number of Indiana National Guardsmen on evacuation duty along the river dropped to 50 in the New Albany and Madison areas as the emergency passed. Only a few scattered families remained to be moved to safety, and at least half of the Guardsmen yet on duty were watching property.

Thousands Battle To Save Newport 'Wall'

A huge flood crest rolled down the Ohio River today, threatening to add thousands of refugees to the 22,000 persons already driven from their homes by flooding rivers in eight states.

A thousand soldiers and volunteers fought to save the Newport, Ky., flood wall from crumbling today as the Ohio sent a massive swell of water on Newport and its sister city, Cincinnati, nearing the expected crest of 64.3 feet, 12.3 feet above flood level.

High water also caused further misery to hundreds in North Dakota and Minnesota but the Suwanee River in Florida began falling after being out of its banks for a week or more.

The Red River reached an all-time high at Oslo, Minn., and residents were forced to use rowboats in the city streets. The Red River was seven miles wide at points.

Financial Knowledge Needed, Koehler Says

A financial knowledge of the county and business ability are requirements of a county commissioner, Charles F. Koehler declared last night at a GOP meeting in the Cactus Club.

He is a Republican candidate for nomination as commissioner in the first district. He is a former precinct committeeman.

Official Weather

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU
APR. 17, 1948

Sunrise 5:58 Sunset 6:35
Total precipitation since Jan. 1, 1948, 13.16
Snow since Jan. 1, 1948, 1.01

The following table shows the temperature and precipitation in other cities:

Station High Low

Atlanta 57 33

Boston 57 33

Chicago 57 33

Cincinnati 57 33

Denver 57 33

Des Moines 57 33

Indianapolis 57 33

Kansas City 57 33

Los Angeles 57 33

London 57 33

Madison 57 33

Memphis 57 33

Minneapolis-St. Paul 57 33

New Orleans 57 33

New York 57 33

Oklahoma City 57 33

Omaha 57 33

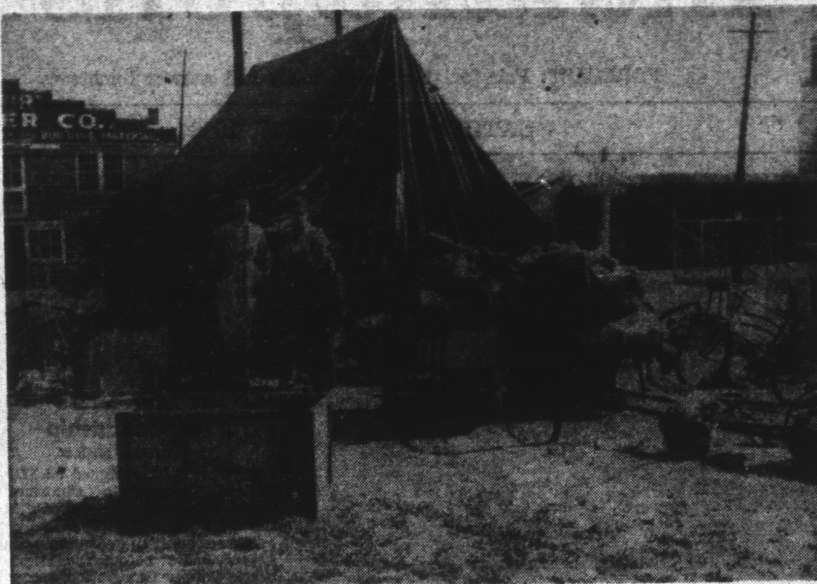
Pittsburgh 57 33

San Antonio 57 33

San Francisco 57 33

St. Louis 57 33

Washington, D. C. 57 33



AWAIT CREST—Ohio River flood refugees at New Albany wait for the peak stage, expected tomorrow night, in tent homes provided by the Red Cross.



FIGHTS THROUGH—Spilling water fails to keep a freight train from pulling into New Albany yards with its cargo, although the engineer found it rough going.

Approaching GOP Primary Presents Puzzling Picture

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dependent projects and at the same time supporting their own group's program, if any.

Regulars Split

TWO YEARS ago the regular GOP organization under former Chairman Henry E. Ostrom squared off and fought the anti-machine group, the latter winning with Prosecutor Judson L. Stark and Sheriff Al Magenheim.

This year the regulars are split and no one is sure which faction is lining up with Sheriff Magenheim or Prosecutor Stark, if either.

POLICE ARE getting a lot of telephone calls from citizens who say they remember a man answering the description of Ralph Williams, confessed child rapist, as molesting them or their children months back.

In broad terms, police officers are inclined to blame some of them for the attack upon the eight-year-old girl here last Saturday.

If they had called police with descriptions of the offender at the time, he might have been caught long before any serious crime was committed.

Detective Chief John O'Neal urges prompt reporting of all such cases so that police can have a chance to prevent some of them from becoming more mentally ill and committing some fatal "sex fiend" crime.

Scalping Law Test

YOU CAN look for a test case in Criminal Court on the constitutionality of the state law against ticket scalping.

Attorneys for Otis F. Kirtley, of Muncie, who was fined \$100 in Municipal Court 3 on a charge of ticket scalping at the State Basketball Tournament, are preparing a motion to challenge the law on appeal to Criminal Court.

They will cite a U. S. Supreme Court decision which held a New York state law on ticket scalping unconstitutional. The decision stated in effect that tickets when purchased become personal property and therefore salable by any individual at any price he can get.

Penal Institutions

A LUNCHEON sponsored by the Church Federation and the YMCA here Monday at the "Y" may provide the ground-work for a concerted drive toward improvement of Indiana's penal and hospital institutions.

They have invited as guest speaker George Pope, Louisville businessman, who has attracted nation-wide attention with his civic campaign to improve Louisville's institutions.

MAYOR FENEY will have City Hall take an active part in utility rate cases, particularly where an increase is requested. He feels the municipality should go to bat for ratepayers who are city residents.

As a result of asking for a series of questions of Citizens Gas & Coke Utility, the mayor will achieve an increase in payments to the City the utility makes in lieu of taxes.

If I Only Had an Ax

By Frederick C. Othman

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17—In Trenton, N. J., is a warehouse of big packing cases with Russian writing on 'em. For all I know they're full of butterfly wings.

If the whole thing isn't a multi-million dollar mirage, that is, Charles J. Baker, the war assets expert, said he knew for a fact there wasn't any pile of goods at Trenton that the Russians were supposed to get, but didn't.

"Bu-bu-but, look," stuttered Rep. Ross Ritzley of Okla., handing him a stock of photographs of the boxes stored in Trenton. "What's in 'em?" demanded Mr. Baker.

WELL, SIR, said Rep. Ritzley, chairman of the War Investigating Subcommittee, he'd sent his investigators to Trenton to find out. They asked the WAA's regional director what was inside those boxes (which had been sitting there for four years). He had no idea.

"I doubt whether anybody knows what's in 'em," Rep. Ritzley lamented. And this, I think, makes a fine, confusing introduction to a dispatch about another of our Uncle Samuel's flyers into international big business. At the moment, nobody knows from nothing, including the Russians.

They bought from us four complete oil refineries, plus two spares and some other machinery for \$233 million. On tick, of course. They promised to start paying in 1954.

So our State Department began shipping cases of refinery equipment to Russia and had sent most of the stuff across, when Congress decided the Russians would get no more machinery from us. The State Department turned what was left—about \$17 million worth—over to the WAA as surplus property.

AND THERE were the Russians with oil refineries complete, except for the pieces which would make 'em work. They said they wouldn't pay until they got the missing parts.

The inventors who held the patents on the refineries demanded their royalties. The Russians would pay those, either. So Uncle Sam dug down. Rep. Ritzley figures the payments to the patent holders total about \$9 million; the Bureau of Federal Supply says it has forked over and it's trying to get some of that back.

And that leaves the WAA with the \$17 million worth of machinery, mostly from the oil refineries, packed in 20,000 export cases in 30 cities from one coast to the other. What it trying to figure out now is where it's got what, so it can sell the stuff to American oil refineries. They all have their tongues hanging out.

"IT MIGHT cost \$10 million to assemble all the material in one place," Mr. Baker estimated. He said it would cost a pretty penny even to open the boxes—not including the mysterious one at Trenton—and see what's in 'em.

"And we haven't even got enough money to wipe out the Russian markings from the packing cases," he said.

When, demanded Rep. Ritzley, did he figure on putting the machinery on sale in this country? If he gets all the necessary documents filled out, he said in June, maybe.

One of the witnesses said he didn't care what the Russians claimed about missing pieces; they've got some of those refineries making gasoline. The State Department's negotiating with 'em. So are the patent holders.

And if I had an ax I'd certainly like to see what's in those boxes at Trenton.

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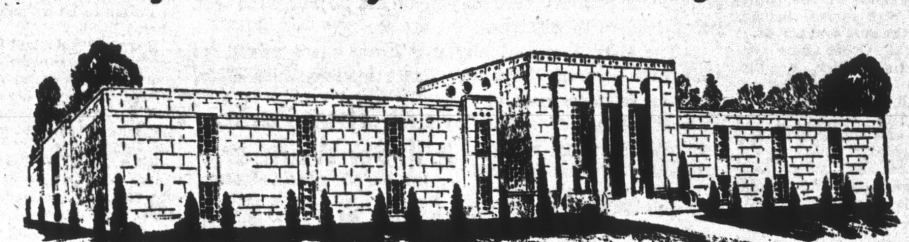
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TONIGHT AND TOMORROW—The high pressure cell over the eastern third of the nation will bring clear skies and cool weather Saturday night. The rest of the country is due for partly cloudy to overcast conditions, as is shown by the inset map in the lower left of the photo map.