

ANNE HIRST Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: For over a year I went with an awfully nice boy who was like a brother to me. After he joined the Army, though, he wrote he was in love with me and hoped I would wait for him. . . Now he is on his way back, and thinks I'm ready to marry him!"

"He has some wonderful traits which other friends of mine lack. He is kind and unselfish, and always thinking of me; he doesn't smoke or drink. I kept all this in mind when I said I'd be waiting, though I knew it wasn't long I felt. Incidentally, his parents are grand and they like me a lot. I know he would make a wonderful husband."

"I haven't been able to tell him I'm not in love—it would hurt him too much. I keep thinking that maybe I'll get to love him after we marry. But what if that didn't happen?"

BE HONEST

"Don't think of marrying any lad with whom you are not in love. It isn't fair to yourself or to him; he would sense it, and no self-respecting man wants an unwilling bride. It is possible, too, that even though married, you would

feel that you were not really his. You would be a waste of time to both of you."

"He declares he loves me, but he has certainly changed in a big way. Shall I keep on seeing him?"

"UNHAPPY"
When you have only two dates a week, isn't it extravagant to give them to a boy who treats you as he pleases? What fun you could be having with a well-bred lad whom you can trust to keep his word!

You must be very easily pleased to put up with a nonsense; it is painful and it is getting you nowhere. A date is a boy's given word; if you are constantly worried wondering whether he will live up to it, what pleasure are you having?

Send him off, date nice boys who think you are worth their time and will treat you as considerably as you deserve. If you haven't known any, look about you in church and in school, and see if you can't find one who seems worth while. Cultivate girl friends, too, for through them you will meet boys who were brought up to be gentlemen.

In any time of indecision, tell Anne Hirst about it. Her long experience and her warm sympathy have given her a deep insight, and her counsel is safe to follow. Write her at Box 1, 123, Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

His MISTAKE

He was a new office boy and was having great trouble in keeping callers from disturbing him.

"When I saw you're out, they never believe me, sir," he said. "They say they must see you."

"Whatever they say, be firm," snapped the boss. "Tell them that what they say isn't possible."

That afternoon a tough-looking woman called and asked to see the boss. "I wouldn't go to see him," said the boy. "Impossible," said the boss. "But I'm his wife," said the woman.

"That's what they all say, ma'am," was the reply.

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CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

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That clock I mentioned last week...

That clock I mentioned last week, the one that sounded like a buzz-saw — it's back to normal again now. Apparently something was wrong with its lubrication system. Something very wrong, I would say, for I never heard anything like it. Even after we got it home again I thought at first it was just as bad as ever. There was still a noise. I listened and listened... and then I laughed. It wasn't the clock I heard but a passenger train chugging its way out of the station! I thought I would let you know about our reason for his excitement. Or you might have a similar experience. Incidentally, there was no charge for fixing the clock; it came under the guarantee.

Well, I guess in time we shall get used to queer noises around here. The other night Rusty was barking like fury. There didn't seem to be anyone on the premises so we finally called him in so that peace and quietness might be restored. Next morning we discovered the cause of his excitement. On the highway, just below our fence, there is a S-bend, complete with guard rails. Someone driving a new car, apparently lost control of the vehicle, went through the fence and over the back. I suppose Rusty heard voices when the tow-truck was called to the scene. We don't know why that accident happened. But I was on a county road the other day when anything could happen. The road was a certain kind of road, the road that was anything but good. The road had heaved badly and left huge "boils" right across the road. Naturally this was obscured by the hill. And an unwary motorist could be in the ditch before he knew what had happened. In which case I believe he could bring a charge against the county because of the absence of warning signs. If he could prove the accident was the result of road conditions. Motorists are continually urged to drive carefully. Isn't it just as necessary for those in charge of county and township roads to erect warning signs when road conditions are unsafe for normal driving?

Last week we saw a similar instance in another county. Only worse. Again it was just over the brow of the hill. But in this case, for the width of a car the road was good. But in that very spot a car was parked! As a result Bob had to drive through the worst of the "boils."

Roads are bound to break up in spring. It is unreasonable to expect repairs to be made all at once. But I don't think it is unreasonable to expect that warning signs be erected when necessary. After all, farmers as taxpayers, are shareholders in county and township roads. And surely shareholders are entitled to express an opinion, or voice a complaint if insufficient attention is given to roads that provide hazards for motorists.

But let's think of life on a farm. Smith witnessed him arrive for a scene. A step or two behind him were six personal aides. He walked with slow, deliberate steps, ignoring the mob of employees gathered on the side lines. He spoke no words, but stopped alongside the big Technicolor camera.

Removing his hat, he tossed it over his shoulder. A hand came up and caught it. He took off his necktie, cast it into the air behind him. A necktie man grabbed it. Slowly he unbuttoned his jacket, still staring fixedly at the scene, and let it slip from his arms. A jacket man caught it as it began to fall. Smith was surprised, then, to see the Master actually roll up his own sleeves.

He quotes a story of a New York newspaper man who, on his first visit to Hollywood as a studio guest, was taken to see the sights — the Hollywood Bowl, the Farmers' Market, the assorted Brown Darbies, the Sunset strip, and finally Forest Lawn Memorial Park, man's most splendid achievement in the way of graveyards, with its lawns, fountains, pools, trees, statues, edifices and "Resurrection Slope." He drank in all the shining beauty, sighed and said: "These Hollywood people sure know how to live!"

On a visit to England, Smith insisted on seeing the playing fields of Eton. He stood for several minutes at the edge of one, feeling gusts of emotion sweeping through his soul as he murmured: "What a fine place this is where the Battle of Yorktown was lost!" (By the British forces in the American War of Independence.)

COMING CLOSE

A newspaper editor, with some space to set up the Ten Commandments and run them without editorial comment.

The next day he got a letter from a subscriber, which said: "Cancel my subscription; you're getting too personal!"

THE DAINTY BITE SIZE — For his daughter's wedding, Carl F. Wilke, a baker, whipped up something special. The giant four and a half foot high, weighs 150 pounds, and is valued at \$150. Based with three individual four-layer chocolate cakes and a three-layer yellow cake, this unique centerpiece is crowned with four three-and-two-layer fruit cakes. According to all English custom, use of the fruit cakes makes it an authentic "groom's cake."

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Revealing Secrets From Outer Space

Harvard College Observatory opening a new window on the universe.

There at its Agassiz Station, a remote New England hill, the observatory officials and their guests have just dedicated the largest radio telescope of its kind in the world. It is designed for listening to the faint crackling of radio signals sent back by the gases of outer space. By studying these signals, astronomers are able to see features of the universe that are hidden from ordinary telescopes which work with visible light.

Construction costs and equipment for this new radio telescope project have run close to \$500,000. They have been financed by a grant of \$135,000 from the National Science Foundation, which was supplemented by private donors.

In essence, the new instrument is just a huge, precise radio receiver. With a higher capacity for pinpointing fine details, it will supplement and extend the work of the 24-foot telescope at Harvard, which has been operating at the Agassiz Station for the past three years. The 24-foot telescope also was built with the aid of an NSF grant.

Radio astronomy is a new astronomical science, which has grown