

# Divorced Mother No Expert on Marriage



Dear Ann Landers: I'm an attractive girl, 18, who has dated many fellows but I've never met one I'd like to settle down with. I figure there's plenty of time for that.

My mother has different ideas. She's been divorced twice and considers herself an authority on men. She says I won't always be youthful and pretty and the time to grab a catch is when I'm at the peak of freshness and beauty.

She has the man all picked out for me. In some ways I know she's right and it's very confusing. Her choice is a widower, 44, with three children. He's kind and would be a wonderful husband. He owns apartment buildings and stores and lives in a beautiful home on a hill. He told Mom he'd marry me tomorrow.

What shall I do? I'm not in love with anyone and maybe I never will be. Mom says she married for love twice and it's the bunk. I know she wants the best for me. Is this it?—**BONNIE LASS**

I hate to tell a girl her mother wants her to marry a man for his money, but she probably doesn't know of any other way you can get it.

Your mother ought to get the dollar signs off her eyeballs long enough to count his years instead of his bankroll. She'll find that "her choice" is old enough to be your father.

In fact, this isn't a bad idea. I'll bet this widower is a lot nearer her age than yours. Since he's such a "catch" and she's an "expert" tell her to "catch" him for herself.

Dear Ann: We have three children 11, 10 and 6. My husband's mother made her home with us for many years and we all loved her dearly.

Now she's in the hospital dying of an incurable disease and the doctors say she can't live more than another four or five weeks. Grandma keeps asking to see the children but my husband refuses to let me bring them to her bedside. He says they'll be frightened if they see how much weight she's lost. He says it would be cruel to subject the kids to the sight of her suffering and he'd like them to remember Grandma as she was.

He also says the children will not be permitted to attend the funeral. We've having some serious differences of opinion and I need some advice to fall back on. Please, Ann, give us your views on this very important subject. Several of our friends are as confused as we are.—**M. J. B.**

Children should not be shielded forever from the knowledge that sickness grief—and even death—are a part of life. A brief visit to see their grandmother will serve to acquaint them with a very real side of living which must be met sooner or later.

Your reaction to the situation will be highly contagious, for children learn by example. If you are calm, sensible and strong they will not be hysterical and shaken.

The 11 and 10-year-olds should be permitted to attend the funeral but a 6-year-old should be left with friends. He would not understand, and might cause a disturbance.

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# India Changing Currency to Decimal System

By EUGENE LEVIN

NEW DELHI, March 20 (AP)—India changes over to decimal currency on April 1, abandoning an system established by the British more than a century ago.

It is a switch affecting every aspect of Indian life. Postage rates must be revised. Railway fares must be adjusted. Calculating machines must be refitted. The man in the bazaar must start thinking in new terms when he thinks of the rupee.

The rupee traditionally has been the Indian coin. The British put it in the regular basis of 1835, dividing it into 16 annas of 12 pies each.

On April 1—the day the Indian fiscal year begins—the rupee will be divided into 100 unehs. The rupee will keep its same value, but the annas and pies will be dropped. Instead, each unit will be a naya paisa. Plural is naye paise.

### ON DECIMAL BASIS

For three years, annas and pies will remain legal tender but their value will be calculated on the decimal basis. Thus, four annas will equal 25 naye paise. The government has issued a ready reckoner for figuring out the value when the naya paise equivalent of the anna involves a fraction.

India's Parliament adopted the decimal coinage as the first step in this country's move toward replacing the many Indian weights and measures with the metric system.

However, Parliament did not act without misgivings. Many an MP noted that India has a large illiteracy rate and that many people might not understand the change from annas to naye paise.

These MPs said there was a chance dishonest people would cheat the public.

The Indian government, in an effort to avoid any trouble, started a campaign of education in the villages and the cities months ago.

To meet the needs of the exchange, the government is working out all kinds of new tables: for customs rates, taxes and budgets. It also is preparing to issue on April 1 new sets of postage stamps in the decimal denominations.

# Dr. Adams Fetes His Lawyers With Champagne Party in British Prison

By EDDY GILMORE

LONDON, March 20 (AP)—Dr. John Bodkin Adams threw a champagne party today to celebrate the dramatic way his lawyers have racked the prosecution's star witness at his murder trial.

"They had a nice little party in his cell," said a policeman at London's Old Bailey where the case is drawing a packed house. "The doctor even sent out for champagne."

The celebration took place in the prisoner's cell beneath the courtroom. Several members of his defense team were present.

The 58-year-old society physician is accused by drugging a rich widow to death more than six years ago. Scotland Yard got on the case only last summer and arrested the doctor for murder in December.

His alleged victim was 81-year-old Mrs. Edith Alice Morrell. After the third day of evidence taking at the trial, the consensus around the marble corridors of Old Bailey was that if Dr. Adams goes free, it will be due to his chief attorney, Geoffrey Lawrence, famous for his merciless cross-examinations.

### DISCUSSED EVIDENCE

Lawrence wrung an almost tearful confession from a prosecution witness that she had violated the instructions of Justice Patrick Devlin not to discuss the case.

The witness was one of four trained nurses who attended Mrs. Morrell.

Accusing nurse Annie Mason Ellis of talking over the evidence with two other nurses who are witnesses, Lawrence demanded to know if this was true.

"Yes," the nurse admitted. The defense attorney forced the nurse to read every notation she

made in a record book of medicine given to Mrs. Morrell. He referred to notations of morphine and heroin as "routine sedation."

### NOT "ROUTINE SEDATION"

This was too much for the dignified attorney general, who interrupted to ask the nurse if she ever had heard of morphine and heroin being "routine sedation."

"No, sir," she replied. The last witness was nurse Caroline S. Randall.

Earlier, nurse Mason Ellis admitted that nurse Randall had told her that if she didn't testify that Mrs. Morrell's drugs were kept in a locked cupboard, "You'll get me in trouble."

Under cross-examination, the nurse admitted the drugs were never locked in a cupboard.

Questioned by the attorney general she testified that during the last few days of her life, Mrs. Morrell was being given large doses of morphine, heroin and opium.

### SPASMODIC JERKS

"The patient began to twitch and jerk," she said, "these spasms became so bad she nearly jerked herself out of bed."

The nurse said that on the last night Mrs. Morrell was alive, Dr. Adams gave her a syringe and told her to inject the drug in the patient.

"This was on top of morphia and heroin injections?" asked the attorney general.

"Yes," she replied. "He left me another syringe full," the nurse testified, "and told me to give it to Mrs. Morrell if

# Nixon Heads Home From Africa Trip

TUNIS, Tunisia, March 20 (AP)—Vice President Nixon ended his African goodwill tour tonight convinced American prestige is higher than he had anticipated in all the eight nations he visited during his 22-day trip.

His special airforce DC8 took off from Tunis bound for Washington where he later will report to President Eisenhower on suggestions for policy changes in this area. This conference will take place when the President returns from Bermuda.

she became restless." The nurse said Mrs. Morrell did become restless and, after unsuccessfully trying to locate Dr. Adams by telephone, she gave her the second big injection.

"Two hours later she was dead," said the nurse.

# Communists Win Control Of India State Legislature

NEW DELHI, March 20 (AP)—Communists have won control of an Indian state legislature for the first time. It was the hardest jolt to Prime Minister Nehru's ruling Congress party since the country became independent.

The Reds scored their victory last fall on the tropical Malabar coast of southern India. Kerala's 13½ million people are crammed 800 to the square mile, and unemployment is a perennial problem.

The Communists professed to be on their good behavior and promised to govern Kerala according to the Indian constitution.

Returns from India's 19-day second national election, as added up today, gave the Communist party 59 seats in the 126-member legis-

lature and 5 seats to independentists pledged to support the Communists.

Congress party candidates had 42 seats, Socialists 9, the Moslem League 8 and a non-Communist independent 1. Two districts still were unreported.

The Congress party ran ahead in the popular vote—1,900,000 to the Communists' 1,719,000—because the Congress candidates drew bigger majorities in the areas where they won seats.

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# Siberians Permitted Time Payment Houses

MOSCOW, March 20 (AP)—Collective farmers in the Altai region of southern Siberia now can buy houses on the installment plan. Pravda says all farmers team up to build rows of houses and only those who work best can buy them.

# Curiosity Satisfied

NEW YORK, March 20 (AP)—The Pennsylvania Rail Road has undertaken the natural curiosity of boys and girls about railroading and at the same time keep them at a safe distance. The program calls for presentation of a film and talks by railroad police officers before schools and related groups.

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