

Ship Your No Good Brother-In-Law Back to His Family

By DOROTHY DIX

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: Our domestic life would be ideal except for my brother-in-law. He's a seaman, and for eight years we neither saw nor heard from him. Then last month he descended on us. He had no money, no clothing and a complete disinclination to work.



During his years of travel he had acquired a wife and two children, who now live in a distant state. He recognizes no obligation to them and pays nothing toward their support. My husband welcomes this prodigal brother with open arms; nothing is too good for him. He has been clothed, fed and housed in the best room in our house. He gets cigarette money, carfare, spending money and in short, is treated like a king rather than a man who has deserted his family.—Fern B.

DEAR FERN B.: Brother-in-law's energy seems to be concentrated in his very glib tongue, which he puts to work with great effectiveness. At any rate, he certainly managed to talk your husband into a state of moral somnambulism. He's not doing his brother one bit of good, and perhaps you can get someone to point this simple fact out to him.

If your husband really wants to make the best of this big-brother deal, he'll encourage his erring relative to resume his obligations, rather than giving him every reason to continue overlooking them.

Transportation costs back to his family should be the next, and last, act of charity to bestow on your brother-in-law. I'm sure you would gladly make this contribution.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: My mother brought me up to consider gossiping wrong. However, it seems to be the only activity that interests my neighbors. They often repeat things that some other people have said about me, and it causes hard feelings among us all.—Mrs. Q.

DEAR MRS. Q.: If these malicious people can't pry information out of you, they'll make it up. You can't win.

Develop activities out of your neighborhood, if necessary; keep busy in useful activities with nice people. That will leave you little time to be tempted by gossip, or to become further involved with idle talkers.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I married immediately upon graduation from high school and now, at the age of 22, have my first job. My husband prefers to have me home but, since we are unable to have children, I find it boring to be in the house all day.

My problem concerns a man in the office. He's quite a flatterer, and every girl in the office gets the same treatment. My husband never paid me compliments, so perhaps I am too susceptible, but I find myself thinking of this man all the time. I wear things just for the sake of having him notice them. I know I'm silly, but what can I do about it?—Evelyn T.

DEAR EVELYN: No matter how obvious his tactics, the office wolf can always find at least one dame gullible enough to fall for his flattery. If only you could accept it in the spirit in which it's distributed—just pleasantries that mean nothing—no harm would be done.

Perhaps you'd better go all the way back to fundamentals for a solution. Since your domestic life is so aimless, why not consider adoption?

Write Dorothy Dix for free leaflet D-35, "Manners and Young People," or, if you have a problem, send it to her. In all cases, be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and send request to her, care of this newspaper.

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Albany Elks Youth Work Tops State

ALBANY—Albany Elks lodge no. 339 has been named the outstanding lodge in Oregon for its youth activities program, Exalted Ruler Royal Cox said Friday.

Announcement was made by Al Beeler, McMinnville, chairman Oregon Elks youth activities.

Albany Elks scrapbook entry, prepared by S. M. Burt, secretary, has been entered in the national championship lodge contest at Chicago.

Albany program included youths of all ages, and concluded with the Elks Junior Citizen day May 1.

Union Re-Elects Typo Officials

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—International Typographical Union headquarters said Monday incomplete, unofficial returns already have indicated all of its officers were re-elected in a biennial mail vote Wednesday.

ITU reported 23,837 votes for a seventh term for Woodruff Randolph, president, to 21,292 for his opponent, Laurence H. Victory, New York, in returns from 228 of 700 locals. The union headquarters said Randolph trailed in the same locals in 1954.

The same locals gave secretary-treasurer Don Hurd 25,414 to 20,111 for his opponent, George Bante, Chicago.

GREET GRANDSON LYONS—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Royce are receiving congratulations upon the birth of their first grandson, a son born Wednesday to their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Royce, of Portland. The Royces also have three granddaughters.

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