

DOROTHY DIX COLUMN

Marriage-Happy Young Lad Would Be Best Forgotten

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I met Alva a year ago, and in three weeks we were discussing marriage. It was her idea more than mine, since I wasn't completely in love with her at the time. I hedged, telling her I needed more time, and we drifted along for a few months. She's 19, a year younger than I, and has been married before. Meanwhile her ex-husband was trying to effect a reconciliation, which she, at times, considered.

DEAR MARSHALL: If you think an engagement will hold this girl for two years, think again. She wants a man, any man, and is only waiting for one to come across with a bona fide proposal. She's playing you against her ex-husband, and probably is trying reverse tactics on him.

Leave for the Army with your heart, future and allotment checks unpledged. Give your all to Uncle Sam for two years, then look for a girl who will be more interested in you than in herself.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I know a boy who gave up a perfectly lovely girl because his mother offered him a new car if he would. Does this show mother dominance, or is it a sign of immaturity on the boy's part?—Marilyn.

DEAR MARILYN: Call it what you will, the girl is fortunate indeed to be out of that family. Neither a dominating mother-in-law or a weak-willed husband makes for a happy marriage.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: My husband has recently gone into business for himself. We are both nervous people and, although the business is successful, the strain of it is making us both bad-tempered. It's particularly hard on me, as I get upset very easily.—Nora.

DEAR NORA: Have you ever considered seeing a doctor about this nervous condition? With some co-operation from you, he might do wonders. A "nervous condition" is a matter of pride with some people, who regard it almost as a distinction. A physical checkup and a change of attitude may change your whole life.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: How do you win a boy friend? Is it better to play hard to get or to be responsive?—Gladys.

DEAR GLADYS: Depends on the type boy you're after. Each gal has to change tactics to meet requirements. Keeping a boy guessing often works, but don't overdo it. Some lads become discouraged more easily than others.

Send your problem to Dorothy Dix. Or write for her free leaflet D-17, "The Ideal Wife." In all cases, be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and send request to her, care of this newspaper.

**Pine Activity 85 Pct. of Last Year**  
PORTLAND (AP)—Orders, shipments and production of pine lumber for the week ending March 2 were down compared with the same time last year, the Western Pine Assn. reports. Orders at 73,664,000 feet were only 85 per cent of the total for the same week last year. Shipments at 69,248,000 feet were 85 per cent of the previous total and production at 71,475,000 was 83 per cent.

**Morse Sees Tragedy in Mid-East Policies**  
AKRON, Ohio (AP)—Sen. Morse (D-Ore) told a meeting of Americans for Democratic Action here Saturday night that the administration's Middle East policies are leading to tragedy. He said that the policies of President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles increase the possibility of war in that area, because these policies are a "unilateral action."

**A TAXING PROBLEM TAPEI (AP)**—The "kindness" of the Nationalist Chinese tax collectors costs the government some \$10 million a year. Vice-Finance Minister Chen Han-ping reported the people owed the government more than 250 million Formosan dollars (\$10 million U.S.) in 1955 alone. He accused the tax collectors of being "too kind," since no arrests were made and no shop was closed for failing to pay taxes.

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