

DOROTHY DIX COLUMN

Ma Protects Son From Grabby Girls

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: For two years I have been corresponding with a soldier, whom I had met briefly before his induction. At first his letters were friendly, then they became warmer and finally he said he knew I was the girl for him. I answered that I had a high regard for him, but that was all. I sent him cake and cookies and wrote cheerful letters, but left no doubt in his mind that I was not serious. As his homecoming drew near, he wrote that he was anxious to see me, but when he returned home I didn't hear a word from him. Being curious, I called him. His mother answered and said I was to quit chasing her son. I have an excellent reputation and my behavior has never met with criticism before. What changed the boy's attitude, and what has his mother got against me? Lorna

DEAR LORNA: Reverse the order of questions and I think you'll come up with an answer. Here, roughly, is the scenario as I picture it. Son comes home, tells Mom about the lovely girl who cheered him up. Mom is overcome by jealousy, sees girl as a siren who is luring her son away, sheds tears, son agrees to give up girl, girl calls, and Mamma lets her position be known. Curtain. End of play and romance. Fortunately, your emotions weren't too involved. You enjoyed a pleasant correspondence and cheered a lonely boy. So, in the final summing up, you're ahead of the game. You handled the situation very well. DEAR DOROTHY DIX: Yesterday after work I met a girl I know and asked her if she'd like some coffee. We went into a restaurant. While we were having coffee another girl I know came in, and we invited her to join us. What I'd like to know is, which girl should I have taken home? The first one lives quite a distance away, while the second girl lives on my block. D.A.

DEAR D.A.: Actually there was no obligation to take either girl home, since this certainly wasn't a pre-arranged date. If you were especially attached to one or the other, there would be your clue. Since both were casual acquaintances, your duty was done when you paid the check. DEAR DOROTHY DIX: Three boys like me but I don't care too much for any of them. They keep asking which one I like best. Should I tell them frankly how I feel? I'd like to keep them in reserve if possible. Deb

DEAR DEB: There's no need to be blunt about it. Instead of saying you don't like them, say you like them equally and would like to be friends with them all. Send your problem to Dorothy Dix. Or write for her free leaflet D-22, "Don't Be Lonely." In all cases, be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and send request to her, care of this newspaper.

Another Slight Quake Jolts SF SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — A slight earthquake rocked the southwestern part of San Francisco again Wednesday. The University of California seismograph recorded the quake at 8:37 p.m. It had a magnitude of 2.5 to 3 on the Richter Scale of 10 and lasted 45 seconds. Seismologists said it was an aftershock of the March 22 quake that caused considerable damage in San Francisco.

Louis Wachsmuth, Oyster King, Dies PORTLAND (AP) — Louis Wachsmuth, 79, Portland restaurant operator and owner of Yaquina Bay, Ore., and Puget Sound, Wash., oyster beds, died in a hospital here Wednesday. He operated the eating place, the Oyster House, with his sons, Louis, Jr. and Chet. His father, Meinert Wachsmuth, opened an oyster business on Shoalwater Bay, Wash., 75 years ago.

Polish Cardinal to Get Red Hat After 4-Year Wait

By COLIN FROST WARSAW (AP)—Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski this weekend will take to the Vatican evidence of Catholicism's continued appeal in Communist-ruled Poland. After waiting more than four years, the Roman Catholic primate of Poland is going to receive his cardinal's red hat personally from Pope Pius XII. Three of those years were spent in confinement in a country monastery because of his outspoken criticism of the Red government. That the cardinal is finally able to leave his duties here illustrates the achievements of the church since a new Communist regime came to power in Poland last fall. The 55-year-old churchman was called to the College of Cardinals Jan. 13, 1953, in the midst of the church's blackest year in this predominantly Catholic country. But the new cardinal refused to attend the 1953 consistory at the Vatican, fearing the Communists might not let him back into Poland. His last visit to Rome was in April 1951, after he had been made Archbishop of Warsaw.

Since last Oct. 28, when the new regime under Communist Party Secretary Wladyslaw Gomulka ordered the cardinal's release, the church has won back the right to teach in schools and work among the sick. Churches are crowded with worshippers, and the cardinal has said the wrongs done the church are being repaired. "The shepherd was lost," the cardinal says of his three-year confinement, "but the flock did not scatter." Cardinal Wyszynski will leave Saturday for Rome to report to the Vatican. Just before his departure he will appear before pilgrims at Czestochowa, the Polish Lourdes. At three-day ceremonies beginning there tomorrow hundreds of thousands of Poles will pray before the "Black Madonna," a mystic portrait of the Virgin and Child to which this country's Catholics attribute miraculous powers. In sermons to packed congregations in every diocese, the cardinal has been urging patience and "sacrifice of work" as means to a better earthly life.

Ore.-Born Artist Dies in Santa Fe

SANTA FE, N. M. (AP) — An Oregon born artist whose work had been represented in several recognized galleries, died in a hospital here Wednesday. She was Mrs. Norma Bassett Hall, 66, a native of Halsey, Ore., who studied at the school of the Portland Art Assn. She was known for her wood cuts, as a print maker and also as a water color painter. Survivors include her husband, Artist Arthur W. Hall, Alcalde, N. M.; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Nash, and a brother, Wayne Bassett, both of Portland. Mrs. Hall had lived at Alcalde since 1944. She had been ill for a short time. Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With the Wind," died in 1949 as the result of an automobile accident.

CLUBBERS COMPETE

MT. CLEMENS, Mich. (UP)—The jolts patrons of the Vido Club have been getting lately haven't come from the drinks served there. Vonda Lou Taylor, the tavern owner, filed suit in Circuit Court asking that a next door golf driving range be closed. Miss Taylor said fledgling golfers have been slicing their drives and striking customers leaving the club.

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