

Women Suffer Most From In-Law Fights

It is questionable whether any marriage has ever been completely free from in-law problems, just as it is questionable whether any family is ever completely free from problems within the family circle. But this does not mean that a marriage is doomed to failure, any more than a family is doomed to failure when problems arise.

However, it is wise to know where problems are likely to arise and thus be on the alert for them. It is also helpful to know how to tackle them when they do arise, and even more helpful to know how to avert them or keep them from getting out of hand.

Studies of in-law problems have shown that the most common and most serious are related to mother-in-law and sister-in-law relationships with the wife. A man has fewer problems with his in-laws than does a woman. When they do arise, he usually meets them more successfully, because he does not magnify them nor allow them to get under his skin as a woman so often does.

There is bound to be some jealousy between the wife and the female members of her husband's family. Her mother-in-law may resent the love her son shows for his wife, or she may resent the fact that marriage has taken the son from under her roof. Instead of showing her resentment by criticizing her son, she makes the daughter-in-law her scapegoat.

Usually From Jealousy The sister-in-law problem usually arises from jealousy. The wife is criticized by her sister-in-law especially severely if the wife has a larger trousseau than the sister-in-law did, a bigger and better furnished house, or more leisure to do what she wants, or if she is more attractive looking. This friction is similar to that between sisters, but is often stronger because the sister-in-law is an "outsider."

Women would do well to follow the example of men in meeting the in-law problems they will find inevitable. First, they should try to be objective about them and not read meaning where no meaning was meant. They should accept this as a common experience, and realize that very few wives escape

some problems with their in-laws. Finally, and most important, they should be determined to be on friendly terms with their in-laws at any cost of personal feelings. This is easier if they remember that it always takes two to make a quarrel.

LETTERS FROM READERS

Mental Sloppiness: "When a person is careless and sloppy about his appearance, does this mean that he will be the same in his mental work—as in the case of arithmetic or writing?" (A) So far as I know, no one has ever found a relationship between physical and mental sloppiness. Some people who are the most careless about their looks are, on the other hand, the most meticulous about their mental work. They are thorough readers, they are extremely careful about their mathematical calculations, and their handwriting is neat as the proverbial pin.

Sloppiness, in any area of one's life, comes mainly from a feeling that that area is too unimportant to receive much attention. The sloppy-looking person, for example, feels that looks don't count, just as the sloppy writer feels that anyone should be able to read his handwriting and that, therefore, he can write as he pleases.

Dating: "I feel that my daughter, who is in her junior year in high school, is missing out on the fun of school because she doesn't date. She is a star athlete and has been elected to several school offices. It doesn't seem to bother her that she has no dates."

(A) What is fun for one person is not necessarily fun for another. Your daughter is getting her fun from athletics and the extracurricular activities of the school. Let her enjoy doing what she wants to do. If, however, she is unhappy because she does not have dates, then you would have cause for concern. As things now stand, I cannot see that you have any cause for concern.

Old - Age Confusion: "My mother, whose mind has been failing for the past year, lives with us. She thinks I am my sister and calls me by her name. This upsets me."

(A) If your mother's mind were clear, you might have reason to be upset. Knowing that her mind is failing should explain to you her mistake. Don't try to correct her, as this will only confuse her further and make her unhappy.

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High School News Notes

By BARBARA ROACH

After plowing their way through six weeks tests last week, MHS students found themselves in the mood for the yuletide season. Plans for Christmas projects and parties are well under way. The winter formal to be held at the YMCA, with a holiday theme and Johnny Lusk's orchestra, will start the series of events Dec. 21. Dance tickets went on sale Thursday. The Rogue Valley Country club will sponsor a dinner-dance party for all seniors and graduates Dec. 27.

Frank Rector, Don Robinson and Stan Culy entered the ping pong finals last week and began the series of games in the double elimination playoff. The championship round will be played during a Boys' League assembly. An intramural basketball tournament will get under way next week.

Donning Roman costumes of senators, slaves, matrons, soldiers, and teen agers, Mrs. Maxine Smith's fourth period second year Latin class paraded a style show in front of the Latin club Wednesday in the auditorium. Barbara Cox and Margaret Selby were co-ordinator and program chairman, respectively, while Judy Edwardson narrated the fashion display. Janet Perry presided and appointed a committee in charge of future banquet arrangements.

As commencement announcements and calling cards went on sale, seniors were again made aware that graduation time was inevitable. The three senior class salesmen, Leah Watson, Marian Cantrall and Donna Shore began taking orders Wednesday. Orders are also being taken for memory books and thank-you notes.

Seven senior boys spent Saturday morning struggling through the NROTC test. The boys have spent home room period for the past three months in preparation for the exam in a class conducted by Mrs. Elsie Butler. Boys taking the test were Don Eck, Warren Deakins, Macy Overstreet, Dale Flowers, Dennis von Ting, Larry Clark and Carl Gordon. Boys who make the required grade on the examination will be notified to travel to Portland for a physical and interview.

Mrs. JoAnne Smith supplied a laugh for her advanced senior American government class Thursday, when she revealed the latest edition of "Mad" comic book. The inscription on the back of the plain-covered comic read "designed to sneak into class."

Tomorrow night's annual faculty Christmas party will provide a night out for the teachers and office staff. The evening will consist of a 7 p.m. dinner at the Tally Ho, followed by a program of surprise events. Mrs. Johnnie Van Scoy is general chairman and Warren Wolf is in charge of decorations.

The vocal department and orchestra are already at work on holiday music for the high school Christmas program to be held Dec. 22 in the auditorium. Among other favorites, the madrigal group will sing "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and the choir will blend their voices in "A Ceremony of Carols" arranged by Benjamin Britten. Choir, choruses and orchestra will combine for the finale, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence."

New York—(U.P.)—Next time you're serving waffles for Sunday "brunch" try this taste treat. After pouring the batter but before closing the lid on the iron, place some partially cooked bacon strips on the batter. When the waffle is done, serve with melted butter or maple-blended syrup.

Music Helps Combat Juvenile Delinquency Californian Declares

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Children who learn to play a musical instrument don't become juvenile delinquents, according to Dr. Hazel Nohavec Morgan, music educator who taught this summer at the University of California at Los Angeles.

"Music enhances a child's feelings of belonging," she says. "It gives him, among other things, an outlet for his emotions."

Musical study should be pleasure and not pain, Dr. Morgan believes.

"There is nothing worse," she emphasizes, "than parents who push a child with average talent into a full-scale program of formal lessons and enforced practice sessions."

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