

Wife Ignores Love Affair Of Husband

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I received in the morning mail three copies of your column. The headline read, "Never mind your enemies, Madame, keep your eye on your best friend." The afternoon mail will be here at 3 p.m. There will probably be others.

Why must people be so cruel? If I wish to pretend not to see, what business is it of theirs? I have four young children who need their father. And, frankly, I need a husband. I'm no good alone. For the past six years my husband has been having an affair with my best friend, an attractive widow. To put it bluntly, I'm sicker for her than I am for myself. She's throwing her life away on a man who will never marry her.

So, let this letter serve as an open reply to those women who mailed me your column. After weighing and measuring, meditating and soul-searching I've decided to live my life as I think best for me and my children.

—BLIND BY CHOICE

Dear Blind: Thank you for your letter and I hope your anonymous "friends" all see it.

Dear Ann: The letter from "Silent But Certain" was a slice of life. The woman wrote, "If you have a best friend, watch out because she's probably having an affair with your husband." Here's my story:

During 15 years of marriage I never glanced sideways at him, until a new executive joined my husband's firm. He was handsome, fascinating, sophisticated and I was smitten like a school girl. That look in his eye let me know he was reading me, and the return was "yes."

The way to "get acquainted" I strategized, was to invite him and his wife for dinner. She and I would become friends—the same old story. The stage was set.

One look at his Mrs. chilled my ardor instantly. They arrived

late and she was plastered. Her conversation was incredibly banal and boring. He gave her long looks—which she ignored. Their relationship was obviously a horror. How could he have chosen her?

The gentleman has never looked good to me since that night. So, perhaps, it's not such a bad idea after all, girls. Get to know the man's wife—WHITE PLAINS.

Dear White Plains: Here's another letter, same subject, different twist:

Dear Ann: "Silent But Certain" spoke one of those frank truths which everyone knows in his heart of hearts, but you never expect to see it in print.

After 18 years of marriage, my wife confessed she was having an affair with — of all people — her best friend's husband. No, she didn't want a divorce. And neither did he. There were six children involved. Would I stand by until the fire burned itself out? I told her, "Yes, I would try."

The next day I telephoned the other man's wife and invited her to my office for a chat. She had known—instinct, she called it, and was pretending not to see. I admired her character and her courage. And I noticed for the first time how terribly attractive she was.

You guessed it. We've been comforting each other ever since, and I hope my wife never gets tired of the other guy. — NOT GRIEVING

Dear Not Grieving: You didn't ask for advice, so I won't give you any. In five words, however — you all deserve each other.

Dear Ann Landers: You and your great big mouth. I telephoned my best friend this morning to ask if she had read your column. She replied, "Yes, and I think Ann Landers is crazy. I wouldn't have my husband if we had an atomic war and he was the only man left."

This was a catty insult and I really let her have it. Maybe you do a lot of good, but today you broke up a 12-year friendship — MAXINE

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Rotorua Claims KF'ers Cool On Sister City Plan

A recent clipping, received by Clem Lesueur, realtor, and handed to the Herald and News, was taken from the newspaper in Rotorua, New Zealand, and complained of the fact that Klamath Falls has shown little warmth toward the sister city idea.

The clipping said, "Rotorua is having little success in establishing sister city affiliation with Klamath Falls, Ore., in the United States."

The item went on to explain that Rotorua had been doing all the pushing thus far in the sister city exchange.

Dairy Truck Rams House

A dairy truck, driven by Herbert Harshbarger 2327 Wantland Avenue, which was stopped for a delivery at an Oregon Avenue grocery store, rolled down a slight incline, crossed the avenue and slammed into the porch of a home with such force that it buckled the kitchen floor linoleum in the rear of the house.

The occupant, Mrs. Wanda Hammer, 1612 Oregon Avenue, said she saw the vehicle coming from her living room window about 9:30 a.m. Tuesday and ran back into the kitchen to wait for the crash.

The force of the crash jarred the porch loose from the house. Harshbarger was cited by city police for having his truck insecurely parked.

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However, there appears to be something amiss, since much has been done on this end toward furthering the sister city approach.

A special committee has guided activity along this line, and currently Mr. and Mrs. Walt McIntyre are on their way by plane to Rotorua as the official Klamath Falls representatives.

Mrs. Olive Cornett returned home recently from a trip which included some time spent at Rotorua. Also, sister city week was held recently, and films of this New Zealand city shown to the public.

In addition, it is reported that students at Fremont are corresponding with comparable students in New Zealand.

From this end, it would appear that all is moving well toward cementing ties between these two widely-separated communities.

Cliff McDonald, Rotorua representative, is still here on his good-will mission, and has even taken time out to teach some grade school students how to do New Zealand dances.

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Four Children Die In Flames

PUYALLUP, Wash. (UPI) — Four children died in an early morning fire which swept through the two-story frame home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Spencer here today.

Killed were three Spencer children, Debbie, 8; Scott, 7, and Steve, 5, and a neighbor girl, Linda Mathews, 11, who was spending the night with the Spencers.

Spencer, 30, his wife, Regina, 28, a son, Mike, 10, and Cheryl Mathews, 14, also a guest for the night, were hospitalized with burns.

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