

MARY HAWORTH

TV Comedienne's Remark  
Makes Women Unhappy

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: A few days ago I heard a comedienne say that the reason she is a "jerk" is because she surrounds herself with happy people and leaves the jerks by the wayside.

Mrs. Haworth's studio audience laughed, but I didn't. I couldn't surround myself with happy people, because I don't know that many.

Apparently I must have built up a beautiful facade of happiness that I turn on in company. But I am not happy. And no matter how much I count my blessings, I am still more unhappy than happy. My age, 54, may contribute to this.

It seems to me that the only way I ever make intimate friends, and I have some fine ones, is by letting them tell me their troubles. Otherwise we remain "speaking acquaintances" only. I can't figure why nobody ever thinks I have trouble. But I am beginning to wonder if maybe the lonely unhappy "jerk" beneath the happy facade shows through. Because the happy people seem to do just as the comedienne says: They leave me by the wayside.

I don't know why I should let her remark upset me. It must have hit a raw nerve somewhere.

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where. What do you think? A.L. DEAR A.L.: The word "jerk," used as a term of derision, is not in my working vocabulary. So I've just looked it up in Webster's "New World" dictionary (World Publishing Co., 1958 edition). There it is defined, colloquially, as "stupid, dull, eccentric."

Thinking it over, I have concluded that only the heartless (i.e., unsympathetic, merciless) See Webster's) would mock the supposedly stupid, dull, etc., in a spirit of boastful self-praise, in bidding for laughs.

Which probably explains why you suffered a sick or "upset" feeling on hearing the comedienne (allegedly) identify herself as one of the happy people who, if she is representative, have no time for the unhappy people: Rejected by her sort as jerks.

According to the implications of her heartless, self-congratulatory pronouncement, which you construe to be the pitch of the happy people generally, the unhappy people of this world haven't a ghost of a chance of coming in-out-of-the-cold, to warm themselves at the campfires of the happy people's triumphant insider sense of "having it made."

Intuitively, you grappled with the callous rejecting quality of the comedienne's quip, and felt chilled to the bone by the audience reaction. In effect you were asking yourself: If this is charm if this is wit, if this is average-man reaction to the spectacle of pain being kicked in the face, where is a person to turn for understanding of the problem of unhappiness. Probably the comedienne ne-

ver expected her flip philosophy (real or pretended) to be taken so literally by anyone. I have responded to your serious evaluation of it, however, in order to give you a stout perspective on that type of utterance.

In conclusion, may I ask: Why be so defensive, so guilty-minded, about not being happy? Loneliness and sorrow are normal inevitable ingredients of broad gauge human experience. But peace of heart, which permits us to rest from exhaustive striving for "satisfaction," can co-exist with myriad trials.

Possibly you are judging yourself against silly standards of how-to-be. Maybe you think that clique popularity, in terms of being much in demand on the party circuit, is the sort of credential a lone woman should have, as passport to membership in the happiness-crowd.

Actually, happiness is a climate of the soul, independent of class affiliations, exclusivity, etc. Those who have the real McCoy are ready to share it with any comers. Those who try to make a smothering of it are flourishing a fake. M.H.

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Mrs. Matthews became a member of the post office staff in October 1931, when her husband was postmaster. Since then she has served with postmasters Heath Profit and Tom Barbour. On two different occasions, she was acting postmaster for a time. She claims the distinction of serving under five inspectors: Mr. Wear, Mr. Saunders, Mr.

HAPPENINGS

Audrey Jenkins, Women's Editor, Phone 4-8508

Mrs. Joseph MacAulay, Souris Line Road, and her mother, have returned to their homes from a three week visit with relatives in U.S.A.

Mrs. Elwood Ching was hostess to the members of the Red Point Women's Institute on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. William Staverf, Kensington, left today for Ajax, Ont. for an extended visit with her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Staverf and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jollimore and daughters, Edythe and Karen, French River, are leaving today to visit Mrs. Jollimore's sisters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Daley and family, Downsview, Toronto, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dykeman and family at Hamilton, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Campbell, Burlington left this week for Vancouver, B. C. where they will visit with Mrs. Campbell's son, Francis and Mrs. Campbell and other relatives and friends. On their return trip, they will visit a daughter, Mrs. James Ellis and Mr. Ellis and also two sons and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Elric Campbell, all at Oshawa, Ont.

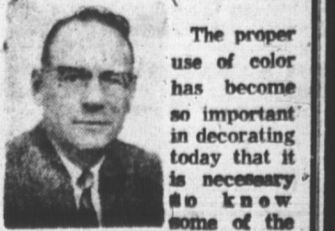
Mrs. Stewart MacGregor was on Tuesday night hostess to the members of the East Baltic WI.

Isabel Curley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Curley, Brudenell has returned from St. Francis Xavier University to spend her Christmas vacation with her parents.

Mrs. George MacLean of Sussex, N. B. spent the past weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Moase and family New Annan, and attended a pre-nuptial shower for her sister,

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