

Dorothy Dix Says—

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that's the coffee her mother is following, for I'm sure no mother would sanction indiscriminate associations for her daughter. Every time I warn against teen-age marriage, I get mail from worldly-wise youngsters who accuse me of being an old fuddy-duddy who doesn't believe in romance, and wants to spoil everyone's fun. Then in a few years, these same kids are bewailing the fact that they tied themselves down too soon, and want a quick out via the divorce court. There are exceptions, of course, but these are few and far between. Some young folk do have the sense and the character to make a good job of a youthful marriage, but in general, teen-agers do not have the mental or emotional equipment to tackle the hazards of matrimony.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I am employed by a married man. In our work it is necessary for me to be with him every day and sometimes as many as fourteen hours a day. We have fallen in love with each other, but he claims that he loves his wife dearly and that we both mean so much to him that he would die if either of us left him. I have tried to leave him, and he not only begged me to stay but his wife came to the office and asked me not to leave as I was the finest secretary he had ever had and she felt that I was one of the few she could trust. I stayed, but now I find my love is growing stronger and I must leave. Jobs are hard to find and especially as good a one as this. What shall I do—keep on working and fighting against my love for him, or give up the position I love and take a chance of finding another?

A WORRIED SECRETARY

ANSWER: In all the world there is no more pitiable figure than that of the fine and honorable woman who falls in love with her employer who is a married man. And this tragedy happens so often, and is so often almost unescapable because the man and woman who work together, day after day, who have the same knowledge, the same interests and who come to depend upon each other as comrades do in battle, are thrown together in an intimacy that gives propinquity a chance to do its most deadly work.

It is sorrow and heartbreak because there are only three roads out of the dilemma. One is to crucify their love and part. Another is to smirch themselves by a shameful hole-and-corner liaison. The third is by divorce. And there is no peace nor happiness in any of them.

Of the three alternatives I think a good woman had best take the one that leads her away from the office. And she had best take it quickly and travel fast from temptation because no woman can fight against love and win out.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am engaged to a wonderful man and we get along fine and agree on everything. My problem is: I have been married before and have a son, aged 4. My husband-to-be is 22 years old and I am 25. Do you think the difference in our ages will present a difficulty to our happiness?

WILMA

ANSWER: Difference in age in itself does not constitute a barrier to happiness; there are so many more important factors to be considered in marriage. However, in your case, the fact that your husband is so young, that you have been married before and have a child does present a problem to be very carefully considered. If your husband-to-be is an unusually mature man for his age, it might work. Otherwise, I advise a careful discussion with someone who knows you both and for whose opinion you have great respect. From the facts presented to me, the marriage spells trouble.

DOROTHY DIX cannot reply personally to readers, but will answer problems of general interest through her column.

Canadian First-Aid Team Carries Out Mercy Mission

By Bill Boss

WITH THE CANADIANS IN KOREA, May 28 — (AP)—Forays into no man's land are routine business for infantry patrols.

But they're something of a novelty for a lone first-aid team, especially when the distance involved is three miles ahead of the United Nations' line.

Yet one recently was accomplished by a Canadian quintet which moved ahead of the lines under Cpl. Ross Anderson of New Westminster, B. C., medical assistant with one of the rifle companies.

A patrol sent out by the company—commanded by Maj. Vince Lilley of Hamilton—reported remnants of an enemy patrol in the area but that apart from civilians still occupying small hamlets dotting it, the locality was clear.

At the time the battalion occupied strong defensive positions on the north bank of the Han River east of Seoul. The initial onslaught of the Chinese spring offensive had been held, and the position had been prepared to take care of any resumption.

When Anderson heard of the abandoned Koreans' plight he asked permission to go forward to treat them.

Lilley assigned Anderson a jeep driven by Pte. John Hoskins of New Westminster, and detailed Cpl. Don Requa, formerly of the R.C.M.P. at Regina, as guard.

Anderson gathered the company's two stretcher-bearers—Ptes. P. A. Hurley of Badger, Nfld., and Donald K. Kilgore of London, Ont.—and the group went forward with extra supplies of dressings and penicillin.

Treated Ten

"We treated 10 of them altogether," Anderson said later.

"Most were casualties from mortar shrapnel. We set one broken leg, dressed three severe head wounds—two women and an old man—and had a difficult job piecing together the badly lacerated face of one woman.

"All had been wounded at least a week earlier and their injuries were suppurating (festering). It was a messy piece of work cleaning them out, let alone bandaging them.

"We used up all our penicillin and were almost out of dressings by the time we had finished."

Referred to by Lilley as his "Good Samaritans," the group passed word back about its activities so that other army agencies could take over the work.

Often in the course of this campaign Canadians have come across Korean civilians who impassively carry on their simple lives, farming and tilling, today under Communist occupation, tomorrow under the United Nations. Curiously, few seem ever to get hurt by the fighting that carries the front to and fro over their land.

For the injured and sick among them, Anderson always finds time.

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I.O.D.E. To Sell Rights To Design Of Royal Carpet

TORONTO, May 28 — (CP)—The copyright for Queen Mary's carpet has been assigned to the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire and will be sold to the highest bidder.

Mrs. W.R. Walton, Jr., of Oakville, Ont., who has been in charge of the handsome piece of needlepoint since the order took charge of it 10 months ago, said today in an interview that money from the sale of the copyright will go to swell the dollar-for-Britain fund established by the I.O.D.E. to buy the carpet for Canada.

The carpet, ten feet two inches by six feet nine and a half inches, was donated by the Queen Mother to the British government to raise dollars for her country. The original intention was to auction it to the highest bidder in Canada or the United States on the understanding that it would be placed eventually in a public institution.

It was taken on a tour of 28 U.S. cities and six in Canada. But the bids resulting from the tour were not suitable. The I.O.D.E. offered to establish a public fund of \$100,000 to buy the carpet for Canada.

Sale of the copyright means that the unusual floral design of this carpet which the Queen Mother, in her 80s, worked on during the Second World War, eventually may appear on china or on furniture.

The designs were adapted, on the Queen's instructions, by the Royal School of Needlework from 18th-century originals at London's Victoria and Albert Museum and elsewhere. They have never before been used in their present form.

The price the I.O.D.E. hopes to get for the copyright was not mentioned but it will be as high as possible. At present the general carpet fund is some \$13,000 below the \$100,000 minimum which the I.O.D.E. was pledged to raise within a year of the carpet's purchase.

Donations Solicited

"We have solicited donations from prominent Canadians and we expect that I.O.D.E. chapters will send in contributions," said Mrs. Walton. She hoped the minimum would be met by the time the I.O.D.E. national annual meeting gets under way at Saskatoon May 26-30.

The carpet, which has travelled some 15,000 miles, has been seen in 63 centres by more than 300,000 Canadians.

"We've received hundreds of Mary and the carpet," said Mrs. Walton. "It has been simply amazing the way people have queued outside fire-halls, high school auditoriums—in all weather—to see this royal treasure."

It also was taken outside Canada—to the Bahamas in February and Bermuda in April.

The carpet still is travelling. In Sarnia May 18-19, it will visit Estevan, Sask., May 23-24. Possibly it will be on display in Saskatoon at the order's annual meeting. It will arrive in Winnipeg June 7. Brandon residents will see it June 11-13.

DARNLEY W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of Darnley Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. James Hickey on April 4th. Meeting opened in the usual manner and by singing "O Canada."

Roll call was answered by sixteen members giving a house-cleaning hint. Minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed.

Mrs. Ivan Dickieson kindly offered to attend the T.B. convention as a delegate from the Institute. Members were asked to make candy to be sold at the Indian River play which was to be held at Malaspina the following week to help pay expenses of the swimming classes.

Sick committee reported several visits and treats taken. Thanks

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