



ELEGANCE

BY ALICE ALDEN  
The ethereal beauty of fine lace is enchanting by itself or allied with other, diaphanous fabrics such as tulle, organza or marquisette. This cocktail-to-dinner dress is of royal blue marquisette, laid over black

marquisette with wide panels of black corded lace up the sides of the full skirt. More of the black corded lace is used to frame the neckline and adorn the short sleeves. The moiré effect created by the two layers of material is a fashion note of the season.

# Women

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## MARY HAWORTH

### Mother Frets Over Son's Aversion To Marriage

Dear Mary Haworth: I would appreciate your comment on the following, about which I do some puzzled worrying:  
I have a son, 28, a college graduate, holding quite a good job for his age—with no home. He pays his own way, of course—who persistently maintains that he will not marry.  
He says that the idea of "shar-

ing his privacy" (that is his expression) is abhorrent to him; that he doesn't wish to account to, or be responsible for, anyone; and that he realizes that his kind of person is totally unsuited to marriage, and therefore he intends to avoid it.  
HE'S ALOOF TYPE  
Oddly enough, he is a very conscientious, hard-working person with a keen sense of responsi-

bility to his job, though he works best when not under pressure.  
He is well liked, or perhaps I should say "respected"—as he does not permit people to get close enough to him for warmth. His personality is totally different from his father's or my own. We enjoy close contacts with numbers of people, and are concerned lest our son may be storing up an old age of loneliness for himself. What do you think? Thanks for your views. P.N.  
SOME ARE CALLED  
Dear P.N.: I think it is reasonable to assume that marriage, as a vocation, isn't for everyone? The unmarried, way of life seems also to have its recognized place and validity in God's grand design for the human family.  
Through the ages, bachelorhood and spinsterhood have come to be designated, half facetiously, as the condition of "single blessedness." And, as you know, folk sayings represent a distillation of human wisdom, intuitively arrived at, and handed on in capsule phrases.  
Thus perhaps your son is truly on the beam of the way of life wherein he can make the best use of his talents, when he insists that marriage is not for him. In declaring for bachelorhood,

and spelling out the logic of this choice, perhaps he is showing more sense and character than the "average" fellow who tends to let himself be pressured into social roles that others deem suitable. In short, your son's set of the will on this point may mean, not that he is lamentably peculiar but rather that he is commendably alert and responsive to the inward voice of personal destiny, in spending his allotment of years.  
On the other hand, there is a chance that he is simply talking through his hat, because he hasn't yet met the girl who can change his intentions and swing him into a brand-new vision of life, as radically as Saul's outlook and purpose were transformed, by a lightning encounter on the road to Damascus. So that Saul became Paul, a deeply chastened and better man.  
But speaking of your worries, let's suppose your son is to be a bachelor all his life. If so, it doesn't follow necessarily that loneliness will oppress his old age.  
ONE MAN'S CHOICE  
For one thing, he may not live to be old. For another thing, he may be absorbed in loved work to the end, finding sufficient con-

solation and companionship in his work-associations. A person's investment of interest and energy in work that satisfies him can be a very acceptable substitute in his life, for those close personal relations that occupy and emotionally support other folks of a different type.  
For a fascinating sidelight on the whole subject of a man's vocational choice, read The Secular Journal of Thomas Merton (Far-rar, Straus) — just published, though written more than 20 years ago. On the final page of that old account, young Merton, leaving to enter a Trappist monastery, is saying goodbye to being a writer! Even so, he muses: "If God wants me to write, I can write anywhere." As we know, his fame as a writer burgeoned in the monastery, and continues growing. M.H.  
Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of this newspaper.

Correspondence was read, also several thank you notes for Christmas boxes and sick treats. It was decided that institute members canvass the district for the Red Cross. It was decided to invite the Indian River W.I. members to our March meeting which is to be held at the home of Mrs. Bruce Riley. The meeting was closed by singing God save the Queen. An enjoyable program followed, consisting of scotch dancing by the Misses Helen and Sybil Brown of Kensington. A delicious luncheon was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Bruce Crozier and Mrs. Brown.

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### KELLY'S CROSS C.W.I.

The February meeting of St. Joseph's Parish Council was held on Sunday, February 8th, with a good attendance. The president, Mrs. John Molyneux occupied the chair and opened the meeting with the league prayer.  
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Following the minutes a discussion took place on the starting of a lottery in the parish and this was left as unfinished business until the next meeting.  
All correspondence was read and discussed and this consisted of letters from the convener of National Scholarship, convener of honorary members, convener of Social action and child welfare, convener of Our Lady's Missionaries and convener of radio, film and television.  
The treasurer gave a very favorable report which showed a very substantial sum being raised from the weekly card parties. It was moved and seconded that \$2.00 be given to parish funds.  
There was no new business. The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

### SPRING VALLEY W.I.

Mrs. Andre Casley was hostess to the members of the Spring Valley W.I. February 4th. The president, Mrs. Charlie Cole, in the chair opened the meeting with the singing of "Clementine" and repeating the Mary Steward Collect in unison. Fourteen members answered roll call with an exchange of valentines.  
Minutes were read and approved several THANK YOU notes were received. One sick treat was sent, and towels and tissues were procured for the school. It was decided to see about getting blinds for the school. \$5.00 was voted toward the "March of Dimes."  
Red Cross work was handed in R was then decided to hold a card party in the hall. Programmes for the year were given out. A discussion followed about getting books for a play.  
The following programme was enjoyed by all. Reading by Mrs. Andrew Casley entitled "My Three Boys". The fortunes were told by Mrs. Hirm Harrington. And a contest sponsored by Mrs. Manie Adams "Things Used around a farm" was won by Mrs. Keith Harrington.  
The March meeting to be held at Mrs. Keith Harringtons. Meeting closed with the "Queen". A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

### YACHT ARRIVES SAFELY

BRISBANE, Australia (Reuters)—The luxury yacht Shemara, feared lost in the wake of a cyclone, sailed into Bowen Harbor 700 miles from here Wednesday. The yacht, chartered by former French movie queen Josette Day and her wealthy Belgian husband, Maurice Soliday, from British industrialist Sir Bernard Ducker, was battered by waves and 116-mile-an-hour winds for four days.

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### LONG RIVER Y.P.U.

The regular meeting of the Long River Y.P.U. was held on February 13th, at the Long River Hall. The meeting opened with hymn 249, followed by the members purpose in unison. The scripture reading Mark 16, was read by Clair MacLeod and a discussion by the members followed. We were led in prayer by Rev. Elliott, followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison.  
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Roll call was answered by twenty-three members and five visitors. The members then exchanged valentines. A social evening was enjoyed by all. The meeting closed by singing, "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds", followed with benediction by Rev. Elliott.

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