

# Kathleen Norris Says:

For the Sake of Tomorrow, Stick It Out

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By KATHLEEN NORRIS

**M**ARRIAGES are brittle affairs, these days. We older persons, looking on, can see the difficulties of young husbands and wives, and suffer with them. If gallant sturdy little Bets decided that she simply can't stick it any longer we are apt to be sympathetic. Not that we are happy over the young divorces, not that we approve of that way out—but we can't help being sorry.

"Bets did her best," we say. "She really tried. She was learning to cook, she loved her little apartment and the baby, but Kenneth really was impossible. Crabby and critical, and wanting her to entertain his friends when all she could do was struggle along with the housework—and then, of course, drinking. Oh, yes, he did. She never could depend on him, and when he's drinking, Ken Taylor can be horribly disagreeable."

"It's too bad! They started off so much in love, and all the time he was away. Bets wrote him and sent him pictures of the baby and all that. But since he came back—I don't know, everything seems to be going wrong. Ken's family are lovely people, too—everyone admires old Doctor Taylor. But you just can't do anything with the youngsters these days; Bets says she still sees Ken's good points, she doesn't feel revengeful or resentful or anything. It's just that they can't make a go of it."

**'Divorce Like Atom Bomb.'**

This story is so familiar as to be boring—or rather terrifying. These facts—and they are facts in every great city—and every crossroads village, strike at the very basis of our whole social system. Divorce is socially a very atom bomb; no group can survive it. It splits into fragments families, friendships, little boys and girls, never to be united again. We waste millions on privileges for our children, but we deprive them of rights.

Now, since the success or failure of a marriage lies much more in the hands of the woman than the man, it is to young wives that I address these reminders.

However your husband fails you—however serious his faults, it pays you to stick it. These are hard times on nerves, perhaps the hardest since history began. You and your husband are both under a strain that your father and mother hardly knew and your grandparents never dreamed.

Your marriage has survived the fever of the greatest war of all time. But it is in that weakened and bewildered condition that follows raging fever. You are beginning to pay the bill for world delirium. Everything is against you: housing, marketing, expenses, taxes. Costs are at their maximum; the accessories of modern living, flowers for the hospital, gas for the car, school for the twins, paint for the house, theatre tickets, railway tickets, long distance telephone charges, toys, hats, taxi fares, having the rugs cleaned and keeping your membership in the club—all these pile up on your desk in the shape of too-familiar bills embellished with the little hand pointing to "please remit."

Combine this with trying weather, Taffy's poison-oak and Billy-Bill's



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### THIS WILL PASS

Young married people are under unusual stress these days. The unrest naturally following a great war keeps everyone edgy. Little difficulties develop into quarrels. There are plenty of real hardships, too, like the housing shortage and high prices for food and other necessities. Many couples have to live with relatives, always a situation where frictions are easy. Add to these the changing attitude toward family responsibility and the mutual obligations of marriage, and it is easy to see why so many unions are heading toward the break-up.

To those who find the strain hard to bear, and who are looking to divorce as the way out, Miss Norris offers some mature advice. She points out that conditions change, generally for the better. Children grow up and demand less time and worry; husbands settle down and get serious about earning an adequate income. Other troubles pass away with the years.

In middle and old age, says Miss Norris, the wife who endured the hard early years is rewarded. She can enjoy the triumphs of her children, the companionship of her husband, the security of home and a cluster of friends.

asthma, mother's visit, the breakdown of the refrigerator, and you have the makings of more than one hot quarrel, more than one evening of sulphurous silence, more than one rapid decision that it just can't be done.

### Troubles Lead to Quarrels.

"We don't see anything eye to eye any more," Bets says, shaken and tearful, but deadly decided, too. "He'll go to his mother; I'll go to Nevada with Ann. I'm sorry. We both tried. But I couldn't live through that scene at the country club again! If he doesn't respect me, he might respect my own mother. I'm done."

But husbands grow up. Conditions change. Children emerge from irresponsible, burdensome babyhood. Kenneth gets a better job; his self-respect awakens. The twenties aren't all of marriage, nor even the thirties.

There are the forties coming and the fifties. You'll be glad some day that you didn't deprive your small boy and girl of daddy's friendship. You'll be glad to have your man beside you when Billy-Bill goes off to college; when Taffy flutters out to the upstairs balcony of some big comfortable countrytown home and tosses her white bouquet to her bridesmaids. Comradeship counts then. It's good then to have a sturdy, graying old friend beside you to say, "Look here, kid, we're not 50 yet. We've got some swell years ahead. How's for driving to Mexico next month?"

Weather this bad time if you can. Change yourself, and thus cause him to change. Plant in your twenties the shady, flower-scented garden that is a happy marriage in middle age.

### Bargains in 'Flea Market'

Prices for old clothes and second-hand furniture are dropping in the Paris "flea market," but quotations for bicycles and motorcycles remain firm at 30,000 francs (\$252) for the former and 45,000 francs (\$378) for the German machine.

China ware is reduced with coffee service of six cups priced at 6,000 francs (\$50) and dinner service 20,000 francs (\$168).

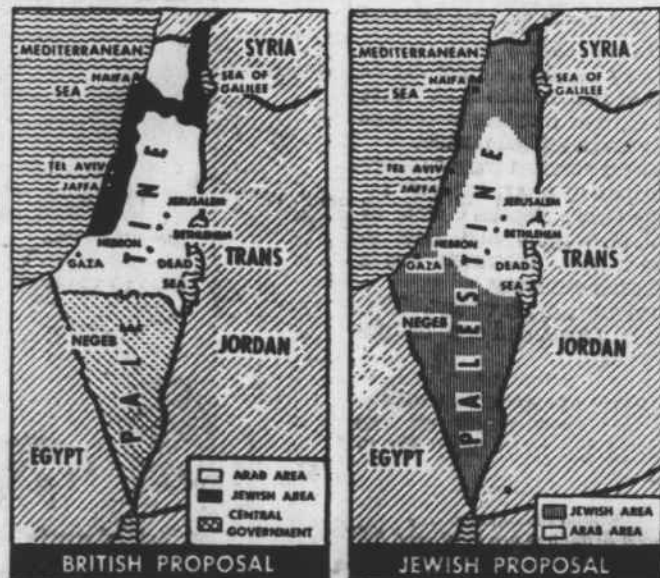
Vests and trousers are priced at 2,200 francs (\$18) and linen suits at 7,500 francs (\$63).



**BIG FOUR AT PARIS CONFERENCE . . .** During the Paris peace conference, representatives of the Big Four hold special sessions to determine policies. French Premier Georges Bidault serves as host to representatives of the United States, Russia and Great Britain. Sen. Tom Connally, Sec. of State James F. Byrnes and Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg are shown at extreme right.



**THIS STRIKE MET WITH FAVOR . . .** No need for these students to wish that the school house would burn down. The teachers at Norwalk, Conn., went on strike. No teachers, no school. Vacation days can begin again. Here Rudy Baxa, custodian Norwalk Center Junior high school, tells the students to go home. Bone of contention for the teachers is that \$90,112 be added to the \$813,000 school budget for pay raises for the 236 teachers. This is one strike where those who are concerned are willing that it be continued for some time.



**PROPOSED PLANS FOR JEWISH ZONE . . .** Some 1,800 square miles in Palestine would be granted the Jews under a reported American compromise which President Truman is believed to favor and which has been favored by the Jewish Agency for Palestine. The new plan also would demand Jewish and Arab autonomy in their respective areas. Above at left is the Palestinian division originally proposed by the Anglo-American cabinet committee and backed by Britain. At right is the approximate division under the plan favored by the Jewish agency.



**TERMINAL LEAVE SIGN-UP . . .** Flood of 10,000 veterans at Los Angeles office to obtain the first terminal leave forms available in Southern California is shown in above photograph. This rush was typical of that to be found in nearly every city in the United States. The forms were printed locally through special arrangement with the war department, and are identical with those issued by the government. Bonds will be issued for amount of pay due.



**MISS SHANGHAI . . .** Not to be outdone by the selection of "Miss America 1946," Miss Wong Yung-Mai, poses in the approved manner after she was chosen "Miss Shinghai of 1946," at the contest staged in the Chinese city for relief funds.



**ATOM FOR PEACE . . .** Dr. William L. Doyle, University of Chicago, measures out a tiny amount of radioactive carbon. First shipment from U. S. atomic laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tenn., is designed for diseases experiments.



**SITTING FOR PORTRAITS . . .** One of the most popular activities of the USO hospital program is sketching of patients' portraits. USO camp show artists are touring army, navy and veterans' hospitals both in this country and abroad. Here Norma Humphries of Louisville, Ky., sketches patients at Lawson General hospital.

### NO DISCHARGE YET

## 'Don't Let Them Down,' USO Pleads in Fund Drive

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**NEW YORK.**— Behind the rally cry of "Keep It Up—Don't Let Them Down," USO is launching a nationwide campaign this fall for funds to carry through its services until the end of 1947. Intent on fulfilling its responsibilities to the young Americans who won the war and those who are winning the peace, USO has set a goal of 19 million dollars in the current drive.

Although the battle-clouds have cleared, thousands of American servicemen still will be overseas throughout 1947. In addition to occupation forces, military and naval personnel will be stationed in such far-off places as the Philippines, Panama, Alaska, Hawaii, Newfoundland and the Antilles.

**Thousands in Hospitals.** On the home front, Uncle Sam's military and naval uniforms still dot the American scene while thousands of veterans, maimed by war, still are confined in hospitals.

**Foreseeing the continued need for USO services, both the army and navy requested the organization to continue its program for 1947. President Truman has given his unqualified endorsement to the drive, urging that the appeal "should have prompt, generous and universal support."**

Major undertakings during the forthcoming year will be maintenance of USO clubs near camps and hospitals in the United States, station lounges and travelers' aid services. USO clubs overseas and USO camp shows in hospitals.

### Veterans to Assist.

Reporting that the American people have indicated their support of USO in its final campaign by volunteering to assist in the fund-raising work, the headquarters campaign committee added that in many communities men who have taken the campaign leadership are veterans of the war "who know USO, are grateful and are determined that it shall finish its job."

**Although USO activities and objectives have changed with the altering needs of the armed forces, the basic ideal remains the same—that of providing insofar as possible the values of home to men called upon to renounce home for the sake of country.**

During early stages of the war when vast numbers were in training USO clubs flourished throughout the country. As troops went overseas, USO extended its work through camp shows which toured the Atlantic and Pacific war areas.

**Lean to Teen-Agers.** Further flexibility was required of USO after the war with drafting and enlistment of 18-year-olds. Emphasis in the USO program shifted from more mature activities to those popular with teen-agers.

When veterans' hospitals began filling up with war casualties, USO altered its program to include recreational and other services for those confined to hospital wards.

With the changing scene, many USO clubs have been eliminated in cities which no longer have servicemen stationed nearby. Native sons of those cities, however, still are in uniform and they are among those whom USO is serving in remote locales.

There's still a big morale job to do for the one and a half million men who will be in service throughout 1947, USO directors insist, and the organization proposes to fulfill its obligations until the end of 1947, when it too will seek its "honorable discharge."

### Wild Life at Capitol? Only in Rat Population

**WASHINGTON.**— Rats to the number of 2,000,000 are harbored in the senate and house office buildings, the capitol itself and the connecting tunnels, an expert from the fish and wild-life service determined in a census of wild animals on Capitol Hill.

The census taker was John Jones, rodent control technician. He immediately called a council of war.

## "Off We Go" AVIATION NOTES

### BOOST AIRPORT REVENUES

Soaring air traffic figures at passenger-jammed terminals throughout the United States are spurring municipal efforts to pull airports out of debt by development of non-aviation concessions as well as increased charges to airlines, according to a report of the American Municipal association.

**Example of current action aimed at making airports self-sustaining community centers instead of mere air depots is the agreement made between the city of Chicago and operators of a new municipal air terminal restaurant now under construction. The restaurant concessionaire will pay Chicago 5 per cent of gross sales plus 40 per cent of net receipts as well as regular cafe permits and license fees.**

Such non-aviation concessions are the subject of increased interest to municipal airport authorities who expect postwar air traffic growth to boost airport operating expenses to \$200,000,000 annually within the next decade. Increased revenues from concessions and increased landing fee revenues are suggested as the principal means available to balance airport budgets.

### EXIT THE PILOT

An automatic flight controller—a "push button" system assisted by secondary control devices—is enabling Douglas C-54 Skymasters to make blind take-offs and landings.

The new development differs from the robot plane since the full automatic flight is performed in a plane without a "mother ship." It is possible with the automatic flight controller for a plane to take off by "pushbutton" and reach a destination without further manipulation of any controls.

The device regulates the plane's altitude, sends the plane into glider range and operates the landing gear. When the plane touches the runway, the throttle automatically cuts back and the brakes are applied automatically.

**The nation's first air milk delivery service will be inaugurated soon by the Hawthorn-Melody dairy farm of Chicago. The dairy hopes to use refrigerated planes to carry milk from Wisconsin farms to its dairy at Libertyville, Ill., where it is constructing a "milk landing field."**



**NEW AIRMAIL STAMP . . .** This is the new five-cent airmail stamp struck to meet the decrease in airmail postage rates from eight to five cents an ounce. It becomes effective October 1. Central design of the stamp is a modern four-motored transport plane in flight.

### NEW SAFETY DEVICE

Heralded as a new safety device, the "fault detector" has been developed in Sweden and installed on Swedish commercial airliners. Exhaustively tested, the new invention quickly indicates imperfections in the engine even before ordinary instruments show any reaction. The device consists of a small steel pin placed in a metal cylinder attached to the battery of the plane and connected with a warning bulb on the instrument panel.