

I Had Lipstick On My Collar

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IF SHAVES ARE CLOSER I'M NOT HAVING ANY

There was lipstick on my collar! Horrified, I ran an investigating finger over the glob of red cosmetic as I stood in front of the

bathroom mirror.

Man! What a rough situation for one who had just come in the house for lunch and had dropped into the bathroom for an innocently sanitary wash of the hands—and for one, incidentally, who

had no idea of how the lipstick got on his collar.

I blinked my eyes but the glob of red was still there—as inconspicuous as a four-inch wart on the nose.

"Lunch is ready," the wife called from the kitchen.

Her announcement faded all hope of a rapid shirt change. I almost panicked.

"You'll just have to face up to it like a man," I told myself, "the lipstick is there and that's that."

As I walked toward the kitchen and the impending and obviously unavoidable showdown that was about to unfold, I mentally moved into a dingy hotel room—an out-cast.

Bravely I strolled into the kitchen as my thoughts placed me in a divorce court with a lawyer holding up the tell-tale shirt, scornfully pointing me out as a cad—my wife grimly consoling my young son in another corner of the courtroom, the latter humming a macabre tune called, "He Done Us Wrong."

And just then—as these thoughts almost possessed me—the solution dawned. "Go on the offensive immediately," a little voice advised.

"Look honey," I began, pointing to my collar. "Lipstick."

"Really," she observed frostily, "who'd want to kiss you?"

"Well, maybe the laundry . . ."

I started.

"Nope," she interrupted, "I washed that shirt myself."

"Well, maybe you brushed up against it this morning," I offered with a jovial smile that would have won sweepstakes honors at an undertakers' convention.

"I didn't have lipstick at that hour."

Completely unnerved, I sat down.

"What's for lunch, hon?" I harped on a new vein of conversation.

"Lipstick collars a la mode!"

"Now wait a minute," I protest-

Review Of 1954 Projects Features Auxiliary Meet

A review of 1954 projects featured a meeting of the V.F.W. Auxiliary Monday night at the post home on Palmer Street.

Mrs. Annie Laurie Welch, treasurer, reported \$287.04 raised during the year from a number of projects, including a rummage sale, benefit bridge parties, and the annual "Buddy Poppy" sale.

The year's expenditures included \$64.83 for hospital tray favors, prizes, and other gifts; \$70.66 for rehabilitation; \$44 for contributions to the auxiliary cancer fund and the March of Dimes; \$42.36 for community service projects, including six chairs and a table at the new health center for use by small children.

Other projects included sponsoring a "Gold Star Mothers' Tea," sending gifts quarterly to Caswell Training School, and attending church in a group on Memorial Day.

ed as the head of my household.

"Don't yell, daddy," commanded two-year-old Steve from his high-chair.

"I've got no idea where that lipstick came from," I concluded.

And then my wife smiled. An unusually sweet smile considering the recent turn of events.

"I know where you got the lipstick," she disclosed tartly. "It rubbed off the baby's cheek when he hugged you as you came in the door."

I looked at Steve in his high-chair. Sure enough, a faint smear of red where he had been kissed by his mother was on his cheek.

"Don't yell, daddy," he commanded, splattering the wall with applesauce.

"Eat your lunch, dear," the wife said.

"I think I've lost my appetite," I answered.

Holly Springs Talks Projects

By MISS MILDRED CORBIN (Community Reporter)

Discussion of two projects—a basketball court and the painting of signs—marked Monday night's meeting of the Holly Springs Rural Community Development Organization.

The men of the Community plan to meet at the community building Saturday to work on the two projects.

T. H. Fagg, county agent, and Mrs. Jessie D. Cabe, assistant agent, appeared on the program. Mr. Fagg showed slides on roadside beautification.

Harry Kinsland, S. W. Winkleblack, Fred Deal, Jack Cabe, Garland Shephard, and Walter Taylor were selected to cooperate with the new Farm and Home Development Program.

The group voted to give one-tenth of last year's earnings to the church.

Lyman Gregory Gets Air Force Discharge; Now At University

Lyman Gregory, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Gregory, of Gneiss, was discharged from the U. S. Air Force with the rating of airman first class on December

24. He is now enrolled at the University of Georgia, Athens.



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