

DEAR SALLY

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DEAR SALLY: I'm looking for a husband for my widowed mother-in-law, a very attractive woman of 45 who lives with us. She and I formerly got along very well, but not since she has made her home with us. Our personalities constantly clash, and life is misery for me. In my husband's eyes, she can do no wrong--but then he isn't home all day, and his mother and I are. How can I get her married off without giving her (and my husband) the impression that I am trying to get rid of her (as I'd like to do)?

BADGERED.
DEAR BADGERED: Assuming that your mother-in-law has any interest in marrying again, you can start the ball rolling by introducing her to a few eligible prospects.

DEAR SALLY: I'm a girl of 19, but look older. One of the executives in the department store at which I work has shown a big interest in me. He is a divorced man of 49, who looks much younger, and has taken me to some very expensive places. So far he hasn't made any passes at me, outside of goodnight kisses. I think I could fall in love with him. Do you think he's too old for me?

BABS.
DEAR BABS: The very fact that you're asking me indicates you already know the answer. Give this 49'er back to the women of his own generation.

DEAR SALLY: My wife is a sweet and intelligent woman, but when she has had one drink she becomes completely unstrung, and begins to babble out words that are anything but "acceptable" in polite society. This is really embarrassing to me at the parties and other functions we attend. Always later at home, when the effect of her drinks has worn off, she is terribly sorry and promises never again. But still it keeps happening. Advice? HANK.

DEAR HANK: I suggest that you and your wife discuss this seriously, and if she is as sweet and intelligent as you say, she'll listen. If she doesn't want to ask for a soft drink at these parties, you can help give her the appearance of "one of the gang" by quietly mixing her a ginger ale with a cherry in it.

DEAR SALLY: I'm a widow of 51, and it's no secret in town that I was left substantially well fixed in a financial way by my late dear husband. Since I am still considered quite attractive, I don't lack for male companionship--bachelors and widowers, however, my sister keeps claiming that these men are primarily interested in my money and as a result I am becoming more and more dubious whenever a man shows a more

THE VETERANS' CORNER

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q - I am eligible for training under the Dependents' Educational Assistance program. Will I be allowed to enter training with less than half-time training load?

A - No. The law will not permit training under this program at less than half time.

Q - I am confined to a nursing home because of disabilities that qualify me for social security disability insurance. Is the cost of the nursing home excluded from social security payments in computing amount due for pension?

A - Yes.

Q - Is there a final date for conversion of a National Service Life Insurance policy?

A - It can usually be converted at any time the policy is current. However, there are some policies prefixed by "1957" that cannot be converted if the renewal date comes after the insured's 50th birthday. In this case, the conversion right must be exercised before the term runs out.

Q - May I drop out of college this fall without losing the rest of the educational entitlement I have coming?

A - Yes. Under the current G. I. Bill, your training does not have to be continuous. However, you will receive no allowance when not in training.

Negro firms and individuals accounted for 83 per cent of all minority participation in VA loan guaranty operation in 1970.

Dr. Andrew V. Schally, Chief, Endocrine & Polypeptide Labs, New Orleans VAH, is this year's winner of VA's highest honor for medical research--the William S. Middleton Award.

Intensive care units are to be constructed at VA hospitals in Buffalo, Providence, Shreveport, Iowa City, Miami and Fayetteville, Ark., at a cost of nearly \$2 million bringing the total number of such units to 93.

Parents Can Cope With Drug Abuse Through Book For Children

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Parents and teachers concerned with the increasingly large number of elementary school children who are becoming drug users can now consult a book directly aimed at children 9 years old and up.

Dr. Charles W. Gorodetzky and Dr. Samuel T. Christian decided to write **WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT DRUGS** after being asked to give a series of lectures on drug abuse to the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades in a Lexington, Kentucky, elementary school. Both doctors are on the staff of the National Institute of Men-

tal Health Addiction Research Center in Lexington. In the foreword to the book, Harris Isbell, M. D., advisor on drugs to the World Health Organization and the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences, writes: "The book will be as useful to parents and teachers, who have need of accurate information about drugs, as it is to the children."

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT DRUGS gives plain facts in plain language about dozens of drugs--marijuana, LSD, sedatives, stimulants, heroin, alcohol. Onoted throughout the book are personal statements from boys and girls, who tell why they started using drugs and the experiences that followed. Many of them are now at Phoenix House trying to overcome their drug addiction. One teen-age boy described his life in high-school as a heroin addict: "I lost a lot of friends in that time. I was beating them, conning them out of money. You see, I didn't care any more about friendship. I didn't care anything about anything except the drug itself." A few years before, he might have been another student who said, "A lot of my friends

were trying drugs. I felt left out. I wanted very much to be part of the crowd." Dr. Gorodetzky and Dr. Christian advise parents who discover that their children are using drugs not to panic. They should remain calm and meet their children's problems with understanding and honest discussion. The child needs to know his parents feel his thoughts are worth attention and discussion.

To parents who fear their children may be exposed to drugs in school, they advise honesty, an accurate presentation of the facts with open discussion and respect. From experience it appears that exaggeration, scare tactics, preaching, and moralizing are not effective.

VA says 24,500 disabled vets trained in its vocational rehabilitation program during FY 1970.

Veteran enrollments in VA education programs for 1970 was up an unprecedented 31 percent over 1969.

VA is initiating on-the-job training programs in areas of public health care, education, recreation, welfare and pollution control.

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