

FIRE LEGISLATION WOEFULLY NEEDED, OFFICIAL ASSERTS

Present State Laws Inadequate, Underwriters Executive Declares

New York "woefully" needs fire prevention legislation, the manager of the Underwriters Rating Board declared today.

Edward F. Curren, releasing a report prepared for the State Association of Fire Chiefs, said "there is absolutely no definition or placement of responsibility for the enforcement of the meager laws already on the books."

"The number and variety of overlapping regulations are remarkable, and conflicts that naturally come in enforcement are discouraging."

Curren recommended state minimum safety requirements that would make the application of local codes uniform.

City ordinances generally are "incomplete or obsolete," he said, and should be brought up to date, and enforced more actively.

Curren's study was made as preparation for a possible legislative program to be formulated by the association.

He said it was essential for fire codes to be dovetailed into the regulations and practices of various departments, without conflict or overlapping. The laws must be elastic and easy to modify to fit changing conditions, and must provide penalties and centralize responsibility for enforcement, Curren added.

This Funny World



"It's a geography game the children thought up, Mr. Malcolm. Five'll get you ten if you guess the country it stops at!"

Possessive Women Usually Show True Colors After Wedding Ceremony

BY DOROTHY DIX

Dear Miss Dix: While in high school I met my wife and courted her for three years. I became engaged and was about to marry when the war came on and I went into the Army. My wife insisted on marrying then, but I decided it would be best for us to wait.

I went into the service and stayed there for four years, and it was planned that we should be married when I returned home. But when I returned, to my surprise, I found that my fiancée had already bought her wedding dress, set the date of the wedding and sent out the wedding invitations. So we were married at once.

During all the time I was away, she was perfectly lovely to my family and professed the greatest affection for my mother and father. But from the day of our return from the honeymoon, she made it plain to my parents, as well as to all of my relatives, that she didn't want any visitors at our house unless they were invited.

She has never invited any of my people to our apartment. I always have to ask them. Ever since we were married she has treated my family as mean as she could. She doesn't even want me to go to see my parents, who live only two blocks away from us. She is furious if I pay them the slightest attention. She tries to bowl things up so that we have to go to her family's on every holiday. She pretends to think that my family are plotting against her when I have a conversation with them.

Losing His Love. In a word, she has become impossible to live with and is rapidly killing all the affection that I had for her. How can I straighten out this situation?

PUZZLED.

Evidently you have been unfortunate enough to marry a possessive woman who is determined to own her husband, body and soul, and there is only one solution to your problem: You can either leave her, or else make up your mind to submit to being treated like a morose little boy who lets Mama dictate every act of his life.

Your wife showed her hand plainly enough when she rushed you into marriage before you were ready for it and practically having the wedding underway before you got home. She wasn't taking any chances on losing you.

Also, she showed her deep cunning in her pretended devotion to your parents before she got you safely hooked up. Now she has abandoned her pose and has begun on a campaign to separate you from your mother and father whom you love so much.

Your case is not an uncommon one. The world is full of wives who could give Hitler points on petty tyranny.

Dear Miss Dix: Three years ago, I left my husband and got a divorce, but ever since then, I have not been able to get him off my mind.

Everytime I see him something happens inside of me, so that I almost go crazy. I want very much to go back to him and tell him how much I love him and how wrong I was to leave him.

He is going to leave this city and if he won't take me with him, I think I will go mad. I have learned

DEWEY PRAISE FOR WARREN DRAWING POLITICAL NOTICE

Observers Think Governor Favors Californian As Running Mate

Albany (AP)—Governor Dewey's profuse public praise of Gov. Earl Warren of California, following their conference here, convinced some observers that Dewey strongly favors the Western leader as a running mate—if Dewey wins the Republican presidential nomination next year.

One noted sequel to the Dewey-Warren meeting last week-end was the New York governor's burst of superlative compliments for his visitor.

Some of the Governor's close political associates remarked on the warmth of Dewey's remarks at Union College, where he introduced Warren at an alumni luncheon. Other observers, who have followed Dewey closely, tended to call his remarks the most enthusiastic he has made about a national political contemporary since he spoke of Warren in 1944.

Warren, who won both the Republican and Democratic primary in the 1946 California gubernatorial race, reportedly was Dewey's choice as running mate in the unsuccessful 1944 campaign against President Roosevelt, but Warren refused the bid.

Warren now is being mentioned both as a possible presidential nominee next year as well as a vice-presidential pick on a ticket headed by Dewey.

Warren has said he is not a candidate for any national office. He was specific when asked concerning the presidential nomination. However, when first queried on his Eastern trip about the vice presidency he said he didn't care to discuss it because there were "too many ifs" involved.

If Warren Dewey was able to "sell" Warren on the No. 2 spot on a possible Dewey-headed ticket is a closely-guarded secret. If it were done the fact probably would remain a secret for obvious reasons of pre-convention political strategy.

There seems to be little question that if Warren actually were interested in either nomination or the No. 1 position, Dewey would attempt to win his convention support for the Dewey presidential aspirations.

Warren presumably will have the Pacific Coast delegates behind him and, after a boom at the outset, it should become obvious he would not be nominated for the top spot. Dewey would be interested in that sizeable bloc of delegates.

If Warren and Dewey came to an understanding on the vice-presidential nomination and it became known, even among party leaders, it could have possible unsatisfactory results at the convention as far as such a "deal" might be concerned.

If it were ascertained that Warren had agreed to accept the vice-presidential nomination, the California and presumably the other Pacific Coast delegates presumably would not feel bound to support Warren for the presidential nomination.

WHITEHALL

Miss Patricia Shovah, a nurse at the Brady Maternity Hospital in Albany, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shovah, of Wheeler Avenue.

Bernard P. Murphy, principal of the high school, announced that the sale of war stamps to students Tuesday morning was \$119.90. This will be the last sale of stamps until next fall, it was announced.

Mrs. Daisy Baker, president of Pike-Bartholomew Post Auxiliary, 3175, V.F.W., accompanied by Delegate Mrs. Ella Manell, left Wednesday for Buffalo, where they will attend the department convention of auxiliaries to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mrs. Reginald J. Carroll of Broadway entertained Thursday at her home on Broadway with a miscellaneous shower in honor of her sister, Miss Mary Siraco, whose marriage to Donald Eddy of Broadway will take place next month. Fifteen guests were present. The guest of honor was the recipient of many gifts. Luncheon was served.

Regents' diplomas for the following members of last year's graduating class have been received and may be obtained by calling at the superintendent's office at the Central School: Robert Bascom, Edna Brassaw, Theresa Cucci, Francis Dunbar, Edward LeMay, Paul McGrath, Charles Ripley, Donald Roth, Ronald Sabo, Alan Winters, June Aikens, Wesley Ashline, Irene Barton, Laura Cassini, Marjorie Chadwick, Patricia Coleman, Charles Diekel, William Frandino, William Gordon, Anthony Guglielmo, Norma Harper, Norman Harper, Rita Hatch, Doreen Jullison, Joseph Liquori, James Parrott, Yvonne Plude, Noreen Rich, Mary Robbins, Bernard Roud, Michael

JOHNSONVILLE

The Rosary Society of St. Monica's Church is having a food sale at Furlong's store June 28, beginning at 10 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Hoag attend the spring concert at Knickerbocker School. Their niece, Marianna Reed, was accompanist of the high school orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schofield, Miss Mary Ellen Schofield and Miss Dorothy Tate have gone on a motor trip to Martin City, Mont., to visit Rev. James B. Schofield, who is engaged in national mission work there. Members of the Presbyterian Church held a farewell party for them at which they were presented a traveling bag. Rev. Warren I. Whiffen made the presentation.

BERLIN

The W.S.C.S. of the Methodist Church will conduct a food sale at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at the Berlin Cash Market.

Edward Cahill announces the engagement of his daughter, Tess Cahill, to Claude Groux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Groux. The wedding will take place the last of June.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Kerns and daughter, Eleanor Frances, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Wager for a few weeks, have returned to their home in Charlotte, N. C.

CONSIDERED COMPLIMENT. Wiping your hands on your neighbor's coat after a meal is considered a compliment among Mongolian tribes. Grease helps make the coat airtight.



COURT OF AWARDS.—Girl Scouts of Westminster Presbyterian Church conducted a court of awards and achievement last night at the church rooms. Above are the two girls who received the highest awards. Left to right are Marilyn Fay and Francine Lonergan with Mrs. Clayton Coons, troop leader.

Report New Secret Weapon Developed

Auckland, N. Z. (AP)—The Canadian Press said today that development of a secret weapon, "with capabilities approaching the atomic bomb in effectiveness," lay behind the naming of an Auckland University professor to the birthday honors list of King George VI.

The professor, T. D. Leech, received a commandment of the Order of the British Empire. He was identified as director of research for the weapon project.

The weapon did not "reach the stage of practical application during the war, but work still is being pursued in the strictest secrecy by scientists in the United States, Britain and New Zealand," the Canadian Press said. "No hint of the details of the weapon has been revealed, but it is stated that one means of application would have some similarity to one method of using the atomic bomb."

"The secret weapon project originated with the idea of a Wellington, N. S., man who communicated the plan to Britain and the United States. Both countries immediately made development plans. The project was to have been carried out in Florida, but was moved to New Zealand and Pacific areas owing to the fears of espionage."

"Leech was selected to lead the research because he had previously done work in a similar field."

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CEREMONY HELD BY ODD FELLOWS AT ALBIA LODGE

Degree Conferred On Class Of Candidates; District Officials Attend

The initiatory degree was conferred on a class of candidates of Trojan and Albion lodges of Odd Fellows last night at a meeting of Albion Lodge at its rooms. George Bell, noble grand, was in charge.

The degree was conducted by the Raymerton degree team in charge of Louis LeLoup, district deputy grand master of the Rensselaer-Washington district, who acted as noble grand. Music was furnished by the lodge orchestra.

Speakers included Walter Albright, district deputy grand master of the Rensselaer district; Arthur W. Morton, past district deputy supreme monarch of the Ancient Order of Samaritans; John R. Johnson, past grand master of the Rensselaer district; Raymond Wallingford, district deputy grand master of the Rensselaer district, and Benjamin Apple, noble grand of Trojan Lodge, Odd Fellows.

Other officials present were Frank Green, newly recommended as district deputy grand master of the Rensselaer-Washington district, who will be appointed at the grand lodge convention at Jamestown, Aug. 18-21; Arthur Wright,

past grand and representative to the grand lodge convention; and Millard Lee, past grand and proxy representative.

The meeting ended with refreshments served by the social committee.

The first degree will be conferred on the two classes at the next meeting of Albion Lodge Thursday night by the degree team of Hudson Valley Lodge in charge of John R. Johnson, past grand and degree master.

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