

Mother, Pin a Rose on Me!

Dear Ann:
I'm a girl 17 and in need of some motherly advice. I can't go to my mother because she doesn't understand anything about love.

I went with a darling boy for seven months. We necked, of course, but I managed to keep him within respectable limits. After a while it got to be too much of a struggle and I decided instead of fighting him off every night we got together (which was pretty often) I'd better stop seeing him altogether.

I'm very proud of myself for being able to make the decision. I know I did the

right thing because he was gaining on me fast.
The funny part of it is, Anne, I miss him even though I'm dating several boys who are much nicer and no threat to my purity. Am I nuts?—Sally M.

Mother pin a rose on me—and make it a white one, please! Congratulations for making the right decision, before it was too late. Keep telling yourself the boy friend was up to no good and you were smart to give him the air.

Are you "nuts" because you miss him? No—not nuts

—just human. The rogues and rascals sometimes seem more attractive than the nice boys in the same way that the forbidden fruit appeals to the worst in our human nature.

You may have a yen for this Romeo for a long time, but it's easier to live with a few question marks than feelings of guilt and self-recrimination.

Dear Ann: My hubby and I are having a small disagreement. Our 2-year-old son is brilliant and we're very proud of him.

My husband is an attorney and so is his father. My dad is an engineer. It's natural for a father to want his son to step into his footsteps. But I don't believe this is always best.

The way our son handles blocks and builds things I know he would be a truly great engineer if encouraged along these lines. —Alert Mom.

P.S.—He shows no interest

in law, whatsoever. What is your opinion?

Two years old and he shows "no interest in law"? Well—THIS is something to worry about!

Since you have 16 years or so to think about your pressing problem, I suggest you put it aside for now. By the time the boy must make the decision, he may have a few ideas of his own in regard to what he wants to do with his life.

Dear Ann: This letter is for Sylvia—the young girl who is toying with the idea of marrying a 23-year-old with a "mother attachment." Against the advice of my minister and family, I married a mama's boy. I thought his love for me would conquer all and that once we were married I could wean him away from Mom.

I was mistaken. When Junior married me his mother almost had a breakdown. It was the only thing he'd ever done in his life without her approval. Now she's determined to make him pay for it—and me, too.

She phones every night during dinner and wants to

know what we're eating. Then she tells him HER menu. I know she makes up lies because when WE eat at her place she never has roast beef or steak.

One day my husband is going to have to choose between his Mama and his wife. I wouldn't be a bit surprised if he chose his Mama. You can't win, Sylvia. She saw him first.—Shook.

Confidential: Doll-Baby: If that was an "S.O.S." you're sunk. Your romance sounds like a jail. Let the "prisoner" free and take the bloodhounds off his trail warden.

Too Young To Know: Who are you kidding, Sister? Why don't you pinch him back—and hard?

Help Wanted: You're foolish to waste your time and energy fighting off this "30-handed lecher" every night and twice on Sunday. Tell him not to call you any more—unless, that is, you really enjoy battle-fatigue.

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of The HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. (C) 1958, Field Enterprises, Inc.

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"Many people have asked me why I voluntarily stepped down as mayor and turned the office over to another," Nick Drale commented yesterday.

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"I have always thought that as long as the city council was choosing one of its members to act as mayor, that responsibility should be passed on to other elected officials who are just as much a representative of the people," Drale explained.

"Had I chosen to do otherwise, I am certain I could have retained the office for another term," he added.

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