

What Is A "Neutral"?



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: My story reads like a soap opera but it's 100 per cent true and I hope you'll print it so some of the winners who complain to you will get a look at REAL trouble.

I've been married nine years and have four kids whom my husband calls his "Four Big Mistakes." He's held 31 jobs — the longest stretch he's worked is six months. He's been arrested 14 times, the offenses ranging from double-parking on up.

I have a good job and pay \$20 weekly for a sifter while my husband drives around "looking for work." He never comes home unless he's hungry or needs cigarette or gas money. It's no secret he's running around with women. He claims I'm the only one he loves but says he gets "on some" when I'm at work. He has told me, "If the gals have the money—I have the time."

I've had all I can take. Mrs. Landers. Do I have a right to

give this bum his walking papers? — "FOUR MISTAKE MOTHER."

A separation is definitely indicated — or else select a strait-jacket in one of the new fall colors.

This man hasn't passed out of the 15-year-old kid stage, and so long as you continue to provide him with a car, cigarette and gas money, plus room and board... he never will.

Dear Ann: My husband and I are both 20 and have been married three months. He's in the Army and we've rented a tiny apartment near the base. It's dingy and the furniture is awful, but the rent is only \$45 a month. I told my husband the place gives me the willies but he says it's the best we can afford and I should be satisfied.

Last night I was awakened by squeaking and scratching sounds. I discovered it was a couple little mice fighting in the corner of our bedroom closet. Don't you think this

is reason enough to move? — DELLA F.

What do you want for \$45 a month—bull fights? If your husband says this is the best you can afford, make it do. A mouse trap costs only 20 cents.

Dear Ann: I see where a couple d'nyants who call themselves "The Girls" disapprove of a fine intelligent southern drawl. I detect a bit of jealousy because people seem to prefer the soft southern accent to a harsh mid-western twang.

I have relatives who've lived up north for years and their manner of speaking is charming. They aren't "faking" nor do they plan to "shut their cotton-pickin' mouths."

Please print a southerner's point of view in the interest of fairness. — MISSISSIPPI BOLL-WEAVER.

I'm printing it—at the risk of starting another Civil War! Hang on to your Confederate money, boys... the South will rise again!

Dear Ann: I'm a widow, 35, with an 8-year-old son. I run my own business, have a lovely home and a nice car.

I met a very attractive man about 40 at the Public Library. He said he was a bank auditor, had money, and that he was in love with me. Within a week he proposed marriage. He bought the rings (on my credit) and everything was set. I was in heaven.

Then I learned he had a steady girl for three years and is engaged to marry her. She also owns a business and is generous to him. When I asked him about her he said, "That's right," and walked out on me.

I believe I still love him. Ann. Shall I put up a fight to get him back? I think I have a chance—W.W.

You have a "chance" all right! A chance to wreck your life by getting involved with a chiseling heel. Consider yourself lucky you didn't become legally chained to this foul ball.

The next time you "fall in love" don't land on your head. Give it more than a week and find out a little something about the man. And be sure the next Romeo buys the ring on his credit.

CONFIDENTIALLY: WORRIED AUNTS. Tell your brother's wife to WAKE UP! This situation is loaded with dynamite.

ROSE: Your mother is out in left field. Go ahead with your plans.

Names and addresses can help me to help you: Tired Mother, Mrs. D.O.; F.W.H.; Mrs. B. Med.; L.B.; Desperate Eve.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to the care of The Torrance Herald, Field Enterprises, Inc.)

The Squirrel Cage

By REID BUNDY

Quite a bit of excitement building up over the move next week end into the new Civic Center and the dedication ceremonies scheduled for the following week end, Aug. 11 and 12.

Augmented crews are putting final touches on the million-dollar center, and they have progressed to a point where a peek inside will show you that the city will have a first class headquarters starting next week.

And the dedication program promises to be a first class affair. It should be, the committee working on it is big enough. In fact, a couple of wags have remarked that if no one but the committee shows up, there would be enough there for a slam-bang dedication program.

The Civitan Club is hoping more show up, however. They have gone out and rounded up an honest-to-goodness barbecue outfit and are planning to feed a lot of

barbecue dinners during the event.

Marco Wright tells us the Aquacade is "coming along nicely." President Forrest Murdock of El Camino College is due for a big plug here because he has made the college pool available for practice. Contractors have promised Marco that they would have water in the city's new pool four days ahead of the dedication so last minute routines can be worked in the new plunge.

If all the newsmen, photographers, and magazine writers who have been invited drop by the place, Torrance should be one of the best known cities in the West by the end of the following week.

National Magazines, wire services, and all the greater Los Angeles newspapers have been invited to report the dedication.

We're going to miss the city officials downtown after next week's move. It has been

sooooo handy to walk a block and a half to check out something in the City Hall. Now we'll have to drive out a couple of miles to do that checking. (Remind me to put in for an increased gas allowance).

Attending Council meetings is going to be a little nicer for residents. Microphones on the council table will be connected to speakers in the ceilings throughout the large chamber, and there should be no more problems on hearing what is going on. A rail will separate the officials from the audience—like they do it in the big cities.

Haven't seen any signs of a coffee snop being readied near the new center. They are installing stoves, sinks, and other kitchen equipment in the City Hall and Police Station—but that'll never replace the 15-minute coffee break "across the street," which has become an American tradition.

We've been privileged to see about all of the new Civic Center, inside and out.

Our favorite spot is the curving stairway leading upstairs in the City Hall from the main lobby. Wait until you see it.

Out of the Past

From the Files of The Torrance HERALD

10 Years Ago This Month

July, 1946

Dr. Rollin R. Smith, president of the local Lions Club, announced that his organization had unanimously endorsed the City Charter movement... A public notice was printed concerning the bond issues for the coming municipal election, including a proposition that the City of Torrance construct a municipal ball park field... Swayne Johnson had a two for three mark at bat as the Torrance American Legion baseball team topped the Southwest Dodgers 5-3.

20 Years Ago This Month

July, 1936

Mayor William H. Stanger informed a delegation from the McDonald Tract that the hog ranch located in the midst of their homes would be removed... At the same meeting Councilman W. H. Tolson recommended that the name "McDonald Tract" be dropped in favor of "North Terrace"... The "Irish Adventurer," George Brent, was starring in "The Case Against Mrs. Ames" playing at the Plaza theater.

30 Years Ago This Month

July, 1926

More than 1500 automobiles were scheduled to take part in a parade at the opening of Vanderlip highway skirting the Palos Verdes hills on the sea side... Trustee Brady Wolfe introduced an ordinance providing that goats and cows must not be kept within 100 feet of any neighboring residence in the city of Torrance... Latest thing in ladies fashions at the local garment stores was a trouser skirt, including a wide belt and hip pockets.



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Barney's Blarney

By BARNEY GLAZER

Once a man and woman are married, the real battle of wits begins. For example, after they've been married for five years, she has a plan afoot—she wants to buy a new living room set. He has another plan on the opposite foot—to make sure she does not get that living room set. Eventually, she will scream: "Don't you want me to be happy?" and he will reply with a devilish smirk: "Why, of course I want you to be happy. If you want something you don't have, honey, you just tell me and I'll show you how to get along without it."

"My room has hot and cold running." "Hot and cold running what?" "I don't know I haven't been able to catch one yet."

Next time you feel like complaining about your troubles, mister, don't. Instead, grab the fellow responsible for all your grief and kick him squarely in the seat of the pants. And don't blame me if you can't sit down for a week.

This gallery picked the following names out of the Los Angeles phone directory: Joe Dees, Marjorie Doze and Michael Dem. Just in case you've been talking about the Dees, Doze, and Dem guys all these years and wondered what happened to them.

car's windshield, he heard the couple arguing excitedly. Finally, the pair stopped to draw a breath and the little girl piped up: "Shake hands and come out fighting."

Harry Fishman returned home from work. He was completely bushed and dropped like a log on the closest divan. Harry's 12-year-old son, Albert, bounced in the room and shouted: "Let's throw the ball around, dad. I'm playing Little League this week. Need some practice."

Burying his nose deeper and deeper into the pillow, Harry grunted: "Go away, you're a pest!" At this point, Harry's wife, Carrie, broke into the scene and insisted: "He is not. He's just a boy," and Harry replied: "Okeh, so he's a boy pest."

Next time one of your moaning friends complains how physically difficult it is these days to find a parking place in the street, just point at the hundreds of cars parked at the curb and say smugly: "They found one."

Thus does J. Frederick Becker, Holiday Lighting executive, trace the origin of indirect lighting: "It started in my childhood days in little old New York. We enjoyed the conveniences of a new trend in electricity called 'indirect lighting.' It came from the candy store across the street."

You probably know this fellow. He never signs anything before reading it. Says he learned his lesson when he once signed a marriage license without reading it.

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