

EDITORIALS

A Coming Danger

These hot fall days may seem an inappropriate time to talk about heating problems, but Fire Chief J. J. Benner has issued his annual warning on fire safety, a warning shared by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

The three "H's"—Heaters, Hearth fires and Heating systems—are principal reasons why winter is the worst season for fires, according to the Underwriters.

The dangers are obvious. Each of the three "H's" involves live flame or very high temperatures. One—space heaters—often involves the use of flammable liquids.

To help protect your home, take the following precautions:

1. Heaters. These may present varied hazards. Electric heaters consume a good deal of current, and may overload house circuits. Gas heaters should be vented to the outdoors. Oil heaters should be set level, and never filled or carried while they are lighted. Keep the fuel supply outdoors. Wipe up all spillage. Since heaters use up oxygen, always keep a door or window slightly open in a room where such a heater is in use.

All types of heaters should, of course, be kept clean and in good condition. Any heater that is not in good condition—because of age, damage or wear—should be thrown away. Heaters in use should be set out of the line of traffic and away from curtains, tablecloths, furniture and other combustibles.

2. Hearth fires. To keep sparks from flying out on rugs and upholstery, keep a sturdy fire screen in place at all times. Chimneys must be clean and free of cracks, too.

3. Heating systems. Every home heating plant, including boilers and pipes, must be kept clean and in good repair. If the ceiling or walls near the furnace feel hot, you may need more insulation to keep them from charring or catching fire. If in doubt, consult an experienced serviceman. Don't leave rubbish or kindling, paints or turpentine near the furnace. If there are ashes, put them in covered metal cans, never in wooden or cardboard boxes.

Out of the Past

From the Files of The Torrance Herald

10 Years Ago This Month
September, 1946
Charles F. Gotts submitted a petition for change of zone to the City Planning Commission in order to start construction on a miniature golf course and sandwich stand at Arlington Ave. and Santa Fe Valley. Junior College changed its name to El Camino College. The Torrance Municipal Bus Lines made a profit of \$12,527.60 for the year 1945-46 according to an audit completed by Logan R. Cotton. Ray Shippy was one of the 64 qualifiers for championship play in the 1946 California Amateur Golf Tournament at Pebble Beach.

15 Years Ago This Month
September, 1941
The California State Guard was granted permission by the county board of supervisors to establish a training camp at Alondra Park. City Engineer Glenn Jay announced that the city had purchased the P. E. right-of-way to Cabrillo Ave., and that the next step in the re-habilitation of the street would be up to the city council, including the removal of the tracks and re-paving the street. Sid Wood, Lomita recruiting officer, announced that 80 men, with or without horses, would be necessary to form a Torrance cavalry company of the California State Guard.

20 Years Ago This Month
September, 1935
Republican headquarters for the local division were opened in the old library building, 1317 El Prado, to carry on work for the Landon-Knox campaign. Real estate dealers in Torrance reported that they were experiencing the best business they had enjoyed in five years. Rudy Huber, 1444 Post Ave., was appointed chairman of the international relations committee at the University of Southern California.

25 Years Ago This Month
September, 1931
Notices were being displayed in the local Chamber of Commerce that the Federal Labor Dept. had issued a call for men to pick cotton in the San Joaquin Valley. Wage of 50 cents per 100 pounds was announced. Miss Mason, women's physical education instructor at Torrance High School, was forming a gymnastics class to meet on Tuesday afternoons. Death claimed Mrs. Hortense Codona, member of the famous Codona family of circus acrobats and mother-in-law of the late Lillian Leitzel, star trapeze performer who was killed the previous year in Copenhagen.

33 Years Ago This Month
September, 1923
The Women's Club of Torrance made plans to present John Emerson's and Anita Loo's play "The Whole Town's Talking" at the High School Auditorium, under the direction of Willis M. Brooks. The Board of Trustees turned down a request to permit the installation of room slot machines in Torrance. B. R. Smith and R. L. Riggs announced that they had taken over the management of the Castle Amusement Park.

IN HOMETOWN AMERICA



What To Pitch Him Next?



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I just read the letter from the mailman who complained because the American woman looks like a slob in the morning. I'd like to add my voice to his. I'm an iceman.

I see the same sights, only worse. Is it too much to ask the average American woman to have a comb by her bedside along with the sleeping pills, Scotch and detective magazines?

Is it too much to ask her to throw on a bathrobe instead of whatever sheckiffs she answers the door in? How about a sensible answer instead of that three line dodge you gave the mailman, Ann?—THE ICEMAN (WHO COMETH)

Dear Ann Landers: Orchids to you from the women of America, for defending us! We love you!

How can we be dressed at 8:30 in the morning? This is my routine and I'm sure there are plenty of gals who have it tougher yet!

I'm up at 6:30 every morning—making stew for lunch. My husband comes home to eat and usually brings someone with him. At 7:00 I wake up my son for junior college and get his breakfast. At 7:30 I pull the girls (age 5 and 11) out of bed, help get them dressed and feed them breakfast. At 8:00 I get my 3-year-old son up and dress and feed him. At 8:30 I drag my husband out of bed and put his breakfast on the table.

At 8:45 the doorbell rings—(It's that mailman who wrote you, no doubt)—telling me I owe him three cents for something, or another. It's almost 9:00 and I'm not dressed—and he's giving me a funny look. So—sue me!

—AVERAGE AMERICAN HOUSEWIFE

Dear Ann: I'm the wife of a mailman. I'm pretty sure my husband is the one who wrote and complained that American women are a pack of unspeakable, sloppy dames. On his day off you ought to see HIM hanging around the house in hairy, skinny slacks and shorts. What a sight! Just thought you'd like to know.

—THE LITTLE WOMAN

Dear Ann Landers: I'm not long in this country. I came from Bern, Switzerland two years ago. In school there I learned English and I speak it good—but I do not understand everything about your country.

I have a charming sweetheart. Every night when he says goodbye he tells me he has a date with Morphius. I ask him who is this woman and he says she is "someone very nice."

The girls in the factory where I work don't know anyone by this name. She sounds like a foreigner like I am. Please, Ann, can you help me?—SWISS MISS

Morphius is a foreigner, all right, but THIS girl comes from another country—Greece. Morphius is the mythical Goddess of Sleep. Feel better now?

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a very unhappy young man of 22. I'm leaving for college right away and want to get something cleared up, if possible. Maybe you can help me.

My girl friend is terrific (36-24-34) but she's giving me a hard time. Last week she said she didn't feel well enough to go out. When I phoned later in the evening, she wasn't in, and her mother said she went to her girlfriends. The next evening she called her same thing—so I called her girlfriend's place and nobody was at home.

When I finally caught up with her two days later, her face was pretty red and she said she didn't like my "FBI tactics." Now I'm sure she lied to me. But she's terrific (36-24-34) and I hate to break up with her. What shall I DO?

—BRONCO

Of course she lied, but why are you so shocked and hurt to learn the girl has no character when her major interest is her measurements?

If you want honesty and integrity in a young lady, look for these qualities and leave the tape-measure home.

CONFIDENTIALLY: MIDAIR: You and your mother will be competitive forevermore. You'll not be happy until you declare your independence. Her heart is probably better than yours.

WISTFUL: "Wistful" my eye. A man 42 is too old for a gal 17.

J.B.: Call Family Service at once.

TRUE READER: Your husband needs A.A. Go with him to the meetings.

MRS. D. D. S.: Don't poll public opinion. Talk this matter over with your husband and decide together.

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AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

(Editor's Note: The current political campaigns reflect the decision at the political conventions and since. Veteran reporter John Morley was there and is now covering both President Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson in their respective campaigns in Washington and across the nation. This is the last column in a series of five on the political picture from the conventions to the present.)

The two political conventions and present campaigns could be contrasted in the two personalities and performances of the two presidents. Harry Truman and Herbert Hoover. We talked with both of them privately in recent weeks. Both helped to write their party platforms. In our opinions no greater comparison can be made of two political conventions, platforms and present campaigns than personified in the roles of these two ex-presidents.

We believe that Harry Truman embraced an otherwise determined Democratic candidate and is embarrassing his campaign now, not by his support of Governor Harriman at Chicago, but by his unjust and unkind references to Adlai Stevenson there. Fortunately for the Democratic party, Mr. Truman did not have much support, but he did divide strong factions within the party and inflicted irreparable wounds upon some worthy Democrats. What we saw at Chicago was not simply a preference of Harriman "in the democratic way" as Mr. Truman said... but vindictiveness against Stevenson for personal and irrelevant reasons.

Herbert Hoover in San Francisco was the other extreme... the carved role of

the elder statesman. He raised his party to the level of Lincoln... and while so doing paid honor to stalwarts of the Democratic party "for their contribution to a greater America." Mr. Hoover offered no candidate and no recommendations in the in-fighting of the party factions. He referred to all Republicans in equally glowing terms. But what made Hoover's utterances unique was the fact that he could have said them at the Democratic National convention with equally effective results. The 82-year-old former president commended his party and his party's opponents, the gospel of our forefathers in establishing certain principles, that safeguard freedom. He was indeed an expression of bi-partisan wisdom, garnered from long experience in and out of public life.

We believe Adlai Stevenson is committing a political blunder by his continued insistence, from his acceptance speech at Chicago to his speech this week, that "the prestige of the United States was never lower abroad and present foreign policy is dangerous to our security and leading to war." This is a most unfortunate conclusion for a prominent political personality to present. He is right only in the case of the Middle East where the prestige of the U. S. was never lower. In this case it was the Truman administration which brought it about by its decision to recognize the State of Israel in the political year of 1948 to win Jewish support, while totally disregarding the interests of the Arabs and Moslems. Israel needed and deserved our help. But had Mr. Truman postponed recognition until the United Na-

tions reconciled the plight of the 800,000 Arab refugees before openly taking side in favor of Israel, the present Middle East crisis in Suez, Cyprus, Algeria... and the past eruption in Iran... would have been greatly reduced or prevented. For the entire Middle East erupts like a chain-reaction at the slightest foreign provocation. The chain-reaction went from Iran to Algiers, to Morocco, to Cyprus and now to Suez. We can be sure that Suez regardless of what is settled, will not be the last chain-reaction in the explosive Middle East. The Palestine war started the Middle East volcano and the Truman administration drove the U. S. right into its crater.

However, it is inaccurate for Mr. Stevenson to say that "U. S. prestige was never lower abroad," encompassing the global picture, as he does, in our opinion U. S. foreign policy has never been as sound, as strong, or as effective. This is our conclusion from constant coverage of the world since 1931.

Mr. Stevenson seems to interpret some disagreement with allies and neutrals as loss of prestige for the U. S. Quite the contrary is the case. We have been eye-witnesses in international conferences when the U. S. stood pat on principle, and while we annoyed our friends, we gained in world prestige and respect. We could almost say that our observations abroad indicate that the United States usually gains more prestige in disagreement with friend and foe alike, than in accord.

What makes the Stevenson foreign policy statements bad politics in our opinion is the fact that, even if true, the voters who sacrificed over \$55,000,000,000 in foreign aid between 1945-1956, including millions of American affected by the loss of loved ones during World War II and Korea, don't like to hear a political candidate say "U. S. prestige and respect were never lower abroad" in the heat of political campaigns at home. Those of us who cover the world constantly, as objective reporters, know that such statements are a true appraisal of the U. S. prestige.

The future Stevenson reference that "our foreign policy is endangering the security of the U. S. and leads to war" is made in spite of the fact that since 1953 our foreign policy did stop the killing in Korea... did help to salvage half of Indo-China from inevitable Communist control after the collapse of France... did prevent the invasion of Formosa... did settle the oil crisis in Iran... did contain Russia's military aggression and forced her to the present ineffective economic challenge... and it is now determined to avoid war over the Suez canal. These are important triumphs in foreign policy which Mr. Stevenson prefers to ignore. If, in the opinion of Mr. Stevenson, the above results are a part of our "half-baked foreign policy," as he calls it, resulting in lowering our prestige, it would not be too difficult even for the most uninformed voter to conclude that it would even be better to "sacrifice" some prestige abroad if in the process we avoid sacrificing our sons and wealth at home.

We were with Adlai Stevenson in the Middle East on his last trip abroad. The question of U. S. prestige was raised several times. We recall a conversation in the dining room of the Park hotel, Istanbul, when Mr. Stevenson said to me, "As an old Illinois, Morley, what do you think of our prestige abroad today?" He agreed emphatically when we replied, "There is no such thing as permanent friends and permanent enemies among nations." "Just permanent interests." It appears to us that so long as the U. S. remains strong militarily, economically and morally, it would continue to have both good weather friends and an occasional real one. Eternal vigilance to preserve these virtues is our best guarantee for prestige abroad and the best deterrent against Communist aggression.

GLAZED BITS

By BARNEY GLAZER

Bien Venidos, Amigos!
The entire auto industry is watching with interest Studebaker-Packard's comeback program which the firm officials have announced is fully adequate to gain a profit by the end of 1957... A teen-ager is a person who goes steady with a part-time boy friend... The man who plays the role of a songwriter in "Beau James," the new movie, is really a songwriter and what a tunesmith! His name is Sammy Cahn.

The Swedish American Steamship Line is suing the Italian Line for two million dollars' damage to its motorship Stockholm. Earlier, the Italian line sued the Swedish firm for the 25 million dollar's destruction of its luxury liner, the Andrea Doria... "My wife stops talking the minute she enters a department store," complained the husband. "Instead, she starts using the sign language—she signs for everything she sees."

Congratulations to KABC-TV on its seventh birthday Sunday, Sept. 16, and thanks to Murray Weiseman, Kay Christopher and Jack McCoy for that enormous "Glamour Girl" birthday cake sent to my home... "What's wrong with Don?" asked the little girl. "He has the hiccups," explained her mother. Next day, the little girl had them, too. "What's wrong with you?" she was asked. "I have the she-cups," explained the little girl.

After his recent auto accident, which resulted in face cuts, Hugh O'Brian (TV's Wyatt Earp) said: "I may be a bit late, but I'm sold on auto safety belts." Funniest but most serious event at the Fiesta of San Fermin in Pamplona, Spain, is the day when hundreds of young men are chased by a bull through the town's streets... Television, the instrument that killed the circus, is springing up with circus programs to keep it alive!

Frank Sinatra's new Japanese-styled home has forced air heating and built-in TV and ovens and what will the Japanese think?... By the way, those built-in ovens are making it easier for the modern hausfrau to cook everything from strudel to scallopini... Sam Levenson says:

"When I was a kid I brought home a note from my teacher saying: 'Your son shows signs of astigmatism.' My father took one look at the note and hit me."

Hypothermia. That's the method used to prepare patients for heart surgery by lowering the body temperature from the normal 98.6 to 87 degrees. Normal functions are suspended and the patients live with the aid of an artificial heart and lungs... Mister, here's an excellent way to stop your wife from buying new clothes. Shame her this way: "Did you hear how Joe's wife has a magnificent genius for clothes? Take her newest suit. It's a dream. She did it all by herself. Bought a 30¢ pattern and used some old auto seat covers. Knocked it out in just a few weeks."

Don Bill, disc jockey in Des Moines, objected so strenuously to the adult prices he had to pay for his son starting at the age of 12 that the town fathers have now agreed to allow half price at the ball park until age 17; at the theaters until age 14; at the public swim pool until age 15... Personal advertisement: "If Hal Markkin, who deserted his wife and baby 21 years ago; will return, said baby guarantees to knock the devil out of him."

"Why don't you ask your wife to dance?" "I did," smirked the husband. "I asked her to dance with my brother." In Winnipeg, film exhibitors are inducing customers to attend drive-in movies by giving them free gasoline... Joe E. Lewis says he's moving to a "suburban community"... Now that polio is being controlled, the accident and sickness insurance companies are adding coverage for uncontrolled cancer to their polio policies.

Capitol Records is staging a "Place the Nose" contest. First prize is an autographed Kleenex... What do young couples do who live in a 33-room mansion? Ask Ken Er-rair and Jane Withers. They move out... Sherman Oaks, California, that's where real estate brokers advertise their homes as being: "One Block From Liberace."

LAW IN ACTION

MACHINERY OF JUSTICE

We need to keep our machinery of justice in good working order. For you need the courts to enforce vital rights and duties—fairly and with reasonable speed. Today our court system is under pressure. To help it work well, California has at least three agencies to keep it tuned up: The Judicial Council, the Law Revision Commission and the State Bar.

The Chief Justice heads the Judicial Council which has three main jobs: (1) It keeps tabs on all courts—the number and kinds of cases and the way the courts handle them; (2) it sends judges in from less crowded courts to help in busy courts; and (3) it studies and recommends improvements in our court system.

A little thing: The traffic violator who ducks court. The courts used to have to send police to chase such violators down (and they still do), but what a headache these violators will have next January. The courts can now put in a stop order and the motor vehicle department won't give Mr. Skip Tag his new license until he settles up.

Or take a big job: The Judicial Council is just now putting the finishing touches on pre-trial procedure for our courts.

Soon our courts can concentrate upon the key issues of a trial. Before the day of the trial, most likely, the lawyers for both sides will sit down with the judge and agree upon everything they can beforehand, leaving only the main points of difference for the trial to settle, thus often saving days of court time.

In many of its studies, the Judicial Council and the State Bar Board of Governors and the committees work together. Often the State Bar and Law Revision Commission will look into a problem.

For instance, a State Bar committee first suggested and the Judicial Council worked out a way to cut down our seven kinds of overlapping interior courts to two courts—the municipal and our justice courts.

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