

YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

Under That Blubber Beats Heart of Gold

Dear Ann: I'm not signing my name to this letter—not because I'm ashamed to reveal my identity, but I'd prefer to let the thousands of men who read this wonder if perhaps it was written by their wives. Maybe they'll be moved to take action.

Millions of words have been published about women who lost their men because they lost their looks. Nine times out of 10, "looks" means "figure."

But what about husbands who drink and eat themselves into shapeless hulks? Do they believe their wives are as excited as ever about them, even though their bellies hang over their belts and the seams in their trousers are screaming for mercy?

My husband was a regular collar-and when we married. Today he's a fat slob. When he tries to kiss me he can't even get close, because 50 pounds of groceries get in the way.

His love-making is so labored I feel sorry for him. He's winded after two kisses, and the huffing and puffing is terrible. Yet he wonders why I'm not as responsive as I once was.

I know under all that blubber beats a heart of gold, but it's too much trouble to dig for it. I'm not saying I don't love him, nor am I thinking of looking around for a slimmer model, BUT, I'm frankly stating that my big fat Romeo has eaten himself out of a lot of loving.—Size 10 Wife.

Dear Size 10: Thanks for an interesting letter. Has it ever occurred to you that those 50 pounds of groceries could do more than just kill the romance—they could kill the GUY?

The expression "Nobody loves a fat man" was probably coined by the insurance companies. Statistics prove that obesity shortens the life-span. If your husband is digging his grave with his teeth urge him to see a doctor and knock off those dangerous pounds.

In the meantime, Fat Boys, here's a little poem to paste on your shaving mirror:

Today we buried O'Rourke. He died eating baked beans and pork.

He ended his life Not by rope, gun or knife— The weapon he used was a fork. Ann Landers

Dear Ann: We have an ugly family situation on our hands. Our nephew was married in this city because the bride lives here. He never introduced us but we met her by chance a few times.

We were invited to the church wedding and afternoon reception, but not to the wedding breakfast or the evening party at which they had two bars going full blast.

Because of the shabby way the plans were put together, my husband and I and the other members of the family who were treated the same way, decided not to attend the wedding at all. None of us sent gifts.

Now our sister (the groom's mother) is mad at us and refuses to speak. Who is in the wrong and what should be done?—Left-Out Family.

Don't be too hard on the groom's mother. It is the bride's family who puts on the wedding and pays for the parties. Perhaps your sister didn't want to battle over the guest list.

In time all of this will seem unimportant. So long as the groom's mother refuses to speak, there's nothing you can do. One day she may extend her hand in friendship. If she does—accept it, and don't dig up the old bones.

Confidential: OLD FAITHFUL: This relationship can only lead to trouble for everybody. Chop it off.

Confidential: IN ATIZZY: Stay strictly within the limits—city and otherwise. If you are interested in this man for the long haul, don't take any short trips. Remember a woman's greatest asset can be a man's imagination.

(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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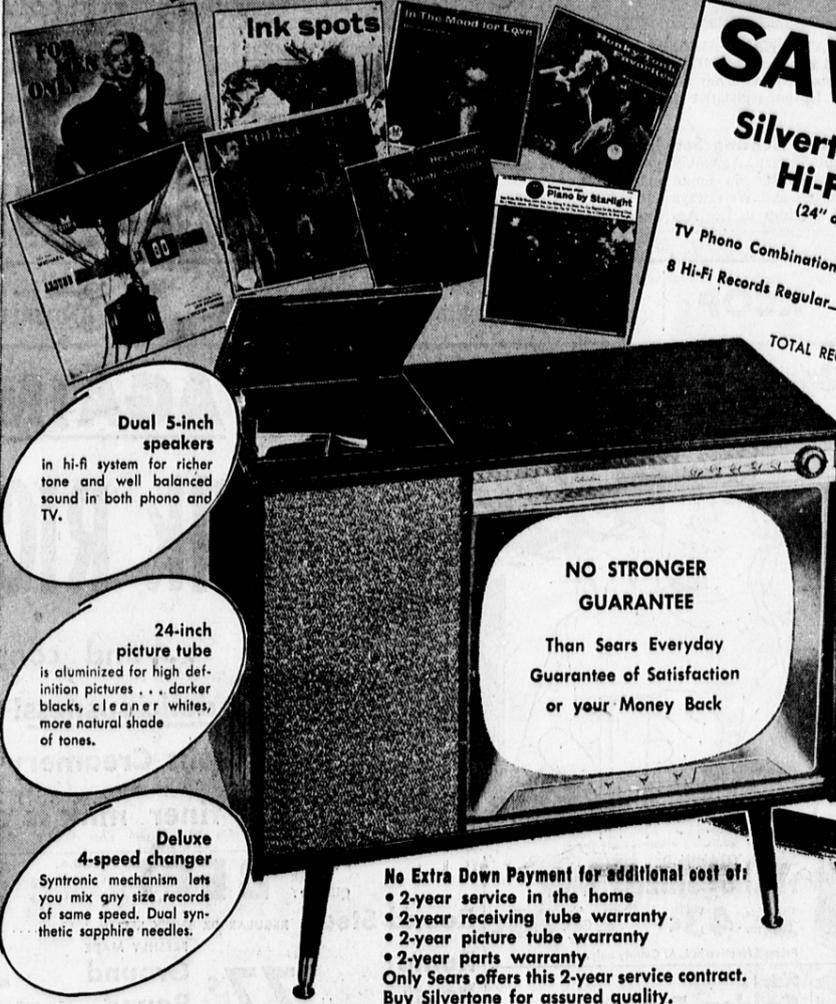
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Assessment Office Set Up In City Hall

Taxpayers may now file annual property statements with the deputy assessors who are currently canvassing this area, according to County Assessor John R. Quinn.

If they are not at home when the deputy calls, they may file this statement at any one of the 79 branch offices throughout the county. A doorknob notice is left by the deputy assessor at each home when the resident is not in, and this notice lists all 79 branches.

For the convenience of residents of this area, a branch office of the County Assessor is located in the City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd., and will be open from 9 to 4:30 starting Jan. 13 through May 9.

Taxpayers may also, when filing property statements, make their annual claims for the veteran or church exemptions at any of these branches. Property statements and claims for the veteran or church exemption must be filed by the last Monday in May, Assessor Quinn cautioned.

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