



Casualness Only Breeds Contempt

By *Count Marco*

I saw a cow on main street today. Fat wobbled and waded in a pair of blue stretch Capris. Her hair was up in giant rollers, and she shuffled along in a pair of thong sandals.

There she was, in the heart of the downtown area, looking like a tired heifer after a strenuous roundup on a hot day. She was dressed, as some of you would call it, casually. Mon Dieu! You poor misguided women.

One of the great women of this century, Eleanor Roosevelt, whose wisdom often reminds me of my aunt the Contessa, said this about casual dress:

"Casualness in living can be extremely trying. It means that among family and friends you do not observe the rules of politeness and consideration of others — a great inconvenience to everyone."

To dress other than with per-

fection is pure and simple laziness on your part. That, and an attempt to avoid responsibility.

A woman who avoids casual clothes is one who knows discipline. How can you live in the world today, which is most trying, if you do not recognize the need for self-discipline?

How can you teach your youngsters self-discipline if you do not observe the rules yourself? A mother who dresses sloppily in slacks or jeans is certainly no inspiration to the child.

It's monkey see, monkey do. When your child grows up to be an unfit mother like you, there

is only yourself and your mother to blame.

Don't let casual living happen to your family. Each member sets his own pattern of what he thinks it is, and progressively the family goes downhill.

I have noted in this country that when dress becomes casual, so do manners. This includes those of the parents as well.

Remember, good breeding and manners begin at home. To achieve this necessary goal you must have complete control over what every-member of the family wears. To permit your sons and daughters to dress carelessly deprives them of the desire for better things.

It is your obligation to instill this desire to get ahead. So be firm, be demanding, but most of all, be a good example. It's not so easy, but you can do it.

Army Pvt. James N. Wood, son of Mrs. Evelyn I. Downs, 2835 Danaha, recently arrived in Hawaii and is now assigned as a medical specialist at Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu.

Wood entered the Army last June, completed basic training at Fort Ord, and was last stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

The 17-year-old soldier attended South High School. He is the son of Ernest N. Wood, of Waterloo, Iowa.



CHRISTMAS SCENE . . . This wintery scene is the product of the Ed Willett family of 23701 S. Western Ave. The animated scene is operated by a bar-bique motor. Santa Claus and four girls on sleds slide down the hill behind the town. The scene is a part of the Willetts' outdoor Christmas decorations.



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Cops Play Santa for Sick Kids

Approximately 1,000 children in four Torrance area hospitals were paid an official visit by the Police Department yesterday.

Although visited by an entourage of police officers these children were not in trouble. Far from it, the officers were escorting Santa Claus who distributed gifts donated by the Police Officers Assn. and Sears Department Store.

Hospitals visited were Torrance Memorial, Little Company of Mary, Harbor General and Riviera. This marked the first year the police officers have visited the various hospitals at Christmas time.

And just in case any little tots doubted Santa's authority he was equipped with a badge pinned to the suit, gun and holster.



OFFICIAL VISIT . . . Torrance police officers yesterday visited the children's ward of four hospitals and helped Santa Claus (L. Swayne Johnson) distribute gifts. Torrance Memorial Hospital patient Caythia McChan, 20-months-old and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McChan of 1024 W. 298th St., gets a gift from Santa with the aid of Nurse Mrs. M. Reardon and Officer Richard (Tiny) Thompson. (Herald Photo)

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Fiscus received three weeks of training in various subjects with emphasis on map reading, leadership and combat tactics. The purpose of the school is to broaden the professional knowledge of the soldier and

to instill in him the self-confidence and sense of responsibility required to make him a capable leader of men. Assigned to the 159th Transportation Battalion's 1098th Company at the fort, Fiscus entered the Army last January.

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