# Smart Girls Don't Talk; They Listen Carefully

BEAUTY and the BEAST

by Count Marco

A woman asked me at one of my lectures, "If you don't approve of a girl going to college, how do you expect her to be able to converse with her husband on important affairs, to discuss intellectual subjects, to keep him constantly entertained?"

"How amusing," I thought. It shouldn't take too much thinking on your part to realize that the intelligent wife doesn't do the talking, she does the listening. And a college education is certainly not an absolute requirement for being a good listener.

What every good husband expects and/or wants is a life partner who can ask an intelligent question. This is an almost lost art today.

After the usual dull greeting at the door of "How did it go today, dear," you rarely have anything to offer except complaints about what went wrong in your little world.

In boredom he takes to reading the newspaper at the table, to falling asleep immediately after dinner, or turning up the television set very loudly and falling asleep on the couch.

Questions are of three types: seeking information, foolish questions or the intelligent kind which releases a flow of conversation from the man. This, of course, is to be differentiated from the kind of questioning which releases a flow from a woman friend. That's the kind that can't be dammed out.

No college education is required for any woman to do some library research about his job so she can ask intelligent questions about it. Nor is the college degree necessary to read a newspaper from front to back to know enough to trigger his comments about world affairs.

Practice good question asking not only on him at home, but on other men you meet at parties. The rewards will be great.

Besides, supposing you as a parent spend all that money and make sacrifices to send her to college to be intellectual and she marries some man who "knows from nothing," as you Americans say, and can only talk about baseball or some other sport. What then?

Happens all the time, you know.

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# Youth Welfare Commission Backs Anti-Obscenity Bill

A sub-committee of the Youth Welfare Commission will present the final draft of a program leading to curtailment of the sale of obscene literature in Torrance during a meeting of the commission to be held in Room 209 of the City Hall tonight at 8.

John C. Babbitt, acting chairman of the Youth Welfare Commission, will ask the parent body to act on the recommendations of the sub-committee appoined to investigate the possible application of the so-called "Salt Lake City Plan."

The committee was directed to formulate a program which will fit the needs of the people of Torrance.

Voluntary removal of alleged indecent literature is expected to be a focal point of the plan. Cooperation of the city's parents will be an integral part of the program.

The sub-committee members are Mrs. Peter O'Brien, Mrs. Joe H. Peters and Mrs. Earl J. Jordon.

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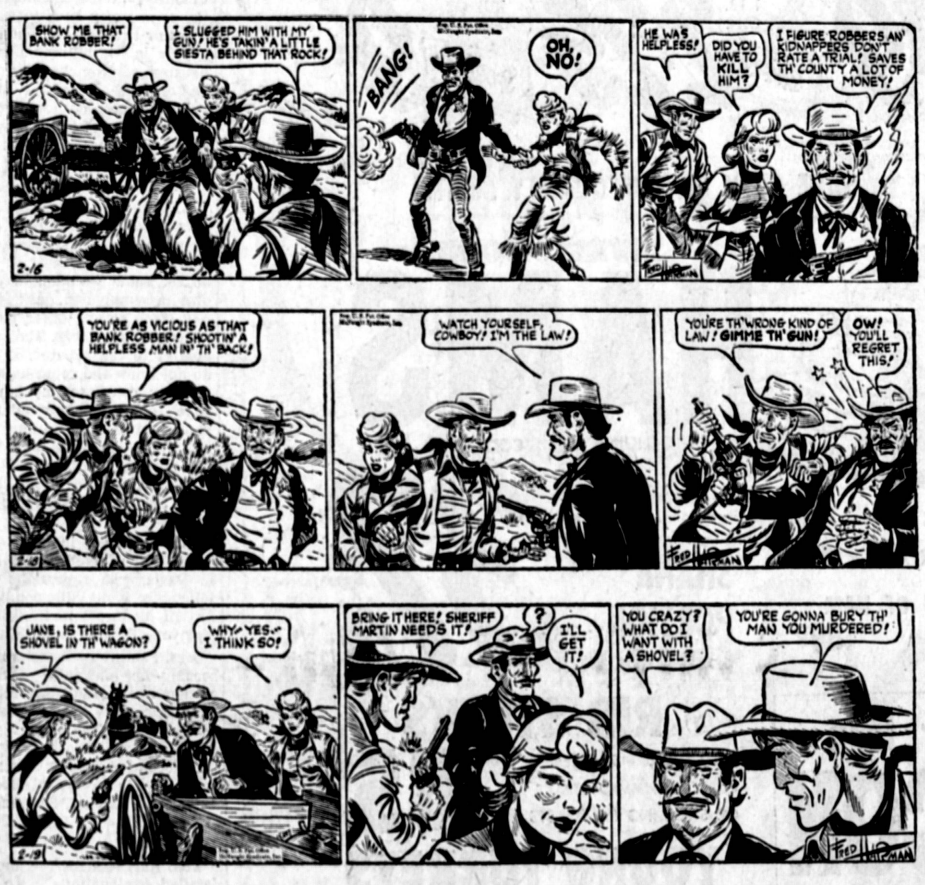
**ON THE** commission's agenda will be a resolution to recommend to the City Council a study "of what appears to be an undermanned city attorney's office and police juvenile bureau, and its influence on the welfare of the youth of Torrance." The resolution was introduced by commission member Joseph Piatt.

Southwest area representatives in the California State Legislature and Governor Brown were advised during the past week of the commission's endorsement of Charles Chapel's anti-obscenity Assembly Bill No. 3.

Hatred is the madness of the heart. — Byron.

**RED RYDER** By Fred Harman

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