

Hannah's Harpoons

By HANNAH SAMPSON
Visitor

I had just painted the front porch a neat battleship gray, and trimmed the wooden columns a brilliant yellow when my little neighbor came over for a talk. Although he is just two and a half years old, he is unusually bright, and he likes to carry on a conversation.

"Who made dat?" he asked, pointing to the new-looking porch.

"I made it," I said, smiling happily.

"Dat's pretty," he announced, and before I could realize his intention, he sat down in the wet paint.

Now, if one of my children had done this, I would have yelled and then, after much to-ing and fro-ing, she would have ended up standing in a corner. I not only didn't say a word of censure, I didn't even feel like getting mad.

Whys it we can be ever so much more polite to the neighbors?

Who Needs Gratitude?

Parents are fond of saying that they don't expect gratitude from their children. Yet, when I put myself out for mine, and they merely accept this as their due, (as I honestly think I want them to do) I find my nose out of joint by their lack of response.

Greasy Elbow

My neighbor is a Cuban with a green thumb that I envy beyond all reason.

In his little patch of a back yard (exactly as big as ours where we have wall-to-wall cement!) he has a peach tree onto which he has grafted plum and a plum tree vice versa. Corn and cabbage and rutabaga and tomatoes flourish, and green onions and carrots, and all manner of flowers. These we can all grow.

But who among us grows garlic? And dill, a fragrance that takes no back seat to Chanel number 5. Fresh garlic, by the way, has the most garlicky odor imaginable. Doesn't begin to compare with the dried, ordinary, store-bought variety.

Whatever this man touches turns green, and no amount of digging and weeding is too much trouble for him. (No doubt about it: a "green thumb" is nothing more than a "greasy elbow!")

But my friend complains that our earth is not rich enough. "Coo-bah," he says, "Corn, thirty days." Ninety days to grow a crop of sweet corn seems outrageous misuse of the land to him.

He's a Pro

I love to watch him work because he's such a "pro." He breaks all the rules laid down for amateurs: transplants roses while the bush is blooming and never loses a blossom. He distributes so-called "hot" fertilizer on a lawn, or among newly bedded transplants and nothing happens but a lush, hothouse variety of gorgeousness.

Just as with any other creative thing so it is with gardening: it's the professionals who can take the shortcuts through the rules because they are so well-versed in the fundamentals to begin with.



RETIREES—Lt. Col. Kenneth M. Klein receives his U.S. Air Force certificate of retirement during a recent ceremony from Brig. Gen. J. J. Cody, left. Col. Klein also was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service as chief of inspection services and deputy inspector general for Space Systems Division (SSD) in Los Angeles. The colonel, a veteran of more than 22 years of active military duty, served overseas in the Philippines, France and Germany. He is rated a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours to his credit. Col. Klein and his family reside at 5205 Paseo del Pavon.

ECC AND AUSTRIAN TEACHERS SWITCH

Instructors from El Camino College and Linz, Austria, will exchange duties during the coming year, when Mrs. Florence Merz-lak of ECC and Dr. Berta Steffelbauer effect a Fulbright exchange.

Dr. Steffelbauer, who will teach German I and II and conversational German, will participate in an orientation program in Washington D.C. from Aug. 19-23 in preparation for her El Camino College teaching activities.

Mrs. Merz-lak, who has been an instructor in language arts at El Camino since 1951, will arrive in Le Havre, France, today aboard the S.S. United States. Arrangements for transportation of both instructors were made by the United States Educational Commission Foundation in Austria.

Before assuming teaching duties in Linz, Mrs. Berz-lak will attend summer school classes at the University of Vienna at Strobl/Wolfgangsee from July 15 to Aug. 24. Immediately thereafter she will spend a week in Vienna for an introduction to the Austrian secondary school system.

Among primary objectives of the exchange program is to broaden understandings of life and educational systems of host countries. Students and teachers both absorb cultural information from the exchange.

Representing El Camino as host teacher to Dr. Steffelbauer will be Dr. Anne Jennings, a fellow teacher of German now on tour in Europe.

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Plus Features Told at Mesa Palos Verdes

A first-class address in a first-class location is but one of the many "plus" features of the Southland's most exclusive residential developments, Mesa Palos Verdes, located high atop the Palos Verdes Peninsula at the corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Crest Road, says developer Ray Watt.

The site of Mesa Palos Verdes is described as the Southland's most desirable area in which to grow up with your family. Long noted for its fine residential estates, the Peninsula features an environment of seclusion with a leisurely pace of living.

Foster Day To Head ECC Trustees

Foster A. Day, representative of the South Bay area, will head the El Camino College board of trustees for the coming year following his election at a special organizational meeting.

Dr. Wallace H. Fraser of Hawthorne will fill the post of vice president for the fiscal year 1963-64, while Hilas C. Ashley of El Segundo serves the five-man board as secretary. Day was also elected to serve on a committee to elect members to the County Committee on School District Organization.

Retiring president is Seymour Rayer of Inglewood, who will continue as a board member; Jack N. Dabbs of Torrance completes the list of trustees.

Working in close conjunction with the board is Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, president of the college and superintendent of the El Camino Junior College District.

Day, whose home has been in the South Bay area for all but five months of



FOSTER A. DAY

Local Realtors Will Attend CREA Conference at USC

Many local realtors are planning to attend the fifth annual CREA conference on real estate office administration to be held on the campus of the University of Southern California, July 19-20, it was announced by Kenneth Peters, president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors.

"This conference is designed to help realtors improve the efficiency of their brokerage operation and serve the public better," said Peters.

Tickets may be purchased from the California Real Estate Association, 117 W. Ninth St., Los Angeles 15, Madison 7-0428. The enrollment fee of \$50 includes a new book published on real estate office administration, a fine plastic brief case and two luncheons.

The conference will feature presentations by university instructors as well as practicing realtors in the business, according to Robert C. Westmyer of Long Beach, chairman of the conference committee. Special research was conducted in realtors' offices throughout the state in preparation of the materials to be discussed at the conference. Workshop directions from multiple office firms and single office firms will participate.

Realtors with special experience in the subjects to be discussed will act as directors in workshop sessions that follow each lecture. A new clothbound book on real estate office administration is being published for distribution at the conference. It will include articles by all of the faculty members as well as the conference chairmen. Separate articles will give viewpoints of realtors from single offices and realtors from offices with one or more branch offices.

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101 FREEWAY IS OUT FOR SURE . . . CHAPEL

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL
46th District, Assembly

There never will be a freeway or expressway between the San Diego Freeway and the Pacific Ocean (Santa Monica Bay is an inlet of the Pacific Ocean). This means there will be no freeway or expressway on or near Pacific Coast Highway, presently designated as Highway 101 Alternate, and called by various other names in several communities.

This statement is definite, regardless of what you have read or heard to the contrary. Also, if any bill authorizing such foolishness is signed by the governor, which I doubt, there still will be no freeway or expressway along this route.

It is premature to explain in detail why what I have said above is absolutely true, but it is definite and factual. Therefore, everyone can save time, and money if you send no more telegrams, write no more letters, and make no more telephone calls on this subject. The same applies to the confusion regarding the Playa del Rey area, the Marina del Rey Harbor area, and the Century Freeway.

The U.S. senators from California, several members of the U.S. House of Representatives, the governor of California, and many other federal, state, county, and city officials have asked me to make this announcement through the newspapers because all of them have been bombarded by perfectly sincere citizens who quite rightfully have been upset by inaccurate, misleading and false statements regarding freeways and expressways in and near the 46th Assembly district. If you have any doubt about it and still want to express yourself, please write to J. C. Womack, state

highway engineer, division of highways, Public Works Building, 1120 N. St., Sacramento.

During the 1963 regular session of the California State Legislature, which started on the first Monday in January and ended at midnight, June 21, 1963, I voted NO, repeat NO, in committees, and on the floor of the Assembly, on every bill, resolution, or other type of legislation which would levy new taxes or increase existing taxes, directly or indirectly. I have done the same thing during the entire time I have been in the Legislature, which is almost fourteen years.

When he campaigned for re-election at the last general election, Gov. Brown promised the voters that he would not ask for, demand, or sign into law any increase of taxes or the imposition of any new tax, directly, or indirectly. There-

fore, in voting on taxes as I did, I was helping our sometimes beloved Gov. Brown to carry out the solemn pledges he made to all the people of California during his last campaign. I am still waiting for Gov. Brown to write me a letter of thanks, but I am not holding my breath in the expectation that such a letter of gratitude will arrive soon.

These statements are not necessarily intended as any reflection on the truthfulness of Gov. Brown. However, I do think perhaps he has forgotten what he told the people during his last campaign.

Some rather violent Democrats and Republicans have called His Excellency, Gov. Brown, several nasty, four-letter words, but I disapprove of such rough language. As a former Boy Scout, I prefer to think that the heavy burdens of his of-

fice have caused the Governor to have lapse of memory. Let us all remember Gov. Brown in our prayers and sincerely pray that his mind and memory may be fully restored in order that he can return to private life at the end of his present term in good physical, mental and spiritual health.

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