

'Mr. Pettibone' Views the News

WASHINGTON — I hurried back here as soon as I heard the news. The news, of course, is that henceforth President Johnson will issue the news.

Mr. Moyers said all government agencies have been told to send their press releases to the White House so that Mr. Johnson can break whatever news in which he is "legitimately involved."

For example, said Mr. Moyers, "he read this morning a report from the Bureau of the Budget concerning personal income during August."

It all seemed a little confusing. So in hopes of clarification I hustled over to interview Mr. Homer T. Pettibone, Public Affairs Director of one of the hugest and busiest government agencies in Washington today — the Federales Press Service.

Q.—How are you, Mr. Pettibone? A.—I am healthy, happy and prosperous, President Lyndon B. Johnson announced today.

Q.—President Johnson announced it? A.—My health and welfare, like that of all Americans, legitimately involves him greatly. He feels deeply about that.

Q.—And how's the family? A.—Wife's sick, dog's ailing and the boy just fell in the washing machine. Things couldn't be worse, let me tell you.

Q.—That's bad news. A.—But they are all expected to make a full recovery, President Lyndon B. Johnson disclosed today.

Q.—That's good news. But how about this new policy where you must issue all news releases through the White House?

A.—Excuse me, not all news releases. We public affairs officers for the agencies will still exercise wide discretion on what stories should be issued through the White House, President Lyndon B. Johnson emphasized today.

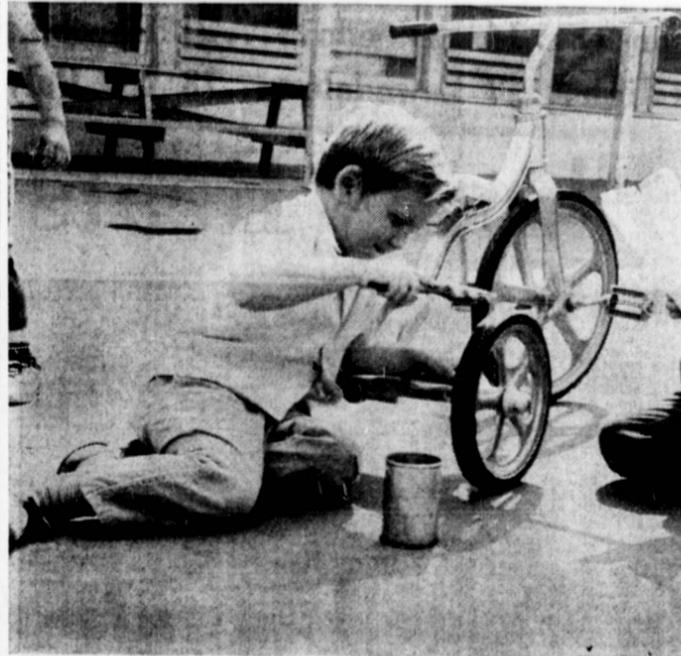
Q.—That's good news. A.—Yes, for example, here is a release on plans to expand the South Centerville sewage system, President Lyndon B. Johnson announced today. He feels deeply about that.

Q.—That's good news. A.—And here, off the record, is a report on the Bobby Baker case, which, exercising my wide discretion, I will now burn.

Q.—That's bad news. Isn't the President legitimately involved? A.—He feels deeply about that too.

Q.—Well, Mr. Pettibone, this certainly is a complicated new policy. I'm afraid the American public will never understand exactly what kind of news the President himself will issue.

A.—That's good news.



PAINT BRUSH KID . . . Kurt Heffling, one of 128 youngsters who have found a "home away from home" at the Torrance Child Care Center, works at putting a new coat of paint on a tricycle. Kurt's mother, and mothers of the other 127 children, must work. The center is authorized by the state and supervised by the Torrance Unified School District.

Torrance Center Is Home While Mom (or Dad) Works

One-hundred twenty-eight Torrance youngsters from one-parent families have found a "home away from home."

Sons and daughters of low-income working mothers—and an occasional father who is trying to rear a motherless brood, the youngsters spend five days a week, 12 months a year eating, napping, playing and learning at the Torrance Child Care Center. Administered by the Torrance Unified School District for the state, the center is located on a triangular piece of property at the intersection of Martina Avenue and Plaza del Amo.

Two green cottages and a grassy playground are home to 54 pre-schoolers, 20 kindergartners, and 54 school-age youngsters from 7 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock at night. In the summertime all the children spend their day at the center. During the school year, the school-age group picks up the school bus at the center every morning and returns by bus after class.

Daytime "mothers" include one cook, three housekeepers, and 11 teachers. The center is supervised by Mrs. Patricia Freeman, director. Youngsters range in age from 2 to 12.

Experiences at the center are geared towards helping children lead "normal, happy, lives," according to Mrs. Freeman.

From 7 to 9 a.m. each day mothers drop children off on their way to work. As the smells of homemade cookies in the oven and spaghetti bubbling on the stove begins to permeate the cottage, the nursery-age group is busily engaged in indoor play.

At 9 o'clock, toys are put away, and after an orange juice and cod liver oil break, the pre-schoolers put on sweaters and play outdoors. Two-year olds are supervised in small groups—about six to eight to a teacher. The older

pre-schoolers play in groups of 10 to 12 per teacher. During the hours that school-age youngsters participate, they are supervised in larger groups, about 20 to a teacher.

In nice weather the pre-schoolers play outdoors till 11:30, at which time they come indoors to wash up for a hot lunch which is served family-style in the cottage. Highlights of the week is the day the birthday cake is served. Traditionally it is decorated and served on a musical plate to be sliced and passed around by the week's birthday celebrant.

After lunch, the pre-school and morning kindergarten group has a brief period of quiet play — puppets, songs, records, or story-telling—before they take off their socks and shoes and lay down on their cots for naps. Some of the little ones bring a favorite blanket or stuffed animal at first, but once they

feel part of the group they usually discard it.

When they awaken—usually around 3 p.m.—the put on socks and shoes, with help from the teacher if they can't manage shoelaces, and have a snack of milk and homemade cookies.

Weather permitting, they play outdoors until their mothers pick them up on their way home from work.

How do mother and children respond to the program? "There's always a long waiting list," Mrs. Freeman points out, "anywhere from 30 to 50 people. And it's slow-moving. Half the teachers and housekeepers have worked here more than ten years. They love the children, and some of the mothers who are now sending their children participated in the program as children of working mothers themselves less than 20 years ago."

PAR Workshops Seek Funds for New Truck

Thirty-five mentally retarded adults employed at the PAR Workshops - Southwest are seeking a two-ton truck. The truck is needed to deliver products completed at the PAR Workshop, located at 1725 W. 180th St., Gardena.

Through gifts from interested residents, the adults hope to purchase a new heavy-duty vehicle to replace a truck which has logged 180,000 miles. It has been restricted from travel on area freeways.

PAR WORKSHOPS is a sheltered workshop facility which offers job training to retarded residents of the Centinela Valley and South-Juarez areas. It is operated by the Southwest Association for Retarded Children (SARC) in cooperation with the Exceptional Children's Foundation of Los Angeles.

Jobs performed by the workshop trainees are contracted by private industry and the ability to provide transportation is a major factor in the contracting process, according to William Savage, workshop manager.

ONE TYPE of work now being performed by the workshop trainees is collating of advertising booklets which are delivered on 1,000 pound skids by the workshop truck. The work requires a self-lifting tail gate on the truck. The present truck is not equipped with such a tail gate.

SARC and the workshop trainees hope to raise funds for the purchase of a new truck through donations of cash or Blue Chip Stamps, Savage said. They may be addressed to Southwest Association for Retarded Children, Box 494, Torrance.

Additional information is available from Mrs. Harry Raech at 375-3165.

Ann Landers Says

The Bathtub Isn't A Playpen, Granny



Dear Ann Landers: I'm a woman who decided the day my daughter became a mother I would never interfere with her in any way, and above all that I would never tell her how to raise her children. Something has come up now and I'm finding it difficult to keep quiet. Please advise me because this is a matter of life and death.

Yesterday while we were having coffee I asked my daughter where the 3-year-old was. It seemed very quiet in the youngster's room. "Oh, Martha is playing in the bathtub," was the answer.

I was horrified that my daughter would leave such a small child alone in the tub. I went to see what was going on. There was Martha, having a great time with her rubber toys and celluloid boat. My daughter said, "See . . . she's perfectly fine."

Ann, it takes only a few seconds for a tragedy to occur and I am worried sick that something might happen. What is your opinion? —PANICKY GRANNY

I think seriously about any boy and I know it. Les and I are just good friends, but the kids in my crowd have really been piling it on. When one of my girl friends heard Les and I were going to the band concert together, she said, "You ought to charge his mother 50 cents an hour for baby sitting."

I asked my parents if they thought it was wrong for me to go with a boy who is a year and a half younger than I am and they said it is up to me to decide.

Please, Ann, tell me what is your opinion? I like Les a lot and he is much more mature for his age than some of the boys who are 17.

—TROUBLES

Dear Troubles: Your parents gave you good advice. If you are not uncomfortable about the age difference, simply ignore the comments from the bleachers. How a boy conducts himself is more important than when he was born.

Dear Ann Landers: I have been reading your column for many years but never has a letter made me so furious as the one from the donkey who said he would gladly have kissed the draft board doctor had he known homosexuals did not have to serve in the armed forces.

As one who loves God and country I am happy his kind are in the minority. He does not deserve to live in a country that others have fought and died for.

During World War II, I volunteered for Navy Duty and served 42 months—two

years of it on hot, steaming islands in the Pacific. If my service contributed to the preservation of our freedoms I do not regret a single day of it nor do I feel that my attitude is especially heroic. There were millions more like me. If you print my letter sign me, simply—MEMPHIS VOLUNTEER

Dear Volunteer: Thank you for your excellent letter. True, there were millions like you but each man who served made his own personal sacrifice—and his own special contribution.

Awkward and self-conscious? Unsure of yourself? Write for Ann Landers' booklet, "The Key to Popularity," enclosing with your request 35¢ in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. © 1965, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate

Normandie Improvement Under Way

A \$9,750 improvement on the east side of Normandie Avenue is under way by the County Road Department, Supervisor Chairman Burton W. Chace has announced.

The project, extending from near Lomita Boulevard to the Santa Fe tracks, consists of widening and repaving the street to join with new curbs and gutters provided by an adjacent land developer.

Supervisor Chace said the developer also prepared the road subgrade for the master plan improvement.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

Answers on Page A-8

A crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares. The grid is 20 columns wide and 25 rows high. Numbers are placed in the starting squares of words. The grid is partially filled with letters, representing the answers to the crossword puzzle.

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Supervisor Urges Program Of Freeway Beautification

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has called for an extensive beautification program along freeways and flood control channels as part of the anti-poverty program. Hahn said that anti-poverty funds earmarked for the Community Work and Training Program can be used to put hundreds of unemployed persons to work planting and landscaping.

"Lasting results for beautification and pleasant surroundings can be realized by planting the seeds now, which in 15 to 25 years will provide the community trees of shade and beauty.

"Throughout the county a huge network of publicly-owned freeway, highways, and flood control channels serve the citizens and provide protection to their homes in case of heavy rains," he noted.

"Through proper landscaping, these public facilities can be beautiful as well as practical."

COUNT MARCO

Love and Marriage Go Together

Love and marriage going together like a horse and carriage is the theme of a song that has been around for some time. The idea being, of course, that you can't have one without the other — or shouldn't.

Unfortunately, the horse and carriage have been replaced, making it an old-fashioned memory. So has love and marriage. Most men usually can have one without the other.

There is something romantic about a horse and carriage. Hansom cabs in New York, Rome and Paris have a nostalgic effect on lovers. The surrey with the fringe on top has been immortalized in song and play. It's the combination that does it. They are synonymous with romance.

So why not revive the good

old-fashioned team of love and marriage going together as one instead of separately? To have love without marriage is like purchasing one shoe of a pair or an automobile without a motor.

In an age of modern sales techniques that practically direct every movement and way of your life, why not try a few of the more successful sales techniques to sell your daughter on not buying one without the other?

To insure your own future peace of mind and unburdened tranquility, plus your daughter's future, show her a promising and attractive sales presentation on love as part of marriage.

Bring your sales techniques up to date. Don't just talk about marriage. SELL her on the idea that marriage is the ONLY, the finest, the best,

and that there is no substitute at any price.

Hard sell, if need be, the complete package: no marriage, no romance. Make the deal interesting and desirable.

Be practical too. Tell her that many a prospective buyer will insist on trying the product first or there is no deal.

Reassure her that quality merchandise is accepted at face value and that tester's rights are strictly for merchandise of unknown or questionable origin.

Remember, if you can't sell your daughter such a program it may be because you don't believe it yourself. In that case she may be one of the many now flooding the market with a marked-down product, so overtested that no one wants it. Not even for free.

John Birch Society to Hold Dinner

A \$50 plate dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Welch, founders of the John Birch Society, will be held by the society at the Hollywood Palladium, 6215 Sunset Blvd., Oct. 11.

Major speaker will be former FBI agent Dan Smooth with Thomas J. Anderson as master of ceremonies. The program will terminate promptly at 10 p.m.

Edgar W. Heistand, chairman, and John H. Russelot, general manager, recommend early reservations. Further information is available through local society chapters.