

Editor, Press-Herald:

I am a teacher in Torrance. Recently there appeared an article in your paper concerning the Principals' request in Torrance for a twelve month contract instead of the present eleven month type. According to the Principal who submitted the request, the Principals need "more time to sit and think" because of the alleged overtaxing of their time caused by the increase in special programs. I can only speak from my own experiences, but I would say that such a statement simply does not make sense in light of the facts, which are as follows:

I am sure that the majority of citizens in Torrance would consider this adequate compensation for a position which occupies eleven months of a person's time and includes approximately three weeks paid vacation, five to seven paid holidays per year, and the advantages mentioned above in reference to the Summer School session.

3. Many Principals in Torrance are already assisted by Vice Principals (some schools have more than one) ten months a year. These Vice Principals release the Principal from much of his so-called overburdening duties.

1. During the Summer School session which is six weeks, the Principal's responsibility decreases greatly, because the student enrollment is approximately one half of the enrollment during the regular school year. The school day during the summer session is from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Each school in Torrance has a lead teacher whose responsibilities are to assume the role of Principal when the Principal is not there. Under the present arrangement in Torrance, Principals are under contract and compensated for eleven months a year. The eleven month contractual period includes the six weeks of Summer School. Assuming the Principals work an eight hour day during the summer session, would not the afternoons be an ideal time "to sit and think" of the special programs?

2. Most Principals in Torrance are paid between \$12,500 and \$15,000 (perhaps more) in annual salary.

4. Perhaps the most important argument against expending \$60,000 for a 12 month contract is the vital need in other areas. In these times when there are so many serious financial needs in education, e.g., pupil overload, possibilities of double sessions, increased paper work by teachers, crying need for special remedial teachers in various subject areas, increased need for special equipment, to name a few, the \$60,000 could be spent more advantageously.

5 Principals are paid in proportion to what they would receive as teachers. With the teachers they recently received a generous 4 1/2 per cent salary increase, which at their salary levels is quite substantial.

If the purpose of education is to provide the best education possible with the resources available, the Principals' request for a 12 month contract should be denied.

(NAME WITHHELD)



IT'S REALLY SIMPLE... Lt. John W. Wilkie, a jet fighter pilot stationed at the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station near Santa Ana, tries to convince Torrance Princess Cynthia Hanny that flying jets isn't as complicated as it looks. Miss Hanny, who says she still prefers her Volkswagen, visited the air station to welcome Marine aviation units who will do a "fly-over" during the seventh annual Armed Forces Day Parade here May 21.

Ann Landers Says

# Momma's Boy Will Find It's Too Late



Dear Ann Landers: My husband is 56 years old and he still calls his mother mommy and his father poppy.

We have a teen-age daughter whom he ignores. I should add that he doesn't pay much attention to me, either. His whole life is wrapped up in his parents. He must see them every single day.

After 20 years I find myself resenting this mommy and poppy business. When we were married I thought he would outgrow it, but he seems to be getting more childish as time goes by.

Am I foolish to let this bother me? I will follow your advice. — MIGRAINE MARTHA

Dear Migraine: Yes, you are foolish to let this bother you. It's a useless waste of energy. You are going to hear "mommy" and "poppy" as long as his parents live, so get used to it already.

How sad that your husband has no interest in his daughter! If she is in her teens and he ignores her, THAT won't change, either — until mommy and poppy are gone. Then he'll probably look to her for affection, but it will be too late.

Dear Ann Landers: Several weeks ago a friend of ours invited my husband and me and four other couples to a wild duck dinner. In these parts a wild duck dinner is something very special. It isn't like "Come over with the kids and we'll cook hot dogs on the grill."

invited us she telephoned to say that she and her husband had been invited to a very elegant party by some socially prominent people, so she was canceling HER dinner. She was sure we would understand.

I was shocked. My mother would not have permitted me to pull a stunt like that when I was eight years old. The other women who had been uninvited were also offended. Some of the men didn't think it was so bad. What is your opinion? — MOLLIE

Dear Mollie: It seems clear your friend receives so few invitations that she simply couldn't bear to pass one up. At the rate she's going she's going to receive even fewer.

She treated you and the others in a shoddy manner and I hope you will tell her so to her face instead of boiling privately.

Dear Ann Landers: Please inform the cello player's wife that her husband is going through the male menopause and that she is having an easier time of it than I had.

When my husband reached the foolish fifties he got himself a two-legged cello and they made beautiful music together. I sat home night after night taking care of his sick mother.

Too bad some wives don't realize that men go through a period when they are not quite themselves. I hope the wife who wrote will give her husband a lot of love and understanding. I did, and it paid off. My husband appre-

ciates me more than ever for standing by and patiently waiting for him to get through making a jackass out of himself. — R.C.

Dear R.C.: Sound advice to women whose husbands take to fiddling around in the evening of their lives. Thanks for writing.

Do you feel ill at ease... out of it? Is everybody having a good time but you? Write for Ann Landers' booklet, "The Key to Popularity," enclosing with your request 35 cents 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 the Press-Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Publishers Newspaper Syndicate.

## Breakfast To Benefit Area Scouts

A hearty pancake breakfast with bacon, fruit juice, coffee, and all the trimmings will be served to the public Saturday from 7 until 11 a.m. at the Rolling Hills Market and General Store, located on the corner of Palos Verdes Drive North and Rolling Hills Road.

The occasion is the 10th annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Scout Parents, Inc., of Rolling Hills. Tickets for the event will be sold by Boy and Girl Scouts in the area, or they may be purchased at the breakfast.

Proceeds from the breakfast, which costs 75 cents per person, are for the benefit of all Scout troops in the Rolling Hills area.

## Psychologists to Join State College Faculty

Two psychologists have been added to the faculty of the California State College at Palos Verdes, Dean Lyle Gibson has announced.

The new staff members will assume their teaching positions when the college begins its fall quarter next September. At that time, the college is expected to move to temporary quarters at Dominguez Hills, site of the permanent college campus.

Named to the faculty today were Dr. Jack Adams, who will serve as assistant professor of psychology, and Stephen W. Brown, who is expected to receive his doctoral degree from the University of Southern California in June. Brown also will be an assistant professor of psychology.

Dr. Adams, currently serving as an assistant professor at Long Beach State College, received his bachelor's degree in 1950 from the University of California, Berkeley, and attended the University of Hawaii. He earned his doctoral degree in 1963 from Claremont Graduate School.

He is a member of the American Psychological Association, the American Association of Science, and the Animal Behavior Society. He and his wife, Beatrice, live in Long Beach.

Brown, who, since 1963, has worked as a research associate on the USC Aptitudes Research Project, currently is an assistant professor of psychology at California State College at Los Angeles. He also has served as an instructor in the U. S. Armed Forces Institute at Fort MacArthur in San Pedro.

He is a major contributor to the text, "Exercises to Accompany Fundamental Statistics for Psychology and Education," published in 1965. He and his wife reside in Huntington Beach.

## Plan Contest, Too

# Assessors' Group Forms State Study Foundation

By PHILIP E. WATSON County Assessor

An organization which came quietly into being two months ago may someday become the catalyst for not-yet-contemplated improvements in assessment administration — with resultant savings in tax dollars.

The organization is known as the Foundation for the Study and Improvement of Assessment Practices.

Its first project will be to sponsor an annual contest where interested citizens — whether or not they are directly involved in the assessment field — enter papers on ways to improve efficiency or reduce costs in various phases of assessment administration or tax collection. Elected officials are not eligible to compete.

THE FOUNDATION was created last Feb. 2 with funds provided by the local arrangements committee for the 1964 annual conference of the International Association of Assessing Officers. It will be administered through the Educational Committee of the State Association of County Assessors of California, headed by San Luis Obispo County Assessor Joe Warnagiers.

Theme of the first competition will be announced at the State Association's 1966 state conference Nov. 13 in Fresno — and the first prize will be awarded in 1967. Judges will be the president of the association, a member of the State Board of Equalization and two members chosen from business and industry.

Contests, of course, are a dime a dozen. Ordinarily one can't get too excited about who guesses the correct number of jelly beans, solves the most puzzles, or writes the best line to a limerick.

As we have found here in Los Angeles County, a seemingly minor change in procedure can mean a substantial savings in tax dollars. For instance, our office saved almost \$1 million a year simply by automating the assessment of household furnishings instead of using door-to-door appraisers. A more recent example is a plan for getting information on real estate transactions directly from property owners through sales verification letters.

I am hopeful that some of the proposals made in the contest papers — whether or not they win the prize money — will result in similar savings in Los Angeles and other jurisdictions.

WE HAVE already had favorable first-hand experience with the interchange of professional ideas through the International Association of Assessing Officers.

I was, of course, honored to be the recipient of IAAO's "Most Valuable Member" citation. However, I believe I was even prouder when one of our young appraisers, Robert C. Mason, wrote the best essay of the year in the annual Donehoo Contest.

Bob's paper was a highly original work on the use of computers in analyzing and projecting market data. His findings were useful not only for assessing the fast-changing Los Angeles real estate market but for Assessors in urban areas throughout the country.

TURNING AGAIN to our new Foundation, I predict that its long-range activities will go far beyond the annual essay competition.

We are hopeful that the Foundation can lead a statewide educational program for better public understanding of the property tax structures.

## COUNT MARCO

# Show Personality With Sterling

The most flattering thing that can happen to a woman when she dies is to have the relatives fight for possession of something she has left behind. How would any of you feel if you knew that nothing you owned was even wanted, let alone fought over?

"Diamonds may be a girl's best friend, but the amount of silver she owns reflects her true personality," according to Esther Gross, who lovingly fondled the silver display at the elegant store where I interviewed her. Having sold silver for years, she has some rather definite ideas about you and silver.

"Women are afraid to flatter themselves when buying silver," she said. "When a customer walks in to choose a pattern I try to size up her personality, which includes taking in her personal appearance. For example, a tall woman who perhaps wears her hair set in a bun should by all means express herself in the Grand Baroque manner, whereas a petite blonde should choose something more delicate and simple."

"In fact," she added, "everything a woman selects, whether it be silver, a chair, a couch or a painting should enhance her image. If the

gown is right, the chair is right and the background is in tune, all you have to do is sit there. You don't even have to open your mouth, because the setting is flattery enough."

Esther said the choosing of your silver is as important as the choice of jewelry. With the value of silver going up and up, it is undoubtedly one of the best investments a woman can make. During the past ten years silver has never lost its original value, but has increased instead.

Here are some of Esther's tips about the purchase and care of silver. Whereas place settings should be of the same pattern, the additional pieces such as platters, goblets, candelabra, coffee service and serving instruments do not have to match. For families that pass on silver from generation to generation, it is in fact a status symbol that most of it does not.

There are pros and cons about what to do with the silver when not in use. Some individuals claim it is bad taste to leave a coffee service and candelabra out unless in use, whereas bowls are acceptable. "Not so," says Mrs. Gross.

"Use it constantly, exhibit it proudly. Not only does it gain a patina of elegance, but

by using it every night, especially for him, you prove your devotion. After all, he did pay for it, so why shouldn't he get as much pleasure from the silver as do your friends and relatives?"

The difference between silverplate and sterling is that the former will wear away. Sterling, according to American standards, must contain 925/1000 silver with the balance being copper to give it hardness, and becomes more beautiful with use.

You need not start with a large collection. Two place settings will suffice. Or perhaps a relish tray, gravy boat or any of the other dozens of items. Like the little acorn, your set can grow into a beautiful collection. Too, if relatives know your fondness for silver they will be more inclined to give you presents in that line.

Silver is to be enjoyed while you live and left to be enjoyed, appreciated, and valued by those who inherit it.

ON DEAN'S LIST Marilyn Snitchler of 1502 E. Carson was named on the Dean's List at Cal State Los Angeles. An honor student must be an undergraduate and attain at least a 3.4 grade point in 12 or more units of course work.

## Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page B-3)

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1966

- ACROSS
- 1—Around
  - 2—Band worn around waist
  - 10—Bivouac
  - 11—Milkshake
  - 14—Experience
  - 15—Misdo
  - 21—Fort prong
  - 22—Was borne
  - 23—Kind of hawk
  - 24—To the side
  - 25—Chiefs
  - 26—Order
  - 27—Creek letter
  - 28—Attitude
  - 32—Was mistaken
  - 33—Jargon
  - 34—Parent-teacher organization
  - 35—Evergreen shrub
  - 37—Want
  - 39—Spread for drying
  - 40—Pest
  - 41—Tints
  - 42—Short sleep
  - 43—Lifts
  - 46—Boundary
  - 47—Hairless
  - 48—Transaction
  - 50—Transfer
  - 52—Girl's name
  - 53—Compass
  - 55—Actual
  - 57—Latin conjunction
  - 58—Unit of Japanese currency (pl.)
  - 59—Animal coat
  - 60—College degree (abbr.)
  - 62—Bitter vetch
  - 64—Court order
  - 66—That is (abbr.)
  - 68—A state (abbr.)
  - 69—Firm
  - 70—Prohibition
  - 71—Early invader of Scotland
  - 73—Scoffs
  - 75—Put in harmony
  - 77—Landed
  - 78—Biblical words
  - 80—Contests
  - 81—Sign of zodiac
  - 82—Hermit
  - 83—Squad leader
  - 84—Rubber on pencil
  - 86—Gravestone
  - 87—Squad leader
  - 89—Peer Gynt's mother
  - 92—Step
  - 95—Aperients
  - 98—Cushions
  - 99—Rebels
  - 101—Surgical saw
  - 103—Rockfish
  - 104—Abstract
  - 105—Warble
  - 106—Symbol for nickel
  - 107—Symbol for gold
  - 108—Cook slowly
  - 110—Edge
  - 111—Symbol for tellurium
  - 112—Thick, matted hair
  - 113—Deposit of mud
  - 115—Cooled lava
  - 117—Fishes (abbr.)
  - 118—Prefix down
  - 120—Face of watch
  - 121—Specified allowance for error
  - 124—Cress
  - 126—Workman
  - 127—Unadorned
  - 128—Clubbing
  - 130—Father
  - 132—Sharp sound
  - 133—Metal thread
  - 134—Intellect
  - 135—Click beetles
  - 137—Grant use of
  - 138—Tattered cloth
  - 140—At that time
  - 141—Style of painting
  - 143—French: without
  - 145—East written
  - 146—Studio
  - 148—Bast
  - 150—Lamp
  - 152—Soup dish
  - 153—Fas
  - 154—Lock of hair
  - 156—Indian of Oklahoma
  - 157—Ancient shariet
  - 158—Is ill
  - 159—Weary
  - 160—Entrances
- DOWN
- 1—Passage between houses
  - 2—Whipped
  - 3—Algonquian Indians
  - 4—Southwestern Indian
  - 5—Singed period of time
  - 6—Saint
  - 7—Be ill
  - 8—Encourage
  - 9—Doctrines
  - 10—Noblemen
  - 11—Paid notices
  - 12—Frenous
  - 13—Diplomacy
  - 14—In music, high
  - 15—Shoulder blade
  - 17—Totaled
  - 18—Man's name
  - 19—Precipitation
  - 20—Locate
  - 23—Condescending
  - 27—Stylish (colloq.)
  - 28—Challenge
  - 31—Tidy
  - 32—Walking stick
  - 36—Met
  - 38—Extremely terrible
  - 40—Tiny amounts
  - 41—Male deer
  - 43—Killed
  - 45—Sarcasm
  - 46—Woolly
  - 47—Large bundle
  - 49—Organs of hearing
  - 51—Laulu
  - 52—Strict
  - 53—Ciao
  - 54—Silkworm
  - 56—Tarrying
  - 58—Pierced
  - 60—Lure
  - 61—Poker stake
  - 63—Distributes
  - 65—Rip
  - 67—Worm
  - 68—Greek letter
  - 70—Vasicle of the skin
  - 72—Quills like birds
  - 74—Printer's measure
  - 75—Continued story
  - 76—Proposition
  - 77—Mohammedan general
  - 78—Mournful
  - 83—Shade tree
  - 85—Continued story
  - 86—Drinks slowly
  - 87—Barracuda
  - 88—Bread of glass
  - 89—Near
  - 90—Pertaining to old age
  - 91—Roman official
  - 92—Station (abbr.)
  - 93—One who shirks his duty
  - 94—Diphthong
  - 96—King of Gerald
  - 97—Identical
  - 100—King of Bashan
  - 102—Tidings
  - 103—Edible fish
  - 105—Dampness
  - 112—Warble
  - 113—Painful
  - 114—Instructs
  - 116—Caustic substance
  - 118—Irritate
  - 120—Parasit
  - 121—Twist
  - 122—God of love
  - 123—Gift
  - 125—Bip
  - 126—Cap
  - 127—Dock
  - 129—Pertaining to sea
  - 131—Main dish
  - 132—Talk idly
  - 133—Edible fish water
  - 134—Sources of
  - 135—Greek suddenly
  - 138—Europeans
  - 140—Sound
  - 141—Sea bird
  - 142—Sewing case
  - 144—Jawing tooth
  - 147—Confederate general
  - 148—Hawellen
  - 149—Be mistaken
  - 151—Scottish for "two"
  - 153—Symbol for tantalum
  - 155—French article

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