

ANN LANDERS



She Must Be Desperate

Dear Ann Landers: How old must a person be before he lives down a childhood mistake?

When I was nine years old I found a hole in the wall which was covered by a picture. My father had made the hole as a hiding place for his somewhat meager savings.

When the circus came to town I wanted very much to go but I had no money. That was the day I found the hole in the wall. I took \$2.50 and treated myself, my two sisters, and my brother to a wonderful day at the circus.

When father came home to dinner he told us he had heard that his children had had quite a day and then the whole story about the money came out. I got such a walloping I couldn't sit down for two days.

I am now a married man, 45 years of age. My oldest son is in the Air Force. I have been the treasurer for the United Fund and other well-known civic organizations. To this day my sister loves to tell everybody she knows about the time I stole the money and went to the circus. When she learned I was to be the treasurer for our church fellowship group she said, "How much do you plan to make from the job?"

Please tell me how to respond to these poisonous little barbs which have been slung at me all these years. — FOREVER GUILTY.

Dear Forever: There isn't a person living who has not done at least one extremely foolish or dishonest thing in his childhood.

Your sister must be pretty desperate for conversation if she has to go back 36 years to dig up something to talk about. Of course, nobody takes her seriously when she shoots off her mouth this way and you shouldn't either. The next time she brings up the subject tell her to update her material or get a new writer.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 14-year-old girl who needs someone to tell me if I am right or wrong.

My best friend (I will call her Cindy) told me she would sleep at my house Friday night. I asked her one whole week in advance and it was all set. My dad was supposed to pick her up at 7 that evening. At 7 p.m. she telephoned and said, "I got a call from Mrs. So-and-So a few minutes ago and she wants me to baby-sit for her tonight. I told her I would. I'll sleep at your house some other time."

This is not the first time Cindy has done this to me. A few weeks ago we made plans to go to the Fair and then her mother called to apologize for her.

I am really burned up and wonder if you think I should be a friend to her if she wants to make up. Please make up my mind.—WILMA.

Dear Wilma: Cindy is flakey and if you didn't know it before you certainly should know it now. So accept her limited, half-baked, semi-sincere friendship if you want to settle for a half-baked, semi-sincere friendship. It is obvious that she does not attach the importance to the relationship that you do.

Confidential to Miss Confident: Don't bet the rent. Marriage is no cure for excessive drinking. The odds are good that he will drink more after marriage, not less. Added pressures and the responsibilities of his "ready made family" will probably send him back to the bottle for comfort and escape.

Unsure of yourself on dates? What's right? What's wrong? Should you? Shouldn't you? Send for Ann Landers' booklet "Dating Do's and Don'ts," enclosing with your request 35c 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. (C) 1966, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate

Traveling Students to Offer 'Up with People'

A musical variety show of a cast of 150 college and high school students from every background in the United States will be presented at El Camino College Friday at 8 p.m.

Titled "Up with People," the show represents young America's bid to involve an entire generation in building a more compatible world. The cast members were among 2,000 who met this June at the Action Now Demonstration in Estes Park, Colo.

In the last 12 months, the three casts of "Up With People" have traveled a combined total of 190,000 miles in the U. S. and six other countries. One of the casts recently completed a seven-week tour of Germany, Austria, and Spain at the request of the governments of these countries. The two-hour production was launched last fall from the Moral Rearmament Conference for Modernizing America at Mackinac Island, Mich. Backed by guitars and a mass chorus of young people sing songs such as "Up with People," "What Color Is God's Skin?" "Don't Stand Still" and "Freedom Isn't Free."

"Up with People" is sponsored by 161 U.S. senators and congressmen in Washington, D.C.; has performed at West Point, twice at the Air Force Academy and Merchant Marine Academy, and has performed at over 80 military bases. The cast members have also been met by former presidents Eisenhower and Truman.



LEAD YMCA DRIVE . . . Top leaders of the Torrance Family YMCA's annual fund raising drive discuss plans for the project during a meeting held with Goodwin J. Knight (seated), general campaign chairman, Knight, former governor and a director of Imperial Bank, will head a drive for \$130,000. Other top leaders are (from left) Marshall E. Stewart, teams chairman; H. Ted Olson, Torrance councilman who will head the initial gifts section, and Dr. Rollin R. Smith, YMCA board chairman. (Press-Herald Photo)

Knight Heads 'Y' Drive

Former Governor Goodwin J. Knight has been named general chairman of the Torrance Family YMCA's annual fund drive, Dr. Rollin R. Smith, chairman of the YMCA board of directors, has announced.

Knight, now a director of Imperial Bank, will head a campaign for \$130,000 in funds to support the Torrance YMCA programs during the coming year.

Other top leaders of the annual campaign include Torrance Councilman H. Ted Olson, who will head the initial gifts division, and Marshall E.

youngsters and 2,500 families. A total of 300 local YMCA clubs and tribes and 30 camp sessions are included in the program, along with special leadership training and counseling programs.

Chace Stand Backed for Job Training

Supervisor Burton W. Chace's position that the state should pay job-training expenses of welfare recipients has been supported by Newton Holcomb, California Director of Social Welfare.

Holcomb told County Supervisors that the state should carry the cost of this program. County taxpayers can't be expected to pick up this load.

HIS STATEMENTS concurred with those made by Chace when the Fourth District Supervisor cast his vote against incurring the costs of this program.

"This program, initiated by the state, is a good plan to reduce the number of employable adults on our welfare rolls," said Supervisor Chace. "However, we cannot ask the already-overburdened county taxpayer to pay for it."

"Besides the fact the program was state-initiated and should be state-supported, we don't have the money in our budget to continue the program," Chace said.

UNDER THE program, welfare recipients are reimbursed for child care and travel expenses incurred while they are enrolled in job-training programs.

"It would be easy to vote in favor of every worthwhile program put before the Board of Supervisors," Chace said. "But the money has to come from somewhere and we don't have it in our budget."

COUNT MARCO

They Now Have Equality Plus

Women consistently manage to look at the world of statistics through rose-colored glasses.

I reported an example of this the other day in remarking that national survey figures indicate a shortage of men, but one female reviewer put on her tinted glasses—with complete conviction—warned men how choosy women can now be as a result of this shortage of women.

Bless you, you do have a sense of humor. At a lecture I gave the other day, during the question and answer session one woman pointed out that "there has to be a 50-50 balance in marriage to succeed."

Her choice of an example was typically inconsistent and rosy. If two individuals at

either end of a rope engaged in a tug-of-war, the rope would eventually break in the middle. I pointed out immediately the correctness of this: Any marriage with a 50-50 deal becomes a tug of war, and the marriage itself splits in the middle.

The newest trend in inconsistent equality—in which women add 50 and 50 and come up with 110—is, to quote, "the most common change in the equality-on-the-job ruling is that maternity leaves be given to pregnant employees."

Can any one of you tell me how you can interpret that as equality on any job, when it so obviously discriminates against men who will never be able to apply for the same privilege?

of the play: Charles Slater, Torrance High drama teacher, and Miss McDonald. Actress Rosemary DeCamp also will appear on the final segment of the show to summarize and describe the results of the play.

"CHARLIE" chronicles the last few minutes of a loser—a man who reaches the end of his rope and finds all of his resources bankrupt, according to Slater.

The play was selected as the "most effective" drama of three produced last year during the 15th annual One-Act Play Festival at Torrance High. Miss DeCamp is sponsor of the festival.

The cast includes Loretta Brase, Connie Dearden, and George Rugsby. Mike Hubbert stars as Charlie. Tom Mossman produced and directed the play for Channel 28.

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AT NUCLEAR STATION . . . Miss Margaret Ackerman, 17-year-old Torrance High School student selected to attend the National Youth Conference on the Atom, gets a first-hand briefing on the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. A. C. Worden Jr. (left), Southern California Edison Co. engineer for atomic energy, explains the purpose of the station to Miss Ackerman while Charles Pillet, her science teacher, listens. The Chicago conference sessions ended Saturday.

Campaign for 'Safety In Heating' Launched

Los Angeles city and county leaders and gas company officials have launched Southern California's 14th annual "Safety-In-Winter Heating" drive.

The purpose of the annual campaign is to alert Southland residents to the potential hazards of using obsolete, unvented, and open-flame space heaters.

Attending the meeting were representatives of city and county fire, health, and building departments, the county coroner's office, County Administrators office, Los Angeles City Schools, Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council, and the gas companies.

concerned, countywide program of inspection and public education through newspapers, radio, and television.

Before the joint "Safety-In-Winter Heating" campaign was started in 1952, an average of 40 to 50 accidental deaths attributable to unvented heaters were reported each year.

This figure has been cut dramatically through the annual inspection and education program. Last year there was nearly a 20 per cent drop in incidents over the 1964-1965 figure. Released figures for last year show six incidents involving unvented heaters in which eight persons died, a qualified service agency or the gas company.

more than 240,000 unvented "heating heirlooms" installed in area homes today," reported L. E. Henry of Southern California Gas Co.

"These obsolete, unvented heaters should not be connected with modern vented gas equipment which provides winter comfort with complete safety in most Southland homes," he pointed out.

Officials attending the meeting were unanimous in urging replacement of obsolete unvented heaters with modern, approved vented equipment. Pending replacement, the group urged residents to have heating equipment checked for safety by a qualified service agency or the gas company.



ON STAGE . . . Albert Ryan (right) as Count Dracula threatens Billy Creamer (who portrays the crazed Renfield) in a scene from the current Chapel Theatre production of "Dracula." Barbara Vrooman of Torrance directs the play, which is based on a novel by Bram Stoker. Performances will be given on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during the next four weeks.

'Dracula' to Continue Run at Chapel Theatre

A Red Cross nurse, a first aid station, champagne the color of blood, cobwebs in unlikely places were all part of the trimmings last weekend as Chapel Theatre opened its current production, "Dracula."

Barbara Vrooman of Torrance directs the thriller, taken from a novel by Bram Stoker.

Heading the cast is Albert Ryan of Redondo Beach, whose voice and manner are hypnotic in the role of Count Dracula. Wallace (Johnny) Johnson as Dr. Van Helsing, who just joined the cast a week before the production opened, had the audience wondering who the replacement was.

The maid, Miss Wells, is portrayed by Rene Galleran of Palos Verdes and Billy Creamer, also of Palos Verdes, portrays the crazed Mr. Renfield.

Newcomers to the Chapel stage include JoAnn Gungura of Torrance as Lucy, Harold Hoffenberg of Redondo Beach as Dr. Seward, Al Taylor of Redondo Beach as Seward's fiancée, and Ed Anderson of Worcester as Buttersworth.

Performances will continue for the next four weekends. Curtain is 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturday and 8 p.m. on Sundays. Chapel Theatre is located at 4164 W. Pacific Coast Hwy.