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It's Your Day

Dear Ann Landers: My fiance and I have been planning our wedding for several months. We wanted it to be in June but my mother persuaded us to wait until July and be married—on her 25th wedding anniversary. It sounded like a good idea at the time, but now I'm not so sure.

Last week my mother announced that she has tried on her wedding gown and it still fits perfectly. She wants to wear the gown to my wedding and make it a double ceremony, with her and Dad repeating the vows.

I didn't know what to make of it, but Mother assured me that many couples "remarry" for sentimental reasons and she thinks it would be a truly moving experience for us all. Dad was not very pleased but usually he goes along with what Mom wants.

My fiance doesn't like the idea and has said so. When I told Mother, she accused me of being selfish and not wanting to share the spotlight. If I am wrong, please tell me and I will try to make my fiance see it that way. Right now I am so heart-sick I'm ready to call off the wedding and elope.—CONFUSED GIRL

Dear Girl: A bride should not have to share the spotlight with anyone. Discuss this problem with your clergyman and ask him to speak to your mother. If your mother wants to "remarry" your father for sentimental reasons, she should do it on her own time and not horn in on your day.

Dear Ann Landers: I lost my husband two years ago and have been seeing a very interesting man who joined the firm where I am a private secretary. Aaron is excellent company, shares my interests and we are of the same religion. He never married and seems to enjoy my two teenage children a great deal. Aaron has asked me to marry him but something is holding me back.

He seems to be terribly hung up on superstition. He has turned around in the middle of the block to prevent a black cat from crossing his path. He will walk across a street to avoid stepping under a ladder. When he drops the salt and pepper shaker, he always tosses a few grains over his left shoulder. Recently he passed up a choice apartment because it was on the 13th floor.

Last night we were walking down the street and Aaron was careful not to step on a crack because it would "break his mother's back." (His mother died five years ago.)

Do you think this indicates an unstable mind or is it just ignorance? —GERALDINE OF BILLINGS.

Dear Geraldine: Superstition bears no relation to stability or intelligence. From your description, he sounds like a promising prospect. Knock on wood.

Is alcohol a disease? How can the alcoholic be treated? Is there a cure? Read the booklet, "Alcoholism—Hope and Help" by Ann Landers. Enclose 35 cents in coin with your request and a long, stamped, self-addressed 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.

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Jaycees Honored At State Meeting

The Torrance Jaycees and one of the group's newest members have been honored at the state Jaycee Convention held in San Francisco.

Jim Berger, a first-year member, received a third place trophy in the annual "Spoke" awards competition for first-year activities.

The Torrance Jaycees also received a "Gold Chip" award for increasing membership and meeting additional standards imposed by the national organization. Ralph Grippo, president of the local group, accepted the award. It was one of two made to California groups.

'Y' Plans Summer Camp Season

CRITIC'S BEAT

'Picnic' in Run At Long Beach

The familiar dramatic ground of the stranger who arrives in town and disrupts the seemingly well-ordered lives of the locals is covered again by the Long Beach Community Players in their current production of William Inge's "Picnic."

Into a small Kansas town on a hot Labor Day morning comes Hal Carter, an ex-football hero, down on his luck, hoping to get a job from his old college roommate. Within 24 hours he has alienated his friend, gained and lost a job, been run out of town, and caused the prettiest girl in town to leave her family and chase after him.

He has also been the catalytic agent which helps a young girl drop her tomboy ways, a lonely schoolteacher get married, and others he comes in contact with understand themselves better.

Carl V. Bennet is consistent in his portrayal of the drifter

Hal Carter, maintaining a southern accent throughout which adds to the believability of his character. Susanna Tomecko playing the pretty girl, has her best scene when she discusses with her mother the disadvantages of being attractive.

Most satisfying among the supporting players are Ann Leverett as the schoolteacher (better in her lighter scenes); Hal Wright as the drifter's former friend, and Debby Doll who gives a whistful quality to her transition from tomboy to young lady.

Other supporting players are Laurella Daggett as the mother and Virginia Dial as a neighbor. Dan Baurac directed and took the part of the teacher's boyfriend.

Performances will continue weekends through June 15 at the Community Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach.—HWF

COUNT MARCO

It's the Only Way to Work

"It's a great, big, wonderful world," went the song of a few years back, and that expresses, I believe, what most airline stewardesses feel after their first few months of flying.

Aboard the Canadian Pacific airliner, Empress of Hong Kong, which flew me direct from Vancouver, B.C., to Tokyo recently, I interviewed Carol Stasuk, who had been with Canadian Pacific for one year.

Said Carol, "Most girls work on a dull job for four or five years to save enough money

to go to Europe just once in their lifetime. We go three or four times a month and in between we manage other such glamorous stops.

"These are not just fast turn-around stop-overs," she said, "because we get time off in the countries we service, plus accommodations and meal allowances."

"Besides travel and seeing the world," I asked Carol, "has there been any other noticeable change in your life?"

She answered thoughtfully, "Very much so. One's attitude toward life changes drastically. You no longer think in small groups. You begin to understand the world's problems more because you've seen them, been there when they happen."

"What about marriage prospects, are they good?" I asked.

"Most of the men who fly are already married," she answered. "Statistics indicate that at least half of the girls leave and marry the boy back home while the others usually marry crew members."

"That's not a bad life either, because we understand their problems and are much better adjusted to cope with them."

Carol brought up a most interesting slant to her job when she said to me, "Being in the air gives us maturity, and, of course, what could be more exciting than being a hostess (because that's exactly what we are) at one party after another!"

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JOB HUNTING . . . Gene Holman, placement supervisor for the Torrance office of the State Employment Service, looks over job opportunities pamphlets with Janet Allen, 18-year-old graduating senior at West High. The Torrance office, at 1016 Sartori Ave., will hold special "Graduate Days" June 1 and 8 so that June graduates may have a chance to meet prospective employers.

Employment Service To Aid June Grads

Students graduating from Torrance high schools this June will be given a special opportunity to discuss job possibilities with representatives of many companies.

Located at 1016 Sartori Ave., the Torrance office of the Los Angeles County State Employment Service will join with the 23 other branch offices in Graduate Days June 1 and 8, both Saturdays.

Paul Schotanus, manager of the Torrance office, said that the two days were designated by Arthur Morgan, area manpower administrator, who is directing the all-out campaign to find career jobs for graduating seniors.

Employers seeking entry-level workers are invited to reserve facilities to interview graduates on one or both Saturdays. This service is free to both employers and graduates.

Graduate Days are not for young people seeking temporary or summer employment, Schotanus emphasized. Students who want to work after school or during their vaca-

PROFILE: ROBERT MOFFITT

His Colleagues Pressured Him to Join Fire Service

Capt. Robert E. Moffitt decided to become a fireman over a game of pinocle; or rather his future colleagues made the decision for him!

Recently retired from 25 years of service with the Torrance Fire Department, the veteran firefighter was still an oil field worker when he chose to launch a new career. He was acquainted with Torrance firemen through his work and frequently found himself visiting the old firehouse for a game of cards.

The six fulltime Torrance firemen heckled him to join the force so persistently, Moffitt quips, that he was eventually "pressured into it!" One day he arrived at the station to find that the in-group had gone so far as to prepare a personalized locker just for him. That's when he gave in. And he never regretted it.

"I enjoyed every minute of it!" Moffitt says of his 25 years fighting local fires. "There was never a dull moment around the fire department. And we didn't just sit around and play pinocle all the time, either!"

When Moffitt retired in April, he had been a Torrance fireman longer than anyone else on the force. And he had seen the department grow from practically a volunteer outfit to a modern, 130-man force of polished professionals.

In his tenure with the Torrance Fire Department, Moffitt was only late for work once. And that was unintentional. He somehow forgot to set his clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time one spring.

Moffitt says he's been lucky all these years to avoid the major fires in town. "All the bad ones happened during a shift when I was off duty."

Registration Open Now for Camp Programs

The Torrance Family YMCA has scheduled a full summer of camping activities for boys and girls, teenagers, and families. The "Y" also offers youngsters a way to earn camp money.

There are six resident camps for boys and girls from 9 to 12, which offer eight-day sessions at Big Pines, Mozdard (Crestline), Round Meadow, and the base camp near Mammoth Lakes. Sessions for girls are July 20 through 27, Aug. 3 through 10, and Aug. 10 through 17.

The boys' resident camps are scheduled Aug. 3 through 10, Aug. 10 through 17, and Aug. 17 through 24.

FOUR CAMPS have been planned for girls 12 and up. Dates are June 15 through 22, June 28 through July 7, and two camps Aug. 17 through 24.

Some teen trips will be at base camps, where campers will stay in the same location for eight days. Others will be traveling "caravans," stopping at campgrounds along scenic routes. Still others will be backpacks along the famed John Muir Trail, open to boys 14 and older and girls 16 and older.

Boys caravan and base camps are scheduled for July 13 through 20, Aug. 3 through 11, Aug. 17 through 24, Aug. 26 through Sept. 6, and June 22 through 30.

CO EDUCATIONAL camps for high school students are booked for Aug. 12 through 19 and Sept. 9 through 13.

A remedial reading camp will take place June 16 through July 29.

Families are invited to spend a week at Yosemite Valley, July 13 through 20, or Calaveras Big Tree State Park, Aug. 5 through 16, with the "Y" this summer, enjoying picnics, campfires, and other activities.

A family camper truck trek to Yellowstone is scheduled July 15 to Aug. 15, and a Big Pines weekend will take place Sept. 14 and 15.

RALPH MARZULLO, camp committee chairman, stated that local boys and girls may earn their way to camp by selling peanuts. Camperships are also available for needy youngsters.

A small deposit will hold any spot in any camp session. The Torrance Family YMCA is open until 9:30 p.m. every day to assist parents who wish to enroll their children.

The "Y" is located at 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd.

Eagle Scout Rank Given To Youngster

Joseph LaVoie, 13, has advanced to rank of Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 248. He will be honored at the June Court of Honor.

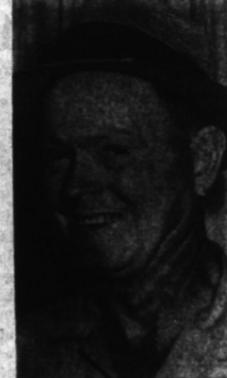
Joseph served as troop treasurer, den chief, assistant patrol leader and senior patrol leader. He completed the course of Junior Red Cross, lifesaving, and the mile swim for the Boy Scout award.

The youngster received the AdAItare Dei Religious Award and was accepted into the Order of Arrow.

An eighth grade student at Anza School, Joseph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles LaVoie of 5214 Lillian Street.



INSPECTION TOUR . . . Checking progress on new traffic signals being installed in front of Harbor General Hospital on Carson street are (from left) Dr. Richard R. Tavernetti, an intern; Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who directed the installation of the "Walk-Don't Walk" signals; Mary Cohen, 20, a first-year student nurse; and Associate Administrator Gerald G. Bosworth. Approximately 25,000 vehicles travel Carson Street daily in the vicinity of Harbor General. Hahn has urged that the signal installation be completed as quickly as possible.



ROBERT E. MOFFITT

The long-time firefighter says the worst blaze he ever battled occurred about seven years ago at a furniture store in the Pueblo area. However, he was off work six months on another occasion when he severely burned his right elbow.

Originally from Anadarko, Okla., Moffitt decided to come west in 1926 at the age of 21. The dusty, back-road trip took him seven days in his Model-T Ford.

"Towns in those days were just like these old towns you see in the Western movies," commented Moffitt, who worked nearly 20 years in the Southern California oil fields before becoming a fireman.

Moffitt hadn't been on the West Coast long before he decided to send for his wife-to-be. He and Sybil rendezvoused in Yuma, Ariz., where they were married in 1927.

The wedding scene was one they won't soon forget. Yuma was just a one-horse, whistle-stop town in those days and the only minister they could

find doubled as a gas station attendant. The young couple just waited for the first customer to come driving along and buttonholed him as a witness.

They were married right there in the service station because the bride preferred that setting to the sterile, civil ceremony they could have had at the local city hall.

"We've been happily married ever since," Moffitt exclaims, "and that's a pretty good record."

The couple now has two sons and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Moffitt is serving her second term as president of the Torrance Woman's Club and has been PTA president many times. Her firefighting husband is a member of the Torrance Masonic Lodge and the Al Malaikah Shrine.

Moffitt points with pride to the fact that he went to school in Oklahoma City with two youngsters who went on to care an important place for themselves in the world. One was movie star Van Heflin and the other was Victor Holt Jr., now executive vice president of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.

When Moffitt first came to California, he actually lived with the Heflins for a time in Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Moffitt later built their own Torrance home together, hammering in every board themselves.

Both Moffitts share an interest in heading for the hills. They own their own camper and fishing boat, as well as a mobile home at Lake Calhoun, where the hope to retire some day.

Moffitt claims a passion for deer hunting and fresh-water fishing, frequently trekking to Bishop, Calif., or points north.