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How's Your Help?

Dear Ann Landers: May I say a few words to the millions of American housewives who can't seem to find or keep domestic help? As a woman who has worked as a housekeeper for 22 years, I would like to ask these chronic cryers to take a good look at themselves and perhaps they will discover why they are having problems.

Too many women expect household help to work from dawn till dusk with no regard for hours, overtime, holidays or anything else. They also forget that wages ought to go up to keep pace with the cost of living. How many women are paying household help the same wages they were getting six or eight years ago? And, by the way, second-hand clothes, leftover food, and discarded furniture do not take the place of money.

How many women treat a housekeeper like a human being? If she lives on the place, is her room cheerful and attractive? Is she made to feel guilty if she uses the phone or sits down to have a good lunch or a cup of coffee at 3 p.m.? Does she get a vacation with pay, like women who work in business or industry?

If you cannot answer "yes" to these questions, please be honest and admit that perhaps you are largely responsible for the scarcity of domestic help.—BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Dear Bird: Thank you for an intelligent answer to a question which I have been handling in the mail daily for the past 12 years. I concur completely.

Dear Ann Landers: Please rush word to your teenage readers that you do NOT endorse "Cool Cat's" suggestion that young lovers go to airports to "discuss life."

The 700, O.K. Theatre lobbies and public libraries, O.K. Art museums, galleries and parks, fine. But not airports, Ann, please. We in Madison, Wis., don't know where to put our paying customers. Our airline passenger traffic has increased 34 per cent over last year. Except for that, I love your column.—R.B.S., AIRPORT SUPERINTENDENT.

Dear R.B.S.: Consider 'em told. And, incidentally, I love your airport.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband was married to another woman several years ago. They had no children. The marriage was a mistake and it lasted less than 18 months. We would both like to forget it.

We have two children, four and five years of age. Eventually we will tell them that their daddy was married to another woman, but we feel we should wait until they are old enough to understand.

My husband's sister has a family album fairly bursting with pictures of the ex-wife in the midst of family gatherings. She drags out the album whenever we come over and reminisces about how "George and Fran" did this and that.

I feel the pictures should have been removed from the album and that my sister-in-law should not be bringing up the past in the presence of our children. Is it not her place to tell them, is it?—SECOND WIFE

Dear Wife: Of course not! So why are you stalling around and letting her do it? Is it because you've been putting off an unpleasant job with the excuse that the children are too young to understand?

A child of four knows what a wife is, so get busy and tell the children that Daddy had another wife before he married Mommy. This will defang your sister-in-law and you will then be able to relax in her presence.

How far should a teen-age couple go? Can necking be safe? When does it become too hot to handle? Send for Ann Landers booklet, "Neck and Postage—What Are The Limits?" Mail your request to Ann Landers in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing 20 cents in coin 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 self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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El Camino Auditorium to Be Dedicated

Dedication week events for the new 2,000-seat El Camino College auditorium will begin Saturday with a gala invitational opening.

The week-long series of programs will be climaxed Saturday, Jan. 20, with a concert by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

A special dedication art exhibit will be featured in the lobby of the new auditorium. Tower music, with Dr. Lewis Hiigel conducting the El Camino Warrior Band, will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday.

The special dedication program will feature an address by James Doolittle, general manager of the Greek Theater Association. Others scheduled to appear on the program are Howard Morgridge, architect of the auditorium, and Harry P. McCandless, president of the ECC Board of Trustees.

Scenes from "King Lear"

will be presented by the theater arts department under the direction of Barbara D'Agosta and Lyle Heck, which they performed while students at the college.

A special chorus comprised of community and student singers will join the El Camino Chorus and Orchestra to present Ingor Stravinsky's "Symphony of Psalm." Dan Lewis, music director of the Orange County Symphony, will conduct.

During the remainder of the week, a variety of programs—some open to the public without charge—will be presented.

Dr. Julius Sumner Miller will present a free program, "Some Dramatic Demonstrations in Physics," Sunday at 3 p.m.

The 60-foot movie screen will be put into use Tuesday with a showing of "Swan Lake" ballet, starring Dame



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Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev and featuring the Vienna State Opera Ballet. Tickets for the program are on sale at the college bookstore and at the auditorium box office.

"Swan Lake" will be shown for a second time Friday, Jan. 19, at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 17, will be highlighted by a concert by

the El Camino College Warrior Band. George M. Roberts, who has played with the orchestras of David Rose, Frank De Vol, Nelson Riddle, and Henry Mancini, will be featured trombone soloist.

The band will present a varied program. Special selections will include "Lament for Bass Trombone" by Nelson Riddle and the "Polovet-

sian Dance No. 1 for Bass, Trombone, and Band" by Alexander Borodin.

A lecture, "Narcotics and LSD," will be presented Thursday, Jan. 18. Dr. J. Thomas Underleider, assistant professor of psychiatry at the UCLA Medical Center, and Dr. Duke D. Fisher, also of the UCLA Medical Center, will speak.

The lecture is open to the public and tickets are priced at \$1 each. Students and El Camino faculty members will be admitted free of charge.

Dedication week events will end Saturday, Jan. 20, when Lawrence Foster conducts the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra in concert. Foster has been assistant conductor of the orchestra since 1965 and prior to that served as associate conductor of the San Francisco Ballet.

The 105-member orchestra, organized in 1911, has gained international standing under its present conductor, Zubin Mehta. During a recent tour of Europe and the Middle East, the orchestra was hailed by music lovers and critics as one of the world's best.

The new auditorium will seat 1,244 persons on the main floor. Another 812 seats are located in four upstairs sections.

COUNT MARCO

Ban on Basic Black Stands

Basic black and pearls have now supposedly entered the career girl's field. A career girl, according to Ray Wynarde, general sales manager of California Girl Fashions, is a young executive's wife who has to work.

What excuse would any woman wearing basic black and pearls have but that it is a uniform she is forced to wear on the job? Besides, my reaction has always been and always will be that any girl who wears basic black and

pearls is not starting a career but ending it.

As we sat around the pool in colorful, beautiful Palm Springs, I asked Ray, "Why is black fighting its way back into fashion?"

"Because," he answered, "women have worn shifts for the past two years and statistics indicate waistlines have expanded. Designers and customers feel that black is more slimming."

Another reason Ray gives for the nouveau acceptance of BB&P is that the so-called career girl can go right from her job to a discotheque with the mere switch of a pin.

A discotheque is one of those cave-like holes with very dim lights and loud music, where all the dancers look grotesque going through their pagan rites. It is difficult enough for a man to find the dance floor without having you black out, too. Anyway, it shouldn't take long for any woman to change her entire outfit and her personality with it. Carry one of those marvelous flight bags to the office with you and make a complete change into color.

Ray and I also discussed, besides funeral clothes, other fashion trends like the impending Cossack-look, the mid-calf entry into the fashion picture, which designers are pushing in the hopes of ending the mini-fanny look: ahe one-inch-below the knee hemline.

"There never has been a pair of knees that are pretty," he said.

My final observation is the same one I made years ago when I first helped American women learn the truth about fashion and slayed that hardy dragon—basic black.

It's this: If you're going to bury a husband, wear black. If you're looking for one, wear color. If you want to keep the one you have, wear as little as possible.

34 Youths Get Honors At College

Thirty-four students at California State College, Dominguez Hills, have been named Dean's Scholars for outstanding academic achievement during the fall, 1967, quarter.

Students must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.5 (4.0 is an "A") in 12 or more units of work to earn the recognition.

Dean's Scholars include: Gerald Adams, Catharine Ainsworth, Ellen Berry, Kathryn Burns, Thomas Casey, Janella Cohen, Thomas Crawford, Douglas Day, Phyllis Didricksen, Glen Eden, Jerrold Faller, Dorothy Gazely, Annette Golibard, Lawrence Gray, and Gary Hender.

Others are: Gregory Jure-sich, Edward Kerr, Linda Lawson, Michael Lewis, Florence Lilean, Robin Londen, Katherine Miller, Margaret Nelson, Jean Pharris, Carolyn Ray, Mary Reimer, Richard Ritchie, Gregory Stevens, Betty Jo Stovale, Richard Thomas, David Williams, Nancy Wold, Stanley Yoshimoto, and Kay Young.

Poll Backs Deferments For Police

Persons answering a poll conducted by Congressman Alphonzo Bell (R-28th District) support draft deferments for police officers by more than a 2-to-1 majority.

Bell, in announcing the results of a six-question poll included in his September newsletter to constituents, said 65 per cent of those responding believe police officers should be deferred from the draft. A total of 30 per cent do not support the deferments, while 5 per cent said they were undecided on the issue.

Results of the September poll were based on 10,000 answers, Bell said. Other results included:

• Do you support pending legislation allowing labor unions to picket common construction sites? Yes, 44 per cent; No, 49 per cent; Undecided, 7 per cent.

• Do you endorse the creation of a non-profit corporation for an educational television network? Yes, 62 per cent; No, 35 per cent; Undecided, 39 per cent.

• Do you favor reduction of the U. S. foreign assistance program at this time? Yes, 59 per cent; No, 37 per cent; Undecided, 4 per cent.

• Do you endorse erecting an anti-infiltration barrier between North and South Vietnam? Yes, 48 per cent; No, 42 per cent; Undecided, 10 per cent.

• Do you believe the recent elections in South Vietnam were fairly conducted? Yes, 45 per cent; No, 44 per cent; Undecided, 11 per cent.

Auditions Scheduled At College

Tryouts for roles in the El Camino College spring musical production of "South Pacific" will be held from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and from 7 to 11 p.m. next Monday in the new college auditorium, according to Burnett Ferguson, theater arts instructor and director-producer for the musical.

The musical comedy which established many records on Broadway was presented by the El Camino theater arts department eight years ago, so this year's production represents "a revival," Ferguson said.

Assisting Ferguson in the production, which is scheduled for presentation May 11, 17, and 18, are James Mack and Crist Mikkelsen, music instructors, and Dorothy La Spina, who will handle choreography. Henry Salamon will head the stage direction.

Call-back auditions have been set for Jan. 24 from 7 to 11 p.m., Ferguson added.

Airport Days

Members of the city's Airport Commission will meet tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the council chambers at the City Halls, 3031 Torrance Blvd. Plans for the 1968 Airport Days event will be discussed.



SERVICE REWARDED... Don Meyer, at right, president of Torrance Rotary Club, accepts a perma plaque award from Mayor Albert Isen during a recent City Council meeting. The plaque expressed the city's appreciation for the Rotary Club's volunteer work in improving the Pueblo Community Center. The organization donated \$1,000 toward the project, which included installation of cement curbing, play equipment, a picnic shelter, and paved game courts. Dr. Robert Flemming, head of the club's Community Services Committee, was instrumental in spearheading the project.

PROFILE: MARIE WHITACRE

Realty Board Executive Secretary Is Very Busy

The first woman ever to serve as executive secretary of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors is a petite, whirlwind of energy named Marie Whitacre.

Since she took over the reins of the board two years ago, Mrs. Whitacre has completely reconstructed the board's office procedure, cutting her staff from seven to three. The dark-eyed efficiency expert accomplished this feat by uncovering duplications and "installing a more concise method of operation."

The prime function of the Torrance-Lomita Board, she explained, is to process the exclusive listings of the board's 265 member realtors, 300 salesmen, and 66 affiliates. If a realtor has a client interested in property handled by another realtor, the board brings them together. The two realtors then share the commission.

The mammoth job of overseeing this service, managing the board office, and taking care of occasional complaints falls upon Mrs. Whitacre. Although the work takes eight hours a day plus, Mrs. Whitacre describes her position as "the most interesting I've ever had—and the most challenging!"

Another important function of the board, Mrs. Whitacre said, is to "create a professional image to the public of the realtor and his benefit to the community." A popular misconception, she added, is that all real estate agents are realtors.

A realtor is a broker who is an active member of a local Real Estate Board," she em-



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phasized, adding that all realtors must pledge professional integrity and efficient service.

Because of the realtor's code of ethics, the client has some recourse if he is not satisfied with his real estate service, Mrs. Whitacre said. A former real estate broker herself, Mrs. Whitacre noted that the board sometimes receives complaints about non-members who are not governed by the code. Of course, the Torrance-Lomita Board cannot act in such cases, she said.

Mrs. Whitacre's career with the Torrance-Lomita Board began five years ago when she accepted the position of multiple listing secretary. Working her way up to administrative assistant, she was appointed executive secretary in 1956. All of her several predecessors were men, but Mrs. Whitacre says her

femininity is not the slightest handicap in realty work. She views it as an asset.

An alumna of a two-year course at Eastern Schools and Business College in her native Pennsylvania, Mrs. Whitacre has supplemented her knowledge with many courses and seminars in real estate law and practice. At one time, she had thought of being a nurse.

Combining family and career, the part-time housewife is married to Capt. Harlan Whitacre of the Torrance Fire Department. They have two sons, Mark, 13, and Tom, 11.

A resident of Torrance since she came to California in 1949, Mrs. Whitacre counts herself lucky that most of her close relatives live here, too. She is fluent in her parents' native language, Yugoslavian, and frequently practices the mother tongue with family and friends.

Although the Whiteacres have little time for hobbies, they spend spare hours tending their prize pheasants and quail. A row of trophies is the result of entering these feathered pets in shows. Captain Whitacre has won national recognition for a champion bird.

Travel has become a pleasant duty for Mrs. Whitacre since she accepted the board's top position. Last year, conferences and meetings took her to San Francisco, Tahoe, and New Mexico, and she is scheduled to go to Sacramento, San Francisco, and Chicago on business this year. Aside from official jaunts, Mrs. Whitacre hopes to visit Yugoslavia and Australia in the near future.



LEADERSHIP PASSES... D. D. (Dud) Cook (left), outgoing president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, passes gavel of authority on to Neil E. Campbell, the club's 1968 president, during installation ceremonies Saturday evening at the Palos Verdes Golf Club. Campbell is president-manager of the Credit Bureau of Torrance which he established here 11 years ago.