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An Orchid for You

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have been married nearly 50 years. Joe has always had "girl friends" and I'm sure the reason our married life has been so wonderful is because I have never been jealous or suspicious.

Not that Joe has ever been unfaithful, but when we are with a group he makes it a point to seek out a sad widow or an unhappy divorcee or a maiden lady who has lost confidence in her ability to attract a man. He takes her to a quiet corner of the room and tells her she is lovely, interesting company and that he has always admired her. I have seen these tight-lipped women come alive as Joe talks to them.

Recently we were having dinner in a restaurant. Our waitress was a stony-faced sourpuss who greeted us with a chip on her shoulder the size of a two-by-four. Joe said to her, "The proprietor of this establishment is fortunate to have a woman of your charm and dignity working here." She broke out in a broad smile. Her entire personality changed. She gave us superb service.

These women need a kind word — and that's all Joe gives them, I'd bet my life on it. The world would be a better place if more men were like my Joe. Don't you agree, Ann? — PROUD OF HIM

Dear Proud: Indeed I do, but Joe is only half of it. You are the half that makes Joe's half possible. An orchid to you for your insight.

Dear Ann Landers: Please don't think this letter is a joke. I'll bet loads of kids around the country would like to ask this question but don't have the nerve.

When a person wears braces on his teeth, should he smile with his mouth open or shut? Please answer soon. We have to take pictures for the school yearbook and I want to look my best. Thank you. — SPARKLE PLENTY

Dear Plenty: I checked two yearbooks and counted only three broad grins that revealed braces. I'm certain dozens of kids concealed their braces by smiling with their mouths closed. For those who are self-conscious about the hardware the closed-mouth smile is best.

Dear Ann Landers: I have been married one month and I hate it. I hate doing dishes and ironing clothes and cooking. I didn't hate doing these things when I was home but I hate it now.

I am 16 and my husband is 19. I despise him for talking me into getting married. I quit school because he made it sound like being married would be so much fun. It's not fun, it's work. He lied to me.

I am not asking for advice. I know what I am going to do. I am just writing to say I was sure I was an exception but I was wrong. Getting married at 16 is rotten and I'm getting out as soon as I can figure how. Sign me — DUMB LOU

Dear Lou: You didn't ask for advice so I won't offer it. I'm printing your letter for the benefit of others for whom it is not too late. Are you listening out there?

Is alcoholism 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. (c) 1968, Publishers-Hall Syndicate

Bids Due On Friday For Drain

Bids to build additional storm drain facilities in the Carson area are due to be opened Friday, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said today.

Contractors will be required to submit offers on two proposals involving various lengths of drain. Award of contract, based on funds available, by the Board of Supervisors is due about 10 days later.

Due for construction are project 1201 and a lateral drain below Carriagedale Drive which will be financed from the \$275 million storm drain bond issue approved by voters in 1964.

Hahn said nearly two miles of storm drain conduit will be installed in an area bounded generally by Jay Street on the north, Meyler Street on the west, Sepulveda Boulevard on the south and Caroldale Avenue on the east.

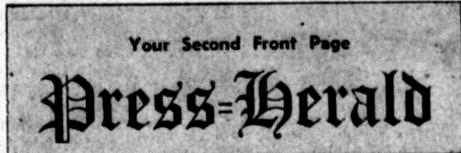
Work will start within 30 days after the contract is awarded and take approximately 11 months to complete, Hahn added.



RIGHTS WEEK . . . Dec. 15 marks the 177th anniversary of the signing of the Bill of Rights. Commemorating the event with Supervisor Kenneth Hahn are students of El Camino and Dominguez State Colleges. Hahn proclaimed Dec. 9 through 15 as "Bill of Rights" Week in Los Angeles County. From left are Susan Castillo of Manhattan Beach, chairman of El Camino's Bill of Rights Committee; Supervisor Hahn; Cyndi Henry of Hawthorne; and James Mayer of Torrance, a student at Dominguez.



UNITED GIVERS . . . Pacific Telephone's Torrance manager, Jim Conn, and Donna Oakes, a Torrance resident and local telephone employee, are all smiles after receiving word that Pacific Telephone employees here have pledged \$2,843 in the AID-United Givers campaign. More than \$1.2 million was pledged by the firm's employees throughout Southern California during the two-week fund drive.



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Secretaries Rated Failures as Wives

While former airline stewardesses make good wives, with a ratio of only about one out of 42 marriages ending in divorce, secretaries make pretty poor wives. Most of the airline girls eventually marry their bosses (the captains), whereas, as one executive puts it, "Any man who marries his secretary must be out of his mind."

I decided it's about time I did a survey for you poor working girls. Interviewing a number of executives across the country, I asked the following blunt question:

"What's wrong with secretaries?" Plenty, seems to be the

concensus of opinion. A cross-section of complaints included, "sloppy, lazy, lousy spellers, messy, stupid, sex-crazed, marriage seekers, selfish and egotistical." Mon dieu!

The most repeated complaint is that you girls spend too much time in the rest rooms combing your hair and repairing your makeup, hoping that some salesman or other executive will walk up to your desk and sweep you off your feet dancing later that night.

One man calls secretaries "prima donnas." "They think they don't know how to use a telephone (except for personal calls all day long). They don't know how to get a message down right, or even the caller's name."

"I prefer the older ones, myself," volunteered the president of a large corporation. "They're steadier, less likely to blow up in an emergency."

How long does the average secretary last on one job? About two years at the most.

The most crushing blow of all was the answer I received from a vice president of an international shipping line, when I asked him, "Why would you say so few bosses marry their excellent secretaries when it's so obvious they'd make good wives?" "What?" he shot back, "and lose a good secretary. Never!"

City Buses To Travel To Parade

Once again this year Torrance will activate its annual New Years' Day Buses which will carry an estimated 500 area residents to the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena.

Buses will leave from the Torrance City Hall at 7:15 a.m. A fee of \$9.25 includes bus transportation and a grandstand seat.

Reservations are available through the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, 1510 Cravens Ave.

Federal Agents To Visit

Purchasing officers of the federal government will be in Los Angeles Friday seeking new suppliers for millions of dollars worth of items needed for defense and general purposes, according to the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, a cooperative office of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The meeting, which is known as the Business Opportunity Federal Procurement Conference, will be held at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, 404 S. Bixel St., Los Angeles, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Twenty purchasing specialists will be available to talk to businessmen on sales opportunities in government.

Park Features Christmas Sky

A recreation of the heavens at the time of the birth of Christ, takes place in the traditional holiday show, "The Christmas Sky," which is featured now at Griffith Park Observatory.

Viewers are taken back 2000 years in time by means of the Zeiss planetarium projector, which is able to faithfully recreate the stars in the heavens at any time in world history, according to Dr. Clarence H. Clemminshaw, director of the observatory.

The instrument reproduces images of the sky on the 75-foot high domed-ceiling to illustrate changes in positions of the planets and the brightness of stars, Dr. Clemminshaw said.

DURING the planetarium show the Southern Cross is shown above the horizon of Bethlehem and the North Star is illustrated about 10 degrees away from the north celestial pole.

Although the true nature of the Christmas Star is not known, some clues are offered by astronomers and will be discussed, Dr. Clemminshaw reported.

THIS special holiday show is presented Tuesday through Fridays at 3 and 8:30 p.m., with two added shows on Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Shows are scheduled at 1:30,

Accountants Set Downey Meet

John Sweeney, regional controller for American Pipe and Construction Co. of South Gate, will discuss materials inventory controls at the December meeting of the Long Beach Chapter of the National Association of Accountants.

The NAA unit will meet Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Regency Restaurant in Downey. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Profile: J. A. Beasley

Elder Statesman Sparks City Council Sessions

Ulcers and labor negotiations go hand in hand for Jay A. Beasley, the peppery "elder statesman" who for the past 11 years has perked up Torrance City Council meetings with his candid, irreverent remarks on everything from sewers to free-ways.

It was ulcers, Beasley explains, that forced him to give up a 10-year, state-hopping job as a labor negotiator for the AFL-CIO. Facing an endless round of volatile strike situations and ducking an occasional bullet proved to be too much. Beasley believes those 10 years took a toll on his health that persists to this day.

But it was great while it lasted. Beasley's job in the labor business took him from one end of the country to the other, organizing everything from restaurant workers to crab pickers. His efforts on behalf of labor landed him a delegate spot at the first two CIO conventions. He also developed a close friendship with Harry Hopkins, special consultant to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

And Beasley knows plenty of other people in high places. His life-long interest in Democratic Party politics eventually netted him the job of managing the local campaign efforts of Pat Brown and Glenn Anderson when they were running for governor and lieutenant governor respectively.

Beasley also had frequent dealings with Sen.-elect Alan Cranston when Cranston was state controller.

The crowning event of his years of faithful party service was receiving an invitation to President Johnson's inauguration. Health problems prevented Beasley from attending, but he had the invitation mounted as a permanent memento.

Now retired at his comfortable New Horizons home, Beasley likes to reminisce about his long, varied career in labor and in public life. Born John Austin Beasley near the town of Little Rock, Ark., the cigar-smoking councilman points with pride to the fact that his great-grandparents built the first log cabin in Arkansas that didn't require mud daubing to fill up the chinks.

Beasley left Arkansas to seek



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his fortune in Denver, Colo., where he stayed some 25 years before the slush and snow sent him packing for California in 1945. He sold the chain of five photography studios he had operated in Denver following his retirement from labor activities.

In Torrance, Beasley worked nine years for Felker Manufacturing Company before striking out on his own in the insurance business.

Beasley's career in city service began some 19 years ago when he was appointed to the first Recreation Commission when the Recreation Department's annual budget was a mere \$11,000. Four years later, he won an appointment to the city's Planning Commission, and, after four more years, won election to the City Council, where he's served ever since.

A glow of radiant satisfaction lights up Beasley's face when he glances back over his years of accomplishment with the city. Torrance was just a tiny, residential community when Beasley joined the city team, and Hawthorne Boulevard was a two-lane country road, parts of it completely under water during the rainy season.

Beasley was largely responsible for the drainage of Lake WALTERIA, a sump which made life miserable for the many area residents who had to sandbag their doors to keep back the tide. "I can remember when we used to take people out of there in rowboats!" Beasley pipes.

Street and highway projects, however, have become Beasley's specialty over the years. He's proud of the fact that his contacts in Sacramento have often helped to speed up the action on local street activities. "Personal contacts are much better than writing letters that get lost in a file somewhere!" he bursts.

3, and 8:30 p.m. Dec. 26, 27, 30 and 31, but the hall will be dark Dec. 23, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Admission to the one-hour presentation is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students 18 years of age and under.

Restoring Of 'Mary' Continues

A year after her arrival in the Port of Long Beach to the most tumultuous welcome ever accorded an ocean-going vessel, the Queen Mary responds to the footsteps, hammers and torches of hundreds of workmen who are shaping her new destiny as a Museum of the Sea and hotel-convention center.

Following her docking here on Dec. 9, 1967, after a 39-day final voyage from Southampton, the Queen Mary went to drydock for six weeks. Three of her four propellers were removed and the fourth was encased in a steel chamber that will enable visitors to see the mammoth blade turn slowly in the water. The area below the ship's waterline was sandblasted and repainted and 70 of her 81 below-water openings were sealed.

Back at her temporary home at Pier E, the Queen Mary gobbled up the world's biggest mudpie . . . a special concoction of rust-resistant mud that was pumped into her hold as ballast to replace 8000 tons of machinery.

Although the ship is a year away from being ready to receive visitors, interest in her conversion is manifest by the thousands of people who drive past her Pier E mooring each weekend and by other thousands inquiring about accommodations aboard the former Cunard liner.

Beasley represents the City Council on the Inter City Highway Committee and also holds down seats on two highway committees with the League of California Cities.

His efforts as president of the Inter City Highway Committee between 1961 and 1963 netted him a handsome silver bowl, specially engraved, which occupies a position of prominence in the Beasley home.

Leisure moments of years gone by usually found the whole Beasley family out on a field trip collecting rocks and minerals. In fact, Beasley is a past president of the Los Angeles Mineralogical Society.

But with their three children grown and living away from home, Beasley and his wife Fan have let their rockhounding go by the boards.

Mrs. Beasley has made an active contribution to the development of Torrance, too. She has been an elementary school teacher with the Torrance Unified School District since the school system's birth about 23 years ago. She's currently assigned to Fern-Greenwood Elementary School, where she teaches educationally handicapped children.

In addition to her classroom activities, Mrs. Beasley is taking six units of credit at USC.

As for the future? Beasley's not certain, but he's toying with the idea of running for still another term with the City Council, depending on how his health holds out. An operation for a malignant throat tumor this summer wasn't helped by the fact that he suffers from malabsorption of fats and minerals.

But even if he doesn't run again, Beasley will still have a lengthy, productive career in public life to look back on. "I don't owe anybody anything and nobody owes me anything!" Beasley exclaims with regard to his City Council experiences.

His secret of success over the years? "I really enjoy people," Beasley reflects. "I can't conceive of having enemies."