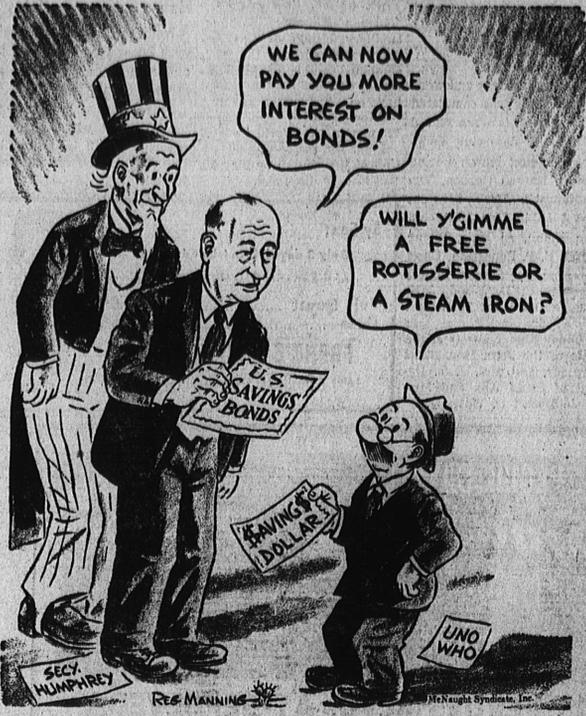


Can Y' Meet The Competition?



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: I'm an electrical engineer, 32, well established, respected in the community, and plenty mixed up. I fell like two tons of taconite for a forgoous femme fatale (divorcee, 22) who works in the office. I was so completely smitten I actually found myself drawing upside down.

I made with the wine and the wild rice, bought her perfume, candy, flowers, small trinkets and all those "little things" that for some mysterious reason wind up costing a lot of money.

I asked her to marry me and she seemed receptive on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but Fridays and Saturdays she was always tied up with a cousin from Cedar Rapids. Sundays were reserved for "washing out a few things and setting my hair."

Last week end I decided to drive up north to visit my mother. Who do you think I passed on the highway at 7 a.m.? My dream girl with some curly headed gink who runs the elevator in our office building. The fact that she owes me over \$150 in cash is not important. But I'm paying on a diamond ring which I was saving as a surprise. I don't want any advice, Ann, just tell me if you think I've been a bit of a chump.—Taconite Tom.

Dear Taconite: Shake-speare said, "Know thyself—and I think you do."

Dear Ann: I'm 11 years old and my problem is spelled P-A-R-E-N-T-S. They won't lift a finger to help me and I sure do need it.

My older sisters go into my dresser drawers whenever they feel like it. They want privacy but I can't get around this house.

I have to run to the store

and do all the errands as I am the youngest. They say my legs are stronger because of my youth. But when it comes to staying up late I'm not allowed to because "my body is still growing and I need my rest."

How come, Mrs. Landers, my legs are strong because I'm young, and the rest of me is weak and needs rest? Can you figure this out for me?—Baby Of The Family.

Dear Baby: I'd be a lot easier to duck your question entirely—but I refuse to take the coward's way out.

All youngest members in a family feel slightly abused. But, privacy ought to be a two-way proposition, and you should take this complaint to the Highest Court of Appeals which is Mom and Dad.

As for the last part of your puzzlement . . . you'll just have to accept the theory that your body needs rest and your legs need exercise . . . so run when they ask you and rest when they tell you. (Ya can't win!)

Dear Ann: What should a daughter-in-law call her mother-in-law? Is it proper to be referred to as "Hey you" after four years?

Would I be terribly out of line if I asked her to call me something else? If so, what do you suggest? Please, if you answer this in the paper, don't use my full signature or I'd never hear the end of it.—Mrs. A. D.

Under no circumstances would I use a full signature—or I'd never hear the end of it.

"Hey you" is not a fitting salutation for anyone. If your daughter-in-law doesn't know better, it's time she learned. Just ask her in simple lan-

Opinions of Others

The little child has led them. Children have led their parents and other adults to Sunday School.

The religious education of children continues to rate priority in modern church programs, but the trend is toward more adult study, too.

Courts, social workers, and educators have been placing the responsibility for juveniles at the door of the parents for a long time. Our Amarillo churches are trying to meet this challenge with more Bible and religious studies for the parents.

Adult Sunday School classes are an old custom, but newer methods and more intense studies are coming into being in most of our churches. And adults are responding. Parents who have not shown interest in the Bible or formal religion are joining these study groups.

For these parents, Sunday School has become more than a matter of dressing up and going to church on Easter or Mother's Day. They want to know what their faith really is, what the Bible does say, what belief will give their families a security that endures.

Sunday School is again becoming a family affair, and it is good omen for our mental health as a city.—Amarillo (Tex.) News.

New Thriftmart Open to Public

A gala grand opening has introduced the public to Thriftmart's newest and finest market at 1836 Ventura Blvd. (at Corbin), Woodland Hills.

Four days of celebration marked by hundreds of extra special bargains and scores of prizes heralded the addition of this newest member of the Thriftmart family of outstanding markets serving Southern California shoppers since 1930, with the best in food.

Providing the utmost in service to the community, the newest Thriftmart is equipped with the latest market facilities. Here in one complete shopping center will be found grocery, meat, produce, delicatessen and liquor departments, and a Van de Kamp bakery.

For the added convenience of customers, there are 10 mechanical checkstands, fully automatic doors and ample free parking space. Carefully selected personnel will carry out Thriftmart's famous policy of fast, efficient, courteous service.



HISTORICAL FIND . . . Mrs. John A. Bodnar, 18303 Falda, looks over the 1863 edition of a Johnson and Ward world atlas. The book, remarkably well preserved, was added to the Bodnar collection recently by a Gardena resident. The 165-page book contains 97 maps; many of them showing pony express routes, and the Indian territories. A daily log of the Civil War starting with the resignations of Southern Congressmen and continued until January 1863 is included in the book. The Bodnars have many other old books in their collection.



QUEEN CANDIDATE . . . Grace Armijo, 1321 1/2 W. 219th St., is a candidate for Queen of New Mexico in a contest sponsored by the Sons and Daughters of New Mexico. The winner will compete for All-States Queen at the All-States picnic on July 4. Votes for Miss Armijo may be cast at Allen's Jewelers, Mayflower Dress Shop, and Photo Arts Studio.

Three Youths Plead Guilty In Beating

Three Torrance youths changed their pleas to "guilty" in South Bay Municipal Court this week, to charges of malicious mischief and assault and battery against a Los Angeles man last February.

Entering the pleas were William Meachem, 18, 1512 W. 220th St.; Robert Hanks, 19, 909 Sartori Ave.; and Alan Rainwater, 19, 5221 Milne Dr. They and three other youths were charged in connection with the assault against Peter S. Nicholayson, near the National Supply Co. last February.

The three youths will return for sentencing and probation before Judge John A. Shidler on May 17.

The other trio were charged with disturbing the peace and were placed under the supervision of their parents and probation officials for two years on a suspended sentence. They are Ron Calkins, 19, 120 Via La Circula; Gary Knox, 18, 1207 Teri Ave.; and James Schmidt, 18, 1918 Cabrillo Ave.

Baptists Will Host Famed Choir Friday

The Wings Over Jordan Choir will present a program at the Avalon Baptist Church, 451 E. 223rd St., at 7:30 p.m., Friday.

Organized in 1937, it was sponsored by the CBS and Mutual networks from 1938 to 1949. It has given concerts overseas, appeared in Town Hall, Madison Square Garden, Carnegie Hall, and Hollywood Bowl.

Famed for its Negro spirituals, the choir repertoire includes "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Deep River," "Balm in Gilead," "He's Got the Whole Wide World in His Hands," "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," and many others. Frank Everett is choir director.

THE MAIL BOX

(The Torrance Herald welcomes expressions from its readers which can be published on this page. The editors retain the right to edit the copy for matters of fact and good taste. Letters should be kept brief and must be signed. The writer's name will be withheld if requested. Opinions expressed in letters here published represent those of the writer and not necessarily those of the Torrance Herald.)

Grading Not Needed

Editor, Torrance HERALD: I have resided in Torrance for 9 1/2 years and have a son, 12, and a daughter 1 year old. I had the privilege to serve on the committee that developed the present system of reporting children's progress in our schools. At the time my son was in the first grade. He is now in the sixth grade and both my husband and I feel we know the progress our son has and is making.

I am pleased with the present form of reporting and believe the reinstatement of ABC's would be a detriment to the close relationship between our son's teachers and his parents.

In addition, I do not feel children should be called upon to compete with each other at this young age. Even in the business world, where I have done secretarial work for 18 years, the individual is not graded A, B, and C. From experience, I have found if you are not doing your best on the job, a good employer will sit down and discuss issues and ways to improve your work. This form of expression is far more effective in the early years of life as well as when we are adults than the grading of ABC.

May I say here that I believe our Torrance schools are the best and that the administrators in charge have done an outstanding job in keeping up with the tremendous growth of our city.

MRS. R. M. McBEE

Article Praised

Editor, Torrance Herald: I read your article which summarized the report and the Council meeting dealing with the Park and Recreation Facilities Survey. It certainly was an objective piece of reporting. If all newspapers could attain the same high level of accuracy and straightforwardness the public interest in considering such important matters would be much better served.

ROBERT L. GOLD
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Louis J. Kroeger and Associates

7,000,000th Driver Will Get License

An unknown applicant for a California driver's license will soon become the 7,000,000th licensed driver in the state.

Paul Mason, director of Motor Vehicles, said Friday estimates by the division of driver's licenses indicate that the outstanding total of operator's and chauffeur's permits will pass the 7,000,000 mark by the end of May.

"The totals outstanding in recent months, and the current rate of applications received in 200 communities of the state, indicate a total of 7,000,000 valid licenses may be expected by May 31, 1957," Mason said.

He pointed out that approximately six per cent of the driving licenses are chauffeur's licenses issued for commercial operation, and that it would be impossible to determine in advance whether the 7,000,000th would go to a truck driver or a pleasure car operator.

"California's should be aware that half the population of the state has qualified under the law to hold the driving privilege," Mason stated. "The resulting traffic on our streets and highways is unprecedented in any other state or country. Strict compliance with traffic laws and courteous driving practices is a necessity in the interest of public safety."

The total of licenses expected to be outstanding at the end of 1957 will represent an increase of more than five per cent over the total at the end of 1956, and of more than 50 per cent over the total at the end of 1947.

Accent Does Bang-Up Job With Current Production

A raw slice of life as it was lived in a World War II German prisoner of war camp has been put on the stage by Accent Theatre in an admitted effort to put the community theater group on a new level of entertainment.

To say they will probably succeed in their ambition is to put your money on a sure thing. Opening Thursday night in a converted church building at El Prado and Cabrillo was "Stalag 17," a story of the experiences of one barracks in a German prison camp.

Those acquainted with the "Stalag 17" story, as it was laid down by Donald Bevan and Edmund Trzcinski, know the potential for display of talent, and those not acquainted with the play are in for some surprises.

Leads Cast . . . Leading the all-male cast through the intrigues of life under German domination was Ed Long as Sefton, a role which bought an Oscar to Hollywood's William Holden. Long did a remarkable job of building himself up as the "baddie" of the barracks, but has a few surprises up his sleeve for the audience.

Ed Cook as Stosh and Lou Ehrlich as Harry Shapiro, complete with home-grown beards, keep the chuckles coming throughout the entire evening as they provide the lighter aspects of barracks life.

Our favorite for pure characterization, however, was Warren Dieter's role of Corporal Shultz, who had the barracks under his jurisdiction.

Some Surprises . . . Rounding out the regular cast were Phil Shaffer as Price, who also has a few surprises for the audience; Dennis Cunningham, whose portrayal of Barracks Leader Hoffman was wholly believable; and Edwin Gangel as Dunbar, who is the Boston playboy turned airman.

Cast in lesser roles, but nevertheless making the whole complete were Joe Gattenio as the German guard, whose one center-stage scene was carried off well; Arlie Schart as Herb; George Hodges as Duke; Robert Kelsey as McCarthy; Joseph Cunningham as Horney, who spoke no lines but kept a small cackling going much of the time; and Robert



Army Pvt. William K. P. Keener, son of Mrs. Alma G. Keener, 20638 S. Main St., is receiving basic combat training with the 2nd Infantry Division's 38th Regiment at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Keener attended Banning High School.

Army Reserve Maj. Charles W. Scott, whose wife, Patricia, lives at 21801 S. Dewey St., completed a two-week refresher course in command and staff procedures April 19 at the Army Medical Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

Maj. Scott received familiarization in new tactical developments and reviewed military medical methods.

Army Pvt. George F. Benson Jr., whose parents live at 24900 Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita, is receiving basic combat training with the 2nd Infantry Division's 38th Regiment at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Benson is assigned to the regiment's Company B.

BASIC TRAINEE . . . Airman Ernest A. Hoobler, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hoobler, 1322 W. 219th St., now is completing the first phase of his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

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NOW IN TRAINING . . . Robert I. Chapman, 20, is completing the first phase of his basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Chapman, 1614 W. 214th St.

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