

EDITORIALS

The Chest Appeal

Although most persons are aware of the aid rendered through the more than 160 agencies of the Community Chest, it is the time of year when a reminder is justified—a reminder that neighbors who have volunteered to work for the Red Feather campaign this year are beginning to make their appeals.

All over Torrance as it will be in much of the nation where a United Appeal is made each year for package giving, volunteers will be seeking to meet their quotas to support 167 Community Chest services.

Eighty cents of every dollar goes for children, Chest officials report.

When the volunteer comes to your door, give generously. You get a lot of mileage out of every dollar you give to the Community Chest.

Joins the Winners

After 19 unsuccessful tries, the North High Saxons have entered the ranks of the victorious on the football field.

The high school football team's 6-0 victory over Redondo Beach Friday night was the first for the two-year-old school, and was richly deserved.

The HERALD congratulates the Saxons, and wishes them many more victories in the gridiron seasons yet to be played.

And, may the rooters of the school maintain that high level of conduct and spirit which has marked the long trail of defeat which led to the first victory.

A Traffic Hazard

Rain-slick streets and an early dusk combine to create one of the year's worst traffic hazards during the winter months, and the wise motorist will make allowances for both during the coming months.

The California Highway Patrol has warned that the reduced visibility during the peak traffic hours tends to increase the possibility of driver and pedestrian involvement in traffic accidents.

The following simple rules are suggested by CHP:

1. Use headlights, not parking lights, as driving lights.
2. Allow extra time to avoid driving at unsafe speeds.
3. Drivers, watch for pedestrians, and pedestrians, keep alert for cars.
4. Drive in the right hand lane on multiple lane highways when driving slower than the normal flow of traffic.
5. Be ready for any emergency that may occur on the roadway ahead.

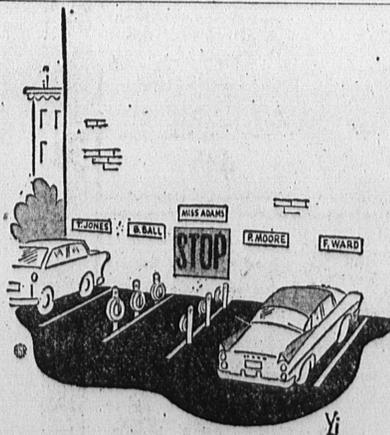
These rules, if followed faithfully, may save your life.

Opinions of Others

The schools are one of the biggest users of tax dollars in the community. Taxpayers who supply those dollars have a right to expect that they be spent locally whenever and wherever possible. These local business concerns not only provide some of the tax dollars but they support and contribute to school activity programs.

—Sullivan (Ill.) News.

There is no doubt about it. A quarter doesn't go as far today as it used to unless you happen to drop it on the sidewalk. —Stockton (Kans.) Rooks County Record.



Soviet Spheres



AFTER HOURS By John Morley

Personnel Problems Overseas

SINGAPORE, Malaya—The killing of a Chinese citizen in Formosa by U. S. Sgt. Robert Reynolds, and the killing by U. S. Specialist William Girard of a 46-year-old Japanese woman highlight the most recent tragic incidents involving U. S. personnel abroad.

There are just two hundreds of cases before courts-martial and native courts all over the world.

From Europe to the Far East we have been exposed recently to a long list of crimes, assaults, incidents involving U. S. military and civilian personnel and the list is growing.

In addition to the seriousness of the crimes and incidents themselves, there is deep concern in Washington and among native officials that relationships between our nations are deteriorating as a result with growing public resentment on both sides.

The U. S. is represented by over a million Americans abroad in the military and civilian services in every country in the world except Red China and Communist Vietnam (Indo-China). U. S. service personnel is stationed in 80 countries, on every continent, in every climate of temperament and culture.

Nearly 95 per cent of the million odd Americans abroad are G.I.'s—of as varied a social and cultured background as the average among our citizens.

In this group are the normal well-educated average Americans, but also the mal-adjusted, the roughneck and wise-guy type, the sexually immature, the excessive drinker, etc., who become a serious problem, aggravated by distance from parental and family responsibility.

These men are involved constantly in minor and major local incidents which sabotage our relations with allies and the good will which our foreign aid is trying to establish.

and France—and the century-old tragic circumstances which deprived their citizens of the lofty heights of which they are capable in our modern world.

Few of us realize, as in the case of Free China, that Western exploitation and collisions between selfish interests on both sides played an important part in the temporary destruction and decay of a proud and honorable people.

American human nature cannot be expected to change with temporary assignment in a foreign land—nor can we expect an American family to lower its standard of life to meet the native norm.

But better screening and "education" of U. S. personnel and their families would go far in reducing the misunderstandings.

Courses and briefing in conduct and the culture of a country could be included in the G.I. program abroad, where in countries like Greece, Turkey and Formosa the mildest flirtation with local girls can lead to murder and tragedy.

Our commitment of manpower abroad is tremendous and probably will continue so. A program of "education" on a whole family basis of those assigned overseas seems to be in order.

Rx FOR GOOD HEALTH

Tranquility Through Drugs

Three out of every 10 prescriptions issued call for tranquilizing drugs, agents that have emerged from the laboratory within the past few years. Are you one of those who has created the demand in an effort to relieve yourself of anxiety and tension? Yes, you, and your insistence. These drugs do have their place in the medical treatment of numerous disorders, but your physician does not wish to be forced to prescribe them on your demand and self-diagnosis.

Did you know that when a patient frankly states he does not want a tranquilizing drug, the physician is amazed, simply because so many patients demand them? And the physician feels the responsibility because he is aware that the drugs are still too new for the answers to be known as to their effect on the human body. Yet he knows too that if he does not satisfy his patient's demand, that patient

will "shop" for a physician or druggist to obtain one of the drugs.

In certain neurological disorders, the discriminate use of tranquilizing agents is useful, but they must be properly controlled. They also have advantages in the treatment of alcoholism. And frequently they may be helpful to alleviate the stress and strain of an executive, for example, working under great pressure.

Conversely, side effects do occur from their use. These may range from states of depression to low blood pressure, faintness, dizziness and lack of muscular coordination. While anxiety, feelings of frustration and tension may be lessened, there may also develop a lack of energy, the feeling of just "dragging about," and a complete disinterest in carrying on one's daily activities.

While these attributes are

YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

Filly-Fever Is Hard to Cure

Dear Ann: I have a husband (?) such as he is who has never missed a day (except Sunday) to bet the horses. This has been going on for 12 years. If he can't get to the track he bets through the bookies.

We haven't had a vacation in 20 years. We have no car, no telephone and can't even have a newspaper delivered to our home because we are unable to pay for it regularly. He says these things are a waste of money. Getting a dollar out of him is like pulling a healthy tooth out of his head.

What makes a man act like this? Is there anything that can be done about it? I'm so fed-up watching him dope the scratch sheets that I could tear my hair out. Please give me some help with this problem or am I asking for a miracle?—Detroit Dorothy.

Filly-fever is a sickness in the same way that alcoholism and dope addiction are sicknesses.

Your husband's gambling is an attempt to escape from his hum-drum, every-day existence. When he has a few dollars on win, place, or show he feels good because he imagines that his luck is going to take a turn and he'll be rich.

The fact that he's always tapped out and his family has to do without the bare necessities escapes his notice. His dreams of winning the little double crowd out the cold, hard facts that the horses have actually cheated him of a decent life.

The wife of a gambling

man is indeed an object of pity. Some women have beaten the ponies (which for years were beating them) by packing up and moving out. A blow of this kind sometimes pulls a guy back to reality. If he suddenly finds that his weakness for the bangtails has cost him his family, the sick guy has been known to "get well."

Dear Ann: My nerves are shot. I've been trying without success to decide something I made up my mind to turn the whole thing over to you.

Ten years ago I was engaged to a fine fellow. We had a misunderstanding and broke up. We lost track of each other until seven months ago when a mutual friend gave him my address. Neither of us married and we're sure Fate intended us to wait for each other. He's proposed through the mail and I've accepted. We plan on a simple ceremony as soon as he can get to this part of the country.

My problem is this: I had my teeth extracted five years ago. Shall I tell him or keep it to myself until after the wedding? You have no idea how this has been bothering me. Please give me an answer. I love the man and don't want to take a chance of doing the wrong thing.

This bit of intelligence is not for the malls, Myrtle. And don't meet the guy at the train and greet him with "Hello, Darling, how do you like my china-clippers?"

Spend several evening with him and if he doesn't notice anything "different" casually mention how comfortable your store teeth are, and comment on the wonderful job your dentist did.

Dear Ann: My boy friend is in the Army and stationed in a gay European city. He doesn't know it but my cousin's boy friend is in his barracks and I am getting the real low-down on his actions. Although he writes that he's dying of loneliness my cousin hears that he's the busiest guy in the armed services. This burns me up and I hate to let him think he's writing away with it. Shall I write him a Dear John or what?—Not so Dumb Dora.

There's nothing like a so-called private eye to tell a buddy who is 6000 miles from home. Why not have a little faith in the guy and give him a chance to speak his piece when he gets back to the states? The basic concept of Anglo-Saxon law is that a person is innocent until proven guilty.

Confidentially: GLAMOR PUSS: And there's a lot to be said for a good reputation. Put the blame where it belongs and try saying no for a change.

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THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

Keeping Up With Joneses

Didja ever realize how much time we spend keeping up with the Joneses, Smiths, and Shodgrasses?

People, being the ornery critters they are, covet their neighbors' possessions and envy them their successes.

The appearance of one streamlined new car in a neighborhood is likely to be the forerunner of a number of sleeker new cars in adjoining driveways. When midday appears in a new fur store, chances are that many of her friends also will appear in mink coats.

People who live in slums generally are reasonably content because most of their immediate circle are just as miserable as they are. But people "on the way up" feel obliged to match their friends new car for new car, best seller for best seller, and wild party for wild party.

If they can do it, why can't we?" is the usual explanation.

This may be good for the ego, but it's hard on the pocketbook. Lots of people are going to the poorhouse in a new Cadillac.

This "keeping-up-itis" also has its useful purposes. The force of public opinion can make people behave in constructive ways.

If one man decides to clean the weeds out of his yard, chances are that the people around him will soon appear with rakes and shovels, lest

they be singled out as the neighborhood slob. The result will be a more beautiful neighborhood.

If one set of parents starts attending Boy Scout and PTA meetings with their offspring, chances are the behavior will spread, because others don't want it said that they are poor parents. What follows is better family life.

"Keeping up with the Joneses," however, can also lead to results that aren't so good. Aside from damage to the pocketbook, there is the possibility that someone may do something which will ruin his life.

The Kinsey Report, which purported to show what the Joneses were served to convince many people, particularly easily-impressed youngsters, that sex is a toy to enjoy at will. Confidential-type magazines also may have contributed to the same end.

Unfortunately, the sins of the Joneses are as likely to be imitated as their virtues, and in many cases, sin is more likely to win out.

The "everybody does it" pitch, so well known by sales-

men, has both advantages and drawbacks. Nearly everybody, unless he thinks like a hermit, is affected by it. There are very few people who don't care what other people—particularly those in the own group—think.

Scientists have created all kinds of useful and ornamental gadgets to make our lives easier and the Joneses and their imitators all vie to be the first in their neighborhood to have one.

Sad to say, however, people who study what makes humans tick have been unable to come up with an answer to important questions—of how to make people love each other and how to make them stop killing each other with the gadgets that science creates.

Let's concentrate on improving the Joneses, so that they'll be worth keeping up with.

ALERT TODAY ALIVE TOMORROW

In case of enemy attack—tune in 640 or 1240 on your radio

and I Quote

There is not in the press any reading so improving as the "obits" . . . I doubt very much indeed whether anyone could read obituaries every day for a year and remain a bad man or woman. —Robert Cortes Holliday in "The Deceased."

Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits them all. —Olliver Wendell Holmes.

A comedian can only last till he either takes himself seriously or his audience takes him seriously. —Will Rogers.

veals certain disturbances that indicate a tranquilizing agent may be helpful, let your physician make the decision. Don't try to make your own diagnosis. Don't think it's "just nerves," and seek a tranquilizer to bring about a cure. These agents are not curative, they are still in the research stage, and, at best, must be treated with caution until more is known about them.

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Your Daily Activity Guide

To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR 21	1 Show	31 Decisions	61 Entertaining
APR 21	2 Be	32 To	62 Over
MAY 21	3 Don't	33 In	63 Peace
JUN 21	4 Start	34 Projects	64 As
JUL 21	5 Try	35 Frustrating	65 Concerning
AUG 21	6 Building	36 Good	66 Friends
SEP 21	7 Greater	37 Consider	67 Win
OCT 21	8 Smart	38 Habits	68 Others
NOV 21	9 Concern	39 Free	69 Problems
DEC 21	10 Handle	40 By	70 Cooperation
JAN 21	11 Don't	41 For	71 Of
FEB 21	12 No	42 Or	72 They
MAR 21	13 Take	43 New	73 With
APR 21	14 Aspects	44 Attire	74 Higher-ups
MAY 21	15 No	45 Residential	75 Personal
JUN 21	16 Mixed	46 Conditions	76 Affairs
JUL 21	17 No	47 Advice	77 To
AUG 21	18 Cut	48 Nervous	78 Or
SEP 21	19 P.A.	49 Innocent	79 Kid
OCT 21	20 Bad	50 And	80 Enjoy
NOV 21	21 Help	51 Felle	81 Ovals
DEC 21	22 You	52 Come	82 Tour
JAN 22	23 Sides	53 Tiff	83 Seam
FEB 22	24 Between	54 Tense	84 Tiff
MAR 22	25 Answers	55 Same	85 May
APR 22	26 If	56 Quarters	86 Life
MAY 22	27 In	57 Through	87 Promises
JUN 22	28 In	58 Now	88 Zoom
JUL 22	29 In	59 Tension	89 Logical
AUG 22	30 Keep	60 Tension	90 Logical
SEP 22	31 Good	61 Adverse	91 Neutral
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