



# This Public 'Spooning' Gets Count's Blessing

By *Count Marco*

Sidewalk cafes in Europe are everywhere. They are the traditional places where a man sits and sips espresso or an aperitif while his eyes munch on the women going by.

These outside tables help European women walk straighter: They're on exhibition.

Another reason they walk straighter is that some of the men are so carried away with delights on parade that they reach out unexpectedly and feel, pinch or pat their appreciation. This could be embarrassing and even painful. So the women keep themselves tucked in.

Their figures are trimmer as result, and their walks are graceful, musical things. The swing to their hips is developed by try-

ing to keep out of the reach of all those busy fingers.

Enrico's Coffee House, a bit of Rome on San Francisco's Broadway, has given distinction and exclusiveness to this almost extinct art of the drugstore cowboy, as you call him in this country.

I noticed that the well-dressed men at Enrico's have developed a more repressed but effective manner of expressing appreciation. They don't pinch. They ring. Whenever an attractive female swings by, the men bang spoons against the sides of their cups.

Women who realize they have rung the bell walk straighter; even though embarrassed, they're pleased, too.

I noted two overzealous, over-dressed, oversexed women who banged away loudly at their cups with the blunt end of their knives whenever a well-dressed man eyed them as he passed by.

One woman in basic black with pearls clomped along, and I distinctly heard the crash of china. It could be a custom in this country to throw dishes at these terrible uniforms. I hope not. It's rude, even though understandable.

I distinctly heard Morse code messages tapped out on some cups. One woman, who apparently could read the code, blushed, but smiled nonetheless.

I am glad to see sidewalk cafes in America. It means American women might start learning to walk more proudly as females should, instead of plodding along like cows in a stockyard.

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## Summer Courses Popular In Grade, High Schools

The popularity of summer school in Torrance, according to school officials, is being proven by the fact that enrollments for the coming session have already exceeded those in 1962 by almost 4,000 pupils.

On June 24 a little more than 14,000 pupils from first grade through high school will attend the session, which is being offered at each elementary and high school in the district.

Some 800 students with reading problems have been identified and will attend special classes in remedial reading which is being offered by the district during the summer session.

THE PHILOSOPHY of the school district according to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent, concerning summer school is three-fold. The first aim is to provide a continuance of the regular program; next to offer classes for those who are in need of special help in the basic subjects of reading, Eng-

lish arithmetic, etc; third of provide advanced placement courses for the more capable eighth graders who will be enrolling as freshmen in the high school in September.

The summer offerings in vocational courses such as business education, homemaking, and industrial arts, prove to be popular to students whose regular winter programs do not afford them an opportunity to complete these electives during the winter. The summer school

will be in session for six weeks during which time the students may earn as much as one semester's credit in a given subject.

"SUMMER SCHOOL in Torrance," stated Dr. Hull, "is what we believe to be as close

as possible to the answer of complete year-around use of school buildings and yet provide time for the major maintenance of the buildings and allow families time for vacations when they want to take them," he said.

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