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Unspeakable Cruelty

Dear Ann Landers: The other afternoon my husband and I were driving through some back roads and we passed a dump yard. Standing alone, wet and cold, was a shivering puppy. That little puppy was too small to have wandered there by himself (he was obviously no more than a few days old) which means someone must have left him there to die.

For the life of me I cannot understand how people can be so cruel. Don't they realize that animals have feelings — that they get hungry and cold and lonely and that they suffer just as humans do?

Of course we took the puppy home with us and we are raising him. But please, Ann, print this letter. Perhaps if some of the world's heartless people see themselves in print they will learn something. — WYOMING

Dear Wyoming: Abandoning an animal at a dump is heartless. People who don't want puppies should run an ad and sell them or offer to give them away. Or, they can call the Humane Society. To leave an animal to starve to death is unspeakable cruelty.

Dear Ann Landers: My son (he just turned 12 this month) was caught shoplifting a 29-cent pen from a large discount store. He was told he could not come into the store again.

I feel this was very harsh punishment for a 12-year-old child. After all, it was his first offense. It seems to me that being caught and having to answer the questions put to him in the manager's office should have been sufficient punishment for a youngster his age.

Don't you agree with me that the store manager made too much of it? I hate to have our son think of himself as a criminal over a 29-cent pen. Is this the treatment ALL youngsters get or was it designed for our boy? Thank you for your answer which I hope you will print. — SPOKANE

Dear Spokane: So your 12-year-old son was caught shoplifting and you are siding with him against the store manager because you think the punishment was too harsh. Beautiful.

I agree the boy is not a criminal but you should not give him the notion that his thievery was of no consequence and the punishment was unjust. Such an attitude virtually condones his behavior and gives him the comforting idea that mama will come to the rescue whenever he gets into trouble. Parents who support their children against the authorities — school, law, what have you — find they have a life-time job on their hands.

Dear Ann Landers: "First Rate Secretary" sounds like a Fourth Rate Mischief Maker who has more than a casual interest in her boss. Why didn't you clobber her?

I also work for a "fascinating guy" — brilliant, charming and competent, but the man is married which means he is off limits. It doesn't bother me if his wife phones him 40 times a day. If the boss finds the calls annoying he can tell her. What's more, I wouldn't mind if she came to the office six times a week. It's up to her husband to say something if he doesn't want her here.

I'm surprised you didn't recognize the secretary's criticism as a snide attack on the wife by a female who has designs on her boss. — SEEN 'EM ALL

Dear All: I agree — a secretary should not tell the boss' wife that her calls are annoying or her office visits too frequent. And I said so. I felt no need to speculate on her motives, however.

The many couples go from matrimony to matrimony. Don't let your marriage slip before it gets started. Send for Ann Landers' book, "Marriage—What To Expect." Send your request to Ann Landers in care of the Press-Herald, 500 N. 10th St., Spokane, Wash. 99201. Enclosed is a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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DONALD L. CAUGHLIN



LARRY R. BARNES



PHILIP O. DOWSING

Academy Ceremony Fetes Three Cadets

Three area cadets will graduate today with the 600-member class at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

They are Larry R. Barnes, son of the R. W. Barnes, 424 W. 214th St.; Donald J. Caughlin Jr., whose parents live here at 2272 W. 236th St.; and Philip O. Dowsing, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Dowsing Jr., 626 Calle De Arboles.

Each of the three cadets will receive his bachelor of science degree and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

Cadet Caughlin majored in physics and was named to the Dean's List for academic excellence. He also received

special recognition at the academy by his appointment as a flight commander with the rank of cadet captain.

The 1964 graduate of Fernin Lasuen High School, San Pedro, has been assigned to pilot training at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

Cadet Barnes majored in engineering sciences and received special recognition at the academy by his appointment as a safety officer with the rank of cadet master sergeant.

Duty at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Tex., awaits the 1964 graduate of Carson High School.

Cadet Dowsing was named to the Dean's List for outstanding work in the basic

sciences. He also received special recognition at the academy by his appointment as an element leader with the rank of cadet first lieutenant. He won a letter in soccer.

Cadet Dowsing is the only one of the three area cadets to win an assignment near home. The 1963 South High graduate has been selected for duty at the Space and Missile Systems Organization in Los Angeles.



ERNST H. KATZ

Birthday Concert Tonight

The 31st Birthday concert of California Junior Philharmonic Orchestra will be presented tonight at 8 in the Scottish Rite Auditorium, 4357 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles. The public is invited without charge.

To mark the occasion, the Junior Philharmonic will honor composers Richard Sherman and Robert Sherman for their motion picture score, "Mary Poppins." The 110-piece youth orchestra will play the "Mary Poppins" score and present the first symphonic performance of "Fiddler on the Roof."

The concert also will include selections by Bach, Mendelssohn, Tchaikowsky, and Richard Rodgers. Dr. Ernst Katz, founder-conductor, will conduct the group.

Councilmen John Ferraro and Paul H. Lampert, Assemblyman John L. E. Collier, and State Senator Anthony Beilenson will confer citations on the group from the Los Angeles City Council and the California State Legislature.

Red Cross Blood Bank Slates Visit

Red Cross is bringing 100 empty blood bottles to Torrance Friday, seeking an equal number of volunteer donors to fill them. Bottles and donors will be brought together at the Church of Jesus Christ L.D.S., 4110 W. 228th St., when a Red Cross Bloodmobile visits from 3 to 7:30 p.m.

"Giving the gift of life, blood, is one of the best ways to provide protection for yourself and the community when sickness and illness strike," said Mrs. A. O. Jones, blood donor recruitment chairman.

Appointments to donate can be made by calling Red Cross.

Assembly Approves Bill To Lessen Drug Penalty

Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO — The assembly has voted two-to-one approval of a bill which would permit judges to reduce the penalty for possession of marijuana but increase the possible penalty for possession of dangerous drugs, such as methedrene and LSD.

The bill was AB172 by Assemblyman W. Craig Biddle, R-Riverside, chairman of the committee on criminal procedure.

At present, there is a mandatory felony penalty for first offense of possession of marijuana. Possession of dangerous drugs is a misdemeanor.

Under Biddle's bill, a judge would be able to reduce the penalty for marijuana to a misdemeanor, in his discretion. And the penalty for possession of dangerous drugs would be increased to a felony, with the judges to have the same discretion to reduce that penalty to a misdemeanor.

The 50-25 vote for approval of Biddle's bill came after one of the longest debates of the 1968 session in the assembly and after the house had rejected proposed amendments by Assemblyman Victor V. Veyssey, R-Brawley. Veyssey's amendments would have removed the marijuana penalties as a felony as they are now, but permitting the increase of dangerous drug possession to a felony.

VEYSSEY SAID he felt the issues should be voted on separately.

"I think we're of one mind that there must be higher penalties on LSD," Veyssey

said. "But the question on marijuana is totally different. This is not the time to say to the young people of California that marijuana is not bad — go ahead and use it," Veyssey said. "I don't think we should accept that as a state policy."

Biddle, who opposed Veyssey's amendments and said he would drop AB172 if the changes were adopted, said the present law permits discretion in one area and not in another.

"For the record, I would like to make it abundantly clear that I do not support the legalization of marijuana and/or drugs," Biddle said. "I personally am sufficiently convinced that we need to restrict and discourage the spread of the use of marijuana and dangerous drugs."

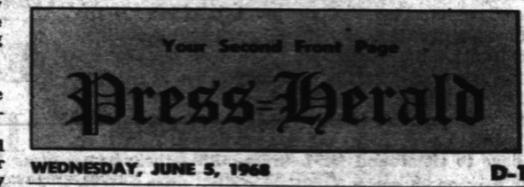
Biddle said the present law provides a penalty for possession of marijuana of confinement in the state prison or in county jails but it is a felony. He said that in other felonies — assault with a deadly weapon, forgery, checks, embezzlement, auto theft and theft, the court can declare the offense to be either a felony or a misdemeanor, depending on whether the defendant is sen-

tenced to state prison or the county jail.

BIDDLE SAID the legislature enacted the law making possession of marijuana a felony in 1961. In 1960, before the law, there were about 3,000 arrests for the offense in California. In 1966, there were 14,000 arrests for marijuana possession and there were 11,567 during the first six months of 1967.

Assemblyman John T. Knox, D-Richmond, said the Biddle bill would not make a "wishy-washy" law, as some had charged, but actually would result in a stiffer and tougher enforcement program. He and Biddle noted juries often failed to return convictions because of the felony penalty. In addition, some cases were dismissed and others were permitted to plead guilty to a fictitious misdemeanor charge of being present in a room where there was marijuana.

Opposition to the Biddle bill ranged from those who opposed any reduction in the penalty for marijuana possession — as presented by Assemblyman Robert E. Badham, R-Newport Beach, to those who objected to giving the judges any more discretion.



PROFILE: FRANCES M. YOUNG

Love for Growing Things Leads to Major Project

Frances M. Young has always been filled with the feeling that she must leave a place better than she found it. This philosophy, combined with her life-long love of growing things, became the guiding force behind development of the South Coast Botanic Garden, an idyllic 87-acre site at 26701 Rolling Hills Rd., Palos Verdes Peninsula.

As founder president of the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation, Inc., Mrs. Young has done far more than any other person to win citizen support and government cooperation for the county-owned gardens, which contain exotic and commonplace plant life from all over the world.

The Botanic Garden was just a dream in 1958 when Mrs. Young began a one-woman campaign to muster enthusiasm for the mammoth undertaking. Organizing the many contacts she'd made through years of Garden Club affiliation, Mrs. Young circulated a petition requesting the county to establish such a garden in his area. The County Board of Supervisors gave unanimous support to the idea and, in 1960, the choice acreage near the junction of Crenshaw Boulevard and Rolling Hills Road was dedicated.

BUT THAT was really just the beginning for Mrs. Young and her dream. Appointed by Supervisor Burton W. Chace to the Board of Governors, liaison group between Supervisors and the county's Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens, Mrs. Young organized all planning meetings between citizens and various county departments. Three months elapsed before detailed plans were submitted.

Mrs. Young's interest in horticulture stems back to hometown days in Memphis, Tenn., where her parents operated a nursery. Her husband, R. O. Young, a retired construction worker, is also a garden enthusiast, but their daughter Virginia, two grandsons, and one great grandson never developed the green thumb.

The Youngs struck out for



FRANCES M. YOUNG

California in 1920, arriving here just a few days after the landmark earthquake that leveled Inglewood. Making their home in downtown Los Angeles, the couple moved to Hermosa Beach in 1935. They've lived ever since in the same little wood-frame house, beautifully landscaped to complement the redwood-and-white-trim exterior. Their dog Betsy completes the family circle.

IN 1958, Mrs. Young became active in the South Bay Garden Club, working her way up to president and then district director on the state board of Garden Clubs. Through her efforts, the Hermosa Beach Parks Commission was organized to develop the Hermosa Valley Park, which contains the Theodore Payne garden of native California plants.

Mrs. Young also organized efforts to landscape Hermosa's beautiful Median Strip and launched a campaign to encourage every area city to adopt an official tree. Torrance, she noted, was the only city that failed to do this, although she says the Catalina Ironwood species would have been the logical choice.

DURING HER four-year

tenure as a Garden Club district director, Mrs. Young organized nine new chapters, including the Las Colinas and Riviera Garden Clubs in Torrance. These two clubs, in turn, were the first to landscape Los Arboles Park and were instrumental in having many plants donated to the city.

The Hermosa Beach Garden Club won many civic beautification awards under her leadership.

Mrs. Young has also been personally honored for her tireless efforts. The Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce presented her with its "outstanding service to the community" award in 1961-62 and she was named Woman of the Year in Hermosa in 1963.

March 7, 1962, was designated Frances Young Day by the mayor of Hermosa Beach. Mrs. Young was the only person ever so honored.

In 1961, she became the first woman from the entire area to be named in Who's Who Among American Women. Mrs. Young also holds an award from the National Recreation Association and served as a Hermosa Beach parks commissioner for four years.

WHEN SHE isn't working on Botanic Garden business, Mrs. Young may be found bustling out an article for a horticulture magazine. Her work has been written up in several such magazines and for 10 years she was a garden columnist for a local newspaper.

Both the Youngs describe themselves as "nature lovers," claiming a secondary interest in rock collecting. Their veranda is crowded with specimens of crystals, opals, and gemstones, cut and polished by Mrs. Young's husband.

The couple has traveled extensively throughout the western states and enjoyed camping near Bishop, Calif., in years past.

Mr. and Mrs. Young also love birds and the feeling seems to be mutual judging from the number of them that flock to the Youngs' backyard preserve.