

ANNIVERSARY . . . Members of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors recently observed the 25th anniversary of the founding of the board. Here, past president Paddy Ryan presents a charter plaque to Edith Smith, a charter member of the board and past president.

#### COUNT MARCO SAYS

## Don't Let Them Bug You, Dearie

'How can I handle the situation of nosy women who look at me, at my husband, and then ask, 'How old are you?' It's very embarrassing to me because I'm ten years older than my husband.

"He knows it and it doesn't bother him, but these prying questions do bother me."

When I asked my questioner if the difference in age was obvious, she said her family claims it isn't. But she was desperate to know what to do because it bothered her extremely.

You know what I told her to do, don't you? My answer to her was to give those invaders of her privacy the same blunt answer I do when I'm asked that question: "None of your business."

Dont' worry about a crude person's feelings. Obviously they have none or they would not be so crude

And by all means never worry about making an enemy of such a person. It's far better for her to know where you stand right now than for her to put up with all that prying and poking until you're eventually forced into being nasty in self-defense. Consequently you make an enemy later anyway.

Get it over with right now. Any enemy under-

stands only force anyway. So use it.

There is no crime in marrying a man younger than you, not matter how much younger. Women live longer than men anyway, so perhaps it's only right that for a change the marriage responsibility be on the other foot, so to speak.

Besides, statistics prove that marriages in which the bride is from 7 to 17 years older than the groom usually outlast those the other way around.

Maybe it's because you know how lucky you are to have finally made the grade and you show your appreciation in more ways. However it be, your age is no one's business but your own not even that of

One woman's answer to such a tasteless question is, "I'm as old as my tongue and a little older than my teeth," which should be enough to shut up any pryer.

Don't be a sweet, innocent, smiling thing any time when someone invades your privacy with personal questions. Let your tongue be as sharp as your

This is the only language such people understand, and consequently they will walk softly thereafter, knowing just how nasty you can be

Haven't you ever noticed that people who are short-tempered or pointedly frank usually find per-sons soft-pedaling their remarks in their presence? It's a status symbol of sorts, and if it isn't I'm hereby establishing it as one: Treat rudeness with rudeness.

## Bringing Up Baby

you're more concerned with now happily your baby eats than how much he eats, you'll find your darling will eat as much as he needs, will blossom accordingly, and will learn to accept new foods without undue fuss and fanfare.

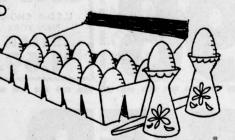




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