

ANN LANDERS



Geography Doesn't Help

Dear Ann Landers: I was interested in the letter from the aunt who complained because her nephew's thank-you note contained many misspelled words. That child was only 10 years old, so there's some excuse for HIM, but you should see what I am running into!

I am an English teacher who moved to the west coast from the east coast. I am at once shocked and distressed to discover that the 10th graders in California schools cannot spell as well as the eighth graders I taught back in Massachusetts.

You, Ann Landers, receive letters from teenagers from every state in the union. Will you please be good enough to tell me if you have noticed that the eastern teens spell much better than the western teens? Thank you. — MISS B

Dear Miss B: I have noticed that the spelling of teen-agers and adults alike is frightful. And geography has nothing to do with it.

In today's mail a Boston University student wrote to complain that her boy friend is "taking her for granite." She was very upset because she just learned she is "pregnate." The very next letter was from a Santa Barbara high school freshman who was "fifteen" year sold. He was "greatful for my advice."

So don't talk to me about spelling, Doll—eastern or western.

Dear Ann Landers: Recently you printed a letter from a woman who complained that whenever she got behind the wheel of the car her husband criticized her driving and made her feel like an idiot.

I recognized myself as the husband. Ever since the day I saw our children covered with blood amid the broken glass and twisted steel I have hated careless drivers. Consequently, I have a compulsion to call such drivers to the attention of whoever happens to be at the wheel. The moron who hit us on that unforgettable day said he didn't see the stop sign.

Driving on a freeway today is as hazardous as fighting in Viet Nam. Anyone who remains silent because he doesn't want to hurt the driver's feelings is not courteous — he's crazy. Thank you for letting me have my say. — T.C.

Dear T. C.: I would not for a moment deny that your argument is a good one, but you are off a little on Viet Nam. The statisticians tell us that by 1970, 14,450 young adults will die in cars each year. This is four times the number of young lives we have lost so far in Viet Nam.

Dear Ann Landers: We are two 15-year-old girls who want to ask you some questions on a very vital subject.

We heard you have had your ears pierced. Is this true? How old were you when you had it done? Did you do it yourself? Did it hurt? What do you think of pierced ears for teen-agers? — S.N. AND E.A.

Dear S.N. and E.A.: It is true. My ears are pierced. I was 46 when I had it done — two years ago. No, I did not do it myself. I went to a physician. It did not hurt because I asked him to use novocaine. I think pierced ears are fine if you can get your mother's approval — next year. Sixteen is just about right in my opinion.

If you have trouble getting along with your parents, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Suggested By Parents: How to Get More Freedom." Send 50 cents in coin with your request and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. © 1966, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate

Redondo Firm to Head Communications Work

Nine international aerospace companies and two American firms have been selected to participate with TRW, Inc., in the development and production of satellites for the Global Communications System expected to be in operation in 1968.

TRW Systems of Redondo Beach, the operating group of TRW, Inc., will be responsible for the Comsat project under a \$32 million contract awarded by the Communications Satellite Corp. The contract calls for six satellites.

Participating companies include Bell Telephone Manufacturing of Belgium, Contraves AB of Switzerland, Entwicklungsring Nord of West Germany, Hawker Siddeley Dynamics, Ltd., of Britain, IIT Federal Laboratories of the U. S., Laboratoire Central des Telecommunications of France, Mitsubishi Electric Corp. of Japan, Societe Anonyme de Telecommunications of France, Standard Elektrik Lorenz of West Germany, and

Watson Hopeful for Property Tax Limit

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PROCLAMATION... Irvin Mazzei (left) president of the Los Angeles Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, receives a scroll proclaiming Union Label Week in Los Angeles County from Burton W. Chace, chairman of the Board of Supervisors. The presentation was made during ceremonies in Los Angeles.

USC Professor Sets Seminars

One of the nation's outstanding authorities in the field of economics will conduct a series of seminars for Torrance teachers this fall.

Dr. James Calderwood, economic consultant, writer, and professor, will lecture at Torrance Elementary School, 2125 Lincoln Ave., from 4 to 6 p.m. on ten Wednesday afternoons between Sept. 28 and March 8.

Purpose of the series is to augment elementary school teachers' knowledge of economics in preparation for an added emphasis on economics in the social science curriculum this year, according to Mrs. Mary Long, curriculum consultant.

DR. CALDERWOOD, who is a professor in the School of Business Administration at the University of Southern California, returns home this week from the Middle East, where he has been serving as a Ford Foundation consultant in the Middle East-Africa Program.

He currently holds the position of foreign market consultant for Lockheed Aircraft Corp., is West Coast representative of the Joint Council on Economic Education, and is a consultant on economic education to the U. S. Office of Education, the California State Department of Education, the Arkansas State Department of Education, and the Seattle, Wash., Public Schools.

His published books include: "The Problems and Promise of American Democracy," "Introduction to Economic Reasoning," "Economic Ideas and Concepts," "International Economic Problems," "World Trade," "Western Europe and the Common Market," and "The World of Economics," which is to be released next year by Macmillan.

PRIOR TO joining the SC faculty six years ago, Dr. Calderwood taught at Ohio State and at Pomona College and Claremont Graduate School. He received his doctorate degree at Ohio State University after studies at the London School of Economics, the University of Geneva, the



DR. JAMES CALDERWOOD To Conduct Seminar

Greek Theater Trip Scheduled

Performances by Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald at the Greek Theater will attract area residents tonight as the Torrance Recreation Department Theater Bus program takes a group to the event.

The bus will leave Torrance city hall at 7 p.m. and will return about midnight.

Attacks on Spending Urged As Long Range War on Taxes

By PHILIP E. WATSON

Amid the genuine enthusiasm which greeted my announcement that we were proceeding immediately to qualify a property tax limit initiative for the ballot, a few voices have been heard in opposition.

Mostly they have come from people who are now active in some of the recently organized taxpayer protest groups. They say the initiative will take too much time to become fully effective.

What is needed, they insist, is instant relief.

I can sympathize with anyone's desire for immediate property tax relief. But where were these people three years ago when we first began urging that the legislature place a ceiling on the property tax? Had they joined us then, we could now be well on an orderly way to the immediate relief they are now demanding.

THE FACT IS that not enough people were sufficiently interested — or didn't understand — so that our state legislators were able to put off the property tax problem.

Instead of directing their protests to the legislature and demanding that our state officials stop ducking property tax dilemma, protest groups attacked local officials, particularly county officials. Yet the various taxing agencies of local government could not re-structure the property tax on their own.

To the extent that local taxing agencies, which should have understood that the property tax was not capable of indefinite expansion, did not bring pressure to bear on the legislature, local government must take a major share of responsibility for the present property tax revolt.

TO THE EXTENT that the average taxpayer left it up to those who were hardest pinched to make a protest, the average taxpayer must also shoulder his responsibility if he now is feeling the pinch. But looking backward is a waste of time.

Looking forward... whatever may or may not be accomplished by the current crop of protests will not provide any permanent property tax relief. And, realistically, the prospects for instant relief are bleak. Budgets have already been voted, tax rates have already been set, the tax collector is already preparing the tax bills for mailing November 1.

But the initiative we will be circulating in the coming weeks can provide permanent property tax relief.

WHILE IT ALLOWS for an interim period of transition from our present high tax burden to an eventual statutory maximum tax of one per cent of market value — which would cut most property tax bills at least 50 per cent and more in many districts — the legislature could move at once to provide alternate sources of school funds so that the one per cent limit could be reached almost immediately.

We have been enthusiastically joined by Supervisor Frank Bonelli and Assemblyman Joe Gonsalves, who will be co-chairmen of the Committee for Tax Limitation. The campaign is under way. True, the initiative can't reduce this year's property tax bills. But without it, we have no assurance that property tax bills ever will be reduced.

Missionary Team Here From Egypt

Mr. and Mrs. James Roane, missionary appointees to the Trasher Memorial Orphanage in Assiout, Egypt, will speak at the Walteria Assembly of God, 244th Street and Hawthorne Boulevard, Sunday evening.

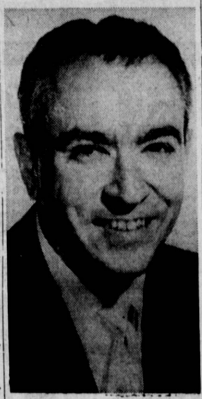
Services will begin at 7 p.m., according to the Rev. Edward L. Hughes, pastor of the church.

The Trasher Memorial Orphanage was founded by Lillian Trasher, an American missionary, in 1912 and currently has 820 residents. It is operated by the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God and is approved by the Egyptian government.

Mr. Roane, a native of Texas, is a graduate of Central Bible College at Springfield, Mo., and Southern California Bible College in Costa Mesa. He served as an administrator of the 263-bed King Manor and Convalescent Hospital of Santa Ana, Calif., prior to going to Egypt.

Mrs. Roane, the daughter of missionaries, was educated in India. She is an alumnus of Drury College and Central Bible College, both in Springfield, Mo., and a graduate of Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa. She is a registered nurse.

The Roanes will report on the orphanage and show films and Egyptian costumes and curios.



ROBERT S. STEVENS Legislator to Speak

Legislator To Address NAA Group

Assemblyman Robert S. Stevens, Republican nominee for the State Senate in the 25th District, will address members of the Palos Verdes-Torrance chapter of the National Association of Accountants next Tuesday.

Stevens will speak on "The Impact of State Government on Your Company" at a dinner meeting of the group. The session is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Indian Village Restaurant.

Members of the group and their guests have been invited to attend a pre-dinner social hour, which is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Non-members interested in attending the dinner are asked to contact James Middleton at Felker Manufacturing Co. for reservations.

Stevens, whose assignments in the Legislature include the judiciary, finance and insurance, and governmental efficiency and economy committees, will discuss the effect of state taxes and regulations on businesses.

'Mod Look' Theme For Teen Dance

"The Mod Look" will be the theme for Friday's Pre-Teen Dance at the Lomita Recreation Center. The dance is scheduled from 7 until 9 p.m. in the new Community Building.

Youngsters between 9 and 13 are invited to attend the dance and wear the new "Mod" fashions. Admission is 25 cents per person. Refreshments will be sold at the dance.

FEWER FARMERS

America's high level of farm productivity generated by fewer people than live today in the State of California. U. S. farm population today is only 12 million.

Concert Series To Open

El Camino music instructor Dr. Robert Haag, also a well-known concert pianist, will lead off the first in a series of five "Concerts On The King's Highway" Friday at 8:30 p.m. in the college Campus Theater.

His repertoire will include selections from Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, and Schumann. The remaining four concerts will feature harpist Susan McDonald, Sept. 30; cellist Joseph Schuster, Oct. 7; opera singer Robert McFerrin, Oct. 14, and the Monterey Jazz Festival All-Stars, Oct. 21.

Admission is \$1.50 for all but the Jazz concert, for which an additional 50 cents will be charged. Proceeds from the concerts will go to the music department scholarship fund. Tickets are available at the college bookstore and at the box office the evening of the performance.

Harbor Aquarium Society to Meet

Films and slides of aquarium show tanks will be featured during a meeting of the Harbor Aquarium Society Thursday evening at 8 at the McMaster Park, according to President Dick Saleh of Torrance. Final plans for the 12th annual Aquarium Show at Cabrillo Beach Marine Museum in October will be discussed.

COUNT MARCO

She Wears Slacks? Blame Him

How weak is the American male? PLENTY!!! Horrible examples herewith: A woman was granted a divorce recently on the grounds her husband ran after her with a pair of scissors because she wore slacks.

The judge who granted her the divorce was the weak male, methinks.

Another woman caused a giant industrial breakdown in Oregon because she was fired for wearing "distracting" slacks on the job. Three hundred weak males walked off their jobs in protest.

This may now come as a surprise to you women. I don't blame YOU for wearing slacks. Dogs who have never been trained properly cannot be blamed for a lack of discipline, and neither can you for not knowing better.

I do blame the men, however — not only in the above not-so-isolated cases, but in every instance where women appear in public wearing either slacks, capris, or shorts.

The judge's decision showed weakness enough, but those 300 weaklings working at the plywood mill should each be handed wooden nickels, plugged at that, in place of wages lost during those "days of protest."

Had they been real men, for which the great Northwest was noted, they would have either donated several days' work free or taken up a collector, to present the owner of the mill with a gold service set for his bravery, intelligence, and perspicacity in ordering any female off the job who didn't dress and behave like the woman she was supposed to be.

Chivalry in one thing, union regulations another, but nothing should ever supercede good taste.

Squeezing an overloaded, overladen rear into tight slacks is public is certainly distasteful enough, but when it so distracts workmen in an obviously highly hazardous field of employment, i.e., saw-

mills, then the object of criticism not only shows bad taste but total lack of consideration for the safety of co-workers.

If it be true that those men are so desperate to see a bottom of flab encased like a sausage in skin-tight slacks, they merely have to visit the nearest super shopping centers on their day off.

Any man who permits his wife or girl friend to appear with him in public wearing sloppy slacks or other accoutrements not recognized as acceptable deserves what he later gets. Like a crystal ball, nothing so foretells a man's future as does his reaction to slacks on a woman in public.

It indicates he has no pride and is afraid to assert his masculine authority by ordering her to either dress appropriately or fish elsewhere.

If women can't help themselves, it is time the men take a hand, at the offending end if need be, and lead them back to their right and rightful path.