

"Dear Anne Hirst, What can I do with a mother-in-law who tries to run the whole family? I don't want to have to do everything to have her own way despite their ordered routine. She deliberately overlooks my wishes. I always say she wants to sleep. She tells me what to feed her (she thought she is under our doctor's care) and she dictates what she must wear.

"She complained lately to my mother-in-law that I don't take care of my baby. I let her have the baby for an afternoon — with the result that she had an accident. I don't want to have every holiday with the whole family, regardless of what we have to do. I don't want to be disturbed quite at home, she accuses me of trying to take her son away. I never let her see me without my car and helps out, even takes me to the doctor.

"The situation is especially difficult because my husband owns a business with his father and brothers. Their home is near and dear to me. I don't want to do about all this. Do you?"

Dear Mrs. R. R.

Your mother-in-law is the true matriarch, loving, kind, possessive, dominating. She is the center of the family, with her head of the family, entirely competent (and chosen) to run the great household. She is a wise and a loving family helper.

She laughs at modern practices of diet and training, and imposes her own traditions. She loves her grandchildren in such a high-handed manner that it is almost impossible for her to interfere. She considers this her duty. She is born of love for them all. Her devotion to her family and her personal life is annoying enough. But when she interferes with the raising of her grandchild, she is a pest. Whose baby is it after all? If a mother has any rights, the first one is the mother of the child. In any way she thinks she should go.

If you are ever to escape from your mother-in-law's clutches, you will have to have your husband's cooperation. Explain to him that you are not a meddling mother-in-law. Tell him that you are not the mother of the baby. You have enlisted the best medical advice in your town. Tell him that from now on you intend to, and you depend upon him to back you up.

Also, remind him that you and he must have greater privacy and more time to enjoy a full life together and grow closer with the years if they share all the baby business with her family. You will join the reunions occasionally, but you and he need to be alone with each other. This is your right and his.



can be. To convince him you require all your courage, determination and tact; he is accustomed to his mother's management and has accepted it without question. But he must be fair to you and his child. I hope he will realize that.

• When you talk this over with his mother, be calm and kind. Emphasize your appreciation of her helpful kindness, but remind her that it is you and your husband who must decide what is best for your baby, and for yourselves. Good luck!

Your mother-in-law should have your respect and, if possible, your affection. But when she interferes with your children's training, you have to take a stand. Anne Hirst can advise you how to handle the situation tactfully. Write her at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

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Army Takes WACS From "Wives"—The Women's Army Corps really believes in its theme: "Don't Fish Around for a Future, Join the WAC." Here, Recruiter Betty J. Clayton signs up Theda Wood, un-

she laughs at modern practices of diet and training, and inquires how she can be of use to her young grandchild, who is brought up in such a high-handed manner that it is almost impossible for her to be able to interfere. She considers this her duty, born of love for them all. Her own mother, who is now in her personal life is annoying enough. But when she interferes with the raising of her baby is it, after all, her mother's baby is it, after all? If her mother has any rights, the first one is to be allowed to rear her own way she thinks she should go. If you are ever to escape from your mother's influence, you must have will to have to escape your husband's cooperation. Explain to him that you are anxious to be a mother, and the welfare of the baby. You have enlisted the best medical advice, and you are sure to do the best. Tell him that from now on you intend to, and you depend upon him to back you up.

Also, remind him that you and he must have greater privacy, and that you must not enjoy a full life together and grow closer with the years because if they share all their hours together, they will not enjoy the family. You will join the reunions occasionally, but you and he need more privacy. Remember that this is your right and his.

Once he realizes how essential it is, he will discover the way to do it. He can be. To convince him may require all your courage, determination and tact. Be accustomed to his mother's management and has accepted it without question. But he must be fair to you and his child. I hope he will realize

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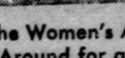
Talking Color

"If you like the name of a color, you're half sold on the color itself," claims Wilfred J. Warr, a 37-year-old marketing supervisor of the paint and varnish division of Canadian Industries (1981). "I can think of a name you don't believe that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

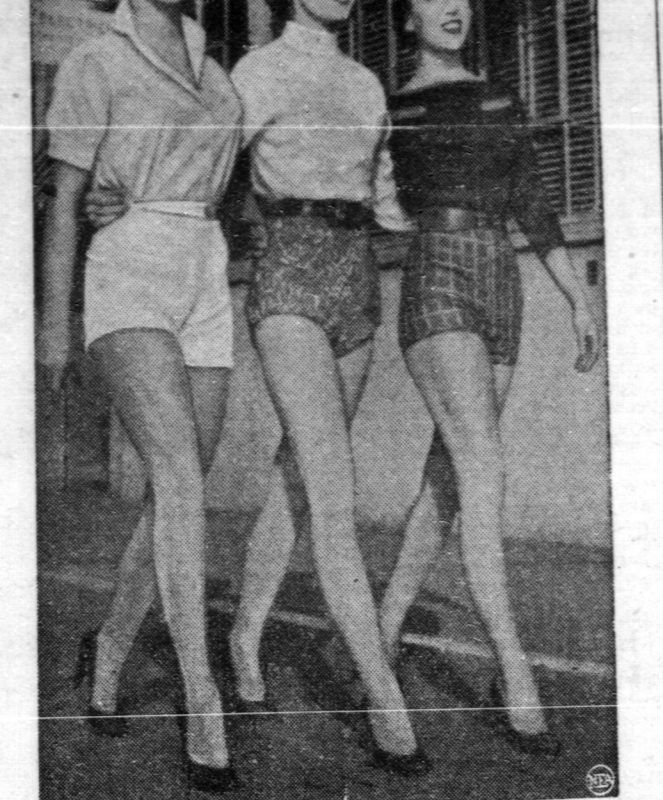
Warr should know. For many years he has been dreaming up tantalizing color names like "tuffy can" and "pinkie." He's the response of people who buy the paint.

"Whether she realizes it or not," says Warr, "a woman for a room picks a name which suggests the atmosphere she wants to create." Mr. Warr adds, "It's a lively room for a bustling family, named like 'sprite green' 'colleen' or 'grain red' chosen for her. On the other hand, if she is decorating a room for more formal use, she will lean toward such names as 'candle green' or 'castle grey,' 'cameo ivory' or 'court chardreuse'."

Warr's colorful suggestions always have appeal. According to this color consultant, in-



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Stop Right Here—As far as Adelle August, Lucy Marlow and Jand Mason are concerned, they have the solution to producer Jonie Tops' search for the world's most beautiful legs. The trio demonstrate they are ready to match legs with any contenders as they walk down a Hollywood movie set.

snipe beach into a frothbound living room. Or a color called "wine green" for the occasion of festive occasions, "Seashell" or "Cabot smoke" or "ocean green" stimulate the imagination. The colors of faraway places: "honey gold" and "bud green" arouse nostalgic thoughts of distant lands. The meaning of a name is important, but the sound must be pleasing to the ear, as Clair maintains. "People like their names; they can roll their tongues around 'purple' like 'parrot' and 'afterglow'."

But all the tempting words in the English language will not do. The color names must also hues which people want. Color fashions in homes change from year to year, as do fashions in clothing. Today, for instance, the browns and orange shades are popular, and tomorrow, perhaps, but blue is a color to watch for the future, he predicts.

From the songs of Francois Villon, King of the Vagabonds, and the "Ballad of Roland," the color names have continually appeared in connection with law breakers.

Italy has whole collections of traditional criminal songs from prison, and there is one British ballad on the same subject. The songs are full of puns on words with meaning and pretension. It ends:

"Prison is worst of the lot
For placing a lagging there's
No place like Woking."

But the color names which are exalted by certain types of music? A Hungarian government official once explained to me that he had chosen himself, by some morbid attraction the composition became popular and two people attributed twenty suicides to its influ-

Every shift in decorating fashion means new colors must be designed. And every new color is a fresh challenge to the poet-psychologist who puts the names on the paint cans.

Gunn-Totin' Lady

Any week-end during hunting season is like to be a mobile pibled by a woman streaking north from St. Catharines, Ontario, toward the woods. The woods are small, and there is nothing strange in this. Many Canadian women hunt and are as good as men in this particular hunt is unusual. At sportsmen's shows all across the country, women are known as "the woman who knows all about guns."

At the Pinder, Porga and Pinder's Sportsmen's Miss in St. Catharines. Pinder's literally does know everything about ammunition. She can discuss the ballistics of a shot-gun shell and the difference between a .300 and a .308.

The people of the Niagara peninsula have come to know that if they have a gun problem, the solution is to shoot it.

Time was, though, when this was not the case. The store was owned by a man named John Zerk and carried on by his father and carried on by his father. When he died a number of years ago, June decided to take over the store. She knew, of course, that she might have an up-hill battle because a man doesn't usually want to be run by a woman. A woman with a woman. A woman, it was reasonable to suppose, could not be taken seriously about such matters as a man.

hymn.

He was not the only one who liked hymns. Peace used to place them on a one-string piano and Robert Butler, whose crime included Australia and New Zealand, played hymns on the prison organ on the day before he was executed.

Two other men who took the love of hymns to the gallows were John Stewart, who considered an Edinburgh merchant and sang on the scaffold, and a man who sang songs with a song as a last request that he asked to sing would play "The Weir of the Green."

For a while business wasn't too brisk. But it didn't take the importance of the distinction to find that she was a woman who could talk their language and at the same time add a little extra knowledge.

June's knowledge doesn't come merely from books, although she is an avid student of the history of the railroad subjects. She was brought up with guns and fishing rods and finds it difficult to remember a time when she was not using one or the other.

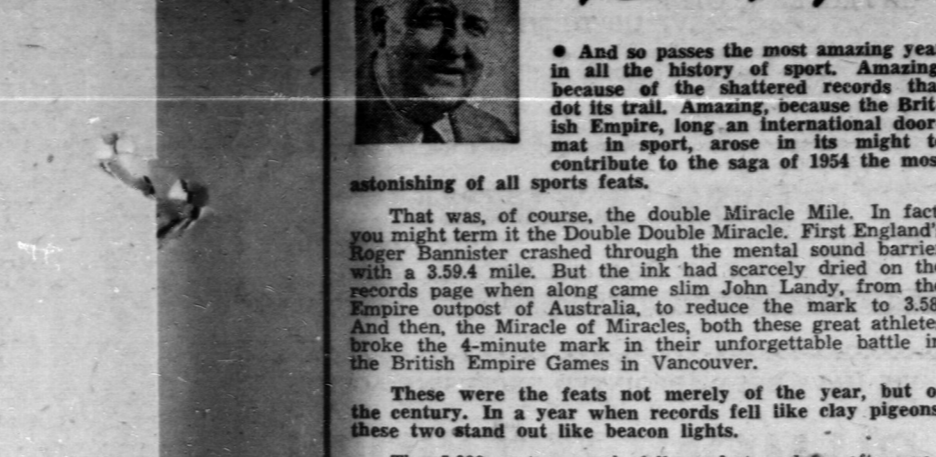
The first railway post office was introduced in North America on the Grand Trunk Railway, now part of the Canadian National Railways, in 1868. The first passenger train between Niagara Falls and London, Ont., seven years before similar unit was introduced in the United States, was designed to speed mail delivery.

sort of programmes they have; how they raise money, and what to do when no one wants to take office. And then there is that little problem of when, and to whom, should life-memberships be given. At our last meeting, being still in the mood for giving, we presented one of our senior members with a life-membership pip. They were both taken completely by surprise. We were all very happy to see how pleased they were with our token of appreciation for the years of faithful service they had given our branch.

Really I am constantly amazed at the amount of good work that is done all over Ontario by W.I. members. But maybe you wonder sometimes why I don't mention Farm Forums, Agricultural Societies, Federation of Agriculture and other farm groups, all of whom do good work. That I realize but I limit my social activities to the W.I. I find that is the only time for me and it happens to interest me the most. I often wonder how people who belong to so many organizations keep up the pace. Life must be one continual round of meetings . . . and lunches! And lunches and slimmers never yet went together.

Well, friends, there is another thought in my mind. While the year is in its infancy how about Income Tax returns? You know it really isn't much of a job when you get down to business. And with declining farm prices plenty of farmers will have very little to pay. The point is you have to prove it. And the only way you can prove it is the satisfaction of the Finance Department is by filing your returns. The receipt you get in return for your protection against future inquiries. So . . . a word to the wise — get it done and off your mind.

And again — Best Wishes for A Happy New Year.



The 5,000 metres track fell so fast and so often you could hardly get a fix. First, the English took the lead, then the Russian Vladimir Kuc, then England's great red-haired Chris Chataway, then Kuc again. And there was England's Fred Green, shattering the 3-mile mark.

And 1954 was a big year for Canada in sport. Marilyn Bell amazed the world as she fought icy waters to swim the 40 miles across Lake Ontario, an almost unbelievable feat. And a chunky Canadian, a glacial swimmer, took the Hamilton record across the treacherous Cataraugus Channel in the record-breaking time of 13 hours, 21 minutes, 41 seconds.

It was Canada's year on our golf courses, too. Both Canadian Open events were won by Canadians. Pat Fletcher of Saskatoon became the first native-born Canadian to win the Men's Open in nearly 50 years, capturing the Seagram Golf Cup and its rich cash awards. On the distaff side, little Miss Marlene Stewart captured the Canadian Women's Open.

For Canada, for the British Commonwealth as a whole
1954 was a fine sports year, indeed.

Your comments and suggestions for this column will be welcomed by Elmer Ferguson, c/o Calvert House, 431 Yonge St., Toronto.

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The Royal Bank of Canada closed its fiscal year ending November 30th with assets of \$3,262,895,844, the first Canadian chartered bank to pass the \$3 billion mark. The Annual Balance Sheet, just released, shows assets have increased by over \$131,000,000 as compared with a year ago. Loans and deposits are at the highest levels ever attained by any Canadian bank.

A notable feature of this year's Statement is a major change in the capital structure of the bank. As a result of the issue last July 1st of 700,000 additional shares of Capital Stock, the paid up capital of the bank has increased from \$35,000,000 to \$41,800,000. From the sale of this additional stock the bank also collected a premium of \$13,619,728 which, together with \$16,000,000 transferred from inner reserves, has been added to the Rest Fund. In addition the bank has, for the fifth year in a row, transferred to the Rest Fund a portion of the current year's net earnings, the figure this year being \$4,000,000. As a result of these transactions the Rest Fund now stands at \$103,619,728. Capital Funds thus total \$146,833,664, a figure which sets a

record high level for all Canadian banks. When the installment subscriptions for the new issue are fully paid, the Capital and Reserve Funds will stand at \$42,000,000 and \$104,000,000 respectively, which, with undivided profits, will make the total Capital Funds of the bank \$147,-

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Deposits have attained the impressive total of \$2,797,548,149, of which over \$1,256,000,000 are personal savings deposits payable in Canada. Deposits by the public have increased by nearly \$90,000,000.



No. 400 Is In The Net—Mar

Soccer fans at Naples, who have made it necessary for referees to escape from the Stadio ground, are not alone as firemen, and have threatened to lift offending radio commentators, grow no milder. Earlier this year they provoked an extraordinary incident which eventually resulted in their club being heavily fined for threatening to forfeit two of its points.

The occasion was a home match with Genoa. In which the boys were not doing well. Viney, the team's Hungarian left back, badly fouled an opponent and was sent off. The

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No reception was ever given to any foreigner in the United States quite like that accorded

**She Nearly Caught
A Falling Star**

When John Donne wrote "God and a falling falling star"

When John Donne wrote "Good Friday," he caught a falling star and thought he was creating an immortal possibility. In the same way, Hallett Hodges of Yale, who has never read a line of John Donne, has caught a falling star. Rather, it was nearly caught her. She was struck on the hip and hand by the poet's words that night on the roof of her home while she was taking a nap. It was only a nine-pound meteorite, an astral body which she says she will never miss. But to Mrs. Hodges, it is her meteorite, her per-

sonal evidence that stars once really fell on Alabama.

Now they want to take it away from her. "They" means the Air Force and the State Museum of Natural History. The Air Force has taken possession of the meteorite and says it will be sent to Washington for scientific research. The museum, located in Tuscaloosa, says it wants the meteorite for display purposes. Mrs. Hodges says she wants the meteorite as a souvenir to talk about when folks drop in.

Science, of course, must be served, and perhaps some kind of a compromise can be worked out whereby the Air Force can conduct its experiments and return the meteorite forthwith to Mrs. Hodges. In her turn, she might be willing to lend it to the museum occasionally, say on alternate Sundays. But it might well be made the law of the land: any meteorite falling on any person shall belong to said person. Let others try and catch their own falling stars.—New York Herald Tribune.

Africa's toughest tree, the baobab, survives fire, storm, drought, disease, and the bark and all kinds of ill-treatment. It is sometimes called the "cane of life" because it causes the acid in the fruit pulp to be tartaric acid.

Its roots go deep but its branches are short and stubby and for most of the year are bare of leaves. It rarely grows higher than 100 feet, but is often compared with the girth of a trunk. When the tree is found in dry inland regions the branches look so much like roots that local native legends say "an angry devil planted the baobab upside down."

Though the baobab takes

many centuries to achieve its full size (a trunk with a diameter of 10 feet is not uncommon). Its bark is small, its timber, unlike most trees that mature slowly, is soft and pulpy and quite useless. Its leaves are not unlike those of the fig tree.

Africans have found that its fibrous bark makes excellent ropes and even tough fabrics. The fruit, known as monkey bread or monkey gourd, has a variety of uses. The seeds and the taste-lasting pulp make a gruel which natives enjoy. The pulp juices are invaluable as a cure for, among other things, swamp fevers, while witch-doctors use them as cure-alls. The natives have found, also, that when cooked the leaves have a spicy, nutty flavor. They feed them to their cattle while other crops are in short supply.

If it can, of course, be cut down. But it is a tough task. Famous David Livingstone says of himself, when he ordered one to be chopped down. At last it fell. But not to die. Months later he noted with amazement that the dead tree had sprouted another inch since it had been felled to the ground!

TOPPED HIM

Two boys were arguing about the strength and all-round ability of the respective fathers. "You know the Pacific Ocean?" said one. "Well, my father dug the hole for it!" The pal paused for a moment, then said: "Have you ever heard of the Dead Sea? Well, my dad killed it!"

acid-tasting pulp make a gruel which natives quite enjoy. The pulp juices are invaluable as medicine to combat various swamp fevers, which will otherwise kill them. The cure-alls. The natives have found, also, that when cooked the leaves have a spinach-like flavour. They feed them to their cattle when other crops are in short supply.

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