ANNE HIRST
Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: I am 15, and I've been going steady with a boy for seven months. I like him very much, and he says he loves me — but every week-end he has some excuse to be out of town.

"He says he visits relatives. I get to see him only once a week.

"Should I stay home and wait for him, or go out with other boys? JEAN"

* The high spot for most
* couples is the week-end date
* —there are few time restrictions on Saturday night, and
* Sunday afternoons together
* can be long. Without these special occasions to look forward
* to, a girl's social life is pretty
* empty and, I should say, thoroughly unsatisfactory. Yours is
* especially so, since you have only one date a week with a
* boy who declares he loves you.

Certainly date others over week-ends, if your mother approves (and she evidently
* will); put yourself in circulation.

Even if you could see this
* young man around the clock,
* giving him all your dates is unsound. You are getting chances
* to compare him with others
* who might prove even more interesting, more fun to be with.
* Now you are being fair to yourself when you are not learning
* more about others your own age — an experience that enriches a girl's personality and
* gives her dozens of new topics
* to talk about other than "you and me."

Every girl's secret desire is
* to be popular. How can you expect to be if you have only
* one beau? First thing you know, you will be thinking he
* is THE one and only—and you surely would be bereft if he
* suddenly changed girls. Teenagers of both sexes are famous
* for this practice, and rightly so,
* for it is wholesome and profitable. These are the years to
* make lots of friends, some of whom you will have for the
* rest of your life. I hope you will stop wasting your time on
* one alone.

I do not wish to arouse any
* suspicion. The lad may indeed
* be visiting relatives, but if he
* is spending every week-end with them isn't it obvious what
* a low place you rate in his affections? "Love," you must remember, is one of the most
* flexible words in teen-age language.

Play smart, my young friend,
* and cultivate other nice boys.
* In a few months' time you will
* wonder why on earth you thought any one lad was worth
* such concentration.

I give your problem much
* space today because I do not
* believe you realize how serious
* it is, and I wanted to explain
* why you are certainly "off on the wrong foot."

GIRL IN A HURRY

Dear Anne Hirst: I hope you will settle my problem for me. I have fallen in love with a boy six years younger than I. He loves me dearly and says that age doesn't mean a thing to him —but I think it may mean something later on.

"Please answer quickly as he wants to marry me soon and your counsel means a lot to me.

PUZZLED"

* You do not tell me whether
* you are in your teens or your
* 20's, so it is not proper for me
* to give you a direct answer.

You tell me little else to
* guide an opinion. The tone of
* your letter shows your impatience (and I should say your
* youth), so I only can warn
* you that your parents are the
* ones to consult.

At any rate, don't be hasty.
* Marriage, even in these mo-
* dern days, is intended to last
* all your life, and a year or
* so of getting better acquainted
* is wise and safe.

There not only is safety in numbers for teen-agers; there is more excitement, new thrills and lots of fun. Give it a whirl, and see. Refer any problems to Anne Hirst, for she will understand and guide you safely through. Write her at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

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"She's lovely, but you'd better start taming her now, or she'll boss you when you're married," he said. "Whatever you do, show her you're not a 'Yes man,' other wise she'll henpeck you unmercifully."

The young man hit on a drastic plan to avoid being henpecked. In the crowded church on their wedding day he uttered a firm and loud "No" when he was asked whether he took "this woman" to be his "lawful, wedded wife." His bride nearly swooned with surprise. He then strode from the church.

Tearfully, the girl ran after him and caught him up. "I love you," he said, quietly, "but I wanted to show you that I can say 'No' and that I shall be the dominant partner in our marriage. You must always obey me — not I you. Now let's go back and finish the wedding ceremony."

The girl meekly nodded her assent. Together they went back to the altar. That happened a year ago. "We're indescribably happy," confided the young husband to his friend recently. "Your advice certainly did the trick."

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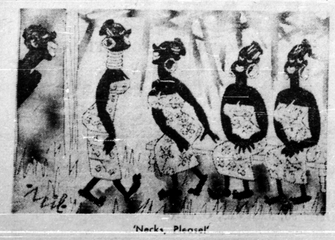

'Necks, Please!'

FRENCH FAKIR—This is not an Indian fakir sitting on his bed of nails, but a Parisian painter touching up a giant-sized toothpaste tube while sitting on the business end of an equally big toothbrush. The outsized brush and tube will be used as part of a dental display at the Children's Show in Paris.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM
by Gwendoline P. Clarke

It is a little difficult these days to keep one's thoughts concentrated on ordinary, everyday affairs. Of their own violation they go wandering off to the Middle East, to Hungary, to Nova Scotia and to a little village not far from here where striking truck drivers put on an active demonstration resulting in the loss of a leg to a policeman on duty. And all last week we had mild, foggy weather, which was anything but cheerful. And most of the problems are with us yet. As far as the Middle East is concerned no one can forsee the outcome. The same applies to Hungary. We can only hope that eventually action by the United Nations Assembly will justify its existence. The Springhill disaster . . . how can we assess the terrible anguish of the families belonging to the trapped men — or of the men themselves? Happily the number of survivors is greater than anyone dared to hope for. The truck drivers' strike . . . if prolonged, that is something that may touch us all quite closely. And finally the weather . . . we certainly can't change that. We have to take what comes and make the best of it. The most we can do is avoid unnecessary risks along the fog-shrouded roads.

Here at Ginger Farm our immediate problems have been concern about the weather, and with coughs and colds. Fog has kept us more or less housebound, which is rather a nuisance as there are several visits we intended to make — but why take a chance travelling the highways unless you have to? However, conditions are improving; I heard planes going over last night and this morning. A welcome sound to niece Babs as her husband is flying in from Sudbury next Wednesday. I hope by then all the colds will have cleared up. Talk about a coughing chorus, we certainly have it here. During the day it has unexpected complications. Because of the colds none of us can hear too well and we all speak indistinctly with a sort of a croak so that we have trouble in making each other understand. We do a lot of guessing—and we don't always guess right. If the sore throats continue we shall have to take to lip-reading! But of course our worst troubles are at night, last night being beyond average. In between my own restlessness, the children crying and Babs and Partner coughing, something happened that added insult to injury. It was two o'clock in the morning. The telephone rang loud and insistently. With my heart in my mouth and nothing on my feet I ran to answer it. What had happened . . . it must be something drastic for anyone to ring in the middle of the night. The long distance operator called our number — and I waited in anxious suspense. Then a voice said — "Hullo—is Betty-Lou there?" Betty-Lou, indeed! It didn't take me long to inform the party that Betty-Lou wasn't here, never had been here, and I didn't know any Betty-Lou anyway! Then I went shivering back to my bed. The night was warm so I suppose the shivering was merely the result of apprehension. For awhile all was quiet and then Nancy started crying again — more teething troubles. All in all it was quite a night. Now as I write it is afternoon and everything is remarkably quiet — the children's after-dinner nap has lasted for over two hours. Here's hoping it isn't the lull before the storm.

Saturday we had an interesting little outing. Partner took care of Nancy while Babs and I, with Carol in tow, visited a nearby Exhibition and sale of Arts and Crafts. It is an annual event taking place the first week in November. For the last three years I have worn a fur coat for the event. This year I was too warm even in a lightweight suit —one more instance which points to the extraordinary weather we are having.

As usual there was an outstanding display of handicrafts of all kinds—exquisite costume jewellry, beautiful handwoven articles—including the loveliest fine-wool stoles I have seen anywhere. One of these times I am going to be really extravagant and treat myself to one—might have done it this time but light grey was one colour they didn't have. There was also a lovely collection of pottery and a fine display of oil paintings. The artist, a remarkably versatile person, was demonstrating old English lettering, which, to the average person, would be as difficult to do as an oil painting. I wonder how it is some people are so gifted? Must be that for most of us the right genes were not around before we were born. Pursue that subject any further and we would soon find ourselves involved in the old controversial topic of heredity versus environment. To my knowledge, which is responsible for what, has never yet been satisfactorily explained. It is an extraordinary age we are living in but even yet we don't know all the answers. And maybe that is just as well—sometimes "a little learning is a dangerous thing."

How Can I?

Q. How can I prevent moths?

A. Sprinkle a little turpentine, or benzine, around the crevices of closets, drawers, and boxes. Wrap garments to be put away in newspapers; moths dislike the odor of ink.

Q. How can I remove plaster

A. Use one pint of vinegar to one gallon of hot water. Scrub well, then rinse with clear water and dry.

and lime stains from woodwork and floors?

Q. How can I detect a leak in a gas pipe?

A. At the point where the leak is suspected, apply a paste of soap and water. If there is a leak, bubbles will appear. Never use matches or a flame in looking for a gas leak.

Q. How can I relieve the pinch of new shoes?

A. Wring a cloth from hot water and lay it across the tight spot while the shoe is on the foot, changing as it cools. This will make the leather shape to the foot.

Q. How can I remove varnish stains from goods?

A. Rub the spot with turpentine or benzine, then wash the goods thoroughly.

Modern Etiquette . . .

Q. When a dinner course is finished, should the hostess' plate be removed first, and if not, whose plate?

A. There is no rule governing the order of removing dinner plates.

Q. Which woman should a man seat at a dinner table, the one on his right or left?

A. The woman on his right.

Q. Is it absolutely necessary to send a wedding present when one has declined an invitation to the reception?

A. This would be expected of you only if you were very intimate friends of the bride, the bridegroom, or their families. Otherwise, it is not necessary.

Q. How should one handle the spoon when partaking of soup?

A. The spoon, of course, should be held in the right hand, dipped into the soup with an outward sweep, then taken from the side of the spoon, never from the tip.

Q. When writing a letter to an acquaintance who calls you "Mrs. Bridges," how do you sign the letter?

As "Mary Bridges."

Q. Do male members of a party at a public dinner table rise when a man stops at the table for a few words with one of the diners?

A. Not unless there is a great difference in age. All younger men rise for a really old gentleman.

Q. Is it proper for the bridegroom to help address the wedding invitations and announcements? I've heard this is "bad lucks."

A. There's no reason in the world why he shouldn't help, if he wishes.

Q. Is it proper for a bridge player to lay down several remaining cards in his hand with the remark, "The rest of the tricks are mine?"

A. This can be very annoying to moderately skilled players, and it is quite often possible that he may be wrong. It is much better taste to play out all the tricks.

Q. I have been invited for a week-end visit. Would it be proper for me to bring a gift to my hostess?

A. This would be a very nice thing to do. The gift need not be valuable, but should show care in selection. Remember, though, that this does not excuse you from writing that "bread-and-butter" letter as soon as possible after your return home.

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FASHION HINT

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Razor Records

On his head was a bowler hat; in his right hand was an electric razor; and with his left hand a Swedish motorist drove along a country road shaving himself, with the razor plugged into his twelve-volt car battery.

A police official could hardly believe his eyes, but stopped him, pointing out that he had not proper control of the car.

"Nonsense," replied the motorist, "there are one-armed drivers who drive quite safely, aren't there?" He was taken to court, but was found not guilty of driving without proper control.

A barber in Charlottesville, Virginia, claimed the world's shaving speed record in 1946 by giving one of his customers "a perfect shave" in sixty seconds without any cuts or nicks. But forty-four years earlier, a Belfast barber shaved six men in two minutes. He also shaved a man with a carving knife in eighty-five seconds and another with a penknife in forty-five seconds.

It has been calculated that a man shaves two square miles of face during his lifetime and cuts off 250 million hairs.

Bronze razors with ivory handles were used by the ancient Egyptians for shaving. Early men also shaved with flint, iron and pumice stone. The first safety-razor was invented in 1762 by a master cutler in Paris, Jean-Jacques Perret. His was a straight razor fitted with a guard. The usual type of safety-razor, with a blade at an angle to the handle, was first patented by a Londoner, William S. Henson, in 1847.

MAYBE HE USES RADAR — Parading guard at Windsor Castle, in England, provides much amusement for members of the Bolshoi Theatre Ballet Company. The obviously humorous sight leaves not a straight face among the Russians, who were performing in London.

Hearing Stars By Telescope

Secrets of outer space will be probed this autumn with a wonderful new $300,000 radio-telescope — the largest in the world — which has been erected on a remote hillside in New England.

This radio "ear" has a sixty-foot antenna, a huge parabolic-made aluminum bowl weighing 2,000 lbs., centred on a conical pier set in a concrete foundation twelve feet deep.

The telescope is designed for listening to the faint crackling of radio signals sent back by the cosmic gases of outer space. By studying these signals, the astronomers will be able to trace features of the universe that are hidden from ordinary telescopes which work with light.

The new telescope is controlled by motors that car turn and tilt it to face any part of the sky and that can drive it to keep pace with the stars. Astronomers are already calling it "a new window on the universe."

They believe it will enable them to study hitherto unknown heavenly bodies and fix their position with certainty in the sky and also to measure their radiations — those invisible waves which reach our earth from the Milky Way and other great galaxies of stars.

Nothing more fantastic than this new instrument has ever been conceived by astronomers, for it will enable them to hear sounds which occurred millions of years ago.

Only One Swam Channel In 1956

So the English Channel swimming season which got off to a record start and engrossed a record number of challengers finally fizzled out a flop. Only one man was successful, the lowest tally in ten years.

Even the commercially sponsored annual race drawing some of the worlds greatest long distance swimmers was a failure. Only ten of the 22 originally entered actually started from the French coast. None managed to get across. California's English born Thomas Park who finished second in the 1955 race and who was in the water 10 hours and 20 minutes got nearest to the English coast to within five miles of it. He received £250 an amount which the promoter also gave to Ireland's Jack McClelland and New Zealand's Diana Cleverley for what were considered equally meritorious performances.

Exactly one month after that race McClelland was among those who challenged again privately. This time the 32-year-old Belfast engineering draughtsman was in the water only 2½ hours before withdrawing on account of severe jellyfish stings. On the same tide, a 16-year-old local Dover lad, James Granger, set off to make history as the youngest ever conqueror of this unpredictable strip of sea water, 21 miles wide at its narrowest neck, Granger gave up after 8 hours 25 min., having covered approximately 12 miles.

The solitary successful challenger among the 40 who prepared was 31-year-old Jacques Amyot, of Quebec. The French Canadian completed the France to England route in 12 hrs. in a calm but cold sea. Temperature of the water when Amyot waded through the rocks beneath Dover's famous chalk cliffs was 58 degrees fahrenheit, some two or three below normal for mid-July. But it was the easiest ever success in 81 years of channel swimming history. July 17 was the actual date with the previous earliest, it said, the first for a woman, being Canada's champion Marilyn Bell on July 31, 1955.

This record early start heralded what was thought likely to prove an exceptionally good channel swimming season. Instead it proved exceptionally bad. The coldest June for 25 years was followed by the dullest and dampest July and August of this century. Seasoned channel campaigners described it as the worst swimming season within their memory and a bitter disappointment to the aspirants who came from more than two dozen countries. Some of them after more than six weeks patient vigil for suitable tide and wind had to leave without even trying on account of funds having run out.

Counting both routes the channel has now been solum 92 times. You will not find this total in the recently published Channel Swimming Association's booklet. The explanation for this is that many swimmers known to have been successful have not bothered to claim the CSA certificate and therefore cannot be "recognized" by that equitable body created by a band of long distance swimming enthusiasts with Lieut. General Lord Freyberg as their president. The former Governor-General of New Zealand and holder of the Victoria Cross made several noteworthy attempts to swim the channel in the early 1950's.

Objects of the CSA are "to investigate the claims of persons to have swum the English Channel and to assist with information and advice those intending to make attempts." Its honorary secretary is a Folkestone police inspector, Bill Floydd, who says that for a swim to be officially recognized the aspirant must "walk into the sea from the shore of departure and swim across the Channel until his (or her) feet actually touch the shore on the opposite coast." Such a ruling summarily disposes of doubtful claims by characters who disappear from one coast at night and bob up the next morning on the other side accompanied by a motor launch.

Except to a record breaker, swimming the Channel has little commercial value these days. The majority of aspirants are characters who swim long distances for the sheer satisfaction it gives them and the urge to pit their strength and skill against the hazards of a very historic strip of sea water. In some cases funds are subscribed to enable a local lad or lass to make good but nearly all are self-sponsored and will pay out of pocket from $200 upward for the privilege.

The minimum amount that can be spent on an attempt is made up of $150 for the hire of accompanying boat and pilot; $45 for the boat during training swims; and $15 for special food, chart and covering grease. If the aspirant desires the presence of a CSA official an additional six guineas must be added. Only very occasionally do swimmers succeed at their first attempts and only a few at their second. So it can be reckoned that it costs these Channel challengers on average around $600. for the satisfaction of doing something the hard way in 10 hours or more which they could do 40 times over the easy way, by plane, in something like 10 minutes or less.

Fifty Years Of Flame-Diving

Slim Ella Carver ranks among the world's most glamorous grandmothers. Yet at sixty-four, when most women are content to stay put, she regularly climbs to ninety-foot ladder, sets fire to herself — and jumps.

Her four grandchildren think that she ought to take things easy, tending her little caravan home and knitting. But Ella revels in being the world's champion flame-diver and says that she expects still to be able to fire-jump, do the splits and turn cartwheels at seventy.

Recently, this startling old lady celebrated her 34,000th flame-dive and her birthday on the same day. Instead of lighting the candles on her birthday-cake, she climbed the diving ladder, set light to the petrol-soaked pads on her shoulders and made her usual dive into a tank of flame.

"It's nothing," she says.

Fifty years ago Ella saw a poster advertising a wild west show depicting a girl on a horse diving into a pool of water. "I bet I could do that," Ella told her school friend.

In the circus manager's office, however, she learned that there were no vacancies for horse divers, but the manager offered to train her as a flame-diver. Ella literally dived at the chance!

Though most people think it a wonder that she has lived to be a grandmother, Ella scoffs at the risks. She has been in hospital several times for injuries sustained when hitting the water at the wrong angle. Only last year she bumped the side of the tank and was dragged from the water unconscious.

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ONE OUT OF 18,000 — Jean Seberg, 17-year-old, has won the role of "Saint Joan" in the projected screen version of Bernard Shaw's play. Producer-director Otto Preminger picked Joan after a 37-day competition, which called forth 18,000 applications from the United States and Canada. The film will be shot in London, England, next January.

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