ANNE HIRST
Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: Ever since we married a year ago, I have begged my husband to give me an allowance, say a dollar a week or so. There is always something I may need, or an emergency will arise. I have to go outside to telephone, for instance. He absolutely refuses, says if I don't go anywhere, I don't need money, because he buys the food and pays the bills. He thinks only of himself; an example, he won't get me a pack of cigarettes a week, but he smokes two packs a day.

"Another problem: My husband is cold. He hasn't kissed me since our wedding day or put his arms around me; when he comes in he doesn't even say 'Hi,' or pay any attention to our little girl. Once I took the baby and left for a week; I thought he would change him, but it didn't.

"I do want to keep our home together for the sake of our child, but it isn't good for the baby to grow up when we argue and fight so much. Where there is no love nor happiness, can a marriage last? I ask myself this over and over. Now we are practically strangers, and I am afraid it is going to end in a divorce. We can't agree on anything and . . .

"I am writing you because I don't know whom to go to for help. Can you advise me? I am 27, and my husband is 23. . . . You are a wonderful person to help so many people, and I hope you can clear my mind of these worries.

A STEADY READER"

A STUPID MAN

* Every wife should have an allowance for her personal expenses, no matter how small, and the right to use it as she sees fit. Heaven knows she earns it, and only a dictatorial man obsessed by his own importance would quibble over it.

* It is a crying shame that so many husbands treat their wives like morons, but it is one of the most familiar marriage problems. Every woman knows there is no protection like a few handy dollars around. Especially where there is a child in the house, anything can happen. To deny a wife this buffer against emergencies is to leave her helpless to act. If a man would spend a single day at home bogged down by his wife's necessary duties, he soon would admit the importance of the old sugar bowl with a few "lettuce leaves" inside.

* Apart from this situation, you and your husband seem to have no affection left for each other. There is no communion of ideas, no common ground on which to agree. You live like strangers who hate each other. You are right to believe this is no atmosphere in which to bring up a child. Since you cannot live together agreeably, there seems little purpose in preserving your marriage.

* Your husband needs to learn how most married couples get along, working toward a common goal — their mutual happiness and the future of their children.

* I think that when he learns you consider leaving him, your husband will realize it is cheaper to take care of his wife and child properly than to support them elsewhere — and that angle seems to be his most vital consideration.

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JOIN PEN PALS?

"Dear Anne Hirst: You may be surprised to get such a letter as this, and I realize it is out of your line, but I have been reading your column and have a request.

"Would you or could you send me the address of a pen pals club, sometimes called 'Lonely Hearts'? You see, I am a lonely man without friends or kin.

G.B."

The initial idea of such clubs seems sound enough, and I have heard of some that bring lonely people together successfully. On the other hand, it seems impossible to set a standard of membership, and unscrupulous persons sometimes have joined, to the disappointment of others they've met through lonely hearts activities.

You do not state your age, your interests or your circumstances. I suggest you join a church rather than a pen pals club, and introduce yourself to the pastor. Also, neighborhood groups offer opportunities to meet nice people; if you offer to be active in their programs, they will welcome you. There is little need for an intelligent, presentable male to be as lonely as you are, if you seek out service organizations, you will find your place in one, at least.

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IT WALKS — Since "perambulate" means to walk about, a Swedish inventor has come up with a perambulator that really does walk. As seen above, during demonstration in Stockholm, Vilhelm Peterson's pram has, instead of wheels, 20 metallic feet, fixed to the axle in spoke fashion. It "walks" up and down stairs and, on flat surface, the "feet" impart a rocking rhythm to the carriage, which should act like a lullaby.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM
by Gwendoline P. Clarke

We are now experiencing the most treacherous weather we have had this winter. Everything is shrouded in fog. But that isn't the worst. It is also very slippery — just a very thin coating of ice on the ground and on the branches of the trees. Not too bad if you remember it is there. But if you forget — as Partner did this morning — it can be dangerous. He was on his way to the barn, stepped on a cement culvert and away he went. No bones broken, thank goodness, but he got a bad shaking up and twisted his hand in some way.

Something else happened. Our television suddenly refused to function — at least we can't bring in the picture. Our repair man says it is the amplifier tube but he is too busy for a day or two to come out to fix it! Well, a year ago we didn't have that worry because we didn't have a set. Now we are so accustomed to it we feel as if the roof had caved in. Of course It had to give up the ghost on a Sunday when there are such a lot of good programmes. However, some of them we can enjoy by sound if not by sight. Weekend Review, for instance. We wouldn't miss that for anything.

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I wonder how many people had their Christmas cactus in bloom for Christmas Day? Ours had eighty-six buds and by Christmas half of them were in full bloom. When the plant started to bud I kept it in a cold room until I was ready for it to come into flower. There are still lots of tiny buds so it may go on blooming for quite a while yet. I suppose most of you know that if the plant is kept in too warm a place when the buds are forming they will drop off instead of coming into bloom ! had that happen one year — before I knew how to take care of my cactus. I believe it was a reader of this column who put me wise. There was also a year when my great big plant froze solid — and right in our own living-room! That was in our pre-furnace days. I think about it sometimes and wonder what the house was like when it was cold enough to freeze a plant. Maybe along some of the back concessions there are farm homes where similar conditions still exist. It sounds terrible to us now but yet we lived through it and apparently are none the worse for our experience. But deliver me from repeating the performance! We were young then and could take it. I remember too quite a number of times when we had wet, mild weather before Christmas, just as we had in 1956. One year I remember two to come out to fix it! Well, a year ago we didn't have that worry because we didn't have a set. Now we are so accustomed to it we feel as if the roof had caved in. Of course It had to give up the ghost on a Sunday when there are such a lot of good programmes. However, some of them we can enjoy by sound if not by sight. Weekend Review, for instance. We wouldn't miss that for anything.

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BOMB FOUND IN NEW YORK THEATRE — The object of an intense police search, a bomb presumed to have been planted by the "Mad Bomber," rests in a special container in the center aisle of New York's Paramount Theatre. Police found the deadly device in a seat after an anonymous phone caller warned that a bomb had been planted in the movie house. The bomb was removed to an Army installation for examination by ordnance experts.

to the bush for a Christmas tree. A sharp thunderstorm came up and we were all caught in the storm, Partner and Bob coming home drenched to the skin, hauling the Christmas tree behind them, trying, but failing to keep it out of the mud.

There was another time when we were all sitting down to dinner while outside there was a terrific downpour. It had been raining and freezing the night before causing the down-pipe from the eavetrough to freeze up and now with the sudden downpour water was gushing all around it, threatening to flood the cellar. Partner put on a raincoat and rubber boots and worked away at the pipe until he had it disconnected so the water could get away. Then he brought the pipe into the kitchen, slanted it into the sink while we kept pouring boiling water through it to loosen the ice. That was quite a Christmas dinner! Ah, yes, those were the days . . . the days when we always seemed to do things the hard way . . . sometimes through inexperience, sometimes through lack of cash.

No doubt many of you could tell similar stories, if you farmed during the '30's. But perhaps like us, you are glad you had that experience. If we had never used coal-oil lamps how could we appreciate electric light? Or a furnace, unless we could remember the cold, draughty rooms heated only by the kitchen stove and an old box-stove in the front of the house. And remember washdays . . . heating the water in a copper boiler on the old cookstove? And the wet wood!

Well, it's a mercy I've come to the end of my snace or I'd be wandering on and on . . . so many memories — so much that could be told.

Modern Etiquette . . .

Q. Should the announcement of engagement be made very promptly?

A. Yes. This may be done by sending a notice to the newspapers, or by issuing engraved announcements to friends and relatives, or by means of an announcement party for the close friends and relatives.

Q. Is it really good form to eat popcorn or candy during the progress of a motion picture?

A. The popcorn and candy concession is an institution in today's theater. What you really should do is try to avoid as much as possible the annoying rattle of paper and audible munching of your food.

Q. What are the most popular ways of introducing a man and woman?

A. Either, "Miss Lake, may I present Mr. Ford?" Or, "Miss Lake, Mr. Ford." Observe that in both forms the woman's name is mentioned first.

Q. When a number of girls are playing bridge at a friend's home, and the mother of the hostess enters the room for the first time, is it proper for the guest to stand when greeting her?

A. Yes.

Q. What is a good point to remember when planning the centerpiece of the dinner table?

A. That tall ornaments which obstruct the view are not in good taste, as the guests naturally like to see each other across the table. It is far better to have a simple, flat bowl of bowers or fruit, banked perhaps by a pair of candlesticks.

Q. What is the proper length of time for a young woman to wear mourning for her father?

A. This depends entirely upon her. The custom of wearing mourning is not so strict as it formerly was. Many people do not consider it necessary at all.

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1½ cups canned tomatoes
2 tablespoons ketchup (optional)

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POUND corn starch mixture into both sides of steak with edge of a saucer; reserve remainder of corn starch.

HEAT MAZOLA Salad Oil in small roasting pan over medium heat; brown steak on both sides.

SPRINKLE remainder of corn starch mixture over browned steak.

COVER with onions and carrots; mix canned tomatoes and ketchup together then pour over meat and vegetables.

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Grew Up In Jail Wed English King

Queen Joanna, second wife of Henry IV, was a widow with nine children when he married her.

Her life had been exceptionally hard and only with Henry was she ever to know happiness and security. As Princess Joanna of Navarre much of her childhood was spent in a prison in Paris — because she was the daughter of the ill-famed Charles the Bad who, it was said, practised Black Magic and put to terrible use his knowledge of secret poisons.

After years of hardship the young princess was released, and when the old Duke of Bretagne offered to marry her she accepted.

Joanna bore him nine children. Then one day a visitor arrived from England. It was Henry Boiingbroke — who had been banished by Richard II. When Henry saw the beautiful young mother with her fair hair and eyes of forget-me-not blue, he immediately fell in love with her.

As for Joanna, Henry's handsome face, charming manners and witty conversation enthralled her. She persuaded her husband to help Henry with ships, money and an army so that he could return to England and wrest the throne from Richard.

In a few months the old duke died and she was free. Henry, now king of England, sent her a message at once, and Joanna came to England to be his bride. Within three weeks she was crowned at Westminster.

For twelve years they lived happily together, her only grief being the separation from her children whom she had to leave behind in France. They were, however, brought over to see her at intervals.

As Henry's son by his first wife grew up, he began to show antagonism towards Joanna, and this caused some unpleasantness between the prince and his father. Tragedy was drawing near. The king was found to be suffering from leprosy.

Soon he would not know his face in public. His wife nursed him devotedly to the end. On his death-bed he forgave her Prince Hal and begged him to take good care of Queen Joanna.

At first the young Henry V treated his stepmother with consideration and when he went off to war against France, made her his regent. This war with France was a nightmare for Joanna because her own children who were French were fighting against Henry. Her youngest son Arthur had been made Duke of Richmond while on a visit here and this made him an English baron. He was captured by Henry and charged with high treason, punishable by death.

On his return to England, Henry had the young man back as prisoner and Joanna was forced to pay her stepson large sums of money to save his life. Even so, young Arthur was kept in the Tower under close arrest. Mother love proved stronger than discretion and, in defiance of the king's orders, Joanna went to the Tower to see her son. Henry was furious when he heard, and Arthur was removed to Fotheringay where he was even more closely guarded. For a year Joanna lived quietly in her own country palace, ignored by Henry, but he had never forgiven her.

One day his soldiers came for her and told her that she was under arrest. What is the charge against me?" she demanded.

"Witchcraft, madam," was the reply. Her face grew pale. She was told that the king had "proof" of her guilt: that her confessor had been arrested on a charge of practising Black Magic, and after torture had "confessed" that the queen had been trying to cause Henry's death through sorcery. It was obviously a trumped-up charge in order that Henry could seize Joanna's wealth, her jewels and property.

She was taken to the gloomiest of fortresses, Pevensey, and there on the lonely marshes she was shut up and kept without proper food.

The king, however, was a sick man, and when only thirty-five a sudden illness brought him to the brink of death. His conscience was uneasy and in his last months he wrote a document withdrawing all charges against his stepmother and restoring her possessions.

She was released immediately and retired to the country, where she found a late happiness with her children. Her hard life had not embittered her. She showed friendship to Henry's young widow and showered affection on his delicate little son, the new King Henry VI.

Political economy: Two words that should be divorced on the grounds of incompatability.

ON THE GOLD STANDARD — Pure gold from ancient Inca treasures literally plates the ornate interior of the 400-year-old Church of San Francisco in Quito, Ecuador. Typical of the ornate decorations is this massive, gold-plated pulpit, supported by a series of hand-carved wooden figures, each colorfully painted.

Quinine Tablets Better Than Cash

On primitive New Guines, in the Pacific, there are whites whose job it is to recruit native labour, mainly for the plantations.

One of the most successful was "Captain" Bill Stower, a thin, dark, wiry fellow who'd been a juggler and stage magician. He got recruits by sleight-of-hand tricks such as picking shillings out of the sand and producing eggs from natives' ears.

Once he obtained twenty for a bottle of quinine tablets for, in pre-fridge days, the missions found that Communion wafers wouldn't keep in the coastal tropics, so used quinine tablets instead.

Quinine brings on a "buzzing" in the ears, and native communicants came to regard it as a high state of holiness. "The more their ears buzzed," said Bill, "the fuller they reckoned they were of the Holy Ghost."

Finding that the headman of the village from which he wanted recruits was a zealous mission convert and communicant, he got him to induce twenty "boys" to sign on in return for the bottle of quinine tablets, which would raise him to an unparalleled state of holiness. "I shouldn't be surprised if his ears are still buzzing." Bill told journalist explorer Colin Simpson, who recounts his travels through Melanesia in his book "Island of Men."

Once Bill took his lugger across to the island of Wogeo, for native copra, but couldn't get the islanders to sell him a single bag; they'd collected it, they said, for the mission — it was all "copra bilong Jesu."

That gave Bill an idea. He went away, had his lugger painted white with palm fronds tied to the rigging, put on a new crew, and then sailed back to Wogeo, timing his arrival for nightfall. When the villagers rose in the morning, they saw the white, decorated lugger, and a venerable, bearded figure robed in white walking up and down the beach, reading from a large book which could have been a Bible, followed by his crew singing hymns.

Who was he? The crew said he was a very holy man. Where did he come from? From place bilong Jesu. Why had he come? To take to Jesu the copra that had been collected for Him. So the good people of Wogeo loaded the mission copra on to the lugger, sang a farewell hymn to him, waved palm branches from the shore until she cleared the island, and were still waving when Bill went below to get the sheet and false beard off and open a bottle of rum.

But it's not only traders who use religion to exploit the natives. Even some missions are guilty of getting gullible adherents by preaching of the hell-fire in-store for those who don't do as the mission says they should.

The wealth and influence of New Guinea missions often amazes travellers, who have never thought of missionaries as big business men, running profitable copra plantations. It used not to be unusual to some across firms with names like "Catholic Mission of the Holy Ghost, Ltd."

A seaman nearly caused a riot some years ago when he told native mission workers, slaving away from dawn to dark for a monthly wage of one shilling, that non-mission plantations were paying ten shillings a month for much shorter hours.

When a worried bishop and older fathers had the man confined to his ship for "putting bad ideas into the heads of our children," the natives swarmed aboard after dark to hear more about the outside world where Christians were not obliged to work for one shilling a month.

Bluey Ireland, another noteworthy labour recruiter mentioned in Colin Simpson's book, wore — to impress the natives wore — to impress the natives with "Bluey" embroidered diagonally in red across the front and "Ireland" across the back. His red hair gave him a certain prestige, and on arriving at a Sepik village he never covered it until he met the headman. Then he put on a black silk crush opera hat, popping the crown as he did so.

"The kanakas like it," he used to say. "You pay 'em the compliment of puttin' on y'best rig out when you go to their places — they appreciate that. Nobody gets as many recruits as I do."

When he was recruiting for the copra plantations taken over from the Germans and managed by the Expropriation Board in Rabaul, a headman said he'd get him two recruits if Bluey would give him a dog and a cat, for the Sepik people are very fond of them, both as pets and protein. Bluey wrote to the Board: "Send 2,000 dogs, also 2,000 cats." When none arrived he said to a pal: "A man gets no co-operation from those mugs in Rabaul!"

On the island of Mer, Simpson met a native police-sergeant, Kaikai, who hated the idea of arresting anyone and putting him in jail.

When the superintendent insisted that some miscreant be clapped into it, Kaikai demurred: "Baba, man he get lonely in dat place," then suggested that at least he arrest someone else, so that the prisoner would have company. "No!" said the superintendent.

Whereupon Kaikai put the man in jail — and spent the night there with him for company!

Kaikai received $15 a year, tobacco, and a uniform — but never wore the trousers, preferring a lava-lava held up by a Boy Scout belt.

He could read and write only with difficulty, but when Simpson asked what he'd like sent from Sydney he said: "Please, you send me book 'bout da Law." which he thought enormously important. "Me like know how p'liceman bilong Sydney he can tell when man drunk."

Simpson told him of two tests — walking a chalk line, and saying "British Constitution." He could hardly wait to spring the chalk line test on the next drunk, but after trying "Brish-Brish-Con- Brishcon-toosh" on himself, he roared with laughter, slapped his thiehs, rocked, rolled and decided that by this test everyone on the island was hopelessly drunk!

OVERWORKED

Sam was bringing the doctor back home with him to deliver his wife of their 14th child. As they turned into the barnyard, the doctor noticed a duck waddling up the driveway. "Is that your duck?" the doctor asked the expectant father.

"That ain't no duck," moaned Sam. "That's the stork with his legs wore off!"

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