ANNE HIRST
Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: I cannot understand these modern couples who mistake passion for love and dash into marriage with the mutual reservation: 'If it doesn't work out, we'll get a divorce.' How can they expect it to succeed unless each understands that marriage is for the rest of their lives? Nothing less can 'prime them for the many troubles that lie ahead, nor develop the character to stick together as long as they both shall live.

"Twenty-seven years ago my husband and I married, I was 17 and he 18. We had both been raised by parents who instilled the premise that marriage is made to last. We had about every trouble a couple can have: our first home burned down just after our baby came, and we didn't salvage a thing. The next year our second baby was born, and died. Then an incurable disease attacked the other.

"Yet my husband and I were happy. We did everything together. Each night he came straight home, so happy to be there.

STAYED CLOSE

"We have had our differences, of course, but we never let them last overnight. Never a day passed that we did not tell each other of our love, and whenever things seemed too dreadful to bear, that was the burning flame we warmed our hearts by.

"Now we have four children, three happily married and the boy in service.

"Most marriages could be as fine as ours if both kept their love alive and worked together for each other's happiness. God always helps those who help themselves. Of course we got down-hearted now and then, but a touch of the hand or a quick smile lifted us out. I never forgot to praise him for his patience and his kindness, and when I grew afraid of tomorrow he always comforted me.

"The point that I'm trying to make is that we took it for granted that we belonged together as long as we live. I would not want to go on alone for a single day, yet I know that if anything happened to him I would carry on as he would expect me to.

"Your column is and has been, every week, the high spot of my newspaper; I never miss it. You cannot know how your cheering words to other readers have brought me courage and renewed my faith. Bless you always.—**A HAPPY WIFE"**

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So often this column reflects grief, selfishness and despair that I know my readers will get a lift from your fine letter. You and your husband have had more troubles for successive years than most couples could handle or would even try to. But you had such faith in each other, such understanding love and such high ideals that you took all the discouragements in your stride and found they only welded you closer together in your mutual acceptance of the vows you made.

I wish every bride would clip your letter today and make it her rule to live by. She would find new strength to minimize the troubles that inevitably come to us all, and only count her blessings as you and your husband have done down through the years.

You both deserve the lovely life you have together. You worked for it. I salute you.

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UP TO THE BOY

"Dear Anne Hirst: I am not yet 16, but I feel a lot older. I am in love with a boy in our school, but he doesn't know I'm alive. He goes steady with another girl, and I have come to the point where I despise her!

"I'd do anything in the world to rate a date with him. How can I?—**BROKEN-HEARTED"**

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Put yourself in this girl's place. How would you feel if another girl set her cap for him? Wouldn't you wonder why she doesn't get a boy friend of her own? Are you so unpopular that you would try to break up a couple who are going steady? You would get yourself talked about and laughed at, and you would deserve it.

A nice girl doesn't ask a boy to take her out, or even call. You could, though, give a party at home and invite him—but you must invite his girl friend, too.

As you grow up you will discover that this is still a man's world. We women must wait until men are attracted to us before we make a move. Take it easy, put this conquest out of your mind, and keep busy with other friends.

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If you have survived the troubles that attack most marriages, write Anne Hirst how you did, and encourage other readers to try your prescription. Your letters will be published as this space permits . . . Address Anne Hirst at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

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by Laura Wheeler

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SHIPMATES — Night-club comedian Don Rickles, left, and actor Burt Lancaster seem pleased about the whole thing. Rickles has been making a success of his art by insulting well-known personalities. Lancaster liked the treatment Rickles gave him so well he hired him to play the part of a Navy quartermaster, in his forthcoming submarine film, "Run Silent, Run Deep."

IN THE GRAND TRADITION — Anne Golding, 21 months old, carries on in the hallowed tradition of show business at a baby show in London, England. The brave lass shuts her eyes and toddles through the embarrassing moment while the disaster evokes sympathetic laughter from some of the mothers present.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM
by Gwendoline P. Clarke

Here is a piece of information which I consider is worthwhile passing along. We had some callers a few nights ago and the lady apologized for the appearance of her hands. In places they looked grimey and rough; in other places the skin was tender and red, like new skin after a burn has healed. She said she had had an awful time with them for the last month, blisters forming and then weeping. "But what caused it?" I asked.

"Detergents," she answered, "apparently I am allergic to detergents. The doctor told me to keep my hands out of water. That, as you know, is easier said than done. And these days how can anyone wash without detergents anyway?"

Well, I told her of two washing powders on the market which I knew were not detergents. One she knew of, the other, a naptha product she hadn't heard of. The poor dear looked awful, having lost so much sleep because of the constant irritation in her hands.

Two days later Partner and I were visiting at a farm home where the daughter of the house — a young married woman — was in misery with inflamed eyes and a blotchy face. She had consulted a doctor who sent her to a skin specialist. The specialist said he was almost certain her condition was due to an allergy to whatever detergent she was using in her automatic washer. He said a lot of trouble could be avoided if women would first mix the detergent with cold water before adding it to the hot. I guess most of us have had the experience of coughing and sneezing after sprinkling detergent powder into our washing machine. No harm is done in the majority of cases but evidently there are people who are more senstitive to whatever it is that escapes into the air from the powder. Could it be that, because of keen competition, every detergent manufacturers is now producing a progressively stronger detergent in an attempt to outdo other competitors in the same field? In any case it is something to think about — and guard against. Years ago, when we lived out west, I had similar trouble with my hands, due to the strong alkali water to which I was unaccustomed. For weeks I had to work in rubber gloves to give my hands a chance to heal. Out west the trouble was called "salt rheum" — a form of eczema which I had never even heard of before.

Quite apart from domestic problems what a world we live in! It's a wonder our poor old brains don't become completely addled with all the changes that are, or will be taking place. An increase in pensions for the aged and the blind. Few pensioners will complain about that. Our only worry is how the government is going to meet its obligations. Then there's the hospital plan. Although it is badly needed it looks like a tremendous financial burden for the government — and the people at large. It definitely isn't something we'll be getting for nothing. How could it be? One thing I can't understand . . . why should a married couple without dependents have to pay just as high a rate as younger couples with a growing family?

The Federal government also has plans for giving farmers a new deal; increasing price supports; putting agriculture on a level prarer to that of industry. Here's hoping it can do it, but . . . well, seeing is believing! I am afraid as far as the future of farming is concerned I am still in the "doubting Thomas" class. However, some farmers strike it lucky regardless. I was at an auction sale yesterday on an ordinary farm found one he liked. But his wife talked him out of the deal because the house was so big and dark. A few months ago that same farm sold for $220,000! Wives, beware! ! Farmers never know these days what land will be worth tomorrow. We must take a run down to see what's doing — whether the house will be demolished or not? We took a gamble — only time and the Department of Highways will prove whether, in the final outcome, we lost or won. Or rather, whether by hanging on we could have made more. Actually, as things stand, we have nothing whatever to grumble about. Does it matter anyway — with a couple of Sputniks circling around in outer space?

A ROSE IS A ROSE, ETC. — But a rose by any other nose, would never smell so sweet. This close-up of Jimmy Durante utilizing the powers of his famous proboscis to the utmost has won an award for the photographer, Ray Fisher, in a *Popular Photography* magazine contest.

Modern Etiquette . . .
by Roberta Lee

Q. Do you think it's improper for one woman to ask another whether she made the dress she is wearing?

A. Unless you happen to know for certain that this woman does make some of her clothes, it would be better to avoid this kind of question. It could be construed by some sensitive souls as a hint toward "amateur workmanship."

Q. When a friend phoned recently to ask if it would be all right for her and her husband to call on us a certain Sunday afternoon, I was forced to tell her we would not be at home at that time. Should I call her back now and set a definite time for them to come to visit us?

A. This would surely be a courteous thing to do.

Q. Is a member of the bereaved family expected to receive friends who are making calls of condolence?

A. Usually a close friend or relative receives these persons. Of course, in the case of an intimate friend, the family may wish to see him — this being left, however, to the decision of the family, as no one should intrude at such a time.

HERALD — Marvin Fields Jr., a victim of cerebral palsy since birth, is the 1958 Herald of the United Cerebral Palsy Association's Golden Deed Crusade. Five-year-old Marvin is pictured as he was introduced to delegates at the organization's eighth annual convention.

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Do Cats Foresee Disaster At Sea?

When the liner "Reina del Pacifico" crunched on to a coral reef near Bermuda recently, a curious incident occurred on board.

As the liner stuck fast, a cat, which had voyaged with her for some months, raced up on deck and stared through the rails out to sea. Then, apparently satisfied with everything, she calmly walked over to a lifeboat, sat down and waited.

Few of the passengers aboard knew that the ship had grounded, the shock was so slight. Yet the cat knew; and she also knew where to go in such a time of danger.

This is not an isolated case of a cat sensing disaster at sea long before human crew members.

There was a very strange example two years ago when the inland vessel Joyita was about to sail from Apia, in Samoa, to Maiana, twenty miles away. For over a year an old tom cat had made his home abroad the Joyita; but late on the day of her sailing the cat appeared on deck in an agitated state.

After roaming around a bit he made a sudden dash down the gangway and vanished among packing cases on the wharf.

The Joyita sailed soon afterwards and was not seen again until some two months later when she was found waterlogged north of Fiji, her crew and passengers missing.

The Joyita has since been repaired, but there is still no sign of her crew or passengers. Did the cat sense danger aboard?

If anyone has any doubt about a cat's ability to sense danger before it becomes apparent to human beings let him consider the very odd case of the armed trawler Remindo, which was used to protect shipping between Portland and Cherbourg towards the end of the first world war.

The Remindo was on the point of sailing in search of enemy submarines on February 2nd, 1918, when her mascot, a cat which had been living on board for some months, made a wild leap from the trawler, landed on the wharf and made a dash for safety.

The Remindo sailed without the cat a few minutes later; and a few minutes after casting off a violent explosion rocked the trawler. Other ships raced to the scene, but there was no trace of the Remindo except for some debris on the water where she had been. She had disintegrated completely and no one has ever found out whether she hit a mine or was sabotaged.

Ex-skipper of the Tara, Captain R. S. Gwatkin-Williams, has told how he once had a black cat for a mascot which appeared to be quite content until the ship reached Malta, when it became nervous.

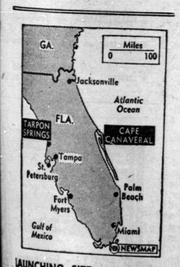
Shortly before the Tara was due to sail, the cat jumped overboard into the sea and tried to swim ashore.

A boat was lowered and the animal was hauled out of the water and returned to the ship, although it fought all the way to escape. It was locked up on board and the Tara sailed.

About a week later the ship was torpedoed and sank in about eight minutes. The cat went to the bottom of the sea with her.

The Stony Point had had a tabby cat as a pet aboard for about ten months and she seemed to be quite content until the tanker called at her last port before embarking on what proved to be her last voyage.

Just before the tanker sailed the cat appeared on deck and made a twenty-foot leap to a quay and rushed away in spite of attempts to capture her. The tanker sailed and soon after collided with the Ioannis with a serious loss of life. Didi the cat foresee the collision and get away just in time? Or was it just coincidence?



LAUNCHING SITE — Newsmap locates Tarpon Springs, Fla., where a missile-launching station, to work in conjunction with the Cape Canaveral missile base, will be constructed. Air Force authorities said the facility would employ about 150 persons and would be operated by [illegible] Laboratories.

SPUTNIK III — Claude Bopp, 56, who is starting his 34th year as a truck driver, poses alongside his truck at his home. Bopp has driven 3,300,000 miles without a chargeable accident. This works out to no less than 132 trips around the earth and it would appear that his nearest competitors in this department are the Russian Sputniks.

They Live Well And Eat Well These Present-Day "Pioneers"

By H. R. CALVERT

Ed. Note: In this article Mr. Calvert concludes the story of his visit to Lynn Lake, the new mining community in the far north.

The single mine employees live in relatively small, semi-private rooms in company bunkhouses. The boarding house meals, served by caterers selected by Sherritt Gordon, are substantial and carefully planned to give the men variety. Steward Chief Cal Graham pointed out that in addition to the regular meals, the men received a 14-oz. T-bone steak on Saturday night and turkey or chicken for Sunday dinner. A typical week-day menu, and one which I personally enjoyed, was a choice of grilled pork chops, pork hocks, beef tenderloin, cold cut plate, grilled halibut, with soup for a starter and butterscotch pie, jello or fresh fruit salad with chocolate cake for dessert and, of course, tea, coffee or milk. The meals are served cafeteria style and the men may return for follow-up portions. The living-in-camp men pay $2.25 a day for room and board and since the boarding house operation alone costs Sherritt Gordon approximately $3.00 per man per day, it becomes apparent that the company subsidizes the men .75¢ a day with, in effect, free lodging.

In complimenting Mine Manager "Doc" Gallie on the obvious interest the Company has in its employees and the community, he commented: "We have our problems here. It's a long winter — don't let anybody kid you. It begins to look endless around the middle of March. People here have very real problems. Because of the long winters, fuel bills are high. A lot of oil is burned. Sherritt Gordon worked long and hard and finally succeeded in getting the freight rate reduced on fuel. This was a help, and the kind of help we feel our employees are entitled to. We have had a very real problem caused by the lack of rainfall in this part of the country; to keep the mine operating and to supply electricity for the homes, we installed deisel generators which cost a good many hundreds of thousands of dollars. Things are looking up as far as our power situation is concerned because we have had more rainfall in the past few weeks and I hope that very shortly this will mean that we can decrease rates."

I told "Doc" Gallie that I had been impressed by the obvious financial well-being of the community. "Doc" looked at me sharply and asked in return if I realized that the cost of living was somewhat higher than it was in Winnipeg. I retorted that I came from Toronto and it was higher in Toronto than it was in Winnipeg and the "Doc" just grinned and said it was a well-known fact that everything was better and higher in Toronto. I backed away from the subject in a hurry but just for fun I checked the cost of a few items selling retail in both Lynn Lake and Winnipeg, and the list shown below proved quite interesting:

	Winnipeg Retail	Lynn Lake Retail
Heinz Baby Food	3/29	3/31
Soda biscuits 1's	.33	.35
Javex 32-oz.	.35	.39
Oatmeal non premium 3's	.27	.29
Nabob Coffee	1.07	1.05
Dog Food, Dr. Ballard	2/27	.16
Aylmer Peaches 15-oz. sliced choice	.27	.29
Pacific Milk	2/33	2/35
Purex Toilet Tissue	2/25	2/27
Tide Giant	.81	.85
Campbell Tomato Soup	2/27	.15
Heinz Vinegar 33-oz.	.34	.39
Johnson's Paste Wax 1's	.59	.59
Veal shoulder roasts	.65	.59
Steaks — all types	.85	.79
Bologna	.35	.35
Back bacon ½'s 1st gr.	.67	.63
Tomato Juice, Libby's 20-oz.	2/35	.21
Rinso Giant	.81	.85
Dreft — Giant	.81	.83
Tomatoes—Aylmer Choice	.28	.31
Shredded Wheat	2/29	.23
Veal leg roast	.93	.89
Pork Hocks	.27	.31
Rice—long grain 2-lb.	.29	.45
Salt tubes	.14	.18
Soda, 2-lbs.	.65	.63
Cigarettes	3.20	3.20
Butter	.62	.65

To the best of my ability I also checked the average wage in Canada as a whole against the average wage at Lynn Lake, and obviously not having access to the company figures I could only guess, but on even a fairly rough guess it was very apparent that if the gentle reader would like to improve his financial position he should hit for Lynn Lake.

Mind you, these modern pioneers put up with inconveniences and problems which the majority of Canadians can neither appreciate nor know anything about. The sense of isolation, the lack of radio and TV, and the long, cold winters are all very real. But real too is the fact that here the average man can enjoy many things in life which are not possible to the average man elsewhere. He makes more money; he belongs to a community which is truly his community. The reason is easy — the average man at Lynn Lake is not an average man, he is a pioneer.

To return again briefly to the Mine Manager, he regretted he could not give me more time, having just returned from holidays, and he politely but firmly refused my request to go underground at the mine. I must admit that I felt he was deeply suspicious of journalists. He told me, however, that the employee turnover at Lynn Lake is less than one-half of the national average in the mining industry, and his obvious pride in the community is best summed up in his closing remarks to me which were:

"We believe that our (Sherritt Gordon's) effort are appreciated. Lynn Lake is a good place to live and Sherritt Gordon has spent thousands of dollars to make this so. We intend to continue doing everything we possibly can to keep it this way!"

Well, there we have it! A modern town of 1,674 kind, generous people, providing for themselves a time to work, a time to play and a time to worship — living together in harmony and undoubtedly with some inconveniences; but, as more than one resident said "Despite the isolation — the long, cold winters — the high cost of some foods and fuel, we are happy. You see, we feel we live in a community of which we may be proud — we have a wonderful 'esprit corps', most of the modern conveniences, more than adequate recreational facilities and social activities and we work for a fine company!

YES, IT'S A GOOD LIFE!

MERRY MENAGERIE

"I save NUTS for a living — this is just a hobby!"

Sea Water To Drink

With reservoirs all over the country drying up, the U.S. is showing increasing interest in desalting sea water. The problem is mainly economic. Drinking water obtained by conventional means costs from a few cents to about 38 cents per thousand gallons. Turning salt water into fresh may cost as much as $6 per thousand gallons.

At the international Saline Water Conversion Symposium in Washington recently, the most ambitious desalting project devised was announced by Dr. O. B. Volckman, a South African chemist. Volckman reported a 3-million-gallon-a-day plant would go into operation next year in the Orange Free State. The plant, which operates on an ingenious electrical filtering system, will desalt brackish mine water at a cost of only 30 cents per thousand gallons. If it used ordinary sea water, however, the cost would obviously be much higher.

On the theoretical side, scientists at the conference came up with one hopeful scheme. Gilbert V. Levin of Washington's Resources Research, Inc., turned to biology. Live organisms, he pointed out are used in the mass production of beer and vaccines, why not fresh water? Levin suggested that algae, which store up salt during the day and release it at night, might prove a more-efficient distiller than more elaborate man-made devices. From Newsweek.

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