# ANNE HIRST
## Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: For three years I went with a widower who has three small children living with a relative. (My husband had died four years earlier.) He made all sorts of plans to marry me so we could all be together—and now I get the shock of my life.

"Three months ago his business took him to another city. I wrote regularly, but heard nothing. One night a month ago a woman called long distance and told me not to write him any more, that she had been his wife for four months! (He had been away for some weekends but I never suspected anything.)

"Why didn't he tell me the truth? I love him dearly, he was always so kind and, I thought, so good.

"Shall I write and ask him why he did such a cruel thing to me? I am at a loss to understand, and I guess if he explained I'd not feel so hurt.

**AT THE END"**

**MEN ARE COWARDS**

How one man can possess so many admirable qualities and stoop to deceive a loyal woman like you, is one of life's mysteries. You and I can only believe he was sincerely in love with you, but got involved with a determined woman and could not resist her. What cowards men are! The least he could have done was to tell you the truth himself.

What more could he want than you gave him—your love, your understanding, all your leisure? You would even have raised his children as your own. Well, if it is any comfort, already his conscience must be reproaching him and always he will have to live with it. Preserve your own dignity, send him no questions: he must know what you think of him.

I know how bleak the future looms, but knowing you were guiltless will comfort you. You have the sympathy of all your friends, which will help. Cling to your church for the peace you need and for a faith in yourself to cope with this sorrow.

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**OFF AGAIN—ON AGAIN?**

"Dear Anne Hirst: Last year I was going with a boy, and he told me how much he loved me. I really cared for him a lot. Then his cousin invited him up for a vacation, and—

"When he came back he said he had met a new girl and he didn't like me any more. Around February he said he liked me again, and told me how much.

"Now his cousin has invited him to visit him soon. Is this going to happen all over again? Will you please tell me what to do with him?

**ALL MIXED UP"**

Do without him.

The chances are that the same thing will happen during his coming visit, and probably not with the girl he jilted you for. Such a lad falls for the last girl he was with—until another one comes along, then he is gone again.

Why join the line-up?

Don't be his latest toy. Let him play with a few other susceptible youngsters, then you won't be hurt again.

One dictionary takes 33 lines to describe the meanings of the word "love." One of them is "takes a liking to." Maybe that is as far as he got with you.

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**Sorrow is always hard to bear, but telling someone who understands can lighten your grief. Anne Hirst is here to read your problems and offer comfort and guidance through trying days. Address her Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.**

## Where Doctors Have It Tough

Doctors working among the colourful blanket-wearing Bantu tribesmen have a much harder task than Western practitioners to inspire confidence in their patients. For these tribes, as Dr. Nkama pointed out recently to the South African Institute of Race Relations, are obsessed by weird and almost ineradicable superstitions.

For instance, a man with active T.B. believes that a bird has entered his chest. Whenever it flutters, he feels he must wriggle in discomfort. He is convinced that no relief can be gained until the bird flies away. Such ideas make modern curative methods very difficult to carry out.

Victims of pellagra quite openly attribute the disease to black magic. They believe that when they're delirious it's some dire punishment working inside them. Because of this primitive conviction, they refuse to eat the food that would cure them.

A great deal of Bantu illness could be averted if the tribes would only reform their ancient feeding habits.

Because of tribal custom, only women and children are allowed to eat vegetables. Starved of vital vitamins, the men are thus exposed to killing diseases. This dietary discrimination probably explains why Bantu women are tough and extremely hard workers.

A man working in a factory got his coat caught in a revolving wheel. He was whisked up and whirled round and round till the foreman managed to switch off the machine. The workman fell to the ground and up rushed the foreman.

"Speak to me, speak to me," he entreated.

"Why should I?" said the workman. "I passed you six times just now and you didn't speak to me!"

## They Don't Worry About Dates

If you happen to be a calendar manufacturer, you've got a good market possibility in some villages high in the mountains of northern Luzon, in the Philippines. The Igorots in this region, evidently a rather vague people, don't bother too much about numbers. They don't reckon their own ages, never know how long it's been since Aunt Mary fell down the well, and can never remember which child was born first.

In the village of Bontoc, rice farmers start planting when a baby killing bird says "ki-ik." When this bird grows up it says "kiling." And when it says "kiling" is the time to set out the rice plants.

In Sagada, however, this system is not applicable, because they have to plant a month before the migrating birds arrive, owing to the altitude. So in Sagada sowing starts on the day the sun rises in line with two rocks known to the inhabitants. Nearby villages have neither killing birds nor rocks in the right places; they just plant when Sagada plants.

## Modern Etiquette
by Roberta Lee

**Q. Is it proper always to seat a woman at a table to the right of her male companion?**

A. When practical, yes. The few definite rules about this include the seating of a guest-of-honour on the right of the host or hostess or chairman, and the military rule by which the senior officer walks as well as sits on his junior's right

**Q. Should birth announcements be mailed to everyone, including those whom you have already told over the telephone?**

A. No; only to friends and relatives whom you have not told.

**Q. Is it proper to answer formal invitations on the typewriter?**

A. Answer formal invitations by hand, always.

**Q. When a person who is making an introduction does not speak a name clearly, and it is very important that you know the name, of whom do you ask that the name be repeated?**

A. Ask the person introduced not the one who has made the introduction.

**Q. When passing a cream pitcher at the table, or any other such article with a handle, should the handle always be turned towards the person who is receiving it?**

**Q. Is it proper to decorate a dinner table with candles, if they are not to be lighted?**

A. Yes; candles are always correct on the dinner table.

**Q. When one is staying at a hotel for several weeks, and eats his meals in the dining room at the same table throughout, would it be all right to tip the waiter or waitress by the week, instead of at each meal?**

A. Yes; this is often done and is much more convenient.

**Q. When a catering service cannot be afforded for a wedding reception, is it proper to ask friends of the bride to help out?**

A. This might depend upon the custom in one's community. There are some people who would consider it an honour to be asked, and there are others who would consider it an imposition.

SHIP SHAPE — A sight to make a Venetian blind is Hollywood's Mamie Van Doren as she waves hello to the canal city from a motorboat. She was in Venice for the 19th International Film Festival after finishing her first European movie, "The Beautiful Legs of Sabrina," shot in Rome.

# CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM
by Gwendoline P. Clarke

Today this column is being written under difficulties so if it appears somewhat disjointed I hope you will excuse it. The reason? Well, we have another addition to the family. The addition is "Taffy," a five months old Welsh Corgi. He arrived yesterday, much to the surprise of Ditto, who, until then had been the only member of our pet family. For the first hour or two her hair bristled like a hedgehog but she has now reached the point where she is half on guard and half anxious to play. Taffy wants to play too but already he has learnt to keep a discreet distance. It means that every once in a while we have a sort of procession through the house—Taffy in the lead, Ditto trailing him and I bringing up the rear making sure that Taffy doesn't get his eyes scratched out. Partner comes in for his share too, going out last thing at night and getting up earlier than usual this morning to take Taffy out on a lead. It's a great life if you don't weaken but in the early stages it can be a bit hectic.

Hectic . . . we should be getting used to it by now. We have had quite a week. My nephew Klemi was here the early part of the week after spending six weeks at the Banff School of Art. After that we had unexpected calls on our time—baby sitting and short trips here and there. A neighbour-couple had to make a hurried move to Regina. The husband has been transferred for an indefinite period so his wife advertised their house for rent—furnished—for three months. By Tuesday it was rented, occupancy to take place the following Friday. You can imagine what a busy time the young wife had getting everything ready for her long drive west, plus the care of her sixteen-months-old daughter, who naturally got into more mischief than at any other time. They finally got away Friday afternoon and the new tenants arrived about midnight after driving from Montreal. Isn't it the limit the way people get around these days?

Next day we were doing what we could to help neighbours across the road who were moving to a newly built home on another street. We all had more work than we expected. The moving van was supposed to arrive at one. It didn't show up until five o'clock and then one man walked off the job—said it was quitting time anyway. The other two men took one look at the stuff, said it would take until midnight to load; suggested setting up the beds again and coming back Monday to do the job. That made everyone mad. Dr. and Mrs. . . . said no, all arrangements had been made and they just had to move that day. So the whole family pitched in and Partner and I helped too. By nine-thirty everything was off the van and set down in the new home. When we left beds were made, stove and frig connected and some of the dishes and kitchenware unpacked.

Before this moving fiasco got underway Johnny blew in with his truck to take Partner up to Ginger Farm to get some stone we had left there until we were ready for it. We wanted it front of our front porch to lessen the depth of the steps. We also wanted that particular stone because of its association with Ginger Farm. It had quite a history. Originally it was one solid piece of field stone 7 feet by 3 feet six and 3 inches thick. It had been brought over to the old house by the original homesteaders—the MacNabbs—probably by oxen, and used for the top of the front doorstep. Eventually the framework of the steps collapsed under the weight of the stone. It was then hauled away and used as a bridge across the ditch at the back of the house. During our time it cracked right across the centre and collapsed into the ditch. There it stayed until hauled over here. Believe me, it was no small job. Getting it off and on the truck was the worst as each slab weighed at least 500 pounds. The first slab broke in half diagonally as it was lowered from the truck. Then I ran to the house and got cushions to prevent any further breakage. By the time the job was finished Partner felt as if he had already done a day's work . . . and then came that moving job for our neighbours. It never rains but it pours.

Speaking of rain, we had our share of that terrific storm that did so much damage at Bolton.

"FARE" WARNING — Siren mounted near the seat and a spike-loaded, syringe-equipped club are Paris taxi driver Pierre de Vitry's defenses against would-be burglars. The syringe can be loaded with ammonia water. Searchlights go on when the siren howls, and immediate attention is guaranteed because of the no-horns rule that is rigidly enforced by French gendarmes in the nation's capital.

Here, however, it did more good than harm — and drove away that awful hot, sticky weather.

It was just after the storm that Taffy arrived and we have been on the go ever since. At the moment there is peace in the family. Ditto is in her usual place on the chesterfield; Taffy is asleep on the front door mat and Partner is away mowing the lawn for some friends holidaying in Europe. And now this is finished I'm going to call it a day.


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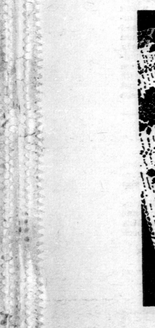

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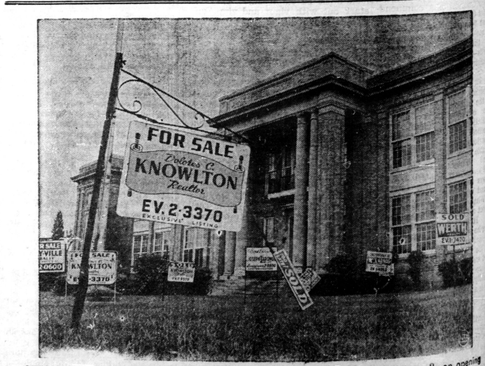
CHIPPER AT 81 — Looking trim and chic at 81, famed opera singer Mary Garden waves a greeting on the Champs Elysees in Paris. Darling of opera fans a generation ago, she has just given her approval to the filming of her life story.




MISLEADING ADVERTISING — "For Sale" and "Sold" signs greeted surprised pupils on opening day at the high school in Mayfield, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio. But their hopes were quickly dimmed by the principal, who shooed them inside for their classes. Ambitious pranksters had "borrowed" the signs from houses in the neighborhood.



## Won Medal For Keeping Silent

Casually, the sergeant-major picked up the file from the floor of the conference room. But when he had glanced at a couple of pages, his eyes almost popped out of his head

For what he had read convinced him that he was holding one of the most vital secrets of the World War II in his hands—the master plan for the invasion of France.

Sergeant-Major Eugene Emile Couture had been superintending the cleaning of the room at the Chateau Frontenac, in Quebec, Canada, after an important meeting between Roosevelt and Churchill in 1943

Hustling the cleaners out of the office, Couture, already in a sweat and with the vital file tucked under his arm, hurried to the military headquarters at Quebec.

"I have to see the District Officer at once," he told a staff officer, "and I cannot tell you what my business is except that it is top secret."

The officer grinned. "Sorry, Couture, no one can see the brigadier without telling me what he wants."

"I cannot tell you, sir," Couture snapped.

"Then you can't see the District Officer," the captain replied.

Frustrated, and with the top secret file still under his arm, Couture hung about headquarters for several days in a futile attempt to see the brigadier.

On the fifth day, Couture spotted Major Edouard Gerneay entering headquarters. He knew Gerneay very well and talked him into letting him see the brigadier.

Brigadier Edmond Blais took the file from Couture with little show of interest.

But as he read the first page, his face blanched and he looked up quickly at Couture.

"Have you read this, Sergeant-Major?" he demanded.

"Great Scott! Do you realize what this is?"

"Yes, sir, those are the final plans for the Normandy invasion discussed and decided by Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt."

"Sit down!" the brigadier snapped and, while Couture fumbled nervously, two soldiers, accompanied by a lieutenant, marched into the office.

"This man," the brigadier snapped, "is to be kept under arrest and no one—understand, no one at all, except myself—is permitted to see him."

In an office where he was locked up, with two armed guards outside the door, Couture sweated on the future. Why should they punish him for reading some papers left in an ordinary folder on a desk?

Three hours later he heard a key turn in the lock and jumped up from the chair. A grim-faced Major Gerneay stepped in.

"We are leaving for Washington immediately," said Major Gerneay. "An aircraft is waiting."

"May I — may I say goodbye to my wife—"

"You may not," Gerneay snapped. "You are allowed to speak to no one until we receive an all clear from London — from the Prime Minister himself."

The fact that a special 'plane had been laid on for the express flight to the Pentagon completely unnerved Couture. By the time armed American soldiers met the 'plane and marched him direct to an office where nine of America's top leaders were waiting, Couture could just about walk.

After questioning the sergeant-major for ten minutes, the officers ordered him to be placed under close arrest in the Pentagon. By this time, Couture was certain he would be shot, or at least imprisoned for life.

The next day, Couture was hustled under close guard to an office where he found the Vice-President and a number of military chiefs awaiting him.

A devastating cross-examination followed. Had he shown the file to anybody? Had he talked to anybody about it? Had he allowed the file to leave his possession for even as long as a minute?

To all these questions shot left, right and centre at him Couture had only one reply: "No!" The file had even gone to bed with him when he realized how secret it was. It was his secret alone.

The top brass then dismissed Couture and promised to "send for him soon."

The War Office in London advised Washington that Couture should be interned for safety, but Washington and Canada protested.

"You can't intern a perfectly good Allied soldier because of the carelessness of someone on your side," the Pentagon snapped. "In fact, you ought to decorate the man for keeping quiet."

London wilted under the criticism, and Couture, still under guard in Washington, was freed and flown back to Quebec.

Exactly one year after the War Office announced that the British Empire Medal had been awarded to Sergeant-Major Eugene Emile Couture.

Today he is just plain Monsieur Couture, of Quebec, but he ranks in the annals of war as the only man in history to be decorated for keeping his mouth shut!

AT REST — Iraqui Prime Minister Brig. Gen. Abdel Krim Kassem sleeps on a blanket in front of his desk in his office in Baghdad. Kassem, who has been Prime Minister since the recent coup, has been using his office in the Ministry of Defense to sleep in during the night.

## Bees Swarm In Man's Beard

An elderly man with a magnificent snow-white beard sat down on a bench in the Tiergarten, Berlin's chief park, one hot afternoon and was soon enjoying a nap.

Suddenly he was aroused by a noise of humming which grew louder and louder. To his horror he discovered that a swarm of bees had settled in his beard.

Fortunately he had the presence of mind not to move. A girl who was passing saw his plight and summoned the fire brigade.

She was right. The firemen brought along with them a skep, a kind of straw beehive and the bees were induced to quit the old man's beard and enter it.

That incident is being recalled this summer by beekeepers in many parts of Europe who have been called to deal with an exceptionally large number of bees swarming in odd places.

A man in Paris was having a bath when he heard a prolonged buzzing and found that bees were swarming under the bathroom floor. When the flooring was ripped up, the bees and 20 lbs. of honey were removed.

In Spain a swarm posted itself in a letter-box and had to be evacuated by a bee expert before the postman could collect the mail.

Bees swarming caused the failure of a navigation light on a buoy in the Kyles of Bute. First they settled on the lamp, then they went inside extinguishing the light and choking the air circulation.

CHAMP CRAMPED — A friendly macaw at the Jungle Gardens made it hard for Dennis Kyle to display his mibs shooting skill which recently won for him the title of National Marbles Champion.

PIPE THIS — There are nothing but choice weirdies in the pipe collection of Ivan Morgan, of Welling, Kent, England. His 19-year search for grotesque smoking apparatus has yielded a collection of more than 100.

## Gravel In The Sky

A magnificent display of shooting stars startled the inhabitants of the Americas on November 12, 1883. Beginning before midnight, the meteors increased in frequency until at dawn they were as thick as snow flakes. A single observer often saw twenty appear within a second, spreading out from the constellation Leo. Many superstitious people thought this marked the end of the world and, as bells tolled, they prepared for the future. Next day all was serene, but a new branch of astronomy, the study of meteors, had been founded.

This great display and the others that occur from time to time present some of the most interesting but tantalizing information we have about the occupants of interplanetary space. We know nothing of these flying gravel banks until we collide with them and have a great meteor shower. Even afterward we cannot accurately trace their paths through space to predict when we may encounter them again, for when between the planets they are invisible to us. The earth is playing a game of cosmic blindman's buff with them; only if by chance we meet one of these swarms of particles does a brilliant meteor shower result, otherwise we go swinging around the sun, completely ignorant of where or how the meteor swarms are moving.—From the Planets," (revised edition), by Fletcher G. Watson.

## Tanks Still Safer!

Big automobiles still hold first place in the battle of the highways and they are cheaper, A. J. White, Director of Motor Vehicle Research of New Hampshire told the state chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in an address at the University of New Hampshire. The research authority said American cars cost 50 cents a pound, whereas the small foreign cars cost $1.15 per pound. And when a big car crowds him on the road he wants to be in a big car too. It there are many converts to this line of reasoning the Army should be able to dispose of all its obsolete tanks in short order. — S. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Obey the traffic signs — they are placed there for YOUR SAFETY.

## Tales Of The Baseball Diamond

**THREE-CORNER SHOTS**

In the first inning of a game between the Yankees and Tigers, Dick Wakefield smashed a liner which bounced off first baseman Nick Etten's shin directly to second baseman Joe Gordon, who threw Wakefield out.

The identical play occurred in the sixth inning. A savage line drive caroming off Etten, going to Gordon, then back to first for the putout. Wakefield, victimized out of two sure hits, fumed and raged.

"Don't feel bad," jockeyed Gordon. "Nick and I practice that play every day."

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**THEY SHALL NOT PASSARELLA**

Connie Mack was a kindly old gent on the ball field, but he wasn't the Milquetoast his biographers would have you believe. He could express himself quite firmly when the occasion warranted.

There was the afternoon an umpire called a game on account of rain in the seventh inning, just as the Yankees went ahead by a run. The game had started in light rain and Connie saw no reason why it shouldn't finish the same way.

He walked over to umpire Art Passarella and impaled him with a baleful glare. "Tell me, Art," he sneered. "Did the rain get any wetter when the Yankees went ahead?"

**NIPPED IN THE BUSH**

When Big George Magerkurth was calling 'em in the American Association, he once gave Donie Bush, manager of Indianapolis, a beautiful dose of come-uppance. In the fourth inning, Donie came roaring out of the dugout to protest a called strike.

Magerkurth waited until Bush nearly reached the plate. He then turned his back on him and addressed the crowd.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he cried. "Mr. Bush is about to make a short speech. As soon as he finishes it, he will be called upon to leave the premises. I thank you."

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**CLOSE TIES**

When Tony Lazzeri took over as Toronto manager in 1939, he inherited a team of hitless wonders who had just put together a string of thirty-odd scoreless innings. The old Yankee slugger took the situation philosophically.

One day Walt Lanfranconi pitched a beautiful game — walking nobody and giving up just four hits. He lost, 2-0. In the locker room, Tony patted Walt's shoulder consolingly.

"Never mind, kid," he said. "Next time maybe you'll pitch a shut-out. And with our slugging, you'll be sure to get a tie."

## How Can I?
By Anne Ashley

**Q. How can I remove a broken cork that has slipped down into the bottle?**

A. Pour in enough household ammonia to float the cork, let it stand for a few days, and it will break into fine pieces. It can then be removed without difficulty.

**Q. How can I sweeten milk that is beginning to turn?**

A. Add enough carbonate of soda to cover a dime for each pint of milk, and boil. This will make the milk sweet and will preserve it.

**Q. Please give a few of the standard kitchen measure.**

A. One salt spoon equals three-quarters of a teaspoon; three teaspoons equal one tablespoon; sixteen tablespoons equal one cup; two cups equal one pint.

**Q. How can I prevent a sewing machine from dropping stitches?**

A. The tension should be adjusted; but before doing this, give the machine a thorough oiling. Oftentimes this is all it requires.

**Q. How can I remove scratches from table silver?**

A. Buy a small quantity of putty powder at the drugstore. Put this in a saucer with enough olive oil to make a paste. Rub this on the silver with a soft cloth, then polish with a chamois.

**Q. What can I do when it is doubtful if there will be enough scrambled eggs to serve everybody?**

A. For each two eggs soak a half slice of bread in milk, mashing it with a fork, and adding it to the eggs. Beat the bread pulp together with the eggs and scramble in usual manner.

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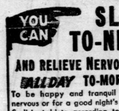

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