

## ANNE HIRST

### Your Family Counselor

Today's parents are usually teetering between the urge to give their children everything they want and the fear that such indulgence will defeat their real purpose — to give the youngsters a sound preparation for the future. One puzzled mother writes:

"My husband and I were not raised in the comforts we are able to provide for our sons, so our impulse is to give them a happier childhood than we had. We have not denied them toys, mechanical gadgets and bicycles, but I am wondering whether this is wise? They take it all for granted, and as their demands increase perhaps we shan't be able to meet them."

I wonder, too, whether we should share our money problems with them? Those are bound to come in these times of increasing costs. Are boys nine and 11 too young to face them?

**CHILDREN DESERVE TRUTH**

A child's preparation for life as it must be lived is his parents' first duty. The indulgent youngster is not always the happiest, nor does it prove how much his parents love him; often it only shows they love to spoil him. To deny his demands occasionally, explaining the reason, is to teach him that life is not all getting but renouncing, too.

The family is a unit, and each member is a part. If a youngster learns early that all must develop responsibility without whining, making him feel a partner in all family situations will make him feel important. Awakening his interest in the home and its upkeep, learning about living expenses and the need to save for the future, will promote him as a member of family councils, and instill a respect for his parents that no amount of indulgence can effect.

I do not approve of darkening a youngster's days with tales of anticipated poverty, nor burdening him with unessential decisions. I do know that if you want your child to be a sound operator, to become a young man and realize his duty towards others, trusting him early with the truth about family situations is one way to achieve that end.

- TO "WORRIED PARENTS": Sharing the family problems with a child establishes his thinking early; sooner or later he must face the facts of life, and he cannot begin too soon. If you make a practice now and then of asking

- his opinion on spending certain sums for certain purposes, he will feel more adult and respond accordingly.
- No, I don't think your boys are too young to have the truth. Go to it, and watch how they mature.
- Some readers will disagree with this idea, and I invite their reasons. Having for years observed the results, however, I shall be hard to convince.

**POOR JUDGMENT**

"Dear Anne Hirst: I'm going to graduate this year, and for the past two I've gone steady with the same boy. He used to see me every night, but now I'm lucky if he comes once a week. We went to a show on Saturday evenings, but that is over now."

"Instead, he goes out with a bunch of boys and drinks. I took it for three weeks, then I wrote if he thought more of me he could forget about me. . . ."

**DISTRACTION**

"Recently, he called to return my picture (and get his own) and asked me for a date. I accepted. I haven't seen him since. Please tell me what to do. I'm sure he still thinks a lot of me, and I think the world of him."

- If you had kept your word and refused to see the boy, he might have decided he'd rather have your friendship even if he had to behave himself to get it. But you weakened, and now you're right back where you started.
- How can you still "think the world" of a young man who chooses to carouse around town and neglect the girl he's interested in for two years? Don't you realize where such misconduct can lead him? Or have you lowered your own standards and accepted his?
- I hope you will think this through, and realize how much depends on your stick-inch to your guns.

**Sharing family problems with growing children gives them an insight into the facts of living, and an increased respect for their parents. Study your child, and feed him responsibility as you see he can take it. Anne Hirst's experience and understanding about family situations is one way to achieve that end.**

### Marry-Go-Round

Film actress Ingrid Bergman discovered that the sum of the squares in her particular triangle was a long and hard story. While Ingrid vacationed in Sweden with husband No. 3, an Italian appeals court ruled that she still was married to husband No. 2, director Roberto Rossellini — in Italy, at least. Last year, Rossellini obtained an uncontested annulment of his 1950 proxy Mexican marriage to Ingrid on the ground that her Mexican divorce from husband No. 1, Dr. Peter Lindstrom, was invalid. Ingrid subsequently married Swedish impresario Lars Schmidt in England. But on the appeal of the public prosecutor, the annulment was reversed by the higher tribunal. The court said Rossellini must first get a Swedish court decision declaring Ingrid's Mexican divorce invalid and then file for an annulment. Presumably, if Rossellini follows the court's instructions, at one point Ingrid will be legally married to husband No. 1 in Sweden, No. 2 in Italy, and No. 3 in England.

### Crime Pays Mickey

Hoodlum Mickey Cohen, who has devoted his life to disproving the maxim that "Crime Doesn't Pay," found a new racket — and this time, a legitimate one: He's going to talk about the evils of crime — for fees ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Mickey said he decided to make a swing of the lecture circuit at the suggestion of columnist Drew Pearson, who put him in touch with the Edna Stewart Agency in Beverly Hills, Calif. "Our clients are all top men," said an agency spokesman. "After all, Mr. Cohen, in a sense, was a captain of industry in his field."

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### Chicago Papers Cover Royal Visit

The powerful Chicago Tribune was known for its militant Anglophobia, when the late Col. Robert Rutherford McCormick used to read editorial thunderbolts from the 24th floor of the Tribune Tower. Especially hostile toward British aristocracy, publisher McCormick once declared that "to revolutionary Americans, who remember all kings as oppressors, the popularity of the crown in Britain is a mystery." But when Britain's Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip swept into Chicago from the east, the only U.S. stop on their 44-day tour of Canada, the Tribune fluttered as excitedly as a debutante about to be presented at court. McCormick's smothering this thing in color stories, a veteran Tribune reporter observed as some 30 Trib staffers flocked out to greet the royal party's thirteen-hour visit. "I guess we've changed as a newspaper."

Other Chicago papers seemed just as awed by the city's first look at a reigning British monarch. "Chicago awaits its biggest week-end," the American van declared in a front-page banner five days before the Queen arrived. The Daily News, reporting on construction of the Queen's platform from which the Queen would speak her first words to the city, noted that McCormick himself had a "medley with an exciting refrain: 'The Queen is coming! The Queen is coming!'" The American van's photographs showing what guests should wear to lunch and dinner with a Queen. And the Tribune itself quoted, "Queen's Host at Luncheon" on how to behave in the presence of royalty. ("Speak quietly," Blount advised. "Listen carefully to what they say and answer in the same way.")

Eager press agents supplied the paper with other delectable details. The Ambassador East Hotel fed 21 selected reporters the identical four-course lunch. The Queen and 400 guests would eat. And the Drake Hotel, though scheduled to share the paper for only a half hour during a reception for the royal party, invited reporters to a discussion about whether it would use antique or traditional lunch serving tea.

By last weekend, some reporters were beginning to question whether the Queen's visit was worth all the space it was getting. "You could have the biggest story of the week wrapped up in your hand," one commented sourly, "and if it didn't have a royal angle, the desk would knock it down to a parapet."

The Chicago papers, in fact, had run features on such incidental topics as the number of calories in the Queen's lunch (2,139), and the reactions of a chambermaid assigned to tidy up the hotel after the Queen. The papers would freshen up the Queen's visit with a comment on the Queen's table manners, in an interview with waiter Victor Jabenau, who had served her before at two meals in France. "She spills nothing, absolutely nothing," he said, as the official motorcade whisked by under the watchful eyes of newsmen. "The resourceful Tribune figured out still another angle. It dispatched a reporter to stand by the elbow of Michigan-born chef Argente and report his frowns and flourishes as he cooked the Queen's lunch. To get its foot inside the kitchen, the Trib already had run a four-column feature on the chef, who discussed his assignment in appropriately glowing terms. "This is a wonderful thing," he said, "it's almost like a World Series or a major operation."

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### Modern Etiquette

by Roberta Lee

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### Quirks That Kill On The Highways

Tonight, tomorrow or next week, you may be to blame for a traffic accident. If so, the odds are four to one that the cause will be a quirk of your personality.

It may be only a brief mental lapse that would be perfectly harmless in some other situation. But when you're behind the wheel of a car that quirk can slow your reaction, hamper your judgment or blind you to the dangers of the road.

This is no idle conjecture on the part of some armchair psychologist, but a fact which has been established by patient teams of the traffic authorities and psychiatrists, and some parts of the United States to uncover the basic causes of traffic accidents.

Ontario's investigators estimate that as many as 80 per cent of all automobile accidents — which, all told, are more than 100,000 annually — result from motorists' psychological quirks. Some of these are mental lapses that are not dangerous in themselves, but which, when combined with the physical conditions of the road, can lead to disaster.

But it is not just the serious mental lapses that are dangerous. The minor mental lapses, which are trying to detect and either cure or rule out the road. They stress that each of us is vulnerable to minor mental lapses which, on today's busy highways, can be fatal.

"The worst guy of the lot," Inspector Albert Witts of the Ontario accident-general department, "is the man who escapes himself's a good driver and has no quirks. This is the very attitude which may eventually cause an accident."

Dr. J. W. Lovell-Hospital of the Toronto Psychiatric Hospital says there is no need to feel ashamed of the occasional irritating act. "It merely proves you are a human being." But when even the most understandable mental lapse is likely to cause trouble or injury, it is when you are driving — "the important thing is to recognize it and try to do something about it."

Though they are already convinced that there is a close connection between psychological quirks and bad driving habits, psychiatrists and psychologists admit that a tremendous amount of investigation must yet be done before they have even a fraction of the answers they're seeking.

"It will take years to build up records to prove every case," says Col. Walter Reynolds, Ontario's commissioner of highway safety, "but what practical evidence we have at present is damning enough."

Such evidence was found in London, Ont., where Dr. William Tillman studied 76 taxi drivers to see if the accident-prone ones had common personality traits. They had. While drivers with accident-free records scored well on personality tests, two-thirds of the bad drivers scored up on the tests as anti-social, and all drivers with bad records were impulsive and immature.

"Unrecognized feelings of inferiority or hostility may be compensated for by a heavy foot on the accelerator," says Dr. E. J. Keller, director of Chicago's Psychiatric Institute, which subjected traffic violators to examinations similar to Dr. Tillman's. In an interview with waiter Victor Jabenau, who had served her before at two meals in France, "She spills nothing, absolutely nothing," he said, as the official motorcade whisked by under the watchful eyes of newsmen. "The resourceful Tribune figured out still another angle. It dispatched a reporter to stand by the elbow of Michigan-born chef Argente and report his frowns and flourishes as he cooked the Queen's lunch. To get its foot inside the kitchen, the Trib already had run a four-column feature on the chef, who discussed his assignment in appropriately glowing terms. "This is a wonderful thing," he said, "it's almost like a World Series or a major operation."

Three cheers . . . It's actually raining! It doesn't seem possible but it is.

Again, not all violations are caused by ordinary quirks. Detroit's Traffic Safety Clinic — a sort of psychiatric court — found a high proportion of mental misfits among 622 traffic violators.

lators it examined. Of these, only 79 were people with no serious psychological problems. Ninety others were feeble-minded or borderline, 154 were of lower than average intelligence, and all the remaining 509 were suffering from such serious mental afflictions as psychoneurosis, senility, alcoholism, paranoia, disturbed personality or schizophrenia.

The most alarming aspect of such findings is that there are presumably thousands of people across Canada who are permitted to drive while potentially dangerous afflictions go undetected.

"Some day," says Col. Reynolds, "we hope to be able to spot the accident-prone man when he applies for his license and take steps to improve his driving."

Ontario has already made some progress in this direction. The province's Department of Transportation has set up a "Quirks" unit, and the traffic violator is required to submit a doctor's certificate attesting to his physical and mental health whenever he applies for a license. These certificates, along with the driver's license (if any), are studied by a medical board whose members include a psychiatrist, a psychologist and a general practitioner. The board may recommend the withholding of an applicant's license or the suspension or cancellation of an existing license until the person's condition is shown to be satisfactory. Ontario authorities admit that their system is far from thorough, but routine examinations may potentially dangerous drivers are likely to escape detection. But the system's proponents hope it will be improved and extended as the result of studies now being made by a special provincial government committee.

So far, other provinces lag behind Ontario in this area of accident prevention. Though not through lack of interest, Quebec authorities have been discussing the idea of such a program but have not yet put one into effect. Alberta hopes to set one up in the near future. Manitoba, though already conducting interviews with sub-standard drivers, does not subject them to psychological study. Other provinces, however, have even a psychological examination of drivers but believe that their limited funds are better spent on such fundamentals as public education and driver instruction.

(Space considerations prevent us from publishing this article in its entirety this week but it is so important to every citizen that we shall print the balance in our next issue.)

**Can't Get Teachers Without Cars!**

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