



Asks Retirement—Admiral Louis A. Denfeld as he told newsmen in Boston, that he had submitted a request for retirement after more than 40 years Naval service. The Admiral had been removed as Chief of Naval Operations after stormy hearing in Washington on unification of the armed services. Associated Press reporter Thomas Horgan is to right of Denfeld. (AP Wirephoto).

Malaya Bandits Still Keep Residents Close to Cities

Slayton—A letter received recently by Mrs. Delmer Larsbrecht from a cousin, Eric Johnson who is with the United Engineers at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, says in part: "We are rather disappointed about the devaluation of sterling as it will be almost impossible for us to go to Canada on leave to visit my parents. We would only get 36 cents for a dollar—a bit too much for our bankroll just now. However, that will not until 1951, so many things can happen before then. "We are still having lots of trouble with bandits here and it is not safe to go far from town. I suppose the troops and police will finally come out on top; but it does seem to take a long time. Kuala Lumpur looks rather like an old western town these days, with all the men packing pistols, tommy-guns and others, and hordes of troops and police all around. The governor of Sarawak was knifed the other day too, and has since died, and that of course, will create a lot of unrest in Sarawak and Borneo. "I suppose the weather out your way is cooling off a bit.

Here it is very hot just now, temperature about 90 or over. It was cool last week with heavy rains, about an inch an hour. The nights here are a bit cooler than in Singapore, but not very much."

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Child Offered for Adoption In Ad Has Many Seekers

North Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 24 (UP)—A 27-year-old former radio actress said today she has received two marriage proposals and 60 requests for her expected illegitimate child whom she offered for adoption in a newspaper ad.

She gave her name only as "Celeste" in order not to embarrass her family or former husband. "I have had two marriage proposals on the telephone," she said. "They just said they were interested and marriage-minded."

"One was a very young man in his 20's and the other was in his 50's," she said. "The older man said his earnings were quite substantial."

"I would consider marrying a man who is stabilized and loves children, but I wouldn't marry just anyone."

Celeste said she was forced to offer the child, which will be born out of wedlock, for adoption because of his musician father "shirked responsibility."

"I was very much in love with the baby's daddy," she said. "He's a grand person. He's one hundred per cent."

The model and dancer said all who wanted the baby were "substantial people" owning their own businesses and trying desperately to adopt a child.

"But they're all above age," she explained. "Some would give their lives for a baby. They're walking around in a daze because they want a child so badly."

She said she has been able to eliminate only one or two of the many persons who asked to adopt the child.

"They all have so much love," she said.

Celeste has a three-year-old son, Robin, by a previous marriage. Because she was "barely" able to take care of him, she

said she couldn't take care of the expected child unless she got married or got a job.

"I so much would like to keep my baby," she said, "but it wouldn't be fair. I don't have a job and wouldn't be able to take care of it properly."

"I can't expect to fall in love with someone on such short notice, or with someone I have just met," she said, "but I do expect him to love my children."

"Love is a slow thing and if we are together, it will come."

Celeste expressed regret that all the older persons wanting her child could not obtain children through accredited agencies.

"I'd be happy if my story and my advertisement would result in just one thing," she said. "If they would just make it easier for these poor people to get children. To them, it would be the greatest thing in their lives."

"Why should age make such a difference?" she asked.

"I hope that others can get children, and that I will be able to keep my baby," she said.

Exams Coming Up in Forestry Department

Competitive examinations for positions in the state forestry department and state parks department will be held to establish eligible lists from which future job vacancies will be filled, the state civil service commission announced Monday.

Closing date for applications, forms which are available at state civil service offices here or at Portland or at any state employment service office, is Feb. 25.

The positions are those of forester, timber cruiser and forest dispatcher. Written tests will be given. War veterans get a five-point preference and disabled veterans, a preference of not less than 10 points.

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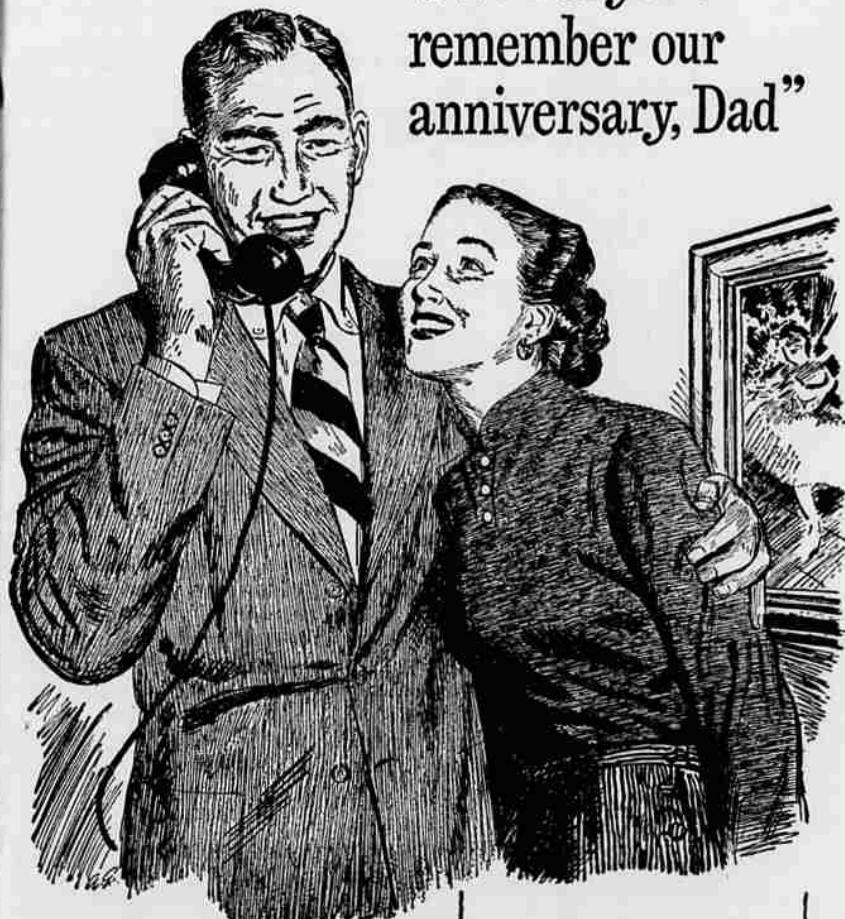
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