

On The Side

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What have you had to say over the telephone recently? Anything you wouldn't want your wife to hear? Or something that might be embarrassing if repeated in public by means of a recording? The use of hidden recording gadgets continues to increase. Those for recording telephone conversations are quite common. I recently heard of a house party hostess who had recording machines hidden all over the place to pick up conversations of her guests without their knowledge. She said it was for laughs but I view that claim with suspicion. Anyway, recording machines are hidden in automobiles, offices, restaurants, night clubs and in homes. The situation has reached a point where anything you wish to be kept secret should be conveyed by the sign language. May I suggest that you keep the following quotation always in mind:

If for a tranquil mind you seek,
These things observe with care,
Of whom you speak, to whom you speak
And how and when and where.

INFORMATION

So you say you're a well informed fellow? All right, the United States has had two bachelor presidents. James Buchanan was one. Who was the other? Also, tell us quick as quarter of a flash who followed Buchanan as president of the U. S. A.

PLEASE NOTE

If that gallant thoroughbred Nashua could talk he would probably address Mr. Leslie Combs, his timid manager, somewhat as follows: "Why humiliate me by intimating I cannot carry over 130 pounds to victory? Discovery won the Brooklyn Handicap carrying 136 pounds. Tom Fool won it packing the same weight. Why, even Assault won it carrying 132 pounds. Were they better race horses than I am? I don't think so! Mr. Combs, you have made a sissy out of me and for that I will never forgive you!"

AMONG THE MARRIED

Were you a June bridegroom? Do you know why June is so popular as a period in which to effect a matrimonial alliance? It is named after Juno, known as the "patroness of happy marriages." March is unpopular for weddings because it is named after Mars, the God of war. The

thought, of course, is that those married in March might quarrel too much. My girl friend and I were married on March first. We do not deny that we occasionally have disagreements. However, we are in accord with Tennyson's view of the matter, namely:

Blessings on the falling out
That all the more endears,
When we fall out with those
We love

And kiss again with tears!

ASKING

Queries from clients. Q. What is the world's record for low weight at birth for an infant who survived to become an adult? A. Couldn't say. However it might be held by Marian Chapman of Great Britain, who at birth in 1938 weighed only 10 ounces. She survived and is now a healthy adult and taller than her mother. Q. My husband claims an undertaker once participated in the "Mrs. America" contest but he can't think of her name. Help, please. A. Mrs. Joan Bray of Niles City, Mont., who was "Mrs. Montana" in the 1955 contest is an undertaker in her home town.

HORSES AND WOMEN

How many evening gowns did your wife buy last year? How about cocktail dresses? What does she do with her cast-off clothes? Do you consider her extravagant? Don't tell me, it is none of my business. However, your matrimonial mate might be interested in the following statement made by Cyd Charisse, the determinedly glamorous film performer: "I am not extravagant. It would be to have a special party before I would pay \$630 for a new dress. I probably buy a couple of dozen evening gowns, 12 cocktail dresses and a few suits every year. I always get rid of the old ones for charity auctions or give them to my maid or relatives."

Kiwanians Gather for Convention at Salem

Salem — U.P. — Nearly 1,000 Kiwanians and their wives are gathered here for the 39th annual Pacific Northwest district Kiwanian convention. Kiwanian Douglas McKay, former interior secretary and Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, addressed an early meeting of the group. First business included hearing reports and appointing convention committees.



ITALIAN LEADER VISITS IKE—President Eisenhower chats informally in his White House office with Amintore Fanfani, leader of the Christian Democratic Party in Italy. Fanfani later told newsmen that they discussed a number of political problems of European interest, including that of European solidarity and unity.

Algerian Rebels Trap French Mobile Column

Algiers — U.P. — Nationalist rebels killed 20 French troops and captured another 20 in perhaps the worst French setback of the 21-month-old insurrection, it was announced yesterday.

A heavily armed unit of the National Liberation Army trapped the French mobile column Sunday night 62 miles south of Algiers. Fighting was brief but bloody.

Harvest of Pears

Pear harvest is progressing at the anticipated rate, C. B. Cordy, county agent for horticulture, said yesterday.

During the remainder of this week and for the three-week period of Bartlett pear harvest, the tempo of picking will increase, he said. Ripening of the D'Anjou variety is expected to start the latter part of this month.

North Dakota Agricultural College horticulturists say roses can be grown in any soil that will grow good vegetables. Rose plants should be planted 15 to 24 inches apart.

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, a newspaper editor, a women's page editor and two newspaper writers. They consult with clergymen of all faiths and denominations. All letters are held in complete confidence.

MRS. P. R. S. — I'm afraid of this triangle.

JANE — I lost nothing but a generous escort.

MRS. P. R. S. — My youngest daughter, Jane, had a hectic romance with a young man who subsequently became interested in my older daughter, Francine, whom he is now engaged to marry.

I fear greatly that there may be trouble in the future because there were some rather trying rows between Jane and Francine over this young man. I have suggested to Francine that she should have a quiet wedding and arrange to live in another town so that Jane and she will not be in the same circle until the marriage is well established.

Francine makes light of my fears, and even talked to Jane about them, and Jane, too, pretended to make light of them. But I have a presentiment of trouble in the future unless Jane is completely fulfilled by love and marriage.

FRANCINE — I have often quarrelled noisily with my sister and have always loved her. I am grateful to Jane for having found my sweetheart for me. Jane is a very lively and attractive girl and he fell hard for her, but she was never really in love with him. She was nat-

urally highly flattered to be pursued by an older man of his standing and charm, but she really did not want him except as a convenient and flattering escort. They quarrelled almost every time they went out.

I met him through Jane and have loved him from the start. He realizes fully that while Jane is a very loveable girl, she was not for him, and I feel entirely assured of his abiding love. I think it would disturb all of us if Jane were obviously withdrawing from our midst, and I would even feel insecure.

JANE — My mother's anxiety makes no sense to me. She can't get it into her head that I am no ideal young lady, that I went after him because I thought he would be fun to go out with, and that I never had any serious thoughts about him. His ardor ceased as soon as he met my sister, and I have never really resented her attraction for him, except that I was selfish and petulant because I was put out by the loss of a generous and handsome escort.

I am perhaps a little commoner than mother sometimes thinks me, but not as scheming and base as she thinks me when she is in an anxious mood.

THE COUNCIL — The wholesome attitudes of the two girls, which include love for each other

and realistic self-appraisal, should minimize the mother's fears. The very fact that Francine discussed this question with Jane shows that they have a good relationship. A girl who can be as honest about herself and her motivations as Jane is probably headed soon for a good marriage. It is when people deceive themselves that they present the greatest danger in such delicate situations.

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