

Oldest Fan Mail Is Heartening

By ANN LANDERS
 Dear Readers: Recently I began a search for my oldest fan. The search is over and the mail has been heart-warming. I would like to share it with you.

Dear Ann: I am 91 and read you daily in the Chicago Sun-Times. If there's a prize connected with this contest please send it but I don't want any publicity. I am courting a woman who is 60. She thinks I am 79. Thank you.

Dear Ann: I live in Erie, N.D., and read your advice in the Fargo Forum. I was 96 June 9th. People sure do act different today. —MAGGIE McLEOD

Dear Ann: My name is Lulu Hunter and I'll soon be 97. When I was young we didn't have these problems you write about in the Los Angeles Examiner. We stayed home and obeyed our parents.

Dear Mrs. Landers: I am 96 and read your articles twice a day. We get the Detroit Free Press in the morning and the Grand Rapids Press at night. You are a kind friend to all. —ADELAIDE RANDALL

Dear Annie: I was 96 on September 25. Your column in the Columbia (Mo.) Tribune proves there are a lot of foolish people in this world. I farm every day, tending my soy beans. My daughter says "Slow down, Pop" but I say a person must keep busy to stay out of devilment. —EDWARD EASLEY SR.

Dear Mrs. Landers: I am George Schmidt of Hoven, S.D., and I read you in the Aberdeen American. I'm 97 and I don't feel it.

Dear Ann: I was 97 on July 31 and read your advice in the Portland (Ore.) Journal. I like the way you set people back on their heels. They need it. —WILL GOBACK

Dear Ann: I've read your column from the first day it ap-

peared in the Minneapolis Tribune. I'll be 97 soon. Am I your oldest? —ROLF JACOBSEN

Dear Mrs. Landers: I read you in the Champaign - Urbana Courier. I'm 98 and drive my own car. I got my first license at 72 and they gave me a new test every three years. I haven't flunked yet. I was in the dairy business for many years and enjoyed it. When glass bottles first came out my customers wouldn't go for such new-fangled things. They said milk in a pail was fresher. Times have sure changed. Goodbye now. —H. M. CORRAY

Dear Ann Landers: I see by the Corvallis, Ore., Gazette-Times that you are looking for your oldest reader. Maybe I'm the one. I am 97, born July 30, 1863. I live at the Masonic and Eastern Star home in Forest Grove. —MRS. E. L. WATERMAN

Dear Ann Landers: I was 98 on Christmas day. I read the Bible every day—and Ann Landers' column. My paper is the Cleveland Press. —MRS. A. B. WHIPPLE

Dear Ann Landers: I am 99 and read you in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. I scan the headlines, glance at the editorials then go right to your column. I never find any advice there for myself because I don't have any problems. —ISAAC NEWTON BAKER

Dear Ann Landers: I will be 101 in February. I am grateful that I still have my eyes and that my mind is clear. The Marion, Ohio, Star is my paper and I like your column. Please don't print my name. This letter is for you alone.

I wrote to her as follows:
 Dear Friend: Please give me permission to print your name. You are my oldest reader. Please, please please! —ANN LANDERS

She replied:
 Dear Ann Landers: Go ahead and print it, my dear. I am Mrs. I. W. Wheeler of 133 Main Street, Cardington, Ohio.

To learn how to keep your boy friend in line without losing him, send for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "Necking and Petting—And How

1961 Will Not Be So 'Merrie' In Great Britain

By DICK GROWALD
 LONDON (UPI)—There will be a new Great Britain in 1961, but perhaps not quite so "merrie" as one as in 1960.

In 1960 the old Britain gave independence to the richest treasury of her once-upon-a-time African empire. In 1961 the new Britain, her leaders say, must develop the ability to lead a Commonwealth in which men of darker skin hold the overwhelming majority vote.

Big Drop In Farm Income Didn't Come About In '60

By BERNARD BRENNER
 WASHINGTON (UPI)—The nation's farmers in 1960 smashed all previous production records, and surpluses of wheat and corn piled higher and higher in government bins.

For consumers, the rising volume of farm production and a slight drop in average farm prices helped offset some of the effect of another round of small increases in food marketing costs. Agriculture Department reports showed retail food prices from July through September were up about 1 per cent over the same period in 1959.

Experts who had predicted farm income would tumble again in '60, following a 15 per cent drop in 1959, were fooled. Farm prices for the first nine months of 1960 were 2 per cent below 1959, and the gap was narrowing in the final months of the year. Net farm income for 1960 was expected to be equal to or slightly above the \$11.3 billion of 1959, with little change forecast for 1961.

Net farm income in 1953, first of the Eisenhower administration years, was \$13.9 billion. Agriculture Department estimates for 1960 indicate crop production will be up about 2.5 per cent from 1959 and livestock production down about 1 per cent.

Far To Go," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

Bigger Steel Market Seen For West Mills

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—President J. D. McCall of U.S. Steel's Columbia-Geneva Division predicted Wednesday increased orders for products of western steel mills by at least the second quarter of 1961.

In a year-end statement, he cited expansion plans of the company to meet the anticipated demands.

"Western construction activity is expected to continue at a high rate with a resulting strong demand for steel," he said.

Expansion plans for Columbia-Geneva include the following:
 —A continuous heat treatment line at the Pittsburg works.
 —A new coal drying plant now in operation at Wellington, Utah.
 —A new raw materials research laboratory nearing completion at Geneva near Provo, Utah.
 —Rebuilding of the No. 2 blast furnace at Geneva works—enlarging it to more than 1,500 tons per day.
 —Construction work on a new iron mine near Lander, Wyo., to provide an important additional source of ore.
 —A fourth reheat furnace in the Geneva rolling mills.
 —A scheduled start in 1961 on a new installation at the Provo, Utah, plant for a temper mill for hot rolled coils of steel.

Small Village Is Angry Over Deaths In Fire

NOYAN, Que. (AP)—This tiny Quebec village was both sad and angry today about the fire that killed Mrs. Abel Vosburgh and 11 of her 15 children.

A brother of the dead woman said the family lived in the wood shack built by the father "because no one would rent him a house with all those children."

"Everyone has lost someone," said the Rev. William Sellwood as he went around this village of 500 near the Vermont border spreading the news of Thursday's early morning tragedy.

"In a closely knit community like this, there are very few folk who are not related," he explained.

Pushing out of the ashes of the one-story shack were the frames of the four beds in which the victims were trapped. Six bodies were found in one bed.

Vosburgh was the only survivor of the fire that killed his 43-year-old wife and 11 children 6 months to 19 years old. Two of their children are married and the other two were away.

CAT GETS CHARGED
 CLEVELAND, Tenn. (AP)—Mrs. V. L. Stark reported hearing a funny noise under the hood of their new car. Stark, deciding the car needed its 3,000-mile checkup anyway, took it to the local dealer from whom he purchased it.

The noise: A kitten perched atop the battery.

In 1960 a commoner, Antony Armstrong-Jones married royalty, Princess Margaret. In 1961 the new Britain, if Tony has his reported way, will have a "working" member of the royal family.

In 1960 the old Britain witnessed the disappearance of hundreds of fish-and-chips shops. In 1961, according to government estimates, the number of neon-lit, chromium-plated hamburger bars in Britain will double into the thousands.

In 1960 the old Britain gave her militant trade unions a continued wave of pay-raise agreements. In 1961, according to labor union and party leaders, the Labor Party will have to undergo one of the severest intramural battles in its history to rebuild a national might which a fight over unilateral disarmament cracked.

In 1960 the old Britain gave more Britons more automobiles than ever before. But the dawn of 1961 saw British auto production cut in half as markets petered out.

In 1960 Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev publicly questioned whether Great Britain deserved to be called "great." In

Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson, winding up eight years in one of the cabinet's hottest seats, tried again in 1960 to persuade the Democratic Congress to solve the wheat surplus problem his way—by granting authority for lower support prices and relaxing or eliminating federal production controls. But Democrats who favor higher supports and tighter controls rejected Benson's proposals again. The result was another deadlock and no action.

Sources close to President-elect John F. Kennedy have indicated that one of his early moves in 1961 will be aimed at getting new legislation to curb the wheat surplus. Kennedy was elected on a platform pledging the new administration to boost farm income and to favor cutbacks in production when farmers themselves are willing to accept stiffer controls.

With Congress and the Eisenhower administration in complete disagreement on most farm issues—and with many city lawmakers unwilling to back new farm legislation—Congress in 1960 produced few major new farm laws.

Among the more important new bills were measures stabilizing tobacco support prices which had been climbing under an old law, and raising dairy support prices for the period ending next March 31. A bill temporarily extending the federal sugar control program and authorizing a ban on imports from Cuba was approved last summer, but action on a long-range extension of the Sugar Act was delayed until 1961.

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