

Toe Size Gives Hope To Dieter

LONG BEACH, Calif. (UPI) — If her big toe is any indication, 5-foot-2-inch, 244-pound Mrs. Mary Ferguson hopes she is well on her way to losing 50 pounds.

Mrs. Ferguson, who checked into a hotel Sunday to begin a two-week fast, said her toe "really looks thinner."

"So I must have lost weight already," the 36-year-old housewife laughed.

"I don't have a scale," she said. "I'm afraid I'll get discouraged if I see I'm not losing any weight every couple of hours."

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Absent-Minded Woman Puts Hat In Freezer

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I simply can't bring myself to discuss this with anyone else. Please tell me if you think I need professional help.

Yesterday I attended the meeting of an organization of which I am a board member. The women at the head table were given lovely corsages. Mine was especially beautiful.

When I arrived home I removed the corsage and carefully placed it on the shelf in the hall closet. Then I put my hat in the refrigerator. In a few seconds I realized what I had done and I was horrified.

What does this mean? Is it serious? Please tell me.—STRICTLY PERSONAL

Dear Personal: All of us do such things once in a while. It means absolutely nothing except that for the moment we were absent-minded.

If you had left the hat in the refrigerator and tried to serve it with coffee — then you'd have something to worry about.

Dear Ann Landers: I married a divorced man two years ago. I went with him almost four years before we married so I was well aware of his rotten family situation — his greedy, grasping wife and his ill-mannered children.

He paid through the nose for his divorce but it was the only way he could get it. His monthly alimony and support payments leave him with cigarette and gasoline money. We live on my salary.

Now he tells me his oldest daughter is having trouble with her mother. The girl has asked if she can come live with us.

don't want her. She's sloppy, bad-tempered, sullen, and lazy. Her presence in our home would create a problem.

When I tried to make this clear to my husband he cut me short with, "She's my daughter and I don't want to hear any criticism of her." Is this fair? What shall I do?—HIGH HURDLE

Dear Hurdle: When you marry a divorced man you marry the total guy — his children, his splintered paycheck, his built-in memories, the nagging guilt and the roots elsewhere.

If you value your marriage you'd better agree to make his daughter in — then do your darndest to make a friend of her. Build bridges, Toots, not fences. If you don't, you may be the one who lands on the outside.

Dear Ann Landers: Please help me — and fast. Adelle, who is my fiancée, is going to be the guest of honor at a bridal shower next month. The party will take place at her maid-of-honor's house. There will be about 35 girls present.

Adelle wants me to drop in for a few minutes — just long enough to meet everybody and have a cup of coffee and a piece of cake. I'd rather jump into Lake Michigan and I can't swim.

Please tell me, Ann, is it proper for a man to attend a party of this kind? I've asked around the shop and not a single guy here has ever done it. I've promised to do as you say, so please think it over and have mercy.—LAMB TO SLAUGHTER

Dear Lamb: If it means so much to Adelle — I say go. It's her way of showing you off to her girlfriends.

This will probably be one of a long list of things you'll be doing to please her, even though it doesn't make any sense to you. If Adelle is a good wife she'll return the favor, time and time again. Welcome to the Club.

Confidential to Worried Parents: Make a pedestrian out of this boy at once. He has demonstrated that he can't be trusted behind the wheel of a car. Tell him privileges entail responsibilities and he hasn't proved he can handle them.

Confidential to Yes Or No: No. There are worse things in life than loneliness and if you marry this liar you'll find out what they are.

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Former Kingsley Field Engineer Dies In North

Word has been received of the March 12 death of Clifford P. Wood of Forest Grove, former electronics engineer at Kingsley Field, at a Hillsboro hospital. Funeral services were conducted March 14 at the Fulton-Friesen Mortuary in Forest Grove.

Born in Oswego, N.Y. Dec. 26, 1901, Wood enlisted in the Navy in 1917 and was awarded the nation's highest military honor, the Congressional Medal, for heroism. After the war he was graduated from Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., with a degree in electrical engineering.

In 1960 he retired after 31 years of government service, the last 10 years as electronics engineer at Kingsley Field with the federal aviation agency. During the next two years he worked for the Congregational Church at Camp Adams, and when his

Tough Ship Heads For Watery Grave

HALIFAX, N.S. (UPI) — The former U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Bear, a tough one-time sealing vessel and icebreaker that defied crumpling ice in 45 Arctic voyages, fell victim today to the stormy Atlantic Ocean.

Royal Canadian Air Force search and rescue headquarters in Halifax said the doughty old ship that twice took Adm. Richard E. Byrd to the Antarctic was sinking about 80 miles south of stormy Cape Sable off the Nova Scotia coast.

The ship, built in 1974, was being towed from Halifax to Philadelphia where it was to be converted into a floating restaurant and museum. It left Halifax Monday under tow by the tug Irving Birch, and ran into heavy seas.

The Air Force and the U.S. Coast Guard said the old vessel, the United States' first icebreaker, was taking water. It was listing heavily to starboard, its foremast was broken, and its tow rope parted.



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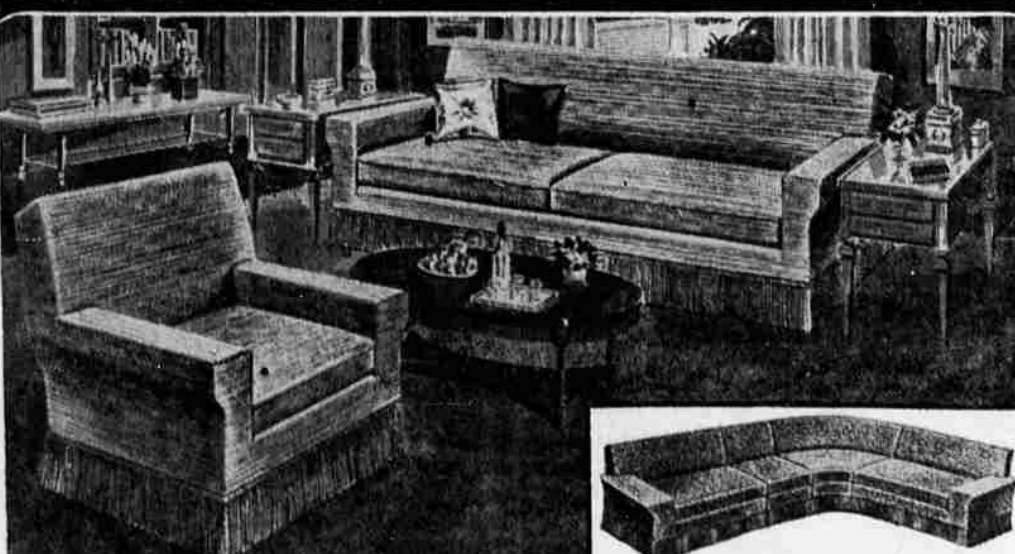
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