



Dear Abby...

I recently met an attractive young woman at one of those cocktail parties where there were about 100 people milling around. She just wandered over and started talking to me. When I realized from her conversation that she was more than casually interested in me, I thought I had better set her straight, and I told her that I was married. She asked, "HAPPILY?" That, in my opinion, was an extremely personal question for one stranger to ask another. What do you think that young woman had in mind?

STRANGER IN UNIFORM

DEAR STRANGER: Some enchanted evening.

DEAR ABBY: Before my birthday an aunt of mine told my mother she was giving me money this year. She sent a money folder, the kind with a hole in it so you can see the picture on the bill. When I opened it, there was nothing inside. Now my mother says I have to write and thank my aunt for the "money." I say it's bad enough to get gyped without having to struggle through a thank-you note for money I never got. I think she should tell my aunt what happened, but she won't. The same thing happened to me two years ago when I graduated from the eighth grade. Another absent-minded relative sent me an empty folder and I had to thank him for it. If I am going to go through life getting empty envelopes, I want to know how to handle it. Mother reads your column, so please set her straight.

GYPPED

DEAR GYPPE: Notify the giver that the money folder was empty when you received it. The mail could have been tampered with and the money removed. Whether it's a theft or absent-mindedness on the part of the person sending the gift, the latter would appreciate being told.

DEAR ABBY: This is in reference to the woman who refused to let her husband go hunting because she thought it was "inhuman." Far more deer die of starvation than ever meet a hunter's bullet. Furthermore, fees from hunting licenses have meant the preservation of many species. I hope you will see fit to publish this in defense of hunters whom some people think of as thrill-seeking savages.

A TENNESSEE HUNTER

Abigail Van Buren

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BANKERS - DISPLAY HOBBIES

What members of the staff of the Mechanics Exchange Savings Bank do when they are off duty is being displayed in an exhibit at the Washington Avenue office of the bank. Mrs. Alice Endres holds a plate of her collection of British Royalty on china being admired by D. Cady Herrick, a bank trustee, who stands behind an exhibit of Early Americana, part of the collection he and Mrs. Herrick have gathered.

Castleton Tenderfoot Spots Unit To Victory in Helderberg Derby

An 11-year-old tenderfoot, who has only been in the Boy Scouts a month, spotted the Raven Patrol of Troop 53, Castleton, to victory in the Klondike goldrush derby.

Billy Vadnais spotted all the observation posts set up on the 4.5-mile course Saturday at Camp Ailen in the Helderberg Mountains for his patrol.

Aided by the sharp eyes of the tenderfoot, the patrol scored 265 points to take first place in the competition.

More than 250 Boy Scouts took part in the derby. Patrols of eight were judged on their ability to perform Scout problems as they pulled a 50-pound sled loaded with equipment and supplies.

300 Spectators

The derby, sponsored by the Fort Orange-Uncle Sam Council of the Boy Scouts, was watched by more than 300 spectators. Scout patrols encountered

seven "towns", named after Alaskan towns, during the "mush" derby and were asked by the "mayors" to complete such tasks as first-aid, cooking, tenting, compass reading and observation.

Tenderfoot Vadnais spotted all five observation posts set up near one of the towns.

Led by his 15-year-old brother John Vadnais, the patrol leader, the Ravens scored 47 more points than the second place

Apache Patrol of Troop 40, Albany.

The Flaming Arrow Patrol of Troop 74, Rensselaer, was third with 221 points.

Robert J. LaCasse of North Greenbush, chairman of the event, said the tenderfoot had done "exceptionally well" on his first major Scouting test.

Other members of the winning patrol were: Chris Martin, Steve Rose, Larry Bollman, Ken Russ, Mike Cory, and Andy Russ.

Fire Razes Tile Plant

A spectacular fire destroyed the three-story Armorit Wall Tile Co. plant at New Lebanon, Columbia County, early yesterday.

No one was injured in the blaze which took firemen nearly four hours to get under control.

State police discovered the fire just before 1 a.m. Volunteer fire companies from West Leb-

anon and New Lebanon battled the blaze through the night. The last fire equipment left the scene at 6:15 a.m.

The building was owned by Robert Wimple of New Lebanon.

There has been no estimate of damage and the cause of fire has not yet been determined.

Ground Water Study At End of First Phase

The first phase of a research project to determine whether ground waters of New York State can be safely replenished by properly treated liquid wastes has been completed, Dr. Hollis S. Ingraham, state health commissioner, said yesterday.

About 800 municipalities in New York use ground waters for their water supply, he said. In Long Island, ground waters are the only supply.

"This study is vital because of the gradual lowering of ground water levels in Long Island and also because salt water from the surrounding ocean could filter into ground water supplies," he said.

Essentially, the experiment seeks to determine which elements in sewage effluent must be removed or modified before waste can be successfully recharged into ground waters by injection wells.

The department has received engineering plans for a pilot plant at the Riverhead, L. I., sewage treatment plant.

A law passed by the Legislature and approved by Governor

Rockefeller in 1964 provided \$30,000 for the research project. About \$7,000 has been spent for the plans, which were prepared by John J. Baffa, consulting engineers. The balance will be used for equipment.



Thruway Audit Aide Once Headed Police

Robert V. Annett, the man who built an efficient State Police patrol on the Thruway as commander of Troop T, now finds himself on the other side of the fence.

When he leaves his home at 1 Kingwood Park, Poughkeepsie, each day to drive along the Thruway to his office at the Thruway's division headquarters in Albany, where he heads the newly formed management audit team, Mr. Annett has to keep a special sharp look out.

35 Years Service

"When I commanded Troop T, I had to make sure the men were on patrol," said Mr. Annett, who has driven more than half-a-million Thruway miles in the past ten years. "Now I not only have to watch out that I comply with the law, I must make sure no one is on my tail."

Mr. Annett, who resigned from the State Police on Jan. 6 after 35 years service, began his new job with the Thruway Authority five days later. He spearheads an intensive day to day program designed to improve services to motorists, guarantee peak employe efficiency and strengthen management of the cross state superhighway system.

He is responsible to Holden A. Evans Jr., of Old Chatham, the newly promoted executive director of the Thruway Authority.

Working on Guidebook

Mr. Annett, who is in his fifties, said he is responsible for systemizing all branches of the Authority's activities and is at present working on a guidebook to assist field workers and employes produce the most efficient service. The guidebook will take another three or four months to complete.

Despite organizing a system to make sure all route signs are kept in good repair or analyzing the payroll system, Mr. Annett will not find his new job too different from his last. One of his tasks is a security investigation of Thruway property the training of employes in internal security.

Diary Dates: Capital District Transport Association meeting in Schenectady at the Hotel Van Curler on Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. Reginald A. Cook, director of plant utilities at G. E. will speak on "What's Ahead for General Electric." . . . An air cargo symposium will be held at Kennedy Airport New York on Feb. 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Tree Limb Kills Man, 82, In Coxsackie

An 82-year-old Coxsackie man was found crushed to death in snow outside his home Saturday, 22 hours after he was last seen leaving his house to cut wood.

The victim, identified as Roscoe J. Carmen, was discovered just before noon yesterday by a neighbor's boy outside Mr. Carmen's home at 161 Mansion Street.

Leeds State Police investigator P. J. Romagnana said Mr. Carmen was found beneath a 27-foot-long tree limb, which he had cut from a ladder.

The man apparently fell or was knocked from the ladder by the limb, police said. Mr. Carmen's chest was crushed.

Greene County Coroner Henry Millsbaugh issued a verdict of accidental death.

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