

ON THE OTHER HAND

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A Chicago Police Department demonstration--showing effective safety measures for women who must travel alone after dark, included a very significant dictum.

In short, the advice was to scream.

Woman and screaming seem to go together, so it may surprise you to find that women must be taught that screaming is an important defensive measure. But it is true.

SOMEHOW, THE day of the screaming woman has passed. And we must relearn the mechanics of screaming. We must become again the fragile, defenseless flowers who scream at the drop of a hat.

Years ago milady would shriek and swoon dramatically because of the sight of blood, hysteria, fury, frustration...fear. Any of these could evoke a piercing, deafening barrage of screams.

But today we live in a cool world. Ladies have become increasingly independent. They have become more and more self-reliant, more and more aghast at the idea of not being "cool." That is, aghast at the idea of causing a scene unnecessarily.

Smoke filters from a back room. Does the lady scream? No, she goes to investigate.

A man approaches her on a dark, deserted street. Does she scream? No. She may cross to the other side. She may walk down the middle of the street. She may watch him warily. But she won't scream until she's sure she is in danger. And by then, it is very often too late.

RECENTLY A milling crowd at an athletic event started down a ramp toward an exit with a pace that knocked a lad on crutches to the ground. Those close to the boy stepped over him or around him. Some fell on him. The incident was reaching critical proportions when finally someone shouted, "Wait a minute! We're getting trampled down here."

Only then did the throng pause long enough to remedy the situation. The boy was helped to his feet and went on his way. The crowd continued its exit in an orderly fashion.

Had no one shouted, severe injuries might have resulted. Fortunately, someone did. But the shout should have come sooner. It should have come from those near the cripple boy... in time to keep him from losing his balance.

Like the lady who waits to investigate before shouting her alarm, the man or woman who sees potential danger and keeps quiet until certain, may often find that when you're certain, it may be too late.

It may not be cool to shout before you're certain. But on the other hand, it may be a certain way of saving your life.

Adult Education Graduation



Shown above are graduates of Clark County School District's Basic Adult Education Classes at their spring graduation exercises held April 18, at Madison Elementary School... Project Director Theron Goynes (shown presenting certificate to a graduate) expressed himself as being extremely pleased with the spring semester enrollment. A total of 117 adults enrolled for a total of 81 hours of instruction in Arithmetic, Language, Reading, Language Arts, and Social Studies.

In photo left, Project Director Goynes is pictured as he and faculty instructor W. C. Campbell (right) present certificates for outstanding achievement to Mrs. Leona Calhoun and Mrs. Lela Wills for completing a second semester of the Basic Adult Education Program. Both ladies are missionaries of the Church of God in Christ and have announced their intention of enrolling again in the September classes... Theron Goynes and Project Counselor Robert Cooper along with faculty members of the project are hoping that every adult who has not completed the eighth grade in school will take advantage of the opportunity these adult education classes offer and will enroll in the fall semester of the school program.

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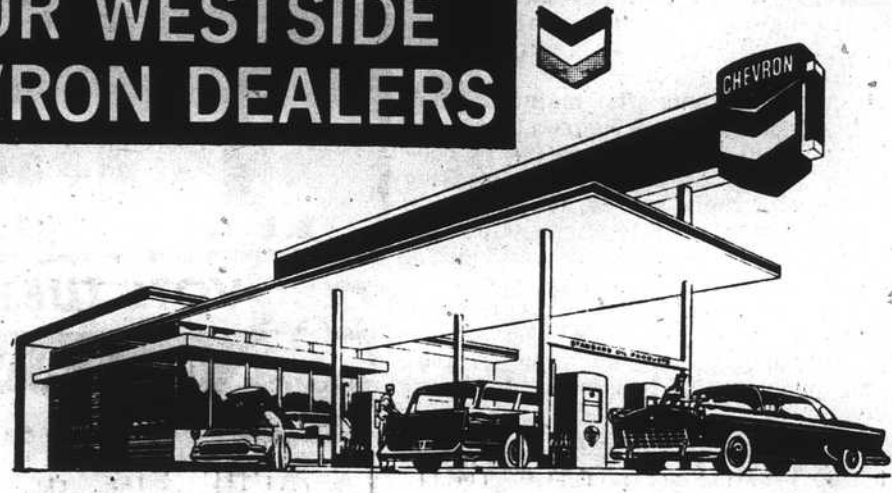
Mrs. Margeret J. Simmons, teacher in Clark County for five years, currently employed at C.V.T. Gilbert Elementary School in North Las Vegas, Nev., resigned recently to become a special education teacher in Kingston, New York City School System. She holds a B.A. degree from Shaw University and a M.A. degree from Teachers College, Columbia University in New York City.

MRS. SIMMONS has been very active in organizations and in community work. In 1966, Governor Grant Sawyer appointed her to the State Committee of Youth Awards for Bravery and Service. She is presently area representative of the American Association of University Women, a member of the N.E.A. and the A.F.T. She was a board member of the North Las Vegas Democratic Club in 1965, was elected as treasurer of this club for two years, 1966 and 1967.

In 1966, she was chairman of the North Las Vegas Westside March of Dimes. Mrs. Simmons is a member of Zion Methodist Church where she was director of the Children's Speech for two years, and is now chairman of the Commission of Family Life.

This active lady is a native of Raleigh, North Carolina. She is married to Anderson D. Simmons, a barber, and the mother of one daughter, Ruth Andrea Simmons, a fourth grader at the Las Vegas Day School.

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