

ON THE OTHER HAND

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Some people love misery.

You have to come to that conclusion, for what else can you say when you see a sensible, charming friend...deeply involved with a shallow roue who brings her sleepless nights and endless days of worry?

WHAT ELSE can you say when you see a clean cut, stable fellow employee developing a chronic shuffle with bowed head and angry grimace...because his married girl friend nags and tortures and teases. She is rarely available when he wants her most, and she always needs more money than he feels he can afford. Some people just naturally love misery. That's the truth!

Dr. Edmund Bergler, the psychoanalyst who authored "Divorce Won't Help," explains it this way:

"Difficult though it may be to believe, there are people--millions of them--who are perpetual 'injustice-collectors.' They constantly bring about situations in which they will be unjustly treated. They are not aware that their hurts and punishments are self-imposed. But viewed analytically, these people turn out to be gluttons for punishment."

Dr. Bergler claims that this need is unconscious. He says "Divorce Won't Help" because the persons seeking to get out of unhappy situations are so neurotic that they will soon involve themselves in other unhappy situations.

FROM YOUR personal observation, would you say that this seems valid? Well, if it does, then you might try passing the word along.

When you encounter a sensible, charming friend, or a clean-cut stable co-worker...bemoaning his or her unhappy fate, take the time to clarify the situation.

Tell your friend that his unconscious is secretly ecstatic.

Tell him that what he wants most in the world is to be mistreated. Tell him to stop kidding himself and go ahead and enjoy his misery.

Quote Dr. Bergler: "What appears in consciousness is never an unconscious wish directly expressed, but only the inner defense against that wish."

Explain that, when you bemoan being mistreated, you are just fighting against an unconscious need for misery.

OF COURSE this only works with neurotics who have this particular affliction, but then, a normal person would go ahead and cut loose without all that moaning and groaning, wouldn't he?

So do your neurotic friends a favor. If he accepts your view, you may have prevented mayhem and murder.

Frankie never would have shot Johnnie if she had had all the facts. Would you shoot somebody for doing what you want them to do?

Oh, well!

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More School Jr. Human Relations Groups Desired

Following the initial meeting of Dr. James I. Mason, Superintendent, Clark County School District, and members of his Executive Cabinet, with M. William Deutsch, Chairman, Southern Nevada Human Relations Commission, and members of the Commission, a second session was held at the Clark County School District, 2832 East Flamingo Road, this past week.

At the invitation of Dr. Henry C. Bozarth, Area Administrator, Western Zone, Frank Gar-side Jr. High Principal Hal Fincher and Asst. Principal Marshall Darnell, Robert O. Gibson Jr. High Principal Niles Bailes and Asst. Principal Morieo Monaco, Western High Principal Theron Swainston met with SNHRC Commissioner Jack Dailey, who is also Principal of C.V.T. Gilbert Elementary School, Michael Dawson, Executive Secretary, S.N.H.R.C. and Valley High students Paula McDonald and Butch Edwards, members of the school's Junior Human Relations Commission.

DR. BOZARTH opened the meeting to a discussion regarding the objectives which must be met so that operative organizations can be

formed in the schools to meet these objectives. He noted that the method of involvement in the schools was of great importance. Differences in the needs of individual schools resulting from geographical location were outlined by the school principals. Dailey and the two Valley High students answered questions regarding the actual innovation and development of Junior Human Relations Commissions according to their experiences at Valley.

After the meeting Dr. Bozarth said the value of Junior Commissions in the schools was evident. Efforts will be made to establish them in other zone areas of the school district in accordance with Dr. Mason's Policy And Action Plan.

TEEN-AGE MATINEE

Doolittle Recreation Center will sponsor a Matinee Teen-Age Dance, Sunday afternoon at the Doolittle Center from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Live music will be furnished for the dance, and refreshments will be served to Teen-Agers only.

24 Hour Aid For Youths

NEW YORK - (NPI)-The Urban League has opened an around-the-clock legal service for Harlem youths designed to help them stay out of trouble.

The office's main purpose is to help youths involved in the Urban League's Street Academy program who are arrested, said Donald Washington, legal coordinator. But any youth having difficulties with the law will be able to use the service.

"Too many of the kids don't know about bail and their rights when they are arrested," said Washington. "We want to be close where we can help them and let the judge know that they are involved in something meaningful."

"LOYAL AND SUPERIOR TEACHER"



TEACHER OF THE MONTH--Claude H. Parson, left, Industrial Arts teacher at Roy W. Martin Junior High School, receives Las Vegas Rotary Club's Teacher of the Month Award from Charles A. Fleming, chairman of the award committee for the club. Parson is the first teacher to receive the award in the current school year.

The Las Vegas Rotary Club will honor a man who came here as an airman and decided he wanted to stay and teach, when it makes its first "Teacher of the Month" award tonight Thursday, Sept. 28.

The award goes to Claude H. Parson, an industrial arts teacher at Roy W. Martin Junior High for the past seven years, in recognition of his devotion to his profession, and contributions to the community.

WHEN PARSON first came to Clark County he was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base and thought he was going to make a career as a carpenter, a field in which he had received his training at a trade school in his native New York. Then he met his wife Stella, who was a teacher in Clark County schools, decided to enter the field of education, and went back to college.

Parson is described by his principal, Bruce Miller, as "a loyal and superior teacher in every category."

"He is easy to work with and considered by the administration as a fine teacher and a fine gentleman," Miller said.

Parson, 39, holds a B.A. degree from State University of New York at Oswego, and an M.A. degree from Arizona State University. He taught for four years--from 1955 to 1959--at Madison Elementary School, then moved to Roy W. Martin Junior High where he taught mathematics for a year before taking the industrial arts assignment.

In recommending Parson for "Teacher of the Month" honors, Miller paid tribute to the teacher's leadership role of faculty council and department leader, and to his willingness to "do that extra thing for the school without question."

Parson and his wife, who has taught at Matt Kelly Elementary School for 14 years, live at 415 Beth Circle in North Las Vegas. They have three children: Jackie, 11; Naeda, 7; and Claude Jr., 6.

PARSON HAS been active in professional organizations as a member of the National Education Association, the Nevada State Education Association, and the Clark County Classroom Teachers Association. He is also a member of Phi Delta Kappa and a life member of the P-TA.

Parson has also taken an active interest in community affairs. He is pastor of Vegas View Church of God in Christ, located in North Las Vegas, is a member of the NAACP, and is active in OEO Poverty Program arrais as a member of the North Las Vegas Neighborhood Council.

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