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All Africa is one family. If, as a leader of government or as an official of government or local council administration, you allow your own parents to starve, what will people think of you? Leaders and officials of government must look on the old as being, in some sense, their own parents; parents of all of us.

DRUM appeals to all governments to take immediate steps to ensure that pensioners get the full rewards of their labours. This appeal is not in respect of some of the new generation of pensioners — those retired from public service because of their misdeeds.

Some of these new pensioners have more money than they can reasonably explain. Some are public enemies who have been shown the way out of the service in the interest of the public.

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DRUM appeals to those in positions of power to make it their duty to see that pensioners are paid promptly every month.

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of unwanted pregnancy.

Some women now is, when the  
doctor to approach the  
doctor for directions to  
the place who is good at procur-  
ing abortions.

Some women make a mistake to get  
married to that first. Now I've  
got a better headed man and  
I'm going to abort this live and  
unwanted pregnancy," were  
the words of a female  
student during a break time  
with her friend.

Some women once told of  
getting rid of a six months  
pregnancy so that she could go  
to her husband studying  
in the USA.

Some women of young women go  
to doctors for a D and C  
(Dilator and curette) as fre-  
quently as four or five times in  
a year are very common.

Some women recently  
married to a man who  
is not pregnant next. She  
is getting increasing  
worried about her past  
abortion. According to her, she  
has had abortions five times in  
her life.



**'So, what's wrong with it?'**

The modern woman in Nigeria thinks nothing these days of having abortions as often as necessary, it seems. Attractive staff nurse, Miss Muyibat Taiwo's reaction, above, was typical of those interviewed in this DRUM survey. Nelson Bankole reports on the trend.

Some men who are really in love with their women and want to have children by them have sometimes had to beg the women to be patient and deliver the babies, because there have often been instances of women who just terminate their pregnancies as a result of minor quarrels with their men.

**She didn't want to wear maternity dresses during the Christmas celebrations. So she aborted her three months' pregnancy**

A middle-aged staff nurse some time ago told the story of how she once aborted a three-month-old pregnancy two weeks to Christmas because she didn't want to wear maternity dresses while other women were having all the fun at Christmas.

Her friend told a similar story of how she went to a doctor to get rid of a two-month pregnancy. The reason? To punish her husband because she caught another woman in his car.

Women nowadays just procure abortions for no serious reason and they do not think they are doing anything serious. What used to be a shameful and abominable act has now been reduced to a plaything.

Experience has shown that oral contraceptives sometimes fail and since sex now means more than just bringing children into the world abortion has become the only answer to avoid unwanted children.

Previously, the argument used to be whether or not the government should legalise abortion. Now people don't care whether it is made legal or not. They do it and talk about it freely.

Nearly all the people who talked in DRUM did not see anything wrong in terminating unwanted pregnancies provided the exercise was done by competent hands.

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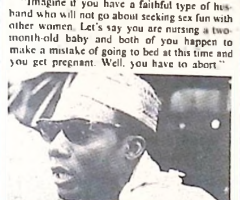


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**Law Bickarsh, businesswoman:**  
 "I should stop deceiving myself by going lightly to the old belief that abortion is easy. Morals sometimes conflict with practical demands. When you are pregnant and you don't want it, go and wash it off.  
 "How can you blame a man who has just lost sight of his desires to take his pregnant wife to court to terminate the pregnancy? He is just being realistic because he does not want to injure himself."

**Allaji Aminu Danjuma, businessman:**  
 "Temptation to have sex at regular periods is so great now that abortion has become an inevitable thing to do at one stage or another in the life of a complete woman.  
 "Imagine if you have a faithful type of husband who will not go about seeking sex fun with other women. Let's say you are nursing a two-month-old baby and both of you happen to make a mistake of going to bed at this time and you get pregnant. Well, you have to abort."



**Miss Lynn Danisa, hair stylist:**  
 "Religious bigots, hypocrites and people who do not know and don't care to know can say whatever they like. But the truth is that abortion is a necessary thing at times.  
 "Although I have never done it, I believe people who have done it had their reasons. Doctors sometimes promote abortion for some women to save their lives. Economic reasons at times could compel a woman to procure an abortion — and what's wrong in that?"

**Ms. Yemi Adedokun, caterer:**  
 "I cannot see anything wrong in terminating a pregnancy if you and your man know fully well that having a child at a particular time will ruin your economic position.  
 "The type of abortion which I will not condone is that one done outside the clinic of a qualified obstetrician. Some women, out of ignorance, take poisons, ogogoro and all sorts of poisonous substances to procure abortions. This is suicide and dangerous."



**Mrs. Mayhellen Adeyemi, beautician:**  
 "Undergoing an operation to get rid of a pregnancy which one does not want is most reasonable. Many women have given birth to children without the means of taking good care of them. I think it is a callous thing to bring a child into the world and let it suffer.  
 "As much as possible it is better to avoid an unwanted pregnancy through the use of contraceptives, family planning methods and having sex during safe periods."

**Wilki Mno, transporter:**  
 "It is so easy now to avoid shame and heart-ache through unwanted pregnancies. Once you realize that you are pregnant against your will, just go and raise money and run to one of those doctors in the town and get rid of the disturbing thing in you.  
 "Unfortunately, many people just condemn things without considering the fact that it is sometimes necessary."



**Miss Mayibat Taiwo, staff nurse:**  
 "What's wrong in abortion? Only a foolish woman will subject herself to the shame of having to carry a ridiculous pregnancy when nearly all the doctors in town are abortion specialists.  
 "I do not believe any period is safe and since almost all contraceptives either fail or produce unpleasant side effects, you just have to get rid of the pregnancy if you do not want it.  
 "It is not natural to abstain from sex as a guide against getting pregnant."

**Mrs. Theresa Tiwo, housewife:**  
 "Some women are so reckless at the rate they procure abortion. They do it too frequently as if it has no after effects. I think this is dangerous.  
 "The reasons why many women find it difficult to get pregnant or have frequent miscarriage could be traced to the previous abortions they had in their days as spinsters.  
 "While I do not object to abortion when necessary, I think it should not be done too often."



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# Luscious Lynn from Yola



THE accolades came thick and fast when we ran this picture on our October issue cover. Who was she? What was her name? It seemed that half of Africa wanted to know — and the other half was probably jealous.

Well, in answer to the many requests, we can now reveal that Miss October cover girl is Miss Lynn Dann, from Yola, in North Eastern State. Lovely Lynn is a popular professional hairdresser in Lagos who has won many fans among her clients at Lynn Hair Dressing Salon. Her

likes are: going to the cinema, horse-racing, pop music and swimming. DRUM caught her at the beach and then followed her to her salon for these stunning pictures.

Lynn would like to be a mother like most modern misses, but she would want a family of only two children. Her figure? It's the envy of most women, and Lynn says she doesn't have to diet to keep it that way. "Just eat good food," she says. "It keeps me fit and happy."

The pictures are by Abim Oladejo





IGNATIUS Lawrence Ohene-Djan. He beat to death a man held by neighbours as a thief, and admitted to manslaughter.

# BLOOD ON HIS HANDS

When a doctor of law was charged at the Accra High Court with the fatal murder of a man he apprehended as a thief, few Ghanaians realised the discussions of the dramatic court case which would follow. The story of Dr. Ohene-Djan's trial was one of two incidents most Ghanaians are unlikely to forget. UM's Joe Mensah reports.

**O**F ALL the murders that have got to the courts in Ghana in recent years, perhaps the most brutal was the one committed by Dr. Ignatius Lawrence Ohene-Djan, a prominent Sunyani lawyer, and Mr. Johnson Kwabena Adu Yeboah, a welfare officer of the Ghana Teaching Service. Both originally denied the charge of murder of an unidentified person.

The trial itself will feature in Ghana's legal history as the shortest — it lasted only seven days, thanks to Dr. Ohene-Djan's lawyers' mastery of the law — and most dramatic, because of the very unexpected

and the sudden turn of events when Dr. Ohene-Djan decided to change his plea of "not guilty of murder" to a plea of "guilty of manslaughter".

It was also a controversial trial because the vast majority of Ghanaians did not appear to understand what the law was all about.

Dr. Ohene-Djan is no ordinary Ghanaian. He is an eminent lawyer, a Doctor of Law, and until his arrest he commanded great respect among his colleagues in the legal field, and the members of the society in which he lived.

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esided over by Mr. Justice A. E. Amisah, an Appeal court Judge — which tried Dr. Ohene-Djan and Adu Yeboah.

By 10pm on April 24, most of the residents of Sunyani had gone to bed. But Miss Theresa Pomaa, a hairdresser, was waiting near the old Sunyani post office for a lorry to take her to her home a few miles from Sunyani. Dr. Ohene-Djan drove by in his car, saw her, stopped and picked up Miss Pomaa. Dr. Ohene-Djan asked Miss Pomaa to spend the night with him and to go home the next morning.

At the Ohene-Djans, they went to bed. About 11.20 they heard shouts of "thief! thief!" People in the vicinity woke up. Dr. Ohene-Djan was one of them. He got out of bed, put on a pair of white shorts and dashed out to see what the commotion was about. He returned to the room a few minutes later, collected some sisal rope, picked up a double-barrel gun, and rushed out again. By this time the "thief" had been grabbed and was being beaten.

**Blood soaked  
the floor**

According to Miss Pomaa, Dr. Ohene-Djan ordered that the "thief" should be brought in.

At the door mouth of Dr. Ohene-Djan's room, on the enclosed veranda, Dr. Ohene-Djan and Adu Yeboah, according to the prosecution, tied the hands and the legs of the "thief" like a pig. Then the man was mercilessly beaten with stick and cudgel! He was seriously hurt and blood soaked the floor of the veranda where he lay in agony, whimpering for mercy.

He was then dragged on to the rough laterite road surface to the street, where he was left to die. The body was discovered the next morning.

The court was further told that as the man was being dragged along, Dr. Ohene-Djan dashed to a nearby house where he picked up a piece of wood. With this object in one hand and his gun in the other, he pounded the man, battering his face beyond recognition, and

smashing the man's ribs with the butt of his gun.

Nineteen witnesses called by the prosecution narrated what they saw on the night of the brutal murder. Mr. Osei Akyeampong, a lawyer and one of the prosecution witnesses, told the court that Dr. Ohene-Djan, his friend for the past 25 years, smashed the ribs of the alleged thief. He said Adu Yeboah, the second accused, told him of how he waylaid a thief on the night of April 24, on a plantain farm.

When Adu Yeboah booted the thief a struggle ensued and people from the vicinity, including Dr. Ohene-Djan, came to help overpower the "thief".

Why had he not told everything to the police? Mr. Akyeampong said that because of his friendship with Dr. Ohene-Djan he did not want to play a leading role in his prosecution.

Miss Pomaa told the court that while she was in bed she heard Dr. Ohene-Djan telling some people that they should send the thief to the police station, but this was after the man had been beaten.

Madame Agnes Kyeremaa, another prosecution witness, said that on the night in question she saw Dr. Ohene-Djan hit a man — whose hands and legs were tied with sisal rope — with a pestle. She said when she saw the battered face of the man she screamed: "Ah! is that the face of a son of man?" She heard profusely from his wounds, plead: "Master! Master! I beg you leave me, all my legs are broken."

Kwaku Grunshie, Dr. Ohene-Djan's houseboy, corroborated the evidence of the witnesses before him. He revealed that Dr. Ohene-Djan brought water and the night watchman he scrubbed the man's blood off the floor, while his master stood by giving instructions.

One prosecution witness, Mr. A. E. P. Addo, a Sunyani A. E. P. Addo, a Sunyani circuit court registrar, told the court that he dropped the hint that led to the arrest of Dr. Ohene-Djan. He said in his evidence that on the night of the crime when he heard shouts of "thief! thief!" and came out of his room, he heard people saying that two of the thieves had run down the cemetery road. He later saw a crowd beating a man in front of Dr. Ohene-Djan's house. Among the crowd he recognised Adu Yeboah, and "someone" like lawyer Akyeampong; and



HOW an artist sees the attack by Ohene-Djan and Adu Yeboah on the victim

Attafua. Dr. Ohene-Djan's driver friend.

Mr. Addo called his wife to come and see what was happening, and when she came out he told her that somebody was being killed.

Mr. Addo, who said his wife prevailed upon him not to go to the scene, told the court that he went back to his room for water. When he returned he saw about four people scrubbing the floor where the beating had taken place.

During cross examination, Mr. Tawia Adamafio, one of the counsel for Dr. Ohene-Djan, asked Mr. Addo: "You said when you came out you saw someone was being killed?"

Mr. Addo: Yes, my lord. "As a court registrar involved in the administration of justice what did you do when

you saw what was happening?"

"I wanted to go but my wife held me back. However, I conducted my own investigation. I sent my bailiff to lure Dr. Ohene-Djan to my place, saying that he had a trunk call. Later, when I saw Dr. Ohene-Djan at the bar in the court, I wept.

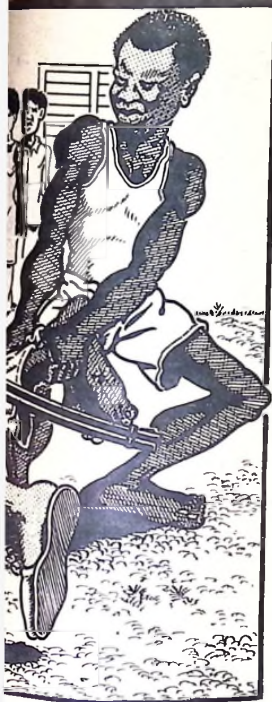
"I told the police that if they wanted to solve the murder problem they should arrest Dr. Ohene-Djan, Adu Yeboah, Attafua and Akyeampong.

Dr. I. S. Ephson, counsel for Adu Yeboah: What special characteristics does Adu Yeboah have which made you distinguish him from the crowd?"

Mr. Addo replied that he knew Adu Yeboah very well, and that the moon was up. He saw four people — Dr. Ohene-

Djan was standing by Adu Yeboah and he scrubbing the floor. Judge: Can you identify other men? Judge: No, my lord. Judge: Did you see a small boy looking for a small boy of the name Ohene-Djan's houseboy? Professor: Ohene-Djan's houseboy, pathologist Christian, pathologist who carried the decedent to the court for autopsy on the victim's upper jaw. Narrating the body parts of the body was left. The night forensic report of the

**The alleged thief**



earlier entered the court cells, obviously for consultations with their clients. On their return they were accompanied by the Director of Public Prosecutions, and together they entered the chambers of the presiding judge.

They came back and had another *tee-a-tee* on the veranda of the court. Shortly after, the judge resumed his seat. To the obvious utter surprise of the crowd who had been anxiously waiting for the defence to open their case, Mr. Tawia Adamafio got up and said:

*"My Lord Judge, the defence after the adjournment yesterday held a long discussion with our leader and the first accused, and we want to bring ourselves within the provisions of Section 219 sub-section 2 of the Criminal Procedure Code 1960 (Act 30) and my learned friend, Mr. Tsegah will read the relevant portion."*

Mr. Tsegah read the portion, which says: "Where an accused person is arraigned on an indictment for any offence and can lawfully be convicted on the indictment of some other offence not charged in the indictment he may plead 'not guilty' of the offence charged in the indictment and 'guilty' of the offence and upon the plea of 'guilty', the court may with the consent of the prosecution acquit the accused of the offence which he is charged with and record the plea of guilty to the other offence."

Mr. Adamafio was up again on his feet. He said: "My Lord, we are suggesting a plea of guilty to the offence of manslaughter in respect of the first accused." (Dr. Ohene-Djan.)

This sudden turn of events was dramatic. It is a little legal device in Ghana.

Mr. Justice Amissh asked Dr. Ephson whether he had anything to say.

Dr. Ephson: "I certainly associate myself with what my learned friend said. But intensive consultation with my client, he says he will like to fight on, I, however, ask adjournment until tomorrow to enable me to have further consultation with my client."

Mr. Gyekye Dako, the DPP then told the court that if second accused wanted to on, they would meet squarely. On the first accused plea, he would have to con-

while similar found at the t and the sole of He detected a high edges from 2 left eye down ding check. be tip of the fractured, and the nose were fractured were on the left and a gradual the body, with off. The body blood, because tal organs and black due to The cause of Christian's shock and multiple injuries. amination by mafio, counsel ceused, Prof. the cuts and

bruises on the body could have been caused by great mob violence.

In answer to Mr. Gyekye Dako, the Director of Public Prosecutions, Prof. Christian said a pistol and a butt of a gun could have been the cause of some of the injuries on the body he examined. The injuries could also have been caused by one person if the victim's legs and hands had been tied.

Replying to a question by Mr. Justice Amissh, the professor said the bruises and burns on the body could also have been caused by the body being dragged.

Counsel for the defence asked for an adjournment in order to consult their clients.

Three of the defence counsel — Mr. Tawia Adamafio and Mr. S. A. X. Tsegah for Dr. Ohene-Djan; and Dr. I. S. Ephson for Adu Yeboah — had

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will recently the great  
 form of ways in which  
 sexual activity is expressed  
 was neatly divided  
 into "normal" and "abnormal".  
 with seeking divorce might  
 lead that her husband made  
 moral demands".

She could mean anything  
 from asking her to beat him, to  
 insisting on wearing a woman's  
 outfit during intercourse.  
 It is often than is generally  
 realized it might be a preference  
 for anal intercourse (buggery).  
 Almost every kind of sexual  
 behaviour condemned by some  
 moral codes as abnormal or  
 deviant is tolerated by other  
 societies. There have been  
 attempts to regulate the position  
 adopted in intercourse. Even to  
 have intercourse in a state of  
 nudity has been called  
 "zouave".

Now, there is a growing  
 impression that the old labels of  
 "normal" and "abnormal" are  
 much too simple to apply to  
 such a complex field.

We have to distinguish  
 between what deviates from  
 social customs and what is a  
 symptom of psychological dis-  
 order. Even so, nobody is com-  
 monly "normal".

Everyone is a fetishist to  
 some extent. A fetish is any ob-  
 ject which triggers off sexual ex-  
 citement. A photograph, a  
 perfume bottle, a special perfume  
 star memories that

# Sex and You

can stimulate sexual desire.

There are cases of men who  
 can only be stimulated by a  
 partner with a physical defect  
 — a cripple, a hunchback, a  
 one-legged woman. One man  
 was so obsessed by the image of  
 a limping girl that he roamed  
 the streets searching for one to  
 satisfy his craving.

Foot and shoe fetishists are

## Deviations that make up the sex spectrum

amply catered for in porno-  
 graphic literature. They have  
 been known to steal shoes left  
 outside hotel bedrooms.

Furs, velvet, silk, rubber —  
 almost anything — can become  
 a fetish. If it serves as a  
 stimulus to sexual desire it is  
 only technically a "deviation".

But sometimes the fetish is an  
 end in itself.

The man who steals shoes or  
 ladies' underwear and hoards  
 them in his room may not  
 want any other satisfaction.

Fetishism is a component in  
 transvestism — the desire to  
 dress as a member of the op-  
 posite sex.

There are countless cases of  
 men who have an urge to dress

as a woman during intercourse.  
 If the partner can accept it as  
 no more than an eccentricity, it  
 is harmless enough. There is  
 probably an element of uncon-  
 scious homosexuality, but  
 not to such a degree that the  
 man prefers inversion.

Transvestism should not be  
 confused with trans-sexualism.  
 Cross-dressing is merely an oc-  
 casional masquerade; but the  
 trans-sexual is not content to  
 look like a woman, he wants to  
 BE a woman.

He has no wish to remain a  
 man or function sexually as  
 one. He has normal male  
 organs but psychologically he  
 identifies himself as a woman.  
 In most of the cases that have  
 been studied, this mixed-up state  
 of mind is due more to con-  
 ditioning in childhood than to  
 genetic constitution. Very often  
 the mother has wanted a girl  
 and dressed her baby son as a  
 girl, ostensibly "for fun". And  
 with an absent or weak father,  
 the boy has had no male figure  
 with whom to identify.

To speak of a man "changing  
 sex" is misleading. Genetically,  
 the trans-sexual would still be  
 male. If he "marries" the  
 relationship is homosexual, but  
 there is an important difference.

The true homosexual knows  
 he is a man and ACCEPTS it.  
 He also accepts that he is a



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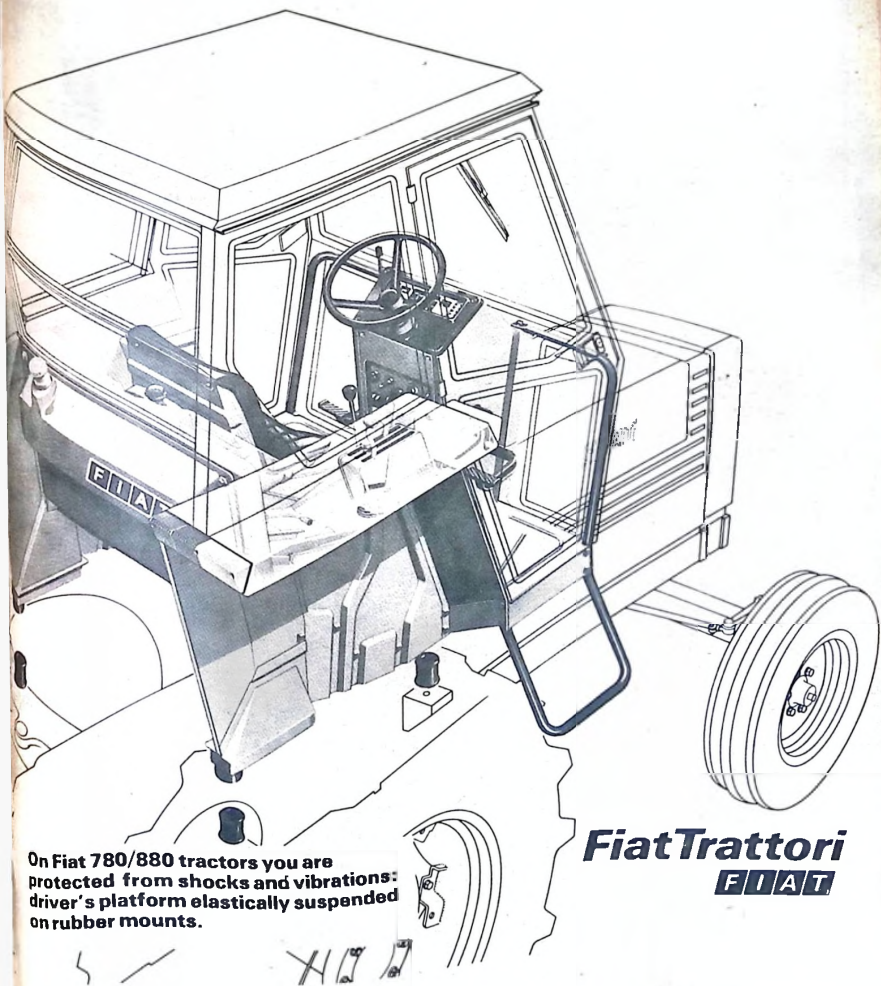
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## Fetishes from infancy

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homosexual. But the transsexual vehemently denies that he is a homosexual and does not FEEL like one.

Sado-masochism used to be described as a "perversion", but the loaded term is now restricted to the more extreme, pathological manifestations. It is a matter of degree. A sadist finds pleasure in causing pain; a masochist finds pleasure in submitting to pain. This can be as mild as a love bite or as severe as flagellation.

One explanation is that the aggressive instinct, in itself a valuable defence mechanism, becomes fused with the sex instinct. Many mammals bite and scratch during mating, sometimes inflicting deep wounds in a veritable battle.

Dr Alfred Kinsey, the American sex researcher, described the slapping, scratching and biting at the peak of arousal by humans. In some cases, fortunately rare, the aggression becomes so overwhelming that it can create the sexual murderer.

There is an element of aggression or sado-masochism in buggery, whether homosex-

ual or heterosexual. The passive partner derives some pleasure from the proximity of the nerves to the genitalia, as well as the masochistic satisfaction of submission.

There are still more bizarre deviations of the normal biological instinct. Necrophilia, or intercourse with a corpse, sometimes occurs in war conditions and mortuaries, but is very rare.

Among the commoner deviations are frotteurism, voyeurism and exhibitionism. Frotteurism is the pleasure of friction. For example, a girl complains that in a crowded train a man rubbed himself against her quite deliberately. It is hard to prove but it undoubtedly occurs and is often associated with buttock fetishism.

Voyeurism and exhibitionism are opposite sides of the same coin. The voyeur, or Peeping Tom, spies on women undressing, or lurks in a lovers' lane to watch couples having intercourse.

The exhibitionist exposes himself in public. Sometimes a respected citizen, he displays his genitals to a woman passer-by.

He may urinate. Like the voyeur he is a sadly frustrated man, because the normal sex drive has been driven into this unusual channel.

Is there any single explana-

tion of this incredible range of sexual deviation? Possibly not, though it is pretty certain that even the most grotesque compulsions have their roots in early experiences. They stem from infantile pleasures which are outgrown by most people.

An infant is fascinated by his simple natural functions, but for an adult to be obsessed by this is a deviation. His body has matured, but his emotions are still fixed in an infantile groove.

Such urges to report emotional patterns of childhood are universal. When the adult sex drive is blocked it flows back and finds another outlet at an earlier level of development when pleasurable sensations were derived solely from touching, smelling and sucking. The tie with the mother may be so strong that the break is never made and sex with another woman is so distasteful that substitutes are sought.

There are so many different forms of deviation that a brief summary can only indicate some of the main factors. They fall into two broad classes — those that stimulate desire for intercourse and those that are substitutes for intercourse.

Either category may contain anti-social acts — assault, rape, cruelty and theft — but the minor deviations are often less more than eccentric forms of love play.



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**THE TEMPREES**  
**Three (Pye)**  
 The Temprees are a three-piece vocal harmony band. They have attained a balance of sound beyond the abilities of many other groups and the album contains many very pleasant songs with distinctive, catchy riffs and tunes, like *Mr. Cool But That Ain't Cool*, *The Whole Bit of Love*, and *Come and Get Your Love*. But none of them remain in the mind.

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**SONNY STITT/OSCAR PETERSON**  
**Stittin' In (Verve)**  
 There is a word to describe the music on this double album. It is great, bluesy and it moves, and the word is Groovy. When it's after hours, and you're tuned to the beat, and you want a record to put a crown on a great night, this is it!

The record is mainly saxman Stitt's. He has always had to live under the shadow of Charlie Parker, as in many ways their styles are similar. On *Cleveland Blues* Stitt comes on like Parker in the famous *Slim* *Slim* *Blues*. But Stitt is altogether lighter — stabbidancing, singing, where Parker would be delivering a wall of agony impossible to catch in words.

Yet Parker's depth of feeling is here — strangely, not in the alto playing of his disciple Stitt, but in the scaring trumpet of Roy Eldridge. The sheer pas-

son of Roy's blowing might put your hip to the test. Oscar Peterson, Ray Brown and Stan Levey (drums) make a flaring heat that keeps the session on the boil all the time on Vol. One which is an all-time classic of its kind. Vol. Two, on which Stitt blows alone with rhythm section, tenor on one side, is also very good indeed.

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**FLIP PHILLIPS**  
**Flip (Verve)**  
 Flip Phillips is a classic illustration of the dangers of over-exposure. As a member of Norman Granz's "Jazz at the Philharmonic" touring concert team he gained notoriety as a rabble rouser. Night after night he would drive crowds into frenzies with his frantic renditions of *Pardido*, and wild sax battles with Illinois Jacquet.

Both have paid for it. They were treated with some scorn by critics, and records made under their own names have been relatively few.

This record shows that Phillips is a true giant among saxmen. His approach is straight-forward and swinging, and his phrasing is subtle and melodic. He is one of those musicians whose authority and personality are unmistakable from the first note.

He plays here with a variety of groups and musicians, including the bop trumpeter Howard McGhee. The Phillips tenor is dominant, and all the tracks are excellent.

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**ESTHER PHILLIPS**  
**With Beek (Kudu)**  
 Esther Phillips is a blues singer from Texas with one of those voices you recognise instantly. Although this is only her second album release she has spent many years working on her own personal sound.

What a Difference a Day Makes. From this album, has been launched as her first single release, and it's an international chart success — understandably. It is a fast moving, funky sound with a soulful blend of

vocals and a nice solo from the album's arranger and lead guitarist, Joe Beck, who also contributes effectively to *One Night Affair*.

Side Two deals more with the blues sound, listen to *Turn Around, Look at Me* and *I Can Stand a Little Rain*. Very well put together, this album is sure to give pleasure.

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**THE OSMONDS**  
**I'm Still Gonna Need You (MGM)**  
 Great stuff from the Osmonds — if you're a fan. There are ten tracks on this album, some of which have already been hits and some which haven't. They include *Kind Woman* that a Man Wants, *Take Love if Ever You Find Love* and *The Last Day is Coming*.

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**JOE BECK**  
**Beck (Kudu)**  
 Joe Beck is a guitarist with a relaxed, clean sound which makes him easy to listen to, and on the Esther Phillips album already mentioned his work is of a high standard.

However, despite some good tracks like *Star Fire*, *Cactus*, and *Red Eye*, all enveloped by excellent alto sax solos, all the tracks on this album are very similar in overall style and sound. Solos are evenly divided between David Sanborn on alto sax and Beck on guitar.

Unfortunately, excitement and interest are two ingredients that are missing. Maybe some vocals would have given this album just that extra something.

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**VAN MCCOY & THE SOUL CITY SYMPHONY**  
**Disco Baby (Avea)**  
 A soulful sensation from the sleeve to the last number, Producers Hugo and Luigi were prompted to compliment McCoy's "refreshing and creative musical talent" and it's no exaggeration. This is funky stuff right the way from *Disco Baby* through the next nine numbers. Helping to back up in the vocals are Brenda Hillard and Albert Bailey and there is a string of talent providing the mind-blowing

stuff Best in my book: *The Hunkie, Get Dancin'*, *Tara this Boogie*, *Out and Spanish*.

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**CHUCK JONES & CO.**  
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**LOVE CHILD AFRO**  
**CUBAN BLUES BAND**  
**Life and Death in G & A (Pye)**  
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**AL SOUTHERN**  
**Putin' It Down (To the Way I Feel About You Girl) (United Artists)**  
 A debut single from a guy with a soft soul well suited to this soft soul ballad.

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**TWENTIETH CENTURY STEEL BAND**  
**Heaven and Hell is on Earth (United Artists)**  
 A mixture of steel drums and vocal chants make this a good number, but not the chart buster this group really deserves.

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**CARMEN McRAE**  
**Who Gave You Permission (Blue Note)**  
 A message from a widow to her late husband "spoken" over a pleasant melody, giving a feeling of emptiness.

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**BARRY MANILOW**  
**Could It Be Magic? (Arista)**  
 A nice ballad based on a Chopin prelude. Barry Manilow, whose first chart success was *Midnight*, sings this well. But the song itself lacks power.

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**MISSA MANCHESTER**  
**Midnight Blue (Arista)**  
 This dreamy ballad, from a singer-songwriter, has some great harmonies and is the type of song that will steadily grow on you.

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**SEASON FIVE**  
 Linda Lavin (Motown)  
 Linda Lavin has been making an easy transition from the easy world of soul with the previous album, and where her voice has sometimes been a bit flat, notably on singles like *Let Love, Her*, her albums have failed to hold up to the same promise.

Like with the band's last album for Motown (they've recently signed to Epic) they've finally got a hit with an album that does not let down the listener. The album has the same feel as the best of her first phase on *Forever Come Back*.

Michael's voice just keeps getting stronger, the backing is a bit harder. And once again (last Doner Holland) are working together, and working well.

Don Holland produced side one which is prime disco material, tailor-made for the disco parties. Things slow down a bit on side two but it's all the more enjoyable, natural sounding album the *Five* have done. The promise of *I Want You Back* is being fulfilled.

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**INDA LEWIS**  
**We Liked Girl (Arista)**  
 In the end, the New York City brushed photos on the cover hints of a promise from record No. 4, it's not Linda doing it, it's just a coming on around Linda with good songs and sympathetic backing from the Organ and assorted British woman men on most of the cuts, and from hitmakers Bert DeCotazaux and the best of New York's musicians on the rest.

The hit single with its zippy New York symbol sound is great, but even better is the title track, where once again one can hear just how good a voice this



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operations extend to some other parts of the country and data obtained from such companies thus reflect their country-wide activities.

The respondents comprise 25 out of 41 manufacturing, 24 out of 32 trading, 14 out of 21 services and 14 out of 28 construction companies.

The results of the survey further indicate an increase of 13.3 per cent in the income earned by services companies and a marginal decline of 1 per cent in the value of work done by construction companies. (1973: increased by 27.2 and

32.8 per cent respectively.)

Investment expenditure incurred by manufacturing, services and construction companies increased by 5.1, 26.8 and 11.1 per cent, respectively, in the first half of 1974.

The number of persons employed by all the sectors was reported to have gone up by 5.8 per cent.

Manufacturing and investment data obtained from the survey suggested that the pace of activity in the manufacturing sector increased substantially in the first half of 1974. The value of output of the sec-

tor increased by 30.4 per cent and sales by manufacturing companies advanced by 28.3 per cent.

Aggregate expenditure incurred by the companies in respect of materials, labour and overheads showed an increase of 26.7 per cent.

The increase in the companies' operating expenditure appeared to be consistent with the reported increase in the pace of activity in the sector.

All categories of inventory increased significantly in the first half of 1974. Average stock of finished goods and work-in-

process advanced by 23.8 and 59.5 per cent respectively.

In contrast to the increase of 48.9 per cent in the first half of 1973, the total working capital of the companies reportedly fell by 1.5 per cent. The foreign component of the working capital declined by 7.9 per cent, as against the spectacular increase of 92.6 per cent in the first half of 1973.

Domestic trade and employment: Activity in the trading sector, in terms of sales performance, expanded vigorously in the first half of 1974. Net sales of the companies increased by 18.9 per cent, compared with the increase of 15.7 per cent in the first half of 1973.

The increased pace of activity in the sector is attributable partly to further relaxation of import and exchange restrictions by the government during the review period.

The value of imported merchandise traded increased by 28.6 per cent while that of domestically produced components declined by 1.8 per cent.

Consequently, the share of imported goods of the total merchandise traded increased from 46.1 per cent in the first half of 1973 to 52.8 per cent in the first half of 1974. On the other hand, the proportion accounted for by locally produced components fell from 53.9 to 47.2 per cent.

Employment by the sector advanced by 6.9 per cent. The number of indigenous employees rose by 7.6 per cent.

The number of expatriate employees fell by a substantial margin of 15.2 per cent, compared with the decline of 1.6 per cent in the first half of 1973.

Working capital: The returns from the companies showed an increase of 10 per cent in their working capital, compared with the increase of 24.9 per cent in the first half of 1973.

The reduction in the rate of increase of the companies' working capital in the review period occurred in spite of the reported increase in the pace of activity in the sector.

Perhaps of more significance was the phenomenal increase of 165.9 per cent, compared with the increase of 13.9 per cent in the first half of 1973, in the companies' reliance on the local commercial banks for their working capital.

Servients: The results of the survey indicated a lower rate of advance in the activity of this sector in the first half of 1974. Total income of companies providing transportation, utilities, hotel and catering services recorded an increase of

who are interested in handling bulk orders of men and women's knitwear are sought by Mansfield Exports Ltd of Nottingham, UK

The managing director of the group has begun a tour of Nigeria to pave the way for trade between Nigerian businessmen and his company.

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### LONDON BEER IS HERE

The first consignment of an order for half a million cans of "London Pride" draught beer, brewed by one of Britain's smallest independent breweries, has been shipped to Nigeria.

The first £35,000, the order is the first overseas contract signed by Fuller, Smith and Turner Ltd. Its "London Pride" ale is said to be one of the strongest draught beers produced in Britain.

A spokesman for the company said: "The demand for this beer in Nigeria is such that I can confidently predict that this will be the first of a series of orders for this company's beers."

"London Pride" will be distributed in restaurants and hotels, off licences, supermarkets and other retail outlets throughout Nigeria.

### BRAILLE BANK STATEMENTS

BANK statements in braille are being produced by a new high-speed automatic method developed by the Warwick Research Unit for the Blind, at Warwick University, UK; in association with Lloyds Bank Ltd., one of Britain's leading banks.

The system enables blind customers to receive their braille statements in only a day or so longer than the regular service for sighted customers.

The content of the statement is delivered by the bank to the university in the form of a magnetic tape. This is then run through a small computer connected to an automatic "on-line" braille embosser.

Until the new system was introduced, braille statements had to be transcribed manually—a slow and laborious operation—

### GENERATOR AIRLIFT

FREQUENT electricity disruption in Nigeria has become the concern of a British heavy machinery industry and steps are now being taken to air-freight hundreds of heavy generator sets to Nigeria.

The company, Diesel Generator Sets Company of Britain, has found a good market in Nigeria and in association with another Nigerian company, Servo Nigerian Ltd., has sold the first batch of its GM Caterpillar and generator sets and has launched



BLIND man checks a bank statement printed in braille.

### PUMPING PLANT

A PUMPING plant is to be installed by the Western Nigeria Water Corporation by Mather and Platt (Contracting) Ltd of London, UK. The contract, valued at £115,000, calls for the supply and installation of pumps and associated equipment for the Idon-Idolale supply improvement

The equipment includes two vertical centrifugal pumps, each of 54.5m<sup>3</sup> capacity, 16.5m head, which will be installed in a low-lift station pumping water from an unpressurized main.

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Water equipment to be supplied includes pipework and valves for both stations, flow measuring equipment and instrumentation, two 120 KVA diesel engines stand by generator sets, switchboard gear for stations and by supplies, instrumentation and control of all pumps, motors and two tractor-mounted air compressor units.

### NECCA CONTRACT

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13.3 per cent, compared with the increase of 27.2 per cent in the first half of 1973.

Hotel and catering companies, however, showed an increase of 92.6 per cent, while for the transportation and utilities companies increases of 0.5 and 10.2 per cent were indicated.

### MAIZE EXPERTS MEET

WAYS OF improving the yields of maize were discussed at London University's Wye College in Ashford, Kent, recently by experts from all over the world. Nigeria was represented at the seminar. Professor D. McDonald from the University of Ibadan and Mr. Iremiren, a Nigerian post graduate student at Wye, represented Nigeria.

Dr. Alastair Allen, from the Kitala research station, presented a paper on climatic factors in the development and yield of maize crops in Kenya and the expansion in production raking place there.

### RUBBER PLANT FOR MIDWEST

A CRUMB rubber processing plant has been established by the Good Year Midwest Rubber Processing Company (Nigeria) Ltd. The plant is a partnership between the Good Year Tyre and Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, USA, and the Midwest State Government.

When in full production, it is expected to process 12,000 metric tons of rubber annually, some of which will be exported.

### MEDICS FOR NIGERIA

SHORTAGES of qualified medical staff and hospitals in Nigeria could be relieved by a link-up between a British professional staff selection consultancy and a Nigerian company.

The companies involved are Publicity Services Nigeria, under the directorship of Dr. Okunbanjo and P. A. Skinner's London based company, Eurostaff (Selection Consultants) Ltd.

Dotun Okunbanjo and P. A. Skinner have joined forces to identify the areas of need for doctors, consultants, gynaecologists and orthopaedists and will provide the from the medical personnel currently working in Britain.

Britain has been a leader centre in the world of medicine for over a century.

Young men from all over the world, many of them already having completed their basic medical studies, travel to Britain to study.

However, after some years tasting the fruits of life in Britain, some expatriate medical personnel in that country for the call of their native lands and the development of a health service for their own people. It is a challenge to return in more difficult conditions.

It is from among these doctors that the new company P.S.N./Eurostaff, intends recruit candidates for Nigeria's hospitals. Mr. Dotun Okunbanjo hopes that through regular consultation with Nigerian hospital managements he may find out what vacancies exist.

Precise job specifications will then be telecast to Eurostaff, London. Dotun Okunbanjo is glad to hear from hospital managers, who are currently seeking doctors for their hospitals, at his offices 143 Yokubu Street, Box 117, Lagos.

The company does not confine itself to the medical area, has selection consultants in many professional fields including advertising, marketing, public relations, sales management, economic, financial and petro chemical areas, as well as scientists for the more advanced technologies.

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Friend: "But what would you do with the desert?"  
John: "I don't want the desert. All I want is the money."

do you know the difference between male fly and a female fly?"  
Bobby: "That's easy. You sat on the mirror and he sat on the whisky bottle."

After a quarrel with his parents the young man said: "I am going to look for wine, women and song and it's no use trying to stop me."  
Father: "Who's trying to stop you? Give me the address and I'll follow you."

"Daddy, why does it rain?"  
"To make things grow."  
"Well, why does it rain on the pavement?"

A man was travelling with his wife and children. He stopped a taxi. "How much do I have to pay you to take us to the station?" he asked. "You and your wife pay 50 cents each and the children pay nothing," replied the taxi driver. "O.K.," said the man, "take the children. I will meet them there."

A Methodist minister was on a flight to Lagos when the stewardess asked if he would like a drink from the bar. "At what height are we flying?" he asked. When told that it was 30,000 feet, he replied "I'd better not — too near headquarters."

"He's been sitting there for an hour wasting his time."  
"How do you know?"  
"I've been watching him."

An old lady was pushing a pram in town. The baby in it was crying.  
Old Lady: "Come on, stop crying. Keep quiet Diplomat!"  
Puzzled passer-by: "What a cute name. Why do you call her Diplomat?"  
Old Lady: "This is what her mother brought from university instead of the diploma in education which she said she was going for."

"Drinking makes you look beautiful."  
"But I haven't been drinking."  
"I know, but I have."

"If you were my husband, I'd give you poison!"  
"If I was your husband, I'd take it."

Teacher: "Why didn't you wash your face this morning John? Everybody can see what you had for breakfast."  
John: "What did I have, sir?"  
Teacher: "Eggs!"  
John: "Wrong, sir. I had eggs for breakfast yesterday."

There was a drunkard in the congregation on Sunday.  
Preacher: In heaven there are no thieves.  
Drunkard: Tell that brother.  
Preacher: In Heaven there are no hoodlums.  
Drunkard: Tell that brother.  
Preacher: In Heaven there are no drunkards.  
Drunkard: How do you know that, have you ever been there?

Bobby: "Father, father. I've killed four flies, two males and two females."  
Father: "But, Bobby, how

Son: "Father, will you let me a ladder?"  
Father: "Why my son?"  
Son: "Because next time I'm going to a high school."



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soil, has gone the whole hog of fusing these insular "theses" to give an at-a-glance and implicit dimension to his book. In depth, he covers the music of Africa in four broad headings — the social and cultural background; the musical instruments; structures in African music; and its relationship to other arts.

Nketia takes one on an armchair excursion through Africa in addition to absorbing the full impact of African music, and deals with the intricacies and implications of the music of Africa to the minutest detail. Other writers, pre-

dominantly non-Africans, have hitherto taken short trips on the subject; but the author's perspicacity has augmented his exposition with new facts from the past and the present making the subject more interesting to the reader.

He tells us that in spite of the variety of the peoples of Africa, the music is one binding feature of Africa. The blending of musical similarities into the various regions, ethnic groups, and neighbouring countries is a unique aspect in understanding the music of Africa. Take for instance West Africa, the stretch of the area from Senegal to Chad.

The similarities in the traditional music of the peoples of this region are so obvious that it will take an expert in African music to say: "This is the music of Ghana, or Nigeria, or Togo", if a sample of the music of this area is played to an audience. Although, there are diversities in the music and traditions of the various primary groups, nevertheless, the main "tone" and "melody" are usually identical in structure and settings.

The similarities of musical instruments are evident in music-making in Africa. Take the xylophone: this is a common musical instrument played throughout the length and breadth of Africa varying in shape, size and sound. The author classifies musical instruments into four categories: idophones ("self-sounding"); membranophones (drums, and instruments made from parchment); aerophones (wind instruments/flutes, reed pipes); and cordophones (string instruments/lutes, harps and lyres). Of these, the idophones are the most common. They are the simplest, as well as the most easily improvised sound producing objects.

The music of Africa would not be complete without its relationship with other arts — and dance, drama, poetry, and visual display. The effect of these on the performance of music are multidimensional, for it is customary to integrate these arts with music. An element of extroversion is also essential for effect and full expression.

To the student of African music, Nketia's Music of Africa is recommended. It is precise and erudite. A work by the foremost authority on the subject; an eclectic and tasty pastiche of all that is the music of Africa. The gem of a treatise.

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addition to the old favourites that appear year in and year out. Amongst the new items is the world's smallest spider which is smaller than the full stop that ends this sentence.

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to a lot of letters from readers about the problems of children who cannot get out of the habit of wetting their beds at night. It is therefore possible to devote the attention to this subject.

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During his waking hours the child's bladder is filled and emptied at regular intervals. At night while he sleeps the bladder fills four or five times but the child's sleep is so deep that the feeling of having a full bladder fails to wake him.

When his bladder is too small to hold the whole night's collection of urine the adult bladder cannot be achieved, the child's bladder must develop.

There are, however, a number of things a mother can do to help her child's bladder wetting. Once the child is dry during the day, it is a good idea to train him to hold his bladder a little longer during the night so that the bladder gets accustomed to holding large amounts of urine.

Before the child goes to bed, encourage him to get into the habit of visiting the toilet. As the child grows older he can be encouraged to visit the toilet in the middle of the night if he needs to.

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## Periods

I had my first child on the 15th of March 1975 and I had a very long period on the 22nd of April 1975. I have had no periods since. What do you think is wrong with me?  
Kalika, Kenya

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## Mumps fear

Over the months ago I suffered from mumps when both my breasts were affected. As a result they became very small and the rest of me has shrunk slightly. I have normal ejaculation. Do you think that both my testes have been destroyed as a result of mumps?  
M. N. Nigeria

Since you have normal ovulation your ovaries and uterine formation has not been affected. Mumps sometimes sometimes fertility and you can have this checked up by semen analysis.

## I'm ashamed

I am a 16-year-old boy studying in a secondary school. My problem is that my breasts are



IF YOU READ OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS THEY MAY HELP YOU

# Doctor Drum

## Children who wet their beds

distance from the house and not easily accessible it is better to provide him with a pot. It is also a good thing to lift a young child from his bed and take him to the toilet before the parents go to bed themselves, but if this disturbs him unduly, the idea is better abandoned.

It is worth trying, however, because sleep is deepest in the early part of the night and bed wetting in children is more likely to occur then.

It is better for the children to drink as much as possible during the day and then to stop drinking a couple of hours before bed time so that the kidneys are flushed well before the child goes to sleep.

The best results will come from encouragement, and mild short-lived disapproval if the child is wet. It is worth remembering that a child disliking a wet bed as much as the mother does. He will try hard and will respond very much better if he knows that you ap-

preciate the efforts he makes.

Sometimes he will go to sleep with the thought uppermost in his mind that wetting his bed will upset his mother. This anxiety alone is enough to cause failure.

If in spite of every effort the child is not dry, take him to the doctor. There may be a perfectly justifiable medical reason for his bed wetting. These are bladder inflammation, tonsillitis, teeth or sinus trouble, thread worms and sometimes neurological or psychological causes which make him unable to control his bladder.

For resistant cases an electric gadget has been used. This consists of an alarm bell which starts ringing as soon as the bed becomes wet. This is put under the sheet and will ring until the child gets up and switches it off. This does in time create a conditioned reflex to stop bed-wetting in most cases. However, usually measures short of this do succeed.

within the range of normal height. In any case there are no pills to stop you growing in height.

## Broken teeth

I am a man, 23 years old, and I find my teeth are getting broken one by one. Some of my friends tell me that the reason for this is that I drink hot tea. Do you agree?  
O. L. Lagos

I don't think you should get an authentic dental opinion.

## Hairy chin

I am an 18-year-old girl. Since the age of 15 I have had hair growing on my chin. I am very ashamed about this and would like your help.  
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# Are our girls fashion fools?

**A** LOT has happened, is still happening and more is yet to happen to our womenfolk, all in the name of fashion. Take, for instance, the era of the mini. Everybody gave their own interpretations to the design and the idea spread like bushfire.

Some designers even went out of their way to create the micro-mini, even more revealing than the mini.

Then, you didn't have to imagine what type or colour of pants a lady was wearing. Just look at a lady in a mini or micro-mini dress and what do you find? Her pants showing below her dress!

Then came the era of hot pants, and we all jumped to the bit like hungry fishes in the water. A lady who would have looked more graceful in a knee-length or maxi dress preferred to be seen wearing a blouse on top of a pair of hot pants that did not exceed the hipline in length. You found them everywhere. These naked girls disgraced the occasion instead of gracing it. They thrived on nakedness.

There was the time the brassiere manufacturers almost went out of business because girls didn't bother to wear any.

Fashion designers come out of the blue with something new once they get wind that we are trying to get a previous fashion out of our system. By the time we were recovering from the bra-less mania, they breezed in with the maxi and midi, but not without the touch of nakedness. You saw a charming lady dressed in a midi or maxi slit in front to a delicate point. Thank God we got out of that too.

But then the halter-neck was on our doorstep, and fashion fools that we were, we embraced another naked fashion — just because we were told it was the newest. The halter-neck! That is the dress with the deep plunging vee neckline that leaves your back bare to the waistline. Brassieres cannot be



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There is one fact about the Nigerian women. We all fashion maniacs or fashion fools. Whichever, something drastic has to be done to allow ourselves from the disease.

Take, for instance, the long length dress which is the thing now. It looks good almost every woman. To my mind, it is a good example of the type of fashion we should follow. I am sure our mothers respect us more when we dress decently and responsibly. To more respect a lady gives her body, the more respect she gets from the man she may be with to capture Respect. No one says, hegets respect. No one respects a lady who is in a halter fashion.

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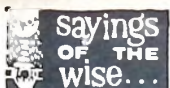
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A long-tailed animal should not jump over a trap.  
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One cannot prevent the bird of sorrow flying over one's head, but it can be prevented from building its nest in one's hair.

Gabriel Akinyami,  
Osí-Ekiti, Nigeria

Money is round and it rolls easily. But it is better to go to bed hungry than get up a debtor.  
Onwus Agagwuncha,  
Ekwulobia, ECS, Nigeria



Wise men say: desert sand is always yellow.

Ann Congreave  
Brixton, England

The love of a woman and a bottle of wine are sweet for a session, but don't last for a time.

James Kipyegat,  
Nakuru, Kenya

The seal is the smallest animal: it swims deep for its food.

Robin Crawford  
Accra, Ghana

Schoolbooks are texts for the ignorant.

Annie Andrews,  
South Parth, Australia

Do you know a witty or wise saying? If so, send it to DRUM.

Give, but spare the poor man from the shame of begging.

Simeon Akinpelu,  
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## What does Christmas mean to you?

Cards, gifts, bright lights and laughing children. This is the picture we all have of Christmas. But it is the occasion when we all want to brighten up the lives of those we love. Miss Maureen Davies, a salesgirl at Eleganza in Lagos, will be adding sparkle of her own this year.



**H**ERE it is again, the season when it is almost an offence not to send greetings — or presents to those we hold dear. The value we attach to Christmas gifts and messages depends largely on who the sender is — a very valued friend or business partner, a girl who wishes us well or whom we once jilted, a former classmate or a friend abroad, a co-worker or an acquaintance, a long lost friend or a roughneck, a tempter or a temptress, a scholar or a teacher.

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Santa Claus has been in evidence in Lagos since early in November, and children have been trooping to see him at Leventis and Kingsway Stores.

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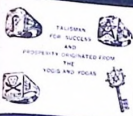
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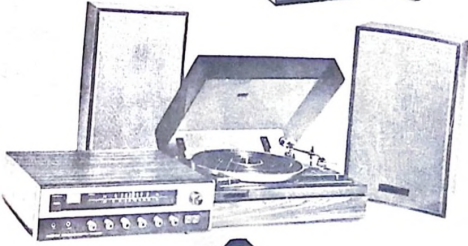
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Philip, Zambia.

If you know that you won't marry her, set her free, but if you feel that you want her for your wife you should tell her about your plans and let her decide whether she can wait for all those years or not.

## Please help me find a girlfriend

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Ehigwina, Lagos.

It seems you acted in haste in the first place by meeting the parents of your girl without first meeting the parents of your girl to approach her studying her. I don't advise you to approach her sister as this won't be in good taste. If you don't want your girl I advise you look elsewhere.

## My girl says she will poison herself

I am in love with girl of 17 years. We have been playing sex since we fell in love. The girl says if I don't marry her she will poison herself, hang herself or poison me because she would not live to see me with another wife. She is a charming baby, well educated and with good manners. But the problem is that the parents of the girl say that if I marry her they will burn our home or hire someone to shoot me. Please advise me of what to do.

Worried, Busia.

Frankly I find it hard to believe that a self-styled poisoner could also be a charmer. It's rather like saying a cobra has social appeal. You have much to worry about — death from your girl if you don't spurn her, death from her parents if you don't. Take my advice — run as fast as you can.

## Do you think this girl is fooling me?

I am 19. I am in love with a girl of 17. We got married in future. She gave me the shock of my life when she said she was going to further her education sponsored by a wealthy boyfriend. She says that she will marry me after her studies. Your advice is badly needed.

Andy, Kenya.

This girl is fooling either you or the other one. She has shown you by her action that she has not been faithful to you. I wonder what you will do to do with her. Leave her to her would be spouse and look for another girl who will be faithful with what you can do for her.

## Do you think I'm getting too old?

I am 27 and still single. I have no girlfriends and people are insinuating that I am impotent. I know that is far from the truth. It is not that I don't want to marry. The problem is, I have no woman with which to maintain a wife. Please let me know whether it is getting too late for me to get a wife.

A.J., Kenya.

One thing you have to realise is that each day adds to your age. In other words you get older each day not younger. At 27 you should have a steady girlfriend while you are working hard to improve your financial status so as to be able to maintain a wife. Don't get me wrong. You are free to marry when you wish, for after all it's your life.

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