

Ask Them Yourself



FOR GERALD M. LOEB,
author of "The Battle for Stock Market Profits"

I heard that you believe elderly people should not leave their possessions to heirs. Is this true?—Mr. George Moe, Milwaukee, Wis.

● Not exactly. But I do believe many people worry too much about the size of their estate when they should be thinking more about their own welfare. Capital is a fleeting thing. Federal estate taxes currently go as high as 61 percent and, as times goes on, will probably go even higher. The value of money steadily decreases. What to leave an elderly person is comparatively simple to decide. You know the person's situation and needs. But I think people should be more conservative about how much they leave to younger heirs. Youth never respects unearned money as he does money earned through his own ability. There is a happy medium between self-denial for the benefit of heirs and leaving amounts that will give heirs something helpful and useful, but not excessive.

TO ANDY WILLIAMS' "BEAR"

Who are you? How did you get your start? Is the bear costume uncomfortable? Do you really like cookies?—J. Brown, Biloxi, Miss.

● Allan Blye, coproducer of the "Andy Williams Show," does the voice. I, Janos Prohaska, play the bear, and I will answer the rest of the questions. The reason two people do the bear is because I was born in Hungary, and we needed an American bear, not one with a Hungarian accent. I got my start as an acrobat in a Budapest circus. Since then, I have inhabited a long line of animals and weird characters in television and movies—among them, a rock monster in "Star Trek," a composite weirdo in "Lost in Space," a germ in "Outer Limits," and a white gorilla in "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea." The bear costume is enormously hot and uncomfortable. When I take off the hands and turn them upside down, water drops out. I lose five or six pounds in each show. But, yes, I love cookies!

FOR CORE VIDAL, author

I have heard that you are interested in a "Ralph Nader for President" campaign. Why do you think he has a chance?—Leo Lester, Chicago, Ill.

● Nader right now has the image of change. He has cold-blooded optimism about what is wrong with America and how to fix it.

FOR ROBERT ORBEN, comedy writer and author of "The Ad-Libber's Handbook"

I have always admired rapid-fire ad-libbers like Dick Cavett, Don Rickles and Jack E. Leonard. Is there any way a layman can develop this skill?—T. Dunn, Minnie, Ind.

● The spontaneous wit of the men you name is a God-given talent, but there is a method by which most people can become competent ad-libbers. Many comedians are helped by an encyclopedic joke memory. They have told, heard, read and absorbed thousands of stories, bits and one-liners, and these become a part of their unconscious, ready to be used at an appropriate time. In essence, they become comedy computers. You can do the same by reading a variety of jokebooks and humor columns such as "Quips & Quotes" in this magazine. When you read them, read them as you would a novel. Don't try to memorize them. Read them in short chunks, four

times a day. Let the funnies become a permanent part of your memory bank. Then, when someone mentions a subject like Nixon's China trip, you'll be able to respond: "Chiang Kai-Shek must have all the security of a salesman whose new business cards are in crayon."

FOR CHET HUNTLEY

Now living in Montana, don't you miss the stimulating people you associated with in New York City?—Barbara Doll, Quincy, Mass.

● Certainly we've missed all the marvelous friends we had in New York. But we don't miss the pace and living conditions and the environment of New York. We have friends here from every conceivable group—live-stock growers, farmers, members of the legislature, professors, doctors, lawyers. Are these people sufficiently sophisticated for our taste? I would give you an emphatic yes. Communications are good enough in this country these days that there are no more so-called "Hicks" out here in the hills. As someone said not long ago, these barbed-wire fences carry more messages than Western Union.

FOR SEN. MARGARET CHASE SMITH

What advice would you give to a woman who is considering entering politics?—Mrs. T. F. Buxton, Appleton, Wis.

● My advice is for the woman to start at the precinct level and be willing to ring doorbells and do the "pick-and-shovel" work in order to learn from the ground floor up. My further advice is not to enter

politics unless one is genuinely interested in and enjoys people.

FOR LUCILLE BALL, actress

You always seem so slim. What sort of diet do you follow?—Mrs. R. L. Downing, Utica, N.Y.



● I eat whatever I want for breakfast and generally skip the evening meal entirely. But I think the biggest aid to keeping my weight where I want it is that I never really "think" food. It doesn't interest me that much. This is a problem with a lot of people, especially housewives who have to prepare and seriously think food daily for their loved ones. But if you love your "loved ones," you will prepare attractive nutritious meals and eat way down on the amount served so that their tummies get down to size. This makes everything easier.

FOR JOHN HADL, Quarterback, San Diego Chargers

I thought that pro quarterbacks wore numbers under 20 on their jerseys. How did you get to wear No. 21?—Don Rains, Key West, Fla.

● I've worn No. 21 since the eighth grade. My idol at the University of Kansas, Charlie Hoag, wore that number, and I was lucky to get it when I went to Kansas. Nobody had No. 21 on the San Diego Chargers when they signed me in 1962. I asked for it and Coach Sid Gillman said I could have it. There was no firm rule about numbers conforming with positions in the American Football League at that time. There is now a rule in the NFL that stipulates that quarterbacks should wear only numbers from 1 to 19. But the rule is only for players entering the league. I've worn No. 21 for so long, even Deacon Jones couldn't tear it away from me.

FOR PAUL HARVEY, news commentator

How many people do you have working on your staff to get all the variety in little-known facts, news and oddities that you incorporate into your daily programs on radio and television? Also, do the couples you name as being married so many years send their own names into you, or how do you get them?—T. Ensworth, Corning, N.Y.

● I bang every word out of the typewriter myself. Relatives and good neighbors forward to me more than 25 names a day, on the average.

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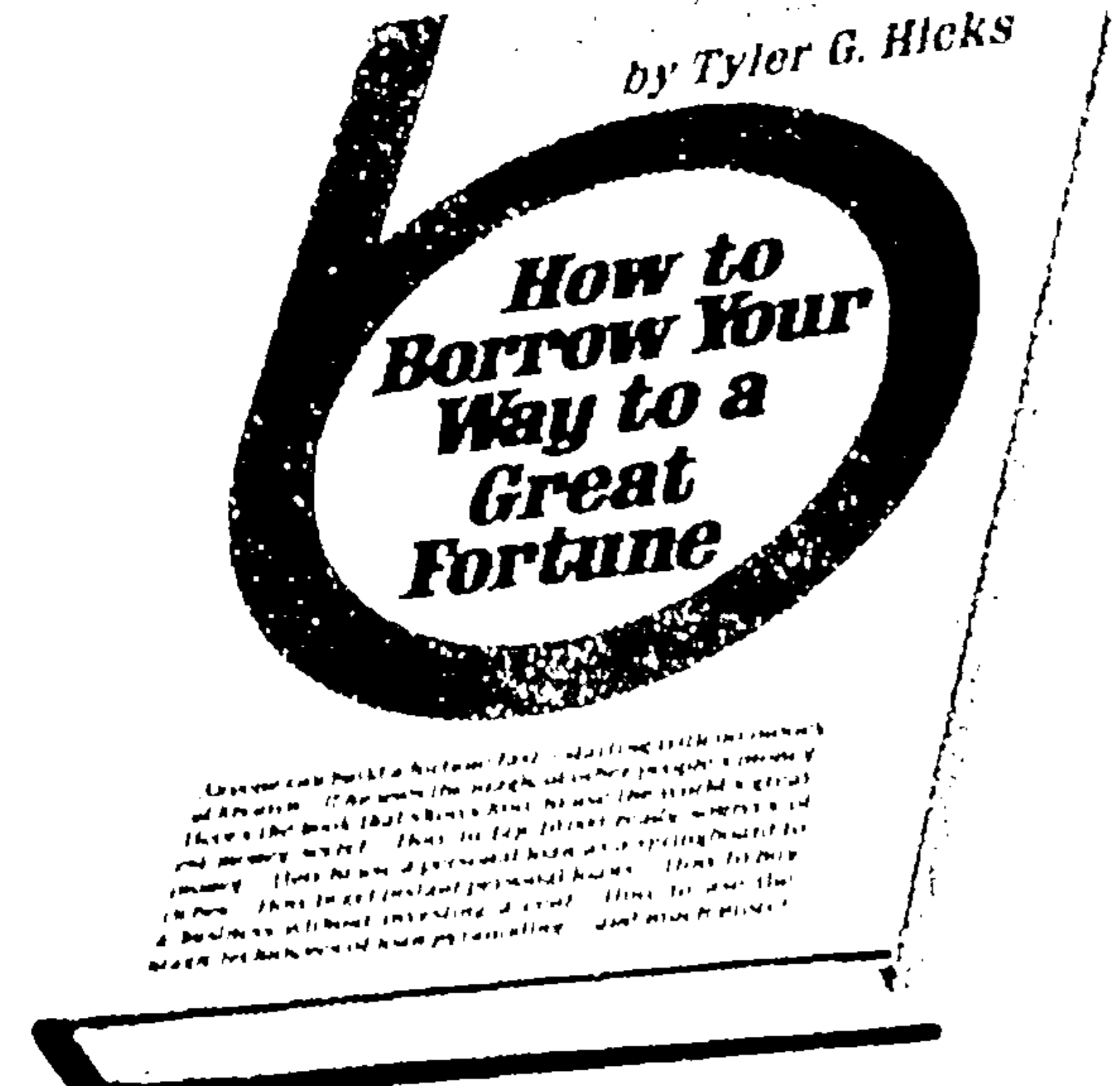
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