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Jack Thurlow - stone throwing in the Moira or 'Ben Casey' medicine at 2 in the morning.

# Merle and Jack Thurlow

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## They Like Kids!

Jack and Merle Thurlow's business is helping young people. And it's a business that demands their attention, 24 hours a day.

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Back in the early 60s, an apparently widening gulf between young people and their elders was exonerated by a popular term that epitomized the problem as "the generation gap." And although it was not a term that exactly awarded individual rights to the younger generation, it at least recognized that there were differences in standards, attitudes and actions, insignificant as those differences may have been regarded. And the world of television offered solace with a saccharized series titled, "Father Knows Best," in which Robert Young played the world's absolute father figure. Its huge audience was composed almost equally of parents and their children, each hoping the other would catch on to how parents should act or how kids should act. Neither, apparently, ever did.

If that gap is being bridged today, it is because of the attitudes and actions of the involved people and their counterparts who have been interviewed for this series, "The Juveniles," and their reverse philosophy. It wasn't too long ago that the main parental attitude was a sort of Tarzan-Jane approach to problem solving, "Me talke - you listen." Today it is starting to change to, "You talk - me listen," based on the recognition that young people have rights and may have something worthwhile to say. But at least some people are starting to listen.

Listening to young people is one of the dedications of Merle and Jack Thurlow. Jack, as he is known to his clients, has an M.D. with an Honours B.A. and M.A. in psychology. Merle Thurlow also has her masters in