

Mother's Day Hint For Teenage Girls



Dear Ann Landers: Yesterday I told my daughter, who is 12 years old, that she must learn to iron her own blouses and skirts. Her reply was, "It is your duty as a mother to keep house and take care of your family. Part of house-keeping is the washing and ironing."

Maurine isn't a spoiled child. She has never been one to sass me. Her grades are very good and everyone remarks on how bright she is.

I did not answer her because I didn't know what to say. I would hate to have my family feel that I am not doing my duty. Is Maurine right? If she is wrong please explain where her reasoning breaks down. —PERPLEXED MOTHER

Dear Perplexed: It is a mother's duty to take care of her family. And part of "taking care" of children means teaching them to be self-sufficient and training them to take care of themselves.

A mother isn't doing her children a favor when she allows them to grow up with no household skills.

A girl who can't cook, iron, clean, and sew hems and buttons is severely handicapped. I feel sorry for a young man who selects such a girl for his wife. And I feel even sorer for the girl because learning these skills after marriage can be extremely difficult.

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing a few words for the lady who was unhappy because her husband Ben didn't compliment her on the chopped herring.

If she is smart she will

just stop making chopped herring for a month and see what happens. If Ben doesn't ask for it she should forget the whole thing already because she will never be able to please him.

I had the same problem with sauerkraut and dumplings. I never got the dumplings yellow or hard enough to suit my Kurt. One time they were hard enough but not yellow enough. The next time they were yellow enough but not hard enough.

I used to get so frustrated I'd go into the bathroom and bawl. Finally, I decided I could never make dumplings to please him so I quit trying. Three weeks later Kurt begged me to try them again so I did. Well, he praised me to the skies—said they were the best dumplings he ever ate. Maybe this will work for Ben's wife. I hope she tries it.—MARTHA

Dear Martha: Thanks for the hint on how to test a man's interest in special dishes. I agree. And if after a month he doesn't request the dish, forget it already.

Dear Ann Landers: Our 10-year-old son is unusually sensitive. Ever since he started school he has said he wants to be a doctor but I'm beginning to wonder if he has the temperament and disposition.

Donald went fishing for the first time last week. He came home very depressed. When I asked what was wrong he said, "I hate to see a fish with a hook in his mouth. He must suffer a lot."

It seems to me I once read that fish do not feel pain because they are cold-blooded

creatures. Will you please print something about this in your column so I can show it to my son?—NO EXPERT ON FISH

Dear No Expert on Fish (and that makes two of us): My fish and game authorities tell me that fish do not feel pain when hooked in the mouth because fish have primitive nervous systems and there are very few nerves in that area.

Only when the fish SWALLOWS a hook does he suffer, and then of course, he should be killed immediately.

Do you lean on cigarettes as a social crutch? You may regret it later. Send for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "Teen-age Smoking," enclosing with your request 10 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. C-1985, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate

South Girl Wins Prize In Writing Wendy Ann Larson, 17, a senior at South High School, has won an honorable mention award in the 1965 Creative Writing Awards Contest sponsored by the Sheaffer Pen Co. and Scholastic Magazines.

Miss Larson was one of 12 winners in the 1965 contest, largest in the nation for teenagers.

Students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, Canada, and U.S.-sponsored schools, in France, Germany, Malaysia, Mexico, Venezuela, and Yugoslavia competed.

A Penny for your Thoughts

While traveling on the sea of matrimony one of the things that causes occasional storms for the sailors is the handling and dispersal of money. I asked several people: "Who should handle a family's finances, the husband or the wife?"

David Goler, 2406 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes Estates: "The husband, without question! He earns the money so he should have control of the spending of it. If the man doesn't wear the pants in the family he loses the family's respect."

Norman Pollock, 64 Peninsula Center, Rolling Hills: "I think that the wife should be better equipped. She has more time to work on the budget and has a better knowledge of the various household expenses."

Pam Wilson, 17022 Kornblum Ave.: "The man should handle the expenses. He's the head of the family and it should be left up to him. A wife shouldn't tell the husband how to spend the money, only advise."

Dave Nair, 1651 1/2 W. 226th St.: "Personally, I think it works out better when the wife handles all the paying of the bills, buying the food, etc. She is home more often and more aware of the cost of running the home. Women are less likely to be impulsive buyers and are more conscious of bargains."

Officer Tom Woodridge, 3131 Torrance Blvd.: "In my family everyone has certain responsibilities and one of mine is to handle the money. I do think a husband should at least consider his wife's advice in the handling of the finances with an iron hand."

How Our Wars Are Shaping Up

Howdy there. It's right fine to see so many of you kind newspaper folks here today. And let me just begin by saying that in our search for peace we seek no wider war.

Q — In the Dominican Republic, sir?

A — Well, Merriman, I was referring to Viet Nam. Now I love peace more than any man I ever met and the only reason I sent our fine American boys in there was to preserve our fine American property.

Q — In Viet Nam, sir?

A — No, in the Dominican Republic, Scotty. Now you take a look at Viet Nam on the map. It's a long, skinny country and plainly no place to seek a wider war. Why, we got just about as wide a war right now as you can squeeze in there. Yet here's all these critics harping.

Q — Sir, I think they're referring to your carrying the war up to North Viet Nam. There's some feeling you acted out of desperation because we were about to lose the war in South Viet Nam.

A — That's what I mean about unfair criticism, Walter. We aren't seeking any wider war. What we're seeking is a longer one. But let me just assure you I'm going to bring our boys home the very second we get a democratic government there.

Q — In Viet Nam, sir?

A — No, Tom, in the Dominican Republic. That's where we seek no longer war. Why, just you look at what a fat, squatty old country it is.

Q — You mean you seek a wider war there.

A — Now, Mae, you keep on asking pointy questions like that and I'm going to unscrew your light bulb. No, the way to sum up my constant search for peace, at the moment, is that we seek no wider war in Viet Nam and no longer war in the Dominican Republic.

Q — Would you care to decry something at this time, sir?

A — Why thank you, Drew. Yes, I'd like to decry this business of sending foreign troops and arms into an independent country where...

Q — You mean the Dominican Republic, sir?

A — I mean Viet Nam. As you folks all know, there's nothing going on but a plain old civil war with...

Q — In Viet Nam, sir?

A — I mean in the Dominican Republic. But I want to warn these Communist troublemakers right now that the next time we launch an invasion in broad search of peace, we're going to back it up with sufficient air power.

Q — Excuse me, sir. Are you referring here to the Dominican Republic, North Viet Nam or South Viet Nam?

A — I was referring, off the record, to Cuba. We sure seek no war that short. Of course, when it comes to shipping in arms and troops at the request of the local government...

Q — You're talking now, sir, about the Russian shipment of missiles to Cuba?

A — No, I was speaking of our role in Viet Nam. Now I know it's a mite hard for you fellows to keep up with what kind of wars we're seeking. But just keep in mind one thing about my broad search for peace.

Q — What's that, sir?

A — It's getting broader every day.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

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Ready in 1966

Torrance High Project Voted

Bids for a \$237,000 addition to Torrance High School will be opened June 4, with construction due to start in the early summer. The project will provide additional music and home-making facilities for the school. Dr. Carl Ahee of Torrance High, said the old science building will be re-modeled for a homemaking center, while additions to the existing music building will provide practice rooms and increased flexibility in the present rooms.

Trustees acted on the proposal after Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, assured them the district would be able to expand the funds without endangering construction programs needed at the elementary level to offset expected increased enrollment.

THE NEW Torrance High facilities are expected to be ready for use in September, 1966.

During the Monday meeting, trustees authorized the purchase of from two to four portable classrooms for use at Victor, Calle Mayor, Crenshaw, and Steele schools.

BOUNDARY changes and use of portable classrooms are necessary to avoid double sessions in several of the city's schools, Dr. Hull said. The addition of eight classrooms at Victor, along with six new classrooms at Madrona School has relieved some pressure, he added, but continued growth in the Victor Precinct means the school will have some 300 more students than it can currently handle.

Study of a new Victor area school site is under way. Trustees now own a 4.2 acre site on Del Amo Boulevard which can be developed when funds become available.

COUNT MARCO SAYS

Las Vegas Scene Is Appalling

LAS VEGAS — Las Vegas is an amazing city. It has beautiful hotels, magnificent shows, elegant stars, inspiring natural scenery and undoubtedly the most disarrayed clump of females I have ever seen in any one place outside of Reno and Los Angeles.

Thank goodness and your fate that there are exceptions. At the beautiful Dunes Hotel, where I usually stay in Las Vegas, I have had the pleasant opportunity of meeting numerous women who have achieved stardom and have maintained dynamic personalities offstage.

during her year and a half of starring in America. As a Frenchwoman, Line is very much impressed with American slacks, shorts, and hair rollers. "They are everywhere," she commented.

Said Mile, Renaud: "When I asked one of my girls why she has adopted such an ugly fad she shrugged her shoulders and said, 'Je ne sais pas; habit, perhaps.'"

This statement is an important key to what has happened to you American women. You have bad habits. Apparently, like many other sicknesses, this one is catching.

Sloppy dressing with an "I don't care" attitude eventually catches up with you. Either you can't break the habit or you're so addicted you don't even desire to break it.

Line shares with Olivia de Havilland the view that in France no woman would think of going out on the street with her hair up in rollers, let alone wearing slacks.

When I asked her why this attitude was so universal in her country, "Why people would talk!" she exclaimed.

There you have it. You American women talk, all right—constantly—about anything, everything and nothing. But either no one hears you or no one cares what you think.

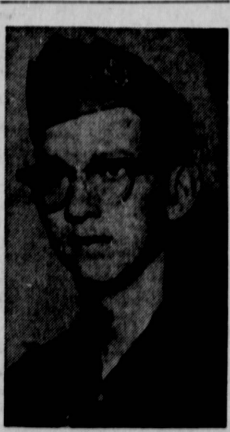
There was a time when what other women thought of you was important. Now there are so few women who can inspire you that carelessness in personal grooming has replaced pride.

Why can't you start a block party? Let each of you decide you do care about what your neighbors and friends think. Get in the habit of talking about other women and their oddities of dress.

Then and only then will you regain your senses enough to care once more.

Whenever and wherever you gather in groups, talk about how awful Mary always looks and how sloppy Lucy is and "Did you see Ruth at the market the other day? Wasn't she a total mess?"

Once word gets around that some of you care enough to be critics, others will care enough to do something about it. You can start right now, because you have the best critic of all on your side. Me.



NEW EAGLE... Garland Dolton, 24231 Falena Ave., Lomita, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 211, sponsored by the Wood School PTA. The 13-year-old Eagle attends Adams School and is a Press-Herald carrier-of-the-month award winner. Herb Shattuck presented the Eagle badge during a Court of Honor.