

ANN LANDERS



Use Those Seat Belts

Dear Ann Landers: Please print this letter. It could save a child's life.

I am the mother of two precious little girls. My four-year-old son is gone forever because of my carelessness.

Our car is equipped with seat belts, but because my children didn't like to be strapped in, and I was too lazy to insist, I let them stand up in the rear of the car.

Four months ago I was driving the girls to school and on the way home I had to jam on the brakes to avoid hitting a dog. My little boy, who was standing up in the rear of the car, went through the windshield and was killed instantly.

Every day I see women driving with small children standing up in cars. I have to fight the impulse to stop and tell them what happened to me. You can get the word to these mothers better than anyone. Will you please do it, Ann? — DETROIT MOTHER

Dear Mother: Here is your letter, and I can add nothing except my fervent hope that mothers everywhere will learn something from your tragic experience.

Dear Ann Landers: I had to laugh at the letter from the woman who complained because her husband refused to get up and give the baby his 4 a.m. bottle.

I am a service wife who wishes her husband was home right now so I could let him sleep the whole night through. The idea of getting a man up to feed a child is ridiculous. Most of us service wives are lucky if our husbands are around when our babies are born.

It makes me mad when civilian wives tell us how fortunate we are to have free medical care and a few cents off on a can of coffee at the commissary. They forget we must be father and mother to our children for as long as eight months at a stretch. I wonder how these civilian wives would do with a socket wrench. I wonder, too, if they could fix the family car, and take kids to the hospital alone, and pack up and move every few years.

I am not complaining. Being a service wife is a great life. I chose it and I'm not sorry, but I get annoyed when women who have it really good complain about meaningless trifles. Tell 'em off, Annie. — VIRGINIA

Dear Va: Youp told 'em off well enough for both of us. You can be sure your letter is going to be pointed out to thousands of wives — by their husbands, of course.

Dear Ann Landers: I am 10-years old and very sad. Our cat, Jezebel, isn't even a cat yet. She is still a kitten. Yesterday my mother had her bridge club luncheon and she made a very pretty salmon loaf. Jezebel saw the salmon loaf on the table and jumped up and ate a big chunk out of it before my mother caught her.

You would have thought somebody had committed a horrible crime the way my mother carried on. I told Mom Jezebel didn't know she was doing something wrong. Mom says she knew very well what she was doing. Please tell me, do kittens know think like that? — Owner Of A Kitten Who Can't Come Into The House

Dear Owner: Kittens don't know about bridge luncheons. They only know they like salmon. You Mom should have kept the salmon loaf out of Jezebel's reach.

To solve some of the frustrations, disappointments and disillusionments of married life, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "What To Expect From Marriage," enclosing with your request 200 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 the Press-Herald enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

People Not Familiar With 'Easy' Social Security Qualifications

"Seriously disabled workers in the South Bay do not appear to fully understand how valuable social security may be to them," Miles Davis, social security manager at Torrance, said today.

"No longer does a person have to be permanently disabled, but if his disability is severe and can be expected to last a year, he should apply for consideration," Davis said.

Requirements to get social security benefits are simple. First, a person must have worked where he paid social security taxes in five of the 10 years before his disability began.

For example, if he became disabled on Jan. 20, 1967, he must have worked one-half of the time from April 1957 to January 1967 where he has paid social security taxes. This does not have to be consecutive or even full-time



TYPICAL NURSE . . . Mrs. Mary Stittsworth, named "Mrs. Typical RN" at Torrance Memorial Hospital, is congratulated by Leonard Ensminger, hospital administrator. Mrs. Stittsworth most nearly fits the composite description of a typical Registered Nurse at the hospital, based on questionnaires answered by some 70 full- and part-time nurses.

At Torrance Memorial

She Fits Description Of the Typical Nurse

A Torrance resident, Mrs. Mary E. Stittsworth, has been named "Mrs. Typical RN" at Torrance Memorial Hospital, it was announced by Mrs. Viola Anderson, director of Nursing services.

Selection was based on the results of a survey that asked questions such as age, marital status, number of children, number of years nursing service, and length of service at Torrance Memorial.

More than 70 full- and part-time nurses answered the questionnaire. Results showed the average nurse at Torrance Memorial is 46

years old, married, the mother of two children, active in the nursing profession for 19 years, and a member of the Torrance Memorial staff for 8 years.

OTHER SURVEY results showed that nurses working at Torrance Memorial came from 23 states and 4 foreign countries, including Canada, Spain, Russia, and Dutch-Lyonesis.

Some 60 schools of nursing were represented where nurses took their studies and then were capped.

Mrs. Stittsworth, 46, and her husband Raymond, a dry-cleaner, are parents of two children, Mary, 17, and Susan, 11.

A PRACTICING RN for 23 years, Mrs. Stittsworth is beginning her eighth year at Torrance Memorial Hospital. She is assistant night supervisor on the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift.

She was capped at the University of Kansas Medical Center in 1944. Her first nursing duties were with Santa Monica and St. John's hospitals in Santa Monica from 1944 to 1948.

Since then, Mrs. Stittsworth's duties have included private special duty, supervision, surgery, emergency room, and doctors offices.

Mrs. Stittsworth said that it came as quite a surprise to find she typifies the average nurse at Torrance Memorial. "Being a nurse is a very satisfying profession and Torrance Memorial is the nicest place I've ever worked," she said.

West High Honors 86 Students

Eighty-six West High School students have been honored for their academic achievements during the past school year.

Trophies and certificates were awarded at the school's fourth annual awards assembly last week.

Trophy winners in each department included: Clare Nonoshita, art; Janet Allen, business education; Patricia Anderson, English; Joseph Molenda, foreign language; Erma Shunway, home economics; and Eric Larsen, industrial arts.

Other trophy winners were: Robert Pretorius, mathematics; Steven Fisher, music; William Lynxwiler, physical education; Gay Smith, physical education; Jeffrey Palmer, science; and David Young, social science.

A reception honoring the recipients of awards was held following the assembly.



ROBERT C. ADAMS
New Sergeant

Sergeant Appointed By Police

Robert C. Adams, a Torrance police officer since 1961, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Torrance Police Department.

He has been assigned to the patrol division of the Field Services Bureau.

Sergeant Adams was born in Michigan and was last employed as field service manager for an Oakland, Calif., firm. He has served as a deputy sheriff and for four years was chief of police in Quincy, Mich.

A veteran of the U. S. Navy, Adams declined an offer to play professional baseball in 1950 to join the Navy. He pitched two consecutive no-hit, no-run games while in high school.

A GRADUATE of the Los Angeles Police Academy, Sergeant Adams is attending El Camino College and is seeking a degree in police science.

He is a member of the Torrance as did three graduates of the First Methodist Church of Torrance, and the Mount Vernon Lodge 166 in Michigan. He is active in both Southwood National Little League and the West Torrance Pony League.

Nine ECC Girls Vie In Contest

Nine El Camino College cosmetology students will compete in the second annual Hair Styling Contest, sponsored by the Hollywood Hair Design Council today at the Statler Hilton in Los Angeles.

Carol Holland, Charlet Gettys, Sharon Florez and Margaret Purdy, all Torrance residents, will be four of the nine EC representatives.

Other EC students attending the contest will be Elke Mueller and Carma Harris, both from Torrance; Linda Link of Gardena and Fumiye Sakellaris of Inglewood.

IN PREVIOUS competition El Camino has won five first places out of ten attempts at the hairstyling contest which is sponsored by the Cosmetology Teachers of Junior Colleges.

El Camino offers an A.A. degree in cosmetology, however the degree isn't required for the vocational training. Students may complete their vocational training from start to finish at EC, according to Mrs. Grace Erickson, cosmetology instructor.

"FOLLOWING their vocational training, students must pass a state test in order to enter the actual working field," Mrs. Erickson explained.

Courses are also offered at El Camino for those students wishing to enter the teaching end of cosmetology. However, students must have had three years of actual working experience prior to taking the 600-hour class.

It's Lonely at Home? Then Try for a Baby

If you're finding life lonely around your house now that the children are grown and gone and your husband's glued to the television and you have no one to mother, treat yourself to a baby.

The following requirements for adopting a baby apply to state or county agencies only. Many modifications have been made in agency policies regarding the requirements for you as an adoptive cou-

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ple. There is now hardly any waiting period for applying couples.

The average time from signed application to placement of a child is six to eight months.

Who is eligible to adopt? Any couple of legal age, married at least one year with a happy, stable relationship and with sufficient income to provide the necessities for another family member. And the assurance that you can love and accept as your own a child born to another.

There are no rigid requirements regarding age, finances, home ownership, etc. Couples already having children by birth or adoption are eligible.

Even you working wives may adopt a baby without taking time off from work, if you can present a suitable child care plan while you're away on the job.

Military families are given special consideration if the tour of duty is limited in the area in which you apply.

What about the child? Most of the adoptable children, in San Francisco for example, are happy, healthy, normal babies under one year of age, Catholic or Protestant, of Northern European heritage.

There are also many children of all ages, races, religions and national origins awaiting placement.

You may adopt a child, I am told, irrespective of its race or creed, but I suggest you check this out with the public or private adoption agency of your choice.

How do you apply? Contact either your Department of Social Services or Public Welfare Department. Many agencies hold classes in which all the details are presented. There is a fee for adoption, but it is little enough for the years of pleasure and enjoyment you will receive. It is set at maximum of \$500, but can be lowered based on your net income and number of dependents, or, in some cases waived.

Let this be your dinner conversation tonight. Look at yourselves, look at your family, and look at your home.

Don't you have room for just one more little one whom no one else in the world wants?

Don't you have just a bit more love to squeeze out of your hearts for those babies who may be breathing but not living, because they may never know the love of a family of their own?

Of course you do.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page B-3)

- ACROSS**
- 1—Task
- 2—Sabbath
- 3—TV actor
- 4—To sue
- 5—Philippine
- 6—Atlanta Braves
- 7—Ballplayer
- 8—Dollars
- 9—Spanish title
- 10—Vegetable
- 11—Trumpet shells
- 12—An end (L.)
- 13—Note in Guido's scale
- 14—River of Italy
- 15—Battalion (abbr.)
- 16—Kind of palm
- 17—Symbol for neon
- 18—Pacific Islands' screw pine
- 19—Greek letter
- 20—Growing out
- 21—Small spar of sail
- 22—Lift spirits
- 23—Arctic
- 24—Guides
- 25—Sum up
- 26—Titled of respect
- 27—Scold
- 28—Mineral spring
- 29—Staff of authority (pl.)
- 30—Coin (pl.)
- 31—Portico
- 32—Sick
- 33—American animal
- 34—Large tub
- 35—Seaport of Brazil
- 36—Give
- 37—Made into law
- 38—Raised illegally, as check
- 39—Japanese measure
- 40—It is (contr.)
- 41—Charm
- 42—Short for famous violin
- 43—Sum up (abbr.)
- 44—State (abbr.)
- 45—Mathematical term (pl.)
- 46—Anesthetic
- 47—Spread for drying
- 48—More agreeably
- 49—Professive
- 50—Toothed wheel
- 51—Enclosure made with posts (pl.)
- 52—Summit
- 53—Movie featuring Alan Ladd
- 54—Malay gibbon
- 55—Vendor's aim (pl.)
- 56—Interfere with
- 57—Of a gymnasium
- 58—Some by
- 59—Dance
- 60—1090 (Rom. num.)
- 61—Unruly outbreak
- 62—Anything worthless
- 63—Symbol for tantalum
- 64—Man's nickname
- 65—An end (L.)
- 66—Male offspring
- 67—Meadow
- 68—Tautonic deity
- 69—Church officer
- 70—Fastboard box (pl.)
- 71—Something huge, formidable of
- 72—Cs kind
- 73—Peruse carefully
- 74—Places
- 75—Border
- 76—Makes mistake
- 77—Killed by
- 78—Charlotte Corday
- 79—Small European
- 80—herring
- 81—Encountered
- 82—East Indian sailor
- 83—Mt. in Massachusetts
- 84—Wooden shoe
- 85—Upper House of Congress
- 86—Extent of land (pl.)
- 87—Languid
- 88—Seaport of Brazil
- 89—Country of Asia
- 90—Child for mother
- 91—Pronoun
- 92—Symbol for actinium
- 93—Rugby union (abbr.)
- 94—Depart
- 95—Boating term
- 96—Cooled lava
- 97—Exclamation of triumph
- 98—To get up
- 99—Uncle Tom's home
- 100—Anesthetic
- 101—Sing in certain way
- 102—Conjures
- 103—Choice part
- 104—River of Germany
- 105—Chariot of ancient Britain
- 106—Lustful
- 107—Marrner
- 108—(Rom. num.)
- 109—Tear into strips
- 110—Split putee
- 111—An associate
- 112—More certain
- 113—Three-legged seat
- 114—Made an appointment with
- 115—Of the path of one body revolving about another
- 116—Part of Octopus
- 117—Town in Italy
- 118—Conceals
- 119—Preparation
- 120—Formed schemes
- 121—Woody plant
- 122—Letters
- 123—Close by (post.)
- 124—Symbol for nickel
- 125—Heavenly body
- 126—To harden
- 127—Denoting unfit ship in Lloyd's Register
- 128—Snygg
- 129—Assist
- 130—New Zealand
- 131—native fort
- 132—Rotates
- 133—inclines
- 134—Rapid
- 135—in music: high
- 136—One who dabbles
- 137—Small boy
- 138—Small shoot
- 139—Threefold
- 140—Faro Islands' windstorm
- 141—Flower
- 142—A great number (pl.)
- 143—Land measure (pl.)
- 144—One of Columbus' ships
- 145—By
- 146—Make merry
- 147—City of Ireland
- 148—Noras
- 149—Means agency
- 150—Western lake
- 151—African antelope
- 152—Rate of speed
- 153—Sandhill
- 154—Knowledge
- 155—Fou
- 156—Prefix: twice
- 157—Greeting exclamation
- 158—Bone

