



ANN LANDERS

'Ruthie Hit Me'

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 12-year-old girl who has a problem in the form of a brother. I will be standing there minding my own business and my 6-year-old brother Normie will come up and start making a pest of himself. Last night after I told him eight or 10 times to leave me alone he still pestered me so I gave him a light tap on the head. Normie screamed like I was killing him. He ran to my mother and said, "Ruthie hit me."

My mother came at me like I was a monster and called me a terrible kid. She said, "Just for that you can't have any dessert or watch TV and you have to go straight to bed right after supper."

Now that my rat-fink brother knows how to get me into trouble I am helpless. I can't leave home until I am 18 which means I am doomed to put up with this torture for six more years. Please tell me what to do.

—SUFFERING GIRL

Dear Girl: Pray for a new baby brother. Normie will then be so busy defending himself against HIS brother that he will leave you alone. When your mother reads this she will probably tell me to drop dead.

Dear Ann Landers: My wife hates housework and anyone who steps inside our place knows it immediately. We have had some arguments over this and I always seem to lose. Liz tells me that any dumbbell can clean a house and she would rather spend her time on more creative things, like sewing or painting or pruning the hedges.

Once in a while you print something in your column about sloppy housekeepers. When you do I hand the paper to Liz and ask her if she recognizes anyone she knows. Yesterday you published such a letter and she got mad and yelled, "Ann Landers can tell women to scrub floors and sweat over the kitchen stove because she doesn't have to do it! I'll bet that dame has hired help all over the place."

Do you have the courage to print this letter and your answer?

—MR. OHIO

Dear Mr.: Your wife is right. I don't do housework, but I did plenty of it the first 10 years of my marriage. And I didn't hate it or feel that it was beneath my dignity. My house looked fairly presentable and so did my husband's shirts, which I ironed. And nobody ever died from my cooking. Any more questions?

Dear Ann Landers: I am getting plenty fed up with reading that worn out line in your column—"When you marry a divorced man you'd better be prepared to put up with the whole pack—his kids, his ex-wife, her relatives, old friends—bla bla" and more stuff and nonsense.

I married a divorced man and I made it plain in advance that I was not going to be bothered with any of the aforementioned kooks. My husband's ex-wife is a religious fanatic who belts down martinis with one hand and reads the New Testament with the other. Her children look just like her and they act like her, too. Sometimes I think they do not even belong to my husband.

Kids belong with their mother, even if she is crazy and I say let her paddle her own canoe.

—NO TIES

Dear No: That canoe has your husband's children in it—even if they don't look like him. If the waters get choppy, and it sounds as if they might, the children are going to need rescuing from time to time and if your husband is halfway decent he will do it. So get ready, Madame.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a self-addressed envelope.

Service Awards Given

Memories of the Torrance yesteryear were exchanged over coffee cups Wednesday morning at a gathering of 101 long-term employees of the Torrance Unified School District.

The occasion marked the school district's annual service recognition breakfast at South High School cafeteria.

Included in the group of honorees were 17 persons who have been with the district for 10 years.

HIGHLIGHT of the event was a recapitulation by Dr. Robert Morton, assistant superintendent of personnel, of events during 1948-59 and 1958-59.

Twenty-year honorees included:

Doris Avis, Erma Bennett, Frank Benthwood, Thomas Bray, Rolbert Dexter, Clifford Graybehl, Dr. Lloyd Jones, Victor Kilburn, Alan Moors, Edodie Pearson, Lyda Sikkema, Joseph Stuart, C. H. Ditto, John Doolittle, Charles Williams, Inez Brown, and Mary Stowell.

Ten-year honorees were: Carl Benson, Hubert Butterbaugh, George Chalekson, Eloise Cockfield, Ben DeBerry, Gene Dokter, John Dukar, Barbara Hawkins, Pauline Hayes, Richard Hulse, Marian Ives, Juanita Jones, John Knapp, Jr., Dorothy Knudson, Arvo Korpi, Melvina Kovinick, John Lankford.

Nina Lavender, Mary Locke, Ellen Lyon, Ruth Margat, Gladis Maw, Clark Merrill, Eleve Miller, Maurice Miller, Jeannette Muth, Beulah Perry, Beverly Phillips, Florence Pratt, Merl Bailsback, Dr. Edward Richardson, Mary Ruckle, Ronald Rudolph, Neil Short, Jean Sikes, Robert Simon, Mildred Singleton, Alice Stone, Carl Strong, Kathleen Strong, Teresa Taskett, Margaret Terry, Sandra Walker, Spencer Welda, John Weigand, Richard Wolverson.

Lindsay Archibard, Nicholas Astorino, Helen Beavers, Billy Boyd, Evelyn Brosius, Donald Christenson, La Rane Christenson, Marion Colby, John Cooper, Edmund Curtis, Florence Dail, Louis Davis, Helen Ellis, Clement Farrance, Jesse Gladgo, Rollins Harwell, Charles James, John Keller, Elmer Kessinger, Lloyd LaMotte, Merle Laskaris, Donald MacKinnon.

Joseph MacZuga, Irene Marittimo, Mack Monroe, George Pepper, Genevieve Ramirez, Harold Rawnsley, George Reinert, Frederick Reis, Kenneth Riley, Thala Rouché, Knud Sorensen, Wilma Williams, Marcella Holland, Bernice Lee, and Freida Waterman.

Count Marco

She Asks How To Please Him

"How can I as a woman please my husband," she asks, "aside from just being a housewife who irons his shirts and cooks his meals? How can I put a little romance into our daily routine of married life?"

I might just set this letter aside, presuming that eventually with the daily following of my columns she would recognize the many ways this could be accomplished.

But then she said something I think is so important I must share it with you. She tells WHY she wants to please her husband. Which should give many of you reasons to pause and review your own feelings toward not only your husband, but your marriage obligations.

"I want to make him feel as important as he is," she wrote. "There seems to be so little time after coming home from work and attending to the house and baby to sit down with your husband and hold hands, so to speak. It takes more than just a wife and husband to make a



TOP AWARD... Co-publisher and Editor Reid Bundy accepts the American Cancer Society's highest Public Information Award honoring the Press-Herald for outstanding support of community volunteer, fund-raising and education activities conducted year-around in the fight against cancer. Presenting the award at the Centinela Valley-South Bay District's annual meeting was Mrs. B. Jack Ansley, district council chairman for the past two years.

American Cancer Society Honors 1968 Volunteers

Spotlighting a "big year with a big thank you," the American Cancer Society officials with the Centinela Valley-South Bay District honored some 100 community representatives, organizations and volunteers for service in support of the Society's research, education and service programs.

The occasion was the District's sixth annual meeting luncheon held in Manhattan Beach where Mrs. Raymond Lucke—heading a slate of ten officers—was installed as council chairman for the 1968-69 year.

Honored thrice was the outgoing chairman, Mrs. B. Jack Ansley, of Manhattan Beach, who was honored with an over-all program award, a public information citation, and a gold charm styled in the shape of the district's 23 community areas. The latter was a gift presented by volunteers at large in appreciation of her two years in the district's top leadership post.

DRAWING TOP service honors were a 15-year-pin winner, Mrs. D. J. Argente of Inglewood, and five 10-year recipients: Mmes. Melvin Penner, Westchester; John Freese, Lawndale; I. H. Fields and Hanna Peterson,

Inglewood; and Roy L. Stinchcomb, Torrance.

Mrs. Alfred D. Williams Jr. of Palos Verdes Estates, was cited for her direction of the district's Pap Clinic committee — a new volunteer project organized during the past year in support of Harbor General Hospital's free cancer screening project.

Recognized for joining the Society's special educational effort on behalf of the screening project was Duane E. Townsend, M.D., clinic director, and assisting RN Maureen Donovan and Joan Nielsen.

ENGRAVED scrapbooks went to four organizations whose members have assembled dressing materials for cancer patients in the area for the past five years. They are the Westchester Hi-Nooners, Inglewood Opti-Mrs., and the El Segundo and Inglewood chapters of the Order of Eastern Star.

The Beta Eta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha was honored for extensive assistance in the field of cancer education, as was Dr. Thomas L. Stern of Manhattan Beach, a member of the Medical Speakers Bureau.

CITED FOR leadership work were committee chairmen — Mmes. H. W. Scott of Torrance, education; I. H. Fields, office volunteers; Mmes. Jean Sangster and Vera Jeppesen of El Segundo, service.

Crenshaw Project Planned

Resolutions declaring portions of Crenshaw Boulevard in Torrance and Rolling Hills Estates part of the county system of highways have been approved, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

The action by the Board of Supervisors yesterday gives the county temporary jurisdiction so it may make improvements to the street. Upon completion of the improvements, jurisdiction will revert to the cities.

The proposed improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard between Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance and Crest Road through Rolling Hills Estates, is part of a 3.3-mile county project. Crenshaw will be widened to four lanes with full curbs.

The improvement of Crenshaw from Palos Verdes Drive North to Silver Spur Road have been completed. The widening of the section from Silver Spur to Crest is under way and is scheduled for completion in February.

Good Neighbor 'Y' Seeking Nominations

Some Torrance area citizen will soon be chosen for the YMCA's 1968 Good Neighbor Award.

Nominations are currently being sought for the annual honor, traditionally given to someone who quietly goes about the business of being a good neighbor. Nominations should be submitted in writing to Scott Albright, Award chairman, YMCA Office, 2900 Sepulveda Blvd.

Winner will be announced Saturday, Oct. 19, at the South Bay area's oldest community breakfast, according to Marshall Stewart, chairman of the YMCA board of managers.

Chairman of the annual breakfast is Ralph Marzullo of Lomita. Marzullo noted that all proceeds from the event will be used to promote the Y's youth program.

The breakfast is scheduled from 6:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Torrance Family YMCA building. YMCA youngsters will be selling tickets on a contest basis. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Last year's Good Neighbor was John Mosley, a retired post office employe, who showed kindness to small children living near his home.

Five Earn Honors at Cal Poly

Five area students have been included on the 1968 President's Honors List at Cal Poly. Each of those listed earned a B average or better during the fall, winter, and spring quarters of the 1967-68 academic year.

- Local students are:
- Donna Kay Allen, Torrance, a sophomore majoring in business administration;
 - Penny Meldrum, Torrance, a senior majoring in social science;
 - Sharon J. Ryan, Redondo Beach, senior majoring in home economics;
 - Judith E. Schatz, Lomita, a senior majoring in home economics; and
 - Patrick Zimpfer, Rolling Hills, a senior majoring in mathematics.

Youth Hurt In Collision

A Torrance youth sustained injuries to his right arm and multiple bruises Sunday morning when he apparently fell asleep at the wheel.

Marc R. Daugherty, 17, of 21314 Moneta Ave., was rushed to Gardena Memorial Hospital for treatment after his car collided with a legally parked car on Artesia Boulevard near Gramercy Place, police said. Daugherty's car was demolished in the 2:35 a.m. accident.

Profile: Rosemary DeCamp

She Has Been Doing Her Own Thing for 31 Years



Rosemary DeCamp Shidler does her own thing. Doing her own thing includes being a housewife, mother, actress, political campaigner, talented artist, and wife of a Superior Court judge.

Perhaps best remembered on television for her six years as Bob Cummings' sister Margaret on the "Love That Bob" show, she has worked in radio and television series, feature films, and commercials for an uninterrupted span of 31 years—somehow of a record in the on-again, off-again world of Hollywood.

The only "slight" interruptions in her career came in the form of four lovely daughters, Margaret, 25; Martha, 22; Valerie, 20; and Tina, 16. All four are graduating this June, the three eldest from college and Tina from high school.

Among Rosemary's current assignments are appearances on "That Girl" and "Petticoat Junction." Her contract as "the Borax lady" on commercials has been renewed.

But she is much more anxious to show off her latest hobby than drone on about her achievements in show-business. She fashions beautiful copper-craft pieces at the Mel-Fran Craft Shop which she sells or presents as gifts. All of her works bear "Rosemary DeCamp Original" stickers.

Politics is her longtime fetish; she is currently campaigning for Glenn Anderson in his bid for a Congressional seat in November.

She has long been a close friend of Governor Ronald Reagan through motion pictures (she once played his

Shidlers have lived at their Via de Las Colinas home in the Riviera section for 23 years. "Shidler" is one of the oldest and most respected names in Torrance; Judge Shidler's family has been here since 1923, occupying a home on Post Avenue for many years.

Judge and Mrs. Shidler were emissaries of the State Department in 1963 when they were sent to Pakistan to teach drama to the citizens of eight cities. Judge Shidler handled young graduating law students while Rosemary directed "Death of a Salesman."

What with an active career, one might think her motherly duties would slack off of necessity; not so.

"She's the last of her kind as far as a parent goes," said number three daughter, Valerie. "Even when she was driving to Hollywood every day to shoot, she always found time to be a mother to us. We were all in commercials when we were younger, but she was careful not to expose us to the 'Star Syndrome' that so many actors' children fall victims to."

But far from discouraging the girls' creative abilities, their parents had a stage built, from which the girls could perform for their friends, or just themselves.

Rosemary is reluctant to talk about the past—even though she has a proud one. She has a positive, futuristic attitude about show business, life, politics, and art.

With her youthful outlook on everything and her boundless talent, Rosemary ought to be good for at least another 31 years in the industry.