

Dear Ann Landers:

'Water Tumor' No Business of Aunt

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: Several months ago I went to visit my sister in another state and it was apparent to me that her 16-year-old unmarried daughter was at least seven months along. I mentioned it and was told the girl picked up weight when she visited in Iowa recently.

A few weeks later when I returned home my sister phoned to say her daughter was rushed to the hospital for an emergency operation. It was a very large water tumor, she said, weighed eight pounds and the doctors never saw anything like it. The girl stayed in the hospital a week and the bill was \$240 dollars.

I am burned up to think that they would try to pull such foolish stuff on the family. Have you ever heard of a 16-year-old girl having an eight pound water tumor? Please help me expose his hoax. Shall I write to the hospital, to the doctor or to the Board of Health—N.K.J.

Have you been asked to support the "water tumor" or pay the hospital bill? If not, I can't see why this is any of your business.

If your sister's daughter had a child out of wedlock she's had enough unhappiness without your adding to it. Say nothing more and put an end to the clerk and dagger routine.

Dear Ann: Whenever my friends make grammatical errors or mispronounce a word I have always felt the urge to correct them. I don't mean to appear superior, but I like to do this for their own good.

Lately I've been getting some pretty dirty looks and I'm beginning to wonder if my good intentions are appreciated. What is your opinion in this matter? Shall I let these errors grate on my ears for the sake of better personal relations?—The Professor.

Dear Professor: For every person who appreciates your correction, 20 will resent it, however it is not visible. This is particularly true if others are present. My advice is to ignore the split infinitives and allow the participles to dangle. It's enough that you and I know a preposition ain't no proper word to end a sentence with.

Dear Ann: Sometimes your advice confuses me and I wish you would set me straight once and for all. Why do you tell some women to "throw the bum out and send the support checks in the mail" and other women are advised to "stick with him for the sake of the kids"?

This is the only thing about your column that doesn't make perfect sense to me. Is there an explanation?—MIXED UP.

When I tell a woman to "throw the bum out and send the support checks in the mail" you can rest assured her letter indicated she tried everything under the sun to make the marriage work but it was hopeless. I never recommend separate roofs unless there's severe mental cruelty or physical abuse involved. I ponder hard and long before I advise breaking up a home. But some people simply can't tolerate each other and when such is the case they're better off apart.

If a man is a part-time philanderer, but a good father and husband in other ways, I suggest the wife try to keep her home together for unless those men settle down when they return to their senses. If I feel there's any chance of riding out the storm I always recommend it in preference to "throwing the bum out."

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Holiday Season With Yule Trees Adds to Danger of Fires in Home

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

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The Christmas holiday season gives fire its best chance to strike at your home, says Charles Ross, farm forestry specialist.

Combustible materials in the home, possible relaxation of cau-

tions, and more electrical devices in use add to fire hazards at this season, Ross pointed out this week in a "pre-Christmas warning" which he issued.

The National Fire Protection Association joins Ross in the warning with the statement that the "grim fact that trees intended to

warm hearts, too often cause fires which claim lives needlessly."

Concerning the tree itself, Ross urges people to obtain a fresh tree and keep it out doors until ready for use. If you belong to the group which must have the tree "up" two weeks before Christmas, then switch trees a day or two before Christmas. In addition to being dangerous from a fire standpoint, too dry tree branches are brittle and shed needles all over the place.

Use Water
Keeping the tree in enough water is the most practical method for reducing its flammability. This will also keep the tree green and fresh longer.

Before placing the tree in water, re-cut the stem with a new diagonal cut at least an inch above the old cut. This will expose a fresh, moist surface that will absorb water.

Ross advocates adding an anti-septic and germicide (such as Zephiran Chloride) to the water to check organisms that often form a scum on the cut section. The containers should be refilled with

water as needed to keep the water level above the cut surface. And, Ross adds, start this treatment as soon as you get the tree, even if you are not going to bring it into the house at once.

Watch Heat Sources

Do not put the tree near any sources of heat such as fireplaces, or radiators. And do not, Ross stresses, put the tree in doorways or in locations that would block

exists if a fire did occur. Ross goes on to say that lighting sets should be checked each year before using for frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets.

Other cautions issued to assist in keeping Christmas the merry time it is supposed to be include: Don't let Christmas wrappings accumulate in the home; place them in a metal covered trash barrel or burn them in your own incinerator

as soon as possible. Use non-combustible materials such as metal, glass, asbestos, with which to decorate the home. If you do use untreated paper, cotton batting, and cloth costumes, have it flameproofed. Santa Claus whiskers have been the cause of many home tragedies as Christmas.

In concluding, Ross suggests that it is well to have planned what you must do if fire does break out.

Plan to Trim State Costs Bring \$350

Deryl F. Myers, an employee of the State Motor Vehicle Department, won a \$350 award Thursday for suggesting a cheaper way to mail out license tabs. The department said it would save the state \$3,500 a year.

He got the largest amount paid this month by the State Employee Suggestion Awards Board.

Two employees of the highway department, Glen A. Beachy and O. D. Purdom, got \$50 each. They designed a light that will be better for sanding highways at night.

Amy Pearl Wilford, employe of the University of Oregon, got \$20 for suggesting a calendar type form for recording vacations and leaves.

The board also granted \$10 awards to Sara Jean McNeil, of the Public Utilities Commission for her idea that certain forms be made in triplicate with carbon already inserted; and to Dorothy B. McDowell, also an employe of the

Arbuckle Named Campaign Chief Of Heart Drive

George Arbuckle Jr., of Salem has been named chairman of the Oregon Heart Association's 1957 Heart Fund campaign in Salem, according to H. G. Horn of Portland, state chairman.

The campaign will be held during February.

"The Heart Fund campaign is important to every person in the state of Oregon," Horn said, "and the committee is delighted to have the chairmanship of the Salem campaign in the hands of such a person as George Arbuckle."

Public Utilities Commissioner, for her suggestion that Proof of Service forms be printed in reams instead of pads.

The four employes who were awarded certificates of merit are: Lorene Moore, an employe at the State Tuberculosis Hospital; Mary H. Barker, of the Oregon State Hospital; Donna Lee Eshleman, Department of Motor Vehicles; and June Delores Evans, an employe of the Highway Department.

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