



SURPRISE—Having someone look over your shoulder is not exactly conducive to errorless typing but Lani Stephens really did a double take when she saw this wild face over her typewriter. She is a secretary at the American President Lines office in San Francisco. The tiger, almost 10 feet long, is one of the biggest ever shot in India and was brought back to the United States by Leo Mathews, a San Francisco safari tour guide. (UPI Telephoto)

Obedience to Commands Necessary in Raising Children

By PATRICIA McCORMACK

New York—(UPI)—All toddlers are slow moving one instant—and jet propelled the next. They also are models of perfect behavior one minute and keenly mischievous the minute after. But unless they learn to listen at once to parental commands, they also can be safely at play one minute—and, on impulse, involved in a serious accident the next. How do you teach them the discipline of model obedience? And does it really hurt them if you get quite strict about commands—even serving up punishment when they disobey?

These are questions parents frequently ask of pediatricians. To make the answering easier—and childhood safer—the American Academy of Pediatrics has just issued a booklet for parents. It's titled "Obedience Means Safety for Your Child."

Basic Advice
The booklet, compiled by the accident prevention committee of the Academy, lists eight "basic advice" about the discipline of obedience. The first answers the question—"Why command?" When you ask yourself this question, the experts recommend that you remember that a great many of your do's and don'ts are keys to safety, intended to keep an unwary, inexperienced youngster from harm or fright.

And what you're doing, when you get strict, is lending your greater know-how until the child has enough to navigate safely on his own. The Academy next answers the question: When to start getting strict about commands? "A baby close to his first birthday loves to mind," the experts said.

"Call and he comes creeping or toddling. Ask for a toy and he gives it as a gift. Say clap hands and he joyfully does just that. Good Practice
"This play-obedience to casual, gentle, unimportant requests is good practice, useful drill, basic training for the future when obedience no longer is a game. Even at this stage you can begin to show the child that you expect obedience."

Point three on the Academy's list concerns the command vocabulary. It is recommended that you establish a set of command words and a special command tone of voice.

The vocabulary, for example, should be simple and vivid—no, stop, slowly, watch out, red light. The tone should be firm, even, calm; not harsh, cross or excitable. But be careful how you use commands. The experts advise against using the command technique when a request will serve as well. Point four on the Academy's list deals with command techniques. The advice is simple: tell the truth and count on a child's intelligence to encourage obedience.

For example, if you use a word like "hot" falsely to get your way, or to protect your property, a youngster will soon get into the habit of testing you to find out if you are telling the truth—before obeying you. Point five: ration your commands. Say "no" too often and it loses its punch. Forbid when you must, but allow the reasonable as often as you can even if it is a bit inconvenient or untidy. Asking for a favor works better than a command when no danger or harm threatens. "Please shut the door" works better than "close the door."

Punish If You Must
Point six: enforce your commands for unless you do, it is useless. Even punish if you must. Point seven: be consistent about your commands. For example, forbid scissors one day and you must, in fairness to a child, forbid scissors tomorrow, next week and next month. Don't let yourself get annoyed or teased into saying—"OK, just this once."

"Too many reversed decisions and one day a critical 'no' used in an emergency may be ignored," the pediatricians warned.

Point eight covers a command decision—telling which parent should give the commands. The experts suggest that mom and dad must agree on the same set of rules—backing one another up even if they don't really agree. Out of ear-shot of the child, for example, decide what you mean when you say "It's too cold to go barefoot."

"Let one parent upset the other's ruling and a child soon learns to question all decisions—to play one against the other," the experts said.

Thornton Asked To Clarify Rule On Election Laws

Salem—(UPI)—Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. today asked Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton to clarify Thornton's opinion as to the secretary's responsibility in looking into possible violation of election laws.

The issue came up over the nomination by convention of Clifford E. Nelson, Portland, for Multnomah county district judge, position 4. **Irregularities Charged**
He was nominated by the convention method, requiring 250 electors to meet and certify him as a candidate. After the certificate of nomination was accepted here, Appling was told that there had been "irregularities" in conduct of the convention.

In an opinion that followed, Thornton said the secretary of state has no authority to probe into the matter, and that his authority is "limited by the prima facie evidence afforded by the certificate."

Appling told Thornton in a letter Thursday that "I find difficulty in reconciling" an Oregon law dealing with the issue and the opinion.

Law's Wording
The law, Appling said, reads that "The secretary of state and each county clerk shall diligently seek out and bring to the attention of the appropriate district attorney any evidence of any violation of any provision of the election laws."

Appling asked Thornton to rule on what responsibilities, if any, Appling might have within the meaning of "diligently seek out evidence."

Patrolman Finds Easy Way To Work
Fort Worth, Tex.—(UPI)—Police Chief Calo Hightower suspended Radio Sandlin, 35, a patrolman, Thursday for answering radio calls the easy way—from his bedroom.

Sandlin's neighbors complained that a police patrol car was parked behind Sandlin's home with the radio blasting away. An investigating officer found Sandlin in his bedroom, with the squad car parked under an open window with the radio turned up so he could hear the calls easily. He had strung the microphone through the window so he could answer calls without leaving the bedroom, the investigating officer said.

Salem Murder Trial Completed
Salem—(UPI)—Testimony in the first degree murder trial of James B. Borden ended here Thursday afternoon with one psychiatrist claiming Borden was legally insane at the time he is accused of strangling Wilma Maxine Spratt.

Four others claimed that he knew the difference between right and wrong. The case was expected to go to the jury today. The slaying occurred in July.

Quotes From the News

Las Vegas, Nev.—Judge A. S. Henderson, revoking the license of Glynn Wolfe to perform weddings: "The evidence shows that the applicant had been wed 11 or 12 times. While there is nothing in itself to show the same to be immoral, it is in the opinion of the court highly indecent and to this court disgusting."

London—Juke box king Eddie Pizzey, explaining that he confessed swindling \$1.4 million because his doctors told him he only has six months to live: "If, by some miracle, I should survive, I have plenty saved away—I'm not saying where. I could live in luxury when I got out of jail."

New York—A report from Hook and Ladder Co. No. 5 to fire department headquarters which led to the firemen's abandoning their firehouse: "At this present time, there is a large flea population in and about company headquarters. Members on house watch duty have received multiple bites."

Hollywood—Lori Martin, 13, star of the new TV series "National Velvet," stating that although she wants to be a star she doesn't care much about getting a lot of diamonds and fur coats: "When I think about those things I've decided I want a husband, a sweet comfortable home, like I have now, and a stable full of horses."

Medford Presbyterians Announce Sermons; Other Group Activities

"Who is to Blame for Evil?" is the topic of the sermon to be given by Dr. K. Kirkland West of the First Presbyterian church Sunday. This is the first of two sermons based on the book of James.

The youth choir under the direction of the Rev. G. Robert Jacks will sing "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" for the 9:30 a.m. service. At the 11 a.m. service Lynn Sjoland will lead the church choir in "Benedictus Es, Domine." Miss Linda-Jo Waltermire, soprano, will sing "The Beatitudes" for both of the morning services.

Douglas Cummings who has been playing the organ during the summer months and is returning to his studies at Oregon State college will be heard in an organ recital at 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon. The Junior High Fellowship will attend this concert. Youth Fellowship for senior highs will be held at the church at 7 p.m. Sunday. The movie, "Split-Level Family," will be shown and a discussion on opportunities for stewardship will be followed by a presentation of the proposed budget for the year by Rita Tripp and Rich Licht. Fireside will follow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Knights, 1416 South Ivy st.

Youth Night Wednesday will begin at 6 p.m. with potluck supper, followed by Bible study at 6:30 p.m. and choir practice from 7:15 to 8 p.m. Geneva Fellowship will meet Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wolf, 1517 South Ivy st. at 7:30 p.m. Bible study and a planning session will be held. All college age young people are invited to be present.

Boys and parents of boys of Scout age are invited to make reservations for the Scout Roundup dinner for Troop 13, sponsored by the Men's Group of First Presbyterian church. The dinner will be held in the Fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20. A Court of Honor will be held and awards made. In addition, a program has been planned. Reservations may be made in the church office or by calling Jerry Laumann, Spring 3-6601.

Promotion day will be observed at the Westminster Presbyterian church Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in all the departments of the church. Students will meet in their old departments and then, after a brief ceremony, will advance into their new classes for the coming year. Students attending the church school for the first time may enroll with their

Vernonia Movie Scene Troublesome

Vernonia, Ore.—(UPI)—They burned down the idle old mill here on schedule Wednesday for the movie "Ring of Fire" but some unscheduled drama gave actors some bad moments.

First, a locomotive which was supposed to pull two passenger cars from the burning mill started off in the wrong direction.

Then the locomotive banged against a railroad car so hard that it knocked down actors, including David Jansen, the star.

The heat then got so intense that the cast and cameramen jumped from the train and headed in all directions. Finally, Herman Townley, a special effects technician, jumped aboard the train and moved it to safety—to the cheers of all.

Portland—(UPI)—S. Eberly Thompson, Portland, has been elected a member of the board of directors of Portland General Electric Co.

cover basic Christian beliefs and to orient prospective members into the church. Persons interested in joining the Westminster Presbyterian church are invited to attend both two-hour classes. The course will be taught by the pastor.

The Junior High Fellowship will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Hibbs, 190 White Oak st. Following a brief worship period, Chris Mosher and Mark Milne will speak on "Qualities of Leadership," after which the officers for the Fellowship will be elected. Games and refreshments will follow. The Senior High Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. in the youth building of the church. The meeting will be a presentation and discussion of the year's theme—"For Me to Live is Christ" and will be led by Dave Irving. Fireside will be held after the meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Mullen on Campbell rd.

Crash Near Albany Hurts Five Persons

Albany—(UPI)—A chain reaction accident involving six trucks and four cars in dense fog on the new freeway south of here Thursday resulted in injuries to at least five persons.

Both southbound lanes of the freeway were blocked for more than an hour and one-way traffic heading south was in effect several hours later after the accident occurred about 5:30 a.m.

State police said that none of the vehicles overturned but that traffic was snarled by vehicles turned crossways. Two vehicles, a truck and a car, went into the dividing area between the north and south lanes of traffic.

Most seriously injured was James Elliott, Portland, who was driving a heavy duty cement truck and trailer. He suffered a broken leg and chest injuries.

Receiving lesser injuries were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Hoisington of Blocksburg, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Irwin W. Miller of Grand Grove, Calif.

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