

# Complaining Teen Is First Rate

By ANN LANDERS  
Dear Ann Landers: I'm 15 and a sophomore in a boy's high school. I work 25 hours a week after school and on Saturdays.

My problem is my parents who insist I pay my own tuition (\$250 a year) plus all school expenses, clothing, gifts and contributions. This means I don't have one penny left to save for a hi-fi set I've been wanting for three years. Of course I don't get any allowance because I'm told "you work."

When I see my friends getting from \$3 to \$8 a week spending money I get pretty mad. I get B's in school and think I do pretty well. When I tell them they are too hard on me and I'd like a little time to myself they say, "we're going to keep you busy you won't have time to get into trouble."

Both my parents work and they make good money. Our home is paid for and we have a new car every two years. They think nothing of buying \$40 worth of liquor at one time.

I am going to list my expenditures and I'd like your advice on where to cut down so I can save \$75 a year toward a hi-fi set. I know this will take a lot of your time and I never expect to see this in the paper because it will take up too much space, but I do need your help.

Tuition for one year, \$250; three pairs of shoes for one year, \$30; school books, \$21; four shirts and two ties, \$14; underclothing, \$34; overcoat, hat and gloves, \$65; jacket, \$22; seven pair of socks, \$2.80; milk at school, \$9; Christmas gifts for Mom and Dad, \$30; Christmas gifts for other relatives, \$25; Christmas cards, \$10; postage for cards, \$4; church donations (\$1 every Sunday, sometimes only 75 cents), \$50. Total, \$566.80.

I made \$600 last year. Not listed above is a \$7 corset for Mother's Day and a \$10 plant for Easter.

You can see I have \$39.80 not accounted for. With this I go to

an occasional movie or ball game. I pay bus fare when I can't get a ride, and sometimes I buy dessert at school. (I carry my lunch.) I want a hi-fi more than anything in the world but I don't see how I'll be able to buy it.—BITTER 15

Dear Bitter: You and all the teenagers who read this are going to hate me, but I think your folks have done a simply marvelous job of raising a self-reliant, dependable, self-disciplined son. Your letter was so unusual I decided it justified devoting the whole column to it. You are growing up with an abundance of self-respect, personal integrity and the priceless experience of managing yourself—and you are doing it beautifully.

Your budget, however, raised a few questions: Why a \$65 overcoat every year? And \$34 a year for underwear... are you wearing mink shorts? Finally, where can you get seven pair of socks for \$2.80?

As a reward for being a first-rate teenager I'm suggesting to your folks that they buy you a hi-fi set for your next birthday. You have earned it.—ANN LANDERS

**They'll Do It Every Time** By Jimmy Hatlo

# Udall Says He Favors Both Public And Private River Development

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Interior-designate Stewart L. Udall said Friday he favors both public and private power in a program for the maximum development of American river basins.

He supported President-elect John F. Kennedy's decision to reappoint careerman Floyd E. Dominy as reclamation commissioner.

Gus Norwood, Vancouver, Wash. executive secretary of the Northwest Public Power Association, protested the choice of Dominy.

The occasion was a public hearing before the Senate Interior Committee where Udall, retiring Arizona Democratic representative, received strong support from the senators.

At the hearing's conclusion, Chairman Clinton P. Anderson, D-N.M., noted his committee can't act until the nomination reaches the Senate, but added: "confidentially," it appears it will be approved unanimously.

Anderson opened the hearing with praise of Udall and then read a telegram from Norwood protesting confirmation of Dominy.

Norwood accused Dominy of "bias against public power and transmission lines because of his advocacy of higher power rates to subsidize irrigation projects."

Udall called that something of an overstatement, and said he had full confidence in Dominy's ability. He called him "one of our ablest commissioners."

"I will make the policy," Udall said. He added Dominy "has assured me he will loyally carry out that policy."

# Seal Fund Now Totals \$4,873.74

Returns from the 1960 Christmas Seal campaign total \$4,873.74 to date, according to a report from Elton W. Smith, treasurer of Klamath County TB and Health Association and manager of Town and Country branch of the U.S. National Bank.

This is approximately \$118 lower than the amount received by the same date last year, according to the records at the association office. Returns from throughout the state were over \$10,000 short of 1959, the last report, dated Dec. 23, showed, but were beginning to climb steadily over the previous weeks' reports since Nov. 14. However, only nine counties had a definite gain over last year.

This annual seal campaign is the sole support of the local Tuberculosis and Health Association. Smith pointed out, and 74 percent of the proceeds are retained in Klamath County to maintain the X-ray at the county health department and for educational and case-finding projects, locally.

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# Klamath County Welfare Costs May Drop In 1961

By GUY FARMER  
Welfare costs, which soared to an all-time high in 1960, are expected to decline slightly in 1961 as long as the weather cooperates.

The Klamath County Welfare Commission chairman, Reuben R. Larson, said favorable weather will mean fewer layoffs in the pipeline construction and lumber industries and will maintain employment at a healthy level.

"Welfare costs parallel the employment situation very closely," Larson said. "Unemployment has declined since the December peak and our costs are down accordingly."

The commission had to ask for an emergency \$3,000 allocation from the state last month but no such action is expected this month. Larson said the \$13,000 budgeted for the month should be adequate.

Larson indicated that the early spring is always the most difficult welfare period. He said general assistance payments in Klamath County in March, 1960, were more than \$18,000 and he hopes for a reduction this year.

"We're not out of the woods yet," Larson said, "but 1961 looks like a less expensive year for us." Mrs. Julia Brown, county welfare administrator, agreed.

The overall state welfare picture was also gloomy in 1960 as both applications and costs almost doubled over 1959. For example, there were 2,678 applications for general assistance in November, 1959; the figure rose to 4,674 in November, 1960. Dollar costs rose correspondingly from \$172,900 to \$306,000. Expenses in other welfare areas—aid to old people, dependent children, the disabled and the blind—remained about the same in 1960.

Although Klamath County ranks 11th among the counties in population, its welfare case load is topped by only five counties. Klamath spends approximately \$42 per welfare case, which is below average for the state. Welfare costs are borne by the state and county on a 70-30 percentage basis.

# Court Awards \$5 Judgment

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP)—A circuit court jury has awarded Octavia Finley a \$5 judgment, which was all she asked.

Last September Miss Finley sued Ulysses Person for recovery of an alleged \$5 loan. Person appealed and demanded a jury when a judge ruled in favor of Miss Finley.

In the trial Wednesday, Miss Finley represented herself—as she did in September. Person, represented by an attorney, was also assessed court costs of about \$30.

# Directors Of Funds Will Meet

Members of the United Fund and American Red Cross Board of Directors will hold a joint meeting Monday, Jan. 16, at a noon luncheon at the Willard Hotel.

Although the two organizations have merged their fund raising efforts since 1953, this marks the first occasion the two boards have held a joint meeting.

Charles E. Burman, president of the United Fund, plans to have Noel Flynn, chairman of the U.F. budget committee, present the recommendations of his group to the United Fund members for approval of disbursement to agencies of receipts of the past campaign. Al Nyback, chairman of the local Red Cross, has planned an agenda including reports on the blood program, nursing services, and selection of delegates to represent this community at the Bi-State Red Cross meeting to be held in Portland Jan. 27 and 28.

Officials of both groups have welcomed the opportunity to meet jointly to encourage mutual cooperation and understanding of problems confronting each, and urge that all members of both boards plan to attend. As is customary, the United Fund invites representatives of all agencies participating in the United Fund to attend this meeting, which serves as the regular January board meeting for both Red Cross and United Fund volunteer directors.



MICHAEL TERRY YATES, son of Mrs. Fay Paxton, Lakeview, was enlisted in the Navy under the High School Training Program recently. Upon completion of recruit training, he will be assigned to a Class A school. —Navy Photo

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