

Drying Undies Make Hubby Mad

By ANN LANDERS
Dear Ann Landers: My wife has a utility room with an automatic washer and dryer. She also has a backyard with clothes lines if she wants to use them. Yet she insists the only place she can hang her stockings, girdles, bras and slips is over the shower rod in our bathroom. When I come from work and want to shower I'm forced to hack my way through a jungle of dripping unmentionables. I yield to no man in my admiration for these garments, when filled, but the sight of soggy lingerie puts me in a fighting mood. If you can give me one good

reason why women must hang their underwear in the bathroom I promise to put my nose back in joint and never complain again. —JUNGLE JIM

Dear Jim: Most women sud their unmentionables in the bathroom wash basin because:

1. The bathroom is usually warmer than most rooms, which hastens the drying process.
2. Elasticized garments and nylons last longer if they are washed by hand and dried in the shade.
3. Women who dress and undress in the bathroom find it harder to plop undies in the basin rather than trekking down to the utility room.

If a husband objects to the sight of soggy garments a wife should do her hand laundry early, so that the rods are clear by the time he gets home.

It Pays To Be A 'Neatnick' When It Comes To Figures

By LESLIE J. NASON, Ed. D., With HARRY KARNS
Neatness and orderliness can help you make better grades in arithmetic and mathematics. Unhappily, many students neglect these simple rules because no one has explained how important they are.

Let's face it. Modern education many times neglects the individual student. This is not necessarily the fault of the schools. It is a consequence of an exploding school-age population and shortages of teachers and classrooms.

Teaching techniques are designed for classes of 35, 40, 50 students. Potentially good students get into bad habits and are not exposed to good habits. Training in neatness is drastically curtailed by punch-card tests made for rapid grading. All tests cannot be of this type, however, and when the student faces new situations, he is in trouble. Good scholarship becomes impossible.

Recently on grade card day, a father brought his 10-year-old son to us.

Jimmy's card bore a hard and uncompromising note to improve behind Arithmetic. Translated to the less compromising language of

20 years ago, the grade was F—standing for Failure.

The boy seemed bright enough. We decided to experiment. We wrote out some columns of addition, some subtraction, and some multiplication. He worked the problems rapidly and faultlessly!

We asked Jimmy to return the next day and bring some of his arithmetic papers with him. He did and the source of the trouble was immediately apparent — so obvious that you would wonder why the teacher or the parent hadn't seen it.

Jimmy, who understood the intricate processes of arithmetic perfectly, had never learned to copy numbers down in straight columns. He had been applying the right principles to the wrong numbers because of a purely physical mistake!

"What does your teacher say about your papers?" we asked.

"She says they're wrong."

"We're afraid we would have to give the teacher a B—for Blindness. Or maybe that is unfair. Poor lady — perhaps she didn't have the time to say more."

Two Easy Systems

After learning to be neat and orderly, Jimmy started turning out perfect papers in school.

We simply cannot stress too strongly the importance of details. A small error, a small omission can destroy completely the effect of a large amount of otherwise flawless work.

You should do these things as a matter of course:

1. Arrange your work neatly.
2. Use the correct symbols.
3. Make sure that plus and minus signs, equal signs, fraction



lines, exponents, and other marks are neatly and correctly placed.

4. Make sure that everything you write on the paper is actually true.
5. Do not scratch work on a separate piece of paper so that your mind is not distracted from the actual steps of the problem.

As you get into more advanced work, you will find that problems no longer can be solved at a glance. Then you must make use of a special technique. It is based on this fact: Nearly all complex problems in math can be solved piece by piece.

Let's run through the steps that will help you.

1. Write the problem correctly on the paper.
2. Look at the problem, searching for some small part of it which you know how to simplify.
3. Simplify it.
4. Rewrite the problem with

Tax Bill Draws Mixed Reactions

SALEM (AP) — A bill to permit a special assessment for suburban land used for agriculture drew mixed reaction Monday at a House Taxation Committee hearing.

Rep. Victor Atiyeh, R-Portland, said the bill's purpose is to maintain large green belt areas in urban regions, and to provide tax relief for farmers in urban areas.

Rep. R. R. Raymond, R-Helix, questioned a provision that would require a farmer to pay the difference between farm land taxes and suburban taxes for the past seven years if he decided to use his property for purposes other than farming.

Atiyeh explained that the farmer is not forced to take the lower rate.

Atiyeh said the aim of the measure is to give needed tax relief, but at the same time to prevent speculators who plan to subdivide the land from taking advantage of it.

Mike Katz, committee consultant, said the bill could not become law unless the Senate passes a companion bill outlining agricultural zoning.

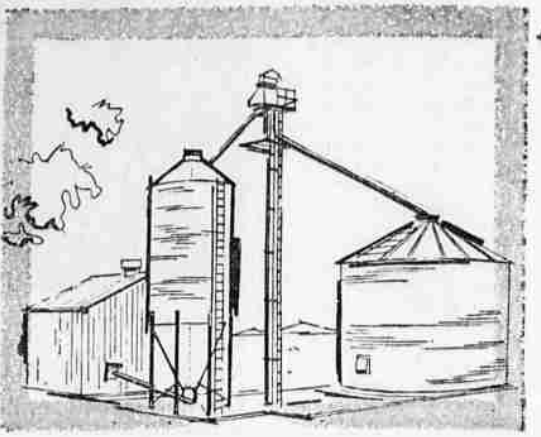
James Weaver, secretary of the Agriculture Interim committee that drafted the bill, said it would

encourage better use of the land. "The time has come," he said, "to consider a philosophy of land use. Today we have a surplus of farm land, but tomorrow we may be tearing down subdivisions to put them to farming."

Weaver said the bill would increase total valuation because it would encourage urban development of less valuable hilly and rocky land.

Merle Griffin, of the Association of Oregon Assessors, said his group opposes the bill because it would be hard to administer.

R. F. Larr, Eugene, of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, supported the bill, except for the seven-year tax deferral provision.



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Dear Ann Landers: I met George at college and fell hard. My folks approve of him, too. He is on a four-year scholarship and works 20 hours a week besides. (Brilliant, ambitious, but no money.)

During Christmas I went to meet his folks. I was shocked. Their home is very small, clean but shabby. His parents talk like foreigners although they've been in this country over 20 years. I'm no snob but they seemed ignorant and strange.

I'm very much in love with George and want to marry him but I'm afraid his parents won't fit in with my folks and our friends. Also, I wonder what his other relatives look like. How can I prepare my parents? Must I invite his relatives to our wedding? Please help me.—DAZED

Dear Dazed: You say you're not a snob but if you can find a better name I'll buy it. George's parents raised a son good enough to attract a ritzy girl like you, didn't they? Well, they'll fit in any place with anyone who has a decent set of values.

The only aristocracy in America is the aristocracy of achievement. Get your nose off that sky-hook. Sister, and consider yourself lucky to have found such a wonderful guy.

Dear Ann: Regarding the letter from the boss who was burned up because only a few employees thanked him for the turkeys he gave them for Christmas:

He must be very unimaginative if he has to be thanked verbally. Can't he picture his browned and honored birds the center of attraction on table after table, with such comments as "Wasn't that nice of Mr. X?"

Can't he imagine the joy of the employee who thought the traditional feast was out for his family? He probably called his wife and said "Honey, don't make a meat loaf. The boss gave us a great big turkey!"

Kindness of an employer is as feathers in the wind. Gratitude is a treasured virtue. Yet if each worker had thanked him, the boss might have had an even greater virtue—humility.—ELO

If alcohol is robbing you or someone you love of health and dignity, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Help For the Alcoholic," enclosing with your request 20 cents 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 this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

Four Jailed After Try At Plunging

OREGON CITY (AP) — Four young men set out to plunge over the Willamette Falls at Oregon City Monday. They wound up in jail instead.

State police commandeered a boat and stopped the four as they drifted down toward the 50-foot-high falls in a rubber raft.

The police nabbed them 200 yards from the falls, and hustled them off to jail, where they were booked on a charge of reckless boating. Bail was set at \$250 each.

The four said that because the river was swollen by flood waters they thought they could escape the rocks in the falls.

Police said, however, they thought the young men would be thrown to their deaths in the turbulence.

The young men had notified some newspapers and radio stations, then tied themselves into the raft and set off from the mouth of the Tualatin River. A number of spectators lined the river bank.

The four were booked as Gordon Nichols and Dencil McNiece, both 21, and Douglas Wayne Kelly and Fred Albert Hagdorn, both 18. All said they were from Oregon City.

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PORTLAND (AP)—The Aconia, Oregon State College's new ocean research vessel, narrowly escaped damage when launched into the flood-swollen Willamette River Monday.

The swift current nearly carried the 80-foot long craft into a small boat moorage, but three tugs, maneuvering skillfully, pulled it away from danger.

The floating laboratory was towed to an outfitting dock for installation of thousands of dollars worth of research gear. All told, the boat will cost a total of more than \$300,000.

The Aconia was built with a grant from the Office of Naval Research, which designated OSC as one of 10 schools to participate in a 10-year research program for waters surrounding the United States.

It will have equipment to sound the ocean bottom, bring up samples from the ocean floor, and investigate water and fish from floor to surface.

In charge of the vessel will be Chester MacNeill, OSC marine superintendent. A small crew will stand by in its home port, Newport, to take parties of scientists and students to sea.

The Aconia was christened by Mrs. Wayne V. Bart, wife of the head of the college's oceanography department.

NAMES SUIT JOB

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (UPI) — A sailor by the name of Christian is the clerk in the chaplain's office at North Island Naval Air Station.

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