

Caring For Mom Puts Wolf At Family Door

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: My spinster sister made a death-bed promise to mama that she would never be put in a nursing home. Without asking me, my sister said I would take her to live with me. That was six years ago when mama was 82, and she is almost 90.



Sister's promise was a safe one because no nursing home would take our mother. She belongs in a mental institution. Father left her a substantial inheritance from which she has been drawing interest for 23 years. She has not spent one dime of her own money since father died. She is saving it "for her old age."

My husband and I are going broke keeping nurses in our home around the clock. Mama can't be left alone for a minute and I haven't the strength to be with her more than eight hours a day. Even with nurses on duty she has set fire to the mattress twice.

Is this fair when mama has money of her own? She keeps saying she's going to leave all her money to a horse she sees on TV. It would not surprise me if she did. Please advise.—MARY

Dear Mary: You need a lawyer and I hope you get one fast. It is not fair for you and your husband to go broke caring for your mother when she has an income of her own.

People who put money away for a rainy day sometimes have to be told it's raining.

Dear Ann Landers: I was a booze-fighter when I met Wilma—and the booze was winning. I had lost three good jobs because of my drinking. Wilma helped me off the juice and onto the wagon. I was bone-dry for 17 months—then Friday night it happened.

The office manager's wife had a baby girl after four boys. He

was out of his mind with joy. He ordered up three bottles of Scotch and invited everyone in the office to celebrate with him.

I couldn't refuse to have just one—sort of a toast to the little princess.

You can guess the rest. I blew a dinner date with Wilma, in fact, I didn't even remember we had a date until 2 a.m. Then I telephoned her. She slammed the receiver on my ear and took the phone off the hook.

Today I got my ring back by special messenger. Please help me.—SAD AND SORRY

Dear Sad: When will guys like you learn that one drink is too many and one hundred isn't enough?

I can suggest only that you go to Wilma and beg her to forgive you. With a record of 17 months of sobriety she may give you another chance. (P.S. To Wilma, Please give the guy a break.)

Dear Ann Landers: We raised our niece right along with our own children. Clara's parents died when she was nine and we treated her as if she were our daughter.

Last May she married a young man who is pleasant but brainless. He has a steady job at a mill and makes good money.

My husband and I own a little grocery store. Every Friday without fail Clara and her husband come to the store and fill up two or three large shopping bags with whatever they need. Clara says "Thanks a lot" and they drive off.

Is it possible they don't know we have to pay for our merchandise? I just can't believe it, but since they're both pretty stupid that may be the answer.

My husband is fed up with this weekly ritual. Would it be petty if we came right out and told them how we feel? As I said she is like a daughter to us.—DWINDLING INVENTORY

Dear Dwindling: Tell these moochers they can have whatever they need at the price you paid for it. This is a much better deal than they can get elsewhere.

If alcohol is robbing you or someone you love of health and dignity, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Help For The Alcohol-ic," 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 stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Town Gets Red Paint Spray Job

HALEDON, N.J. (UPI)—There was a strange hissing, a loud bang and that's how part of this town was painted red.

All along Church Street there were fire engine red houses, garages, lawns, trees, roads, cars and snow.

A safety valve on a 1,000-gallon heated container of red pigment popped Wednesday at a nearby paint factory. The pigment shot into the air through a vent pipe and was blown about by heavy winds.

"Gee what a mess," said Mrs. A. H. Stueckle. "I heard a bang and then there was steam going up — or at least it looked like steam — then it seemed to be snowing red all over everything."

"All of a sudden everything started being all red, and I opened my door and I started getting red."

The pigment splattered everything for more than 100 yards around.

Carl Sievers rushed home after a telephone call and found his three-story house was red from roof to ground.

"I just had it painted," he moaned.

Mrs. George E. Moreland said it "seemed as if everything in sight was red."

"We had a snowman out in our back yard when it happened and now we've got a red snowman."

Fortunately the oil base had not been added to the pigment and a heavy rain washed much of it away. Three fire trucks also helped hose off the houses. But most of them were left red-streaked.

The paint factory is the Harmon colors plant of the Allied Chemical Corp.'s National Aniline division.

Company officials said they would foot the bill for new paint jobs so their neighbors won't, so to speak, have to go in the red.

CHURCHILL VOTE SET

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House has scheduled a vote Tuesday on a proposal to make Sir Winston Churchill an honorary citizen of the United States.

House leaders predicted unanimous approval for the measure sponsored by Rep. Francis E. Walter, D-Pa.



SKI CHAMPION—Virginia Birmisa will leave March 8 for Jackson Hole, Wyo., where she will compete in the National Junior Skiing Races. A member of the Mount Shasta High School honor roll and the California Scholarship Federation, she stands third in the junior skiing ranks. Virginia's present standing will give her an almost certain position on the U.S. junior skiing team in the next Olympic games.

Romance Withers, Dies For Linda, Glenn Ford

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Romance bloomed and withered Wednesday for Linda Christian and Glenn Ford in what may have been record time—even for Hollywood.

"We just got engaged tonight," the international playgirl said Tuesday night.

"Absolutely not true," said the actor of a columnist's report the next morning.

"I am surprised that he would behave like a rat," said the fiery, Titian haired ex-wife of the late Tyrone Power.

Said Ford: "The columnist must have misinterpreted a few things. No one is taking this seriously at the moment."

Said Linda: "He's been asking me to marry him for months, and I had been turning him down. Tuesday night he seemed sincere

and I agreed to go ahead with the engagement. I was happy about sharing my life with Glenn in a worthwhile union. After all, getting engaged isn't something you do every day."

Said Ford: "I don't want to dispute a lady's word, but this is becoming ludicrous. The more it goes, the funnier it gets."

Said Linda: "He swore I was the only woman he would marry. Compared to me, he said, all the rest of them were sick. I thought we were engaged when I got up today."

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Helicopter Logging Of Inaccessible Land Shown By Forestry Engineers

The feasibility of using helicopters for logging operations on up-to-now inaccessible timberlands in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska has been demonstrated by forest engineers at Oregon State University, according to John E. O'Leary, project director.

O'Leary, associate professor of forest engineering at OSU, has been studying the possibilities of helicopter logging since June 1961 under contract with the U.S. Forest Service.

Until recently, timberlands which seemed impossible to log with conventional methods were bypassed, O'Leary points out. The point has been reached, however, where such lands are too valuable to ignore.

In Alaska alone, there are approximately 2,000,000 acres of valuable timberland which up to now, have been considered inaccessible but which could be logged economically by helicopter, he adds. It seems quite likely that helicopter logging may have a very important place in the future of logging, O'Leary believes.

He lists at least seven situations where helicopters may be used in preference to the conventional logging methods. They are:

1. If it is cheaper to log by helicopter than other logging methods because of high road building costs or low timber volume per acre.

2. If soil conditions prohibit building logging roads or drag-

ging logs.

3. If conventional methods would destroy the beauty of a particular area.

4. If quick action is needed to remove timber while it still has economic value from fire-killed, bug-killed, or wind thrown stands.

5. If right-of-way problems hinder the development of a road system.

6. If special orders require the removal of a certain species in a mixed stand prior to the final cut.

7. If the topography or location of the timberland is such that it requires a special logging method which the helicopter can provide.

Helicopters cannot be used everywhere economically, O'Leary emphasizes, and will not compete, for the most part, with the conventional machinery used for logging. Certain conditions must first exist in an area in order for helicopter logging to be possible and economical.

A few of these conditions are: low temperatures and elevations should exist in order for a helicopter to give best performance; the weather must be fairly good because helicopters are grounded by dense fog, sleet, and winds in excess of 30 knots; water should be within a mile of the logging operations; and helicopter maintenance facilities should be nearby.

The helicopters used for logging, because of their high cost and maintenance problems, likely would be owned and operated by helicopter companies rather than by the logging companies themselves, the OSU forest engineer says.

Studies show that the average rental of a helicopter would be approximately \$300 per hour for a machine with a 5,000 pound lifting capacity. Machines with 10,000 and 20,000 pound lifting capacities might be rented for approximately \$500 to \$800 per hour, respectively. This high cost per hour is the

reason why conditions have to be such that the operation can be carried out quickly and efficiently. In an efficient operation, under the ideal conditions mentioned previously, about 14 to 17 trips could be made per hour, studies show.

Because it appears that helicopter logging will play an important part in the logging future of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, O'Leary has recommended that the U.S. Forest Service conduct further tests to determine the long-term durability and economy of helicopter logging, conduct trial operations making time and motion studies, and participate in programs to develop helicopter logging in appropriate areas.

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Green Belt Law Backed

SALEM (UPI)—Sentiment was expressed Wednesday for a tax deferral proposal designed to strengthen Oregon's "green belt" law.

After enactment of the law in 1961 it proved to be a speculators' bill which enabled land developers to enjoy tax advantages intended for farmers.

The law is designed to give farmers in urban areas protection against being taxed off their land as new subdivisions increased land values and resulted in higher taxes.

Considered by the house tax committee Wednesday was HB1230 which provides for deferral of part of a farmer's tax bill. Under the proposal, his property would be assessed at agricultural value and at its other potential use value. The farmer would pay the agricultural tax.

When the property was sold, the higher value would be computed for the preceding seven years, and the tax would then have to be paid.

Nobody opposed the idea of the plan at Wednesday's hearing, although there was much discussion of problems that might result if the proposal became law.

The measure was referred to a subcommittee for further study.

Pair Complete Short Course

William L. Bourland of 500 N. Ninth Street and Willard Ostlund of 1949 Main Street completed a special three-day short course this week in the Oregon State University School of Engineering.

The special school for city, county and state sanitarians is offered each year at OSU. Joint sponsors with the university are the State Board of Health and the Oregon Section, National Association of Sanitarians.

Food service — testing, inspection and epidemiology—drew special attention at this year's school along with work on industrial sanitation, occupational health hazards, and waste disposal. More than 60 sanitarians were enrolled.

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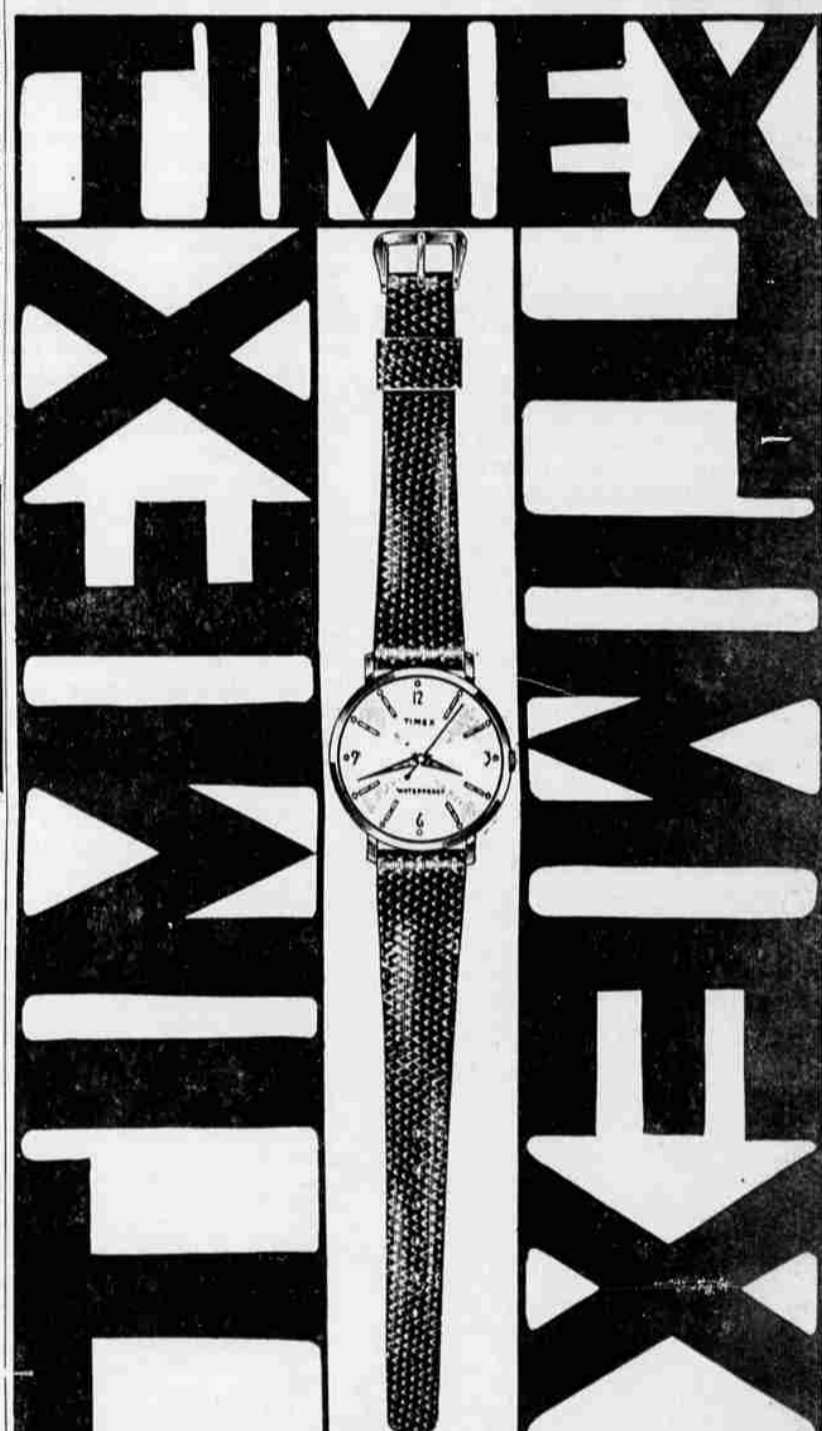
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