Annie's Satiric Names Fire Flow Of Laughter

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: Why do you persist in calling people "Toots," "Lamb-Chop," "Bub," "Petunia," "Buster," "Honey-Bun" and countless other equally undignified names?

Surely you must be aware that some people who write to you are older than you are and therefore entitled to respect. How do you think a 70-year-old grandmother feels when you refer to her as "Toots?"

Recently my father-in-law wrote to you and he did not sign his name. I recognized his letter because I happened to know of his problem. I admit the situation he described sounded like that of a much younger man, but he is a gentleman 68 years of age. In your reply to him you called him "Buddy Boy."

Your advice is excellent but your sarcasm and smart-aleck approach to your correspondents is a bit much.—TO THE POINT

Dear Point: Thank you for your letter. It is not the first letter I have received offering this criticism. The next letter deals with the same subject. I hope you will read it.

Dear Ann Landers: Your column is like a breath of fresh air! I especially enjoy your down-to-earth, unpretentious, old-shoe attitude toward all who write. When you pop back with, "Look, Buttercup," or "Listen, Bub," my husband gets such a bang out of it he can't stop laughing. "Buster" and "Doll" set him off, too, but nothing does it like "Buddy Boy!"

Reading your column every day is almost the same as having a personal chat with you. Your wisdom and wit are a priceless combination. Without being unkind you scale people down to size with just the right phrase. And who of us doesn't need it now and then?

Don't ever lose that refreshing straight-from-the-shoulder humor which your readers dearly love. —N.C. BOOSTER

Dear Booster: Thanks Doll. And please give my regards to "Buddy Boy."

Dear Ann Landers: I am a retired insurance man who has a good wife, a nice family and I'm strictly a mind-my-own business type.

Three weeks ago I received a telephone call from a man who said, "You had better stop seeing my wife or you'll be in serious trouble." I asked his name but he wouldn't tell me. I invited him to come to my home and talk to me but he refused. I am completely innocent and have nothing to hide. I even offered to go see him but he wouldn't tell me where he lived or where he worked.

Last week he called again with the same message. Yesterday, I received a third call—this one was angrier and I suspect he had been drinking. I phoned the telephone company and asked them to trace the call but they said it was impossible.

Please tell me what to do. I am deeply concerned.—NOT GUILTY.

Dear Not Guilty: The man sounds like a crack-pot who picked your name out of the phone book. Ask the telephone company to change your number. They will be happy to do so when you explain the circumstances.

Confidential to UNLUCKY MAN WHO CAN'T GET A BREAK: Of course luck is a factor in success. But look around and you'll notice that the harder people work the luckier they get.

Confidential to STUCK IN SUBURBIA AND LOATHING IT: You'll be happier if you resign yourself to O'Neil's law: "He who misses the 6:05 will also miss the 11:40."

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.

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FBI Slates Conference

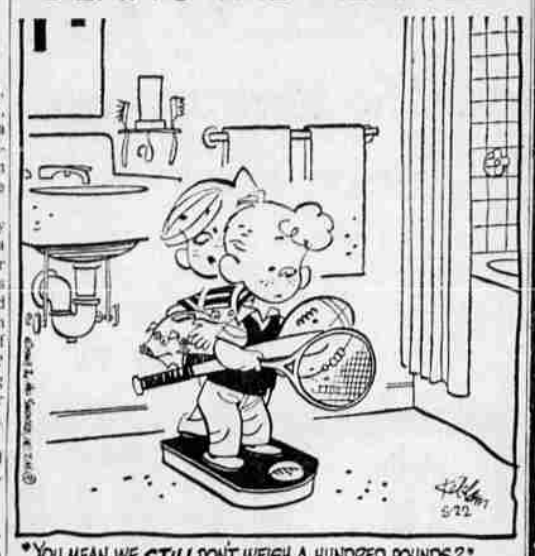
Special agent in charge, John H. Williams of the Portland office of the FBI, announced that a specialized bank robbery conference was sponsored by the FBI at Medford Tuesday, May 21.

Representatives from the FBI and other law enforcement agencies, banks, savings and loan institutions and other organizations attended. The local meeting was held in connection with a series of law enforcement conferences scheduled throughout the nation until June 1.

Five members of the Klamath Falls Police Department went to Medford Tuesday to attend this session.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover stated that this program is designed to meet the threat posed by a record number of crimes against banking institutions. He noted that a total of 1,250 violations of the Federal Bank Robbery and Incidental Crimes Statute were reported to the FBI during 1962. This figure exceeded the 1961 total by over 30 per cent.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



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Public Welfare Group To Meet Here May 24

Firsthand information on how public welfare operates in Oregon will be available to all interested persons when the State Public Welfare Commission meets in Klamath Falls on Friday, May 24.

One of a series of quarterly meetings held in six districts of the state, the meeting will consist of two parts. The regular morning business session, beginning at 9:30 a.m., will close at noon for an informal no-host luncheon. Dr. Ennis Keizer of North Bend, chairman of the State Commission, will preside at the business meeting.

The afternoon session, led by Reuben Larson, chairman of the Klamath County Public Welfare Commission, will be given over to discussion of any aspect of public welfare the group attending wishes to explore. Andrew J. Juras, state welfare administrator, has announced that civic leaders, representatives of state and local government, county welfare officials, and other interested persons are encouraged to ask questions and make suggestions on any aspect of public welfare programs, problems and goals.

The commission will meet in the hearing room of the Klamath County Courthouse for both sessions.

The district represented includes Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake counties. Previous district meetings in this series have been held in Eugene, Medford, Astoria, Pendleton and Hood River.

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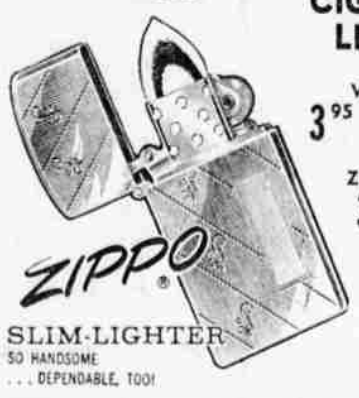

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