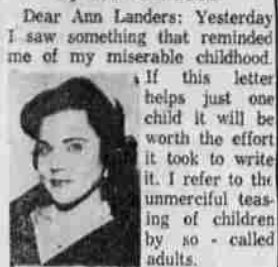


Teasing Just In Fun Can Cause Much Harm

By ANN LANDERS



Dear Ann Landers: Yesterday I saw something that reminded me of my miserable childhood. If this letter helps just one child it will be worth the effort it took to write it. I refer to the unmerciful teasing of children by so-called adults.

When I was a child my great-aunt used to tease me, pretending it was all in fun. I know now she was a sadist. I was unusually tall for my age and Aunt Tillie would say, "If you don't stop growing you won't be able to work anywhere but in a circus." She used to worry me sick.

Aunt Tillie teased my younger brother, too. She told him if he didn't stop stuttering his tongue would fall out and he wouldn't be able to talk. He became so inhibited in her presence that he rarely uttered a word when she was in the house.

Yesterday I heard a grandmother tell a child that if she swallowed a cherry pit a tree would start to grow in her stomach and the branches would sprout from her eyes and ears. Of course this is absurd to an older person who can reason, but many children believe whatever an adult says.

Please, Ann, tell grownups that teasing children "in fun" can produce irreparable damage. — A FRIEND

Dear Friend: Thank you for writing. I hope your letter gets through to those who don't realize how harmful their little jokes can be.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband died 10 months ago and left me well off financially. I'm 63 but could pass for younger. I'm well-traveled, well-read and there's still plenty of Gypsy in my soul if you know what I mean.

Please don't think me vulgar, but I want a husband and I'm willing to pay for him. There must be some attractive men around in their 50s or 40s who

are tired of working and want to relax a little. Please don't tell me to wait for some nice gentleman to come along and marry me for myself. Why would a good-looking, middle-aged man want a 63-year-old widow when he can have a 28-year-old divorcee — unless there was an added incentive?

I know six wealthy widows at this minute who are pathetic in their loneliness. Why shouldn't I buy my way out of this circle if I can? Please give me some down-to-earth, practical advice. — LONELY AND MISERABLE

Dear Gypsy: If you think you're lonely and miserable now just marry some good-looking, middle-aged man who "wants to relax a little."

No man worth having would be remotely interested in your proposition. Your For Sale sign would attract nothing but scum.

Dear Ann Landers: This is a problem that I'll bet many parents are faced with during summer vacation. Can you help?

Our daughter Arleen has been invited by my sister-in-law to spend four weeks with them out in Montana. Arleen is 16, and a good little cook and housekeeper. My sister-in-law said in her letter that they would expect Arleen to "pitch in" with the household chores and to help with the children.

Now the problem. Do you feel that we should continue to give Arleen her allowance while she is on vacation? Or should my sister-in-law give her an allowance for helping with the chores? My husband says one thing and I say another. What do you say, Ann Landers? — SPLIT DECISION

Dear Split: By all means you should continue to give Arleen her allowance while she is on vacation. It would be unthinkable to suggest that a house guest be paid for pitching in. Arleen is your responsibility whether she's at home or vacationing.

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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Thursday, August 8, 1963

BASIN BRIEFS

MERRILL

BUDDY MAUPIN, scoutmaster, and Bill Poe, assistant, accompanied five Boy Scouts from Troop 7 of Merrill to Crescent Lake. The scouts are Terry Woodhouse, Ronnie Cunningham, Jerry Hammond, Charlie Britton and Bill Baird.

MR. AND MRS. BILL FALVEY traveled to The Dalles to see their son play in the State Babe Ruth Tournament.

MAXINE BURNS and Dianne West were in San Francisco for several days visiting with friends.

CRISS KANDRA left for Portland Aug. 8 to spend two weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Davis.

MR. AND MRS. KACK HODGE and Jannis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fleck and Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Elfert and cousin Shara, Candis Kandra and Dennis Curnall spent several days at Winchester Bay deep sea fishing.

THE MERRILL VFW AUXILIARY will present a fashion show on Friday, Aug. 9, at 1:30 p.m. in the VFW Hall. Women and children's clothing will be modeled, also some men's clothing. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served during the afternoon.

MRS. WILLARD McCULLOCH spent several days in Eureka visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale McCulloch.

MR. AND MRS. BILL GREEN, Doyle and Bruce Haskins spent a weekend boating and camping at Shasta Lake.

MR. AND MRS. JIM SHUCK are the proud parents of their fourth child, a girl not yet named.

MR. AND MRS. D. RAINES have had as recent guests, Mrs. M. H. Tatum and children and Mrs. Della Barnette and Eddie. Mrs. Barnette and Eddie traveled on to Salem to visit her mother, Mrs. Tatum and children and Mrs. Raines and her children went to Adel to visit their mother, Mrs. Glen, and the Harold Gibsons.

BILL WHITE, son of Harold White, has been with his uncle, Frank Griffith.

MR. AND MRS. HILTON WILSON and children have been guests of his brother, Walter Wilson. They were in Merrill for the 1953 class reunion.

MRS. WALTER WILSON was hostess at a family reunion of her husband's relatives on July 20. Among the 23 guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hammock and Lorraine from Albuquerque, N.M.

MR. AND MRS. CECIL SMITH and Elaine have been visiting a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jackson, in Eugene.

MIKE FALVEY and Russel Smith participated in the Babe Ruth Tournament held in The Dalles.

CHILQUIN
ATHEL ROSER'S daughters.

Linda and Lorna, and three grandchildren, Darrel, Lonnie, 5, and Bruce, 2, were recent visitors. Lorna and her husband, Ron O'Gorman, and Bruce left for O'Gorman's new assignment in the Air Base Service after spending two weeks in Chiloquin. They will be located in Wisconsin. Mrs. Linda Smith from Grants Pass and her two children visited a few days while her sister was visiting at the Roser home.

MRS. MINNIE MALLORY had as guests over the weekend, her niece and family, Miriam (Allen) Toth, her husband and three children, from Castro Valley. They were among the guests at the potluck gathering in Collier Park on Sunday, Aug. 4.

MR. AND MRS. BILL WAMPLER and family had as guests their two nieces, Susie and Debbie Wampler, from Powell Butte, Ore. They are the daughters of Jim Wampler.

JANE AND VERN HENGAL from Fremont, Calif., former residents of Sprague River, have been the visitors of the Don Potters.

GLENN CRAIN and Norma Jackson have enrolled in the San Mateo Junior College.

HIROTO (ZAK) ZAKOJI, former director of the Klamath Indian Educational Program, has been visiting in Chiloquin. He is now working with the Kootenai Indians at Bonner's Ferry, Idaho.

WARREN LOUGH has been named the new superintendent of the Simplot DeVoe Lumber Mill. He is replacing Howard Savage, who is moving to Troy, Ore.

DAIRY
MR. AND MRS. C. N. HEILE and sons of Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Art McIntyre and Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. George Barslund and sons of Los Angeles, Karen and Virgil Schmoie and Keith Turner of Bonanza spent Sunday at the Harold Smith Ranch near Sprague River attending to cattle. A picnic was enjoyed at noon.

MR. AND MRS. RAY JONES and children and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Marchant of Grants Pass visited Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jones.

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Park Meters Reinstated By Council

DUNSMUIR—The city council voted to put downtown parking meters back in use, set the property tax rate for the coming year at \$2.50 per \$100 assessed valuation and voted \$500 to the Railroad Days Committee to help pay celebration costs in an action-filled meeting Monday night.

Dave McClintock introduced a motion to reactivate the parking meters after accusing the downtown merchants of defaulting on their proposals regarding parking meter substitutions when the meters were taken out of service in 1960.

He said the city had done everything asked by the merchants such as install the meters in the first place, extend their use, take them out of service and tag them with two hour free parking notices and continually revise the parking ordinance at a considerable cost for publication, McClintock said.

The merchants first said they would top the parking meter poles with flower baskets, then proposed a wooden welcome sign but there has been no action on the idea in almost a year, the council charged in unanimously approving the motion.

"People go elsewhere to shop where there are parking meters," Mayor David Anderson commented. Parking meter funds averaged about \$5,000 annually during the seven years they were in use, a severe loss of city revenue during the last two years. Ten per cent of parking fees go into an offstreet parking fund, City Clerk Elizabeth Cavin explained, and the remainder is used for maintenance and various police department expenses.

The tax rate for the 1963-64 year remains unchanged from last year's rate; \$2.14 general tax; .11 parks, music and advertising; .09, civil defense, and .17 flood control.

In view of the fact that the city did not match last year's donation of \$500 to Railroad Days, the community celebration sponsored by the chamber of commerce, the council voted to pick up a large share of the celebration's deficit this year with a \$500 donation from the city's advertising fund.



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