

Scouts, store join to help elderly

Helping others is a primary duty of all Boy Scouts, their slogan being, "Do a Good Turn Daily."

A daily good deed will be performed by scouts from the Clinton Valley Council and Tall Pine Council, with the "I'm O.K." safety program for seniors and shut-ins. Scout Troop 58, Emerson School PTA, Pontiac; Troop 11, Christ of the Lakes Lutheran Church, Waterford; and Troop 257, Foss Avenue Baptist Church, Flint; are cooperating with Perry Drug Stores, Inc., in the program.

The pilot project may involve more scouts at a later date.

The safety program for seniors and shut-ins involves a printed "I'm O.K." message which appears on bright yellow cards that Perry stores will be distributing in Michigan communities.

Through a simple check system, the program helps insure safety for seniors and shut-ins without disturbing their privacy. Seniors or shut-ins can arrange with friends or neighbors to look for the bright yellow sign at a door or window every day for a pre-arranged length of time.

If the sign does not appear or remains longer than designated, the friends or neighbor can refer to an information card supplied by the senior or shut-in to know what action to take. In some cases, the senior or shut-in may want the neighbor to telephone a relative or enter his or her home with a key previously provided.

The scout troops offering assistance in the I'm O.K. program will check on the senior or shut-in who may not have a neighbor or friend to do so.



I am in the middle of spring cleaning and have boxes of bottles and jars in my garage that I would like to get rid of. I hate to throw anything out. Is there someone that will take this stuff off my hands?

A.K., Garden City. There are several recycling centers operating in the tri-county area that will be happy to take your bottles. These centers collect bottles, newspapers, cardboard, junk mail and aluminum and sell them to companies that make new packaging material and newsprint from them. Concern, Inc., Detroit, publishes a list of these centers as a public service.

The list is free and can be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Concern, Inc., Detroit, 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy, MI 48068. I've been trying to get my husband to fix a leaky faucet for what seems like forever. I know this is wasting water and I keep telling him its expensive to have leaky faucets. Could you offer some information on the subject that might get him moving?

Mrs. Wilbur T., Troy. Whenever your water is running its costing you money. In a faucet or garden hose a steady drip wastes up to 211 gallons in 24

Convention to feature Ann Landers

Columnist Ann Landers will address the 34th annual state convention of the Michigan Women's Osteopathic Auxiliary held in conjunction with the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and surgeons May 4-5. The event will be held in Detroit's Plaza Hotel in the Renaissance Center. Mrs. Richard Nimbach

of Bloomfield Hills and Mrs. Robert Koprince of West Bloomfield who are active members MWOA will take part in the meeting. Mrs. Koprince will be honored.

Getting it together

Some just love their jobs

I think my husband must be a workaholic, says the lonely housewife. He only lives for his career. His hours are long and he brings work home. He can't talk about anything that isn't related to his job.

It's a handy word, workaholic. But it's also highly over-used.

Calling someone a workaholic conjures a picture of a man who is compelled to work. He is almost desperate to fill his time and his thoughts with task-oriented activities. It's as though he is afraid to stop working, as though he is running from some mental bogeyman who will catch him if he stops driving himself.

The implication is that, like the alcoholic, the workaholic is suffering a kind of emotional illness. He supposedly can't help himself, and his wife is helpless, too. But that's tragically misleading.

While there are definitely some men who hide in their work as an alcoholic hides in his bottle, these are rare. But it's easier to believe that your work-oriented husband is trapped by a compulsion than to accept the possibility that he is more turned on by his job than he is by his wife.

The truth about most so-called work-

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aholics is that they are deeply in love with their jobs. And it makes sense that they should be.

Like some perfect lover, the "workaholic's" job takes care of most of his emotional needs. It gives him respect, admiration, nurturance, adventure, fun, creativity, pride, friendship, and even a form of love. He feels appreciated at work. He feels important and needed.

So, when he sinks into his living room chair at the end of a day, he looks exhausted but feels satisfied. In fact, he feels so satisfied that he really doesn't need anything but peace from his family.

All of which would not be so surpris-

ing if you could watch him at work. It's obvious immediately that his career is more than just a job. He's very personal about the way he handles his work tasks. His relationships with associates, employees and clients have a family-like quality. Often, he treats his employees as his children. He protects them like a patriarchal father. And they pay him a corresponding respect and appreciation.

To his associates and clients he is a man of integrity, a man who cares about the quality of his work. Even if it means great personal sacrifices, he works toward perfection. And he earns the praise that is due him. His job is an opportunity to demonstrate that he is special in an important way.

It doesn't sound so bad, does it?

Unless, of course, you think of how it must feel to be his wife or his son. It's the emptiness at home.

It makes you wonder: If the work-loving husband is so good at meeting personal needs at his job, then why is he such a flop with his real family? If he's such a success in the demanding circumstances of the work world, then why can't he apply himself to the needs of his wife and kids? And isn't there anything that his wife and kids can do to break into his self-sufficient citadel?

Tune in next week for the answers. Bob Trentz is a psychologist and marriage counselor in Rochester. Problems for Dr. Trent may be sent to P.O. Box 64, Rochester 48063.

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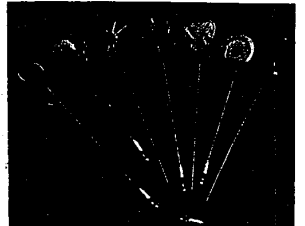
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