



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Here's a tough one for you: Some friends came to visit my husband and me the other afternoon, and they brought their 13-year-old son along to play with our son, who's about the same age.

After they left, our son discovered that a \$5 bill was missing from his desk drawer. He said he was sure it was there that morning. We are almost positive this visiting boy took it, but of course we can't be sure unless he confesses.

Should we mention this to the boy's parents? There is more than just the \$5 loss involved here. If the boy is thief, I think his parents ought to know, don't you?

What should we do?

DEBATING

DEAR DEBATING: If he were your son, wouldn't you want to know that he was suspect? After a thorough search for the \$5 has been made to preclude the possibility of a false accusation, I think the boy should be questioned. And in the absence of any real proof that he is guilty, he should be presumed innocent.

DEAR ABBY: I have a son-in-law who is so money-hungry it's positively disgusting! Two days after my husband died, he went to our lawyer and asked, "How much is there in it for me?" Every time my daughter comes to visit me, she asks if I've decided what I'm going to do with my jewellery when I die, and if I have put it in writing.

My daughter changed completely after she married this nut. He's a schoolteacher, and he either hypnotized her or brainwashed her. She never lacked for a thing before she was married. What on earth causes such greed? I hardly know how to handle it.

DISGUSTED IN ARIZONA

DEAR DISGUSTED: In your daughter's case, it obviously wasn't poverty. And if I were you, I wouldn't go boating or mountain-climbing with this pair. And if they invite you over for dinner, better take a food-taster along.

DEAR ABBY: What can be done about a widow who makes a practice of calling on bereaved families every evening when close friends and relatives come to pay their respects? This woman has little more than a nodding acquaintance with most of these people, but she shows up night after night as long as others come.

She probably figures it's a good way to get into homes where she'd never be invited. Also, there are always plenty of good eats and people to socialize with, and she likes to talk.

Since it's kind of an open house for a week after the funeral, I don't suppose anybody can keep her out, but it seems to me that there should be some way to keep people like her from taking advantage of other people's sorrow.

This is a small town, so please don't say where this letter is from.

FRIEND OF THE FAMILY

DEAR FRIEND: I know of no way to turn even a nodding acquaintance who comes to pay a condolence call, but anyone who is so desperate for company and a cup of tea has my sympathy.

A new but old pastime

'Hook and gab' sessions becoming extremely popular

by Dagmar Kanzler
Quilting bees are becoming an increasingly popular and well-known pastime throughout the country, and especially in pockets as Huronia where the current handicraft rage appears to have really caught on.

But "hook and gab" sessions - now that is definitely new on the scene.

Actually, this unofficial, informal term is about as new to this area as the craft to which it refers - namely that of rug hooking.

Rug hooking itself is among the oldest of the handicrafts that is currently enjoying a rejuvenation for it is a craft that dates back to times when old rags were transformed into gay, often decorative floor coverings. According to Ellice Christie, herself a relatively new rug hooker of only five years, it is a craft that has really mushroomed in the last decade, especially in Georgian country.

Traditionally, the Maritimes and the Gaspé region of Quebec have been the hearth of rug hooking in Canada; in the USA, the eastern seaboard has a fairly long tradition for its hooked sea motifs, and in fact Canadian teachers still tend to go to this region of the States to catch up on new techniques and take special courses.

In Ontario, the center of rug hooking is located in the southern, Niagara Peninsula region, and the place for hooking supplies and information here is Rittermere Studios in Vineland. This studio is well known in rug hooking circles for the kits it supplies to budding craftsmen and women. The kits include printed canvas and the wool required to complete the particular picture, and the guidance for newcomers comes free from Rittermere organization.

It is through Rittermere that Ellice Christie of Lafontaine became "hooked" on rug hooking; after reading an article about the studios in one of the Toronto dailies, Ellice made the trip to Rittermere from Toronto, investigated the possibilities and has never looked back. She had never been active in handicrafts previously, yet found herself teaching herself how to go about hooking a rug: "It's a nice, recreational hobby,

relaxing, and you can do it and listen or talk at the same time." This could explain the success of the "hook and gab" sessions in the area.

The modern age has changed the nature of the craft somewhat, notably in the materials now used by most rug hookers. Although a few dedicated craftspeople still use cut up rags to maintain the authenticity of the craft, most newcomers prefer to work with the wool flannel available from a

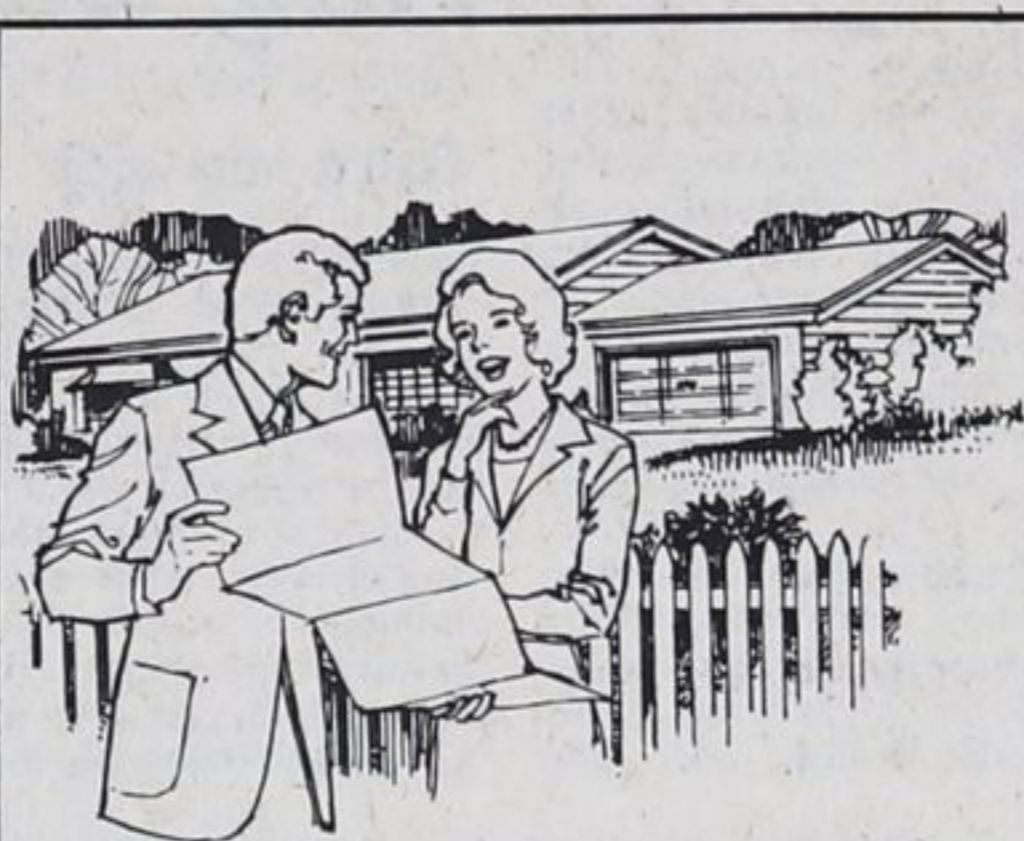
number of craft supply shops. The wool flannel comes in swatches of different colours though

it is possible to dye if specific colors are required) that are six inches long and three

inches wide. These are then either hand cut or cut by a wool cutter into strips of different widths.

depending on the type of effect the individual is after. As with all crafts, there

are a variety of techniques available. Cont'd on p.24

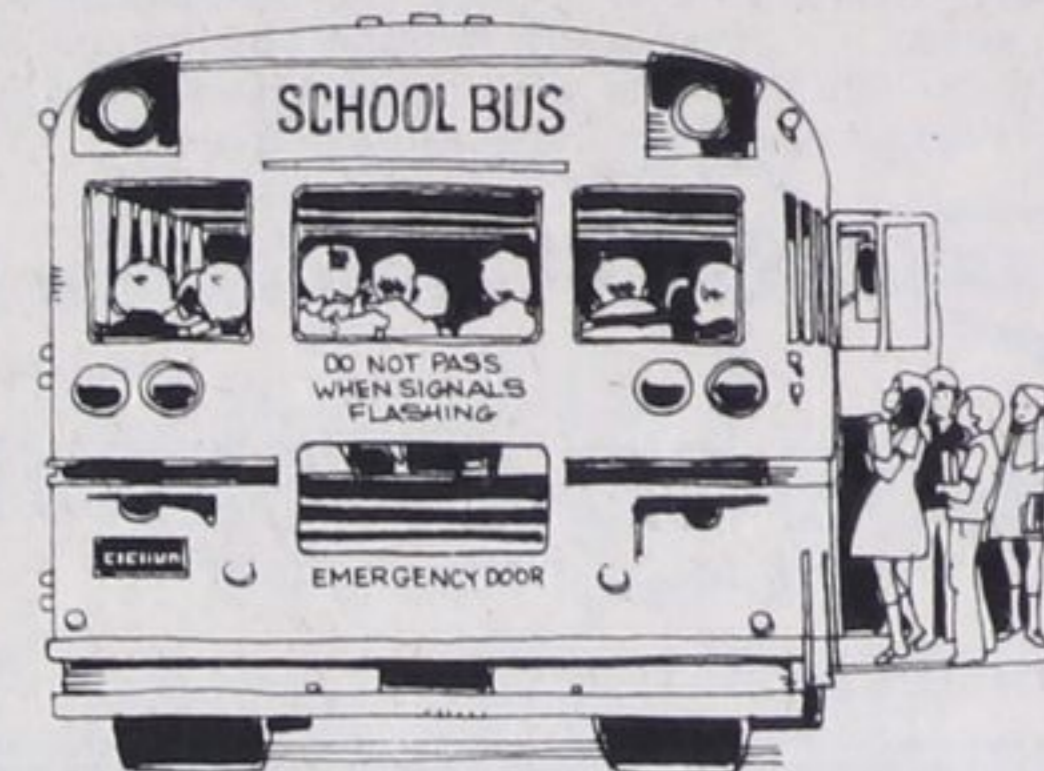


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The only exception is for motorists going in the opposite direction from the school bus on the other side of a multi-lane highway divided by a physical barrier.

There is something else you can do, as well. Instruct your children to follow the school bus safety rules learned at school - to help the bus driver by behaving quickly and by keeping seated until it is time to leave the bus.

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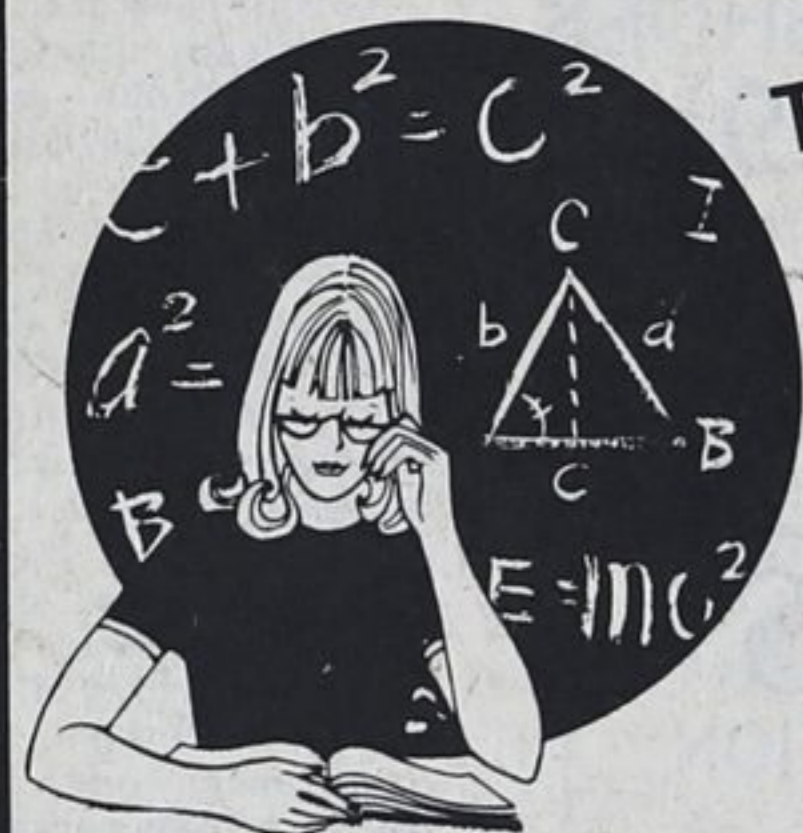
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AND MANY OTHER ISSUES — PLEASE ATTEND!

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