

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers

"You Can STOP Cheating..."

Dear Ann: I'm 28 years old and married to a man 51. We have been married 11 years and have four beautiful daughters.

I was only 17 when I married—too young to know what it was all about. He's always been a traveling salesman and I had big ideas about going on the road with him, staying in fancy hotels and eating in restaurants. It didn't work out that way.

I got pregnant a few months after we married and couldn't travel. Then I had to stay home to care for the baby. The following year another baby was on the way. Before I knew it I was stuck at home with four kids and my husband was gone from Monday till Friday.

I've met a man who loves me and the children. He wants to divorce his wife (they have no family) and marry me. I want to go through with it but I'm afraid my husband will take the kids away from me and give them to his sister who is childless.

He is good to me and the kids and I buy anything I want. But I don't love him. What can I do?—Vy.

Dear Vy: You can stop cheating on a man who is beating his brains out to give you "anything you want." You knew how old he was and what he did for a living when you married him.

Your two oldest children are no longer babies. What must THEY think about a man hanging around Mama when Papa is gone?

You bet he could take the kids away from you, and he should if you carry on in this shameful manner. Get an outside job if four children aren't enough to keep you busy during your husband's absence. Marriage is for keeps. You don't just throw in the deck and ask for a new shuffle if you don't like the deal.

Dear Ann Landers: My question does not fall in the love-lorn category but I notice many people write to you about other things. Please answer if you can.

I was born in the Middle East and educated in England. Since coming to America four years ago I've been struck repeatedly by a curious habit of American fathers. So often when one inquires if a man has a family he says "Our son is 6'1" and weighs 200 pounds." These statistics are announced with great pride—as if it were an accomplishment of some kind.

I've been all over the world and your country is the only place where this is done. Why?—John Bull.

The "vital statistics" are designed to impress you. A truly intelligent parent will not mention height and weight. In the absence of something valid to brag about—such as achievement—parents mention height and weight in an unconscious effort to substitute quantity for quality.

Dear Ann: In defense of the state of dress (or undress) for uninvited afternoon callers, may I say a word?

The present day American economy is based on three shifts. Some of us are nurses, waitresses, factory employes, or we are married to men who work from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Why should we be criticized

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Taylor - Purcell Wedding Solemnized at Wayfarers

After a honeymoon in Carmel and San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Purcell will be at home at 814 Sartori Ave., Torrance. Mrs. Purcell is the former Carol Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Taylor of Hawthorne. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Purcell of Hemet are parents of the bridegroom.

The couple were married on Saturday evening, Jan. 24, at 5:45 at the Wayfarers chapel in Portuguese Bend. The Rev. Kenneth Knox officiated.

Mr. Taylor escorted his daughter to the altar and gave her in marriage. She wore a waltz length wedding gown of Chantilly lace and tulle. The fitted bodice had long sleeves and the bouffant skirt was of tulle ruffles. Her fingertip veil was secured by a tiara and she carried a cascade bouquet of white orchids and stephanotis.

Miss Barbara Taylor was the maid of honor. She wore a princess gown of French green satin and carried pink carnations.

Bridesmaids were Misses Peggy Williams and Lynette Winters. Their gowns were of green satin fashioned on princess lines.

Gilbert Pike stood as best man and ushers were Raymond Eredia and John Emerson.

Following the wedding, a reception for the 125 guests was held at the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. Margaret Haschke was in charge of the guest book.

The bride was graduated from Leuzinger High school in 1956 and her husband was graduated from Narbonne High in 1955.



MRS. JOEL PURCELL
... To Reside Here
(Portrait by Seeman)



FASHIONS AND TRAVEL... A "Glamourline Cruise" will be enjoyed when St. Gerard's Guild of St. Margaret Mary's parish stages its fashion show on Feb. 6 at the Torrance Woman's Club. Planning their decorations are, from left, stated, Mrs. Donald Diroll, treasurer; Mrs. Leo Salisbury, general chairman; and Mrs. Fred Steinbronner, door prize chairwoman. Standing are Mrs. Walter Crump and Mrs. Keith Secord.

Sorority Hears Talk

A talk and film on "National Kidney Disease Foundation" highlighted a meeting of Alpha Omega chapter of Theta Chi Epsilon Sorority. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Loren Scott, Wednesday evening, Feb. 21. Alpha Omega has adopted this foundation as its yearly philanthropy.

Jack Weinberg, public relations director of the foundation and Mrs. Martha Zaitlin, president of the Los Angeles chapter and national vice president, both gave a short talk. Mrs. Zaitlin is the grandmother of a nephrotic child who has been completely cured.

The program was preceded by a short business meeting.

Deltas Will Dance Friday

The Deltas, senior Y-Teen club at Torrance High, invite all interested high school students to join them at their dance, "Jamaican Holidays," to be held Friday night, Jan. 30, from 7:30 to 12 at the YWCA, 2320 Carson St., according to Derene Elliott.

Tickets will be sold at the door. Dress is casual, Bermuda, jamaicas or capris.

Cupids and Hearts Set Valentine Ball Theme

Flirtatious cupids and oversize red and silver hearts will provide the theme decor for the eighth annual Torrance Hospital Auxiliary Valentine's Ball at the Mayflower Ballroom in Inglewood Saturday, Feb. 14. Mrs. H. F. Heinlein, decorations committee chairman announced yesterday.

Clusters of red and white balloons and ribbon streamers will add to the romantic atmosphere with the exotic recessed floor lights for the final touch for this important winter social event.

Serving with Mrs. Heinlein on this busy committee are: Mmes. W. C. Boswell, Olin Giles, Dean Virden, Ben Smith, W. H. Wolf, Kruchar and Hayes.

There will be the presentation of the cash Treasure Chest plus door prizes throughout the evening of dancing, followed by the traditional midnight buffet supper.

Mrs. Robin Bingham is in charge of the buffet arrangements.

Proceeds of the Ball will again go to the development and expansion of the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital, which serves not only Torrance but also the greater metropolitan area.

Tickets for the semi-formal event, which perennially draws Torrance and South Bay society en masse, are being handled by Mrs. W. C. Boswell.

Dinner Party

Dr. and Mrs. Allen Hofferber entertained a group of friends at an authentic Japanese dinner party last Friday at their Iris Ave. home.

Guests came attired in Japanese costumes and enjoyed a Japanese menu served amid oriental decor. After the dinner, bridge was played.

The Hofferbers' guests were Dr. and Mrs. Robert White, Torrance; Dr. and Mrs. William Kellogg, Fullerton; Dr. and Mrs. Virgil Galey, Santa Ana; Dr. and Mrs. John Gorrie, Sherman Oaks and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brundin, San Pedro, formerly of Torrance.

Wedding Guests

L. F. Robertson of Bowling Green, Ohio has arrived to attend the wedding of his granddaughter, Miss Peggy Wood and Stanley E. McGinley which will take place Friday evening at the San Gabriel Methodist Church. Also arriving yesterday from Richmond, Calif., was an aunt of the bride, Mrs. T. J. Raifsnider and daughter, Carol.



A ROMANTIC SETTING... Cupids and large hearts will be used effectively in decorating the Mayflower Ballroom in Inglewood for the Valentine Ball to be staged by the Torrance Hospital Auxiliary on Feb. 14. In the midst of making decorations are from left, Mrs. Charles D. Virden, Mrs. H. F. Heinlein and Mrs. Ben Smith.

Spring Cruise Fashions To Be Paraded at Guild Show

A prelude to spring fashions will be offered to those who board the S. S. Glamourline on Friday evening at 8, Feb. 6, at the Torrance Woman's Club, 1422 Engracia. Plans are being completed for a fashion show by St. Gerald Guild of St. Margaret Mary Parish located in Lomita. Mrs. Leo Salisbury, guild prefect, and general chairman will serve as mistress of ceremonies assisted by Mrs. Douglas Hart as narrator.

Highlighting the nautical theme will be travel fashions shown by Moore's Dress Shop and the Bobby Jean Shop. Models for the occasion will be Joan Nall, Wanda Stewart, Karen Herin, Claudia Smith and Edna Fisher. Mr. Donald Tomlin will show the men's fashions and there will also be three child models.

Arranging the programs and assisting the decorating committee is Mrs. Francis D. Davidson. Mrs. Robert Clotworthy, Mrs. Keith Secord and Mrs. Richard Crump are preparing the S. S. Glamourline stage to create the illusion of a vacation cruise.

Among the many pleasant features will be an abundance of door prizes to be awarded under the supervision of Mrs. Frederick Steinbronner as well as lovely favors provided through the efforts of Mrs. Pete Zamperini and Mrs. M. G. Mexico.

Refreshments will be served under the direction of Mrs. Donald Whitman, secretary, and Mrs. Dolores Diroll, treasurer.

The public is invited to attend this function and tickets, handled by Mrs. Donald DeCuir, will be available at the door or may be purchased from the Guild members.



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