

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



"Behaving Like An Adolescent..."

Dear Ann: The woman I married was a widow with four children, 22, 20, 18 and 6. The children don't know we're married. We are living apart.

When I courted her the children seemed to like me. As soon as they saw we were serious they told their mother I was "a nut."

My wife loves the children and has always worked hard to support them. The 18-year-old girl is the only one who has a job. The boys (22 and 20) loaf all day and ask their mother for spending money. They treat her like a servant ("Wake me up at 10:00 and have ham and eggs ready.") She admits she's spoiled them and they have no respect for her.

When I call on the phone they hang up on me. I'm getting sick of living apart. I want to be with her as a husband should. She says, "When the kids get a little older." What do you suggest?—PART-ED MATES

Sometimes children sneak off and get married because they are under age and can't get parental consent. This is the first time I ever heard of adults sneaking off because they couldn't get the children's consent.

Your wife is behaving like an adolescent, and you are too. Go— together—to a clergyman. Perhaps he can persuade her that she's being unfair to you, herself and the children. She's rearing a pack of emotional cripples who will never be able to stand up to life.

Dear Ann: Six years ago our daughter graduated from high school. She was a good student and won a college scholarship. After the first quarter she came home and announced she was tired of school and wanted to get married. We were heart-broken and begged her to get her education first. She was deaf to our pleading, and married a few months later.

Now their little boy is 4 years old. She wants to return to college. Last week she asked if I'd take care of her child. This means I'd have to give up church work and club activities, and all the other pleasures that come at my time of life.

My husband says I should refuse. He feels I've earned the privilege of doing the things I enjoy. He insists the child is THEIR responsibility, not ours, and I'd be a fool to take over. If my daughter were ill or if something happened to her husband and she had to go to work I wouldn't hesitate, but under these conditions what do you think?—MRS. J. E.

Dear J. E.: I agree with your husband. You reared YOUR family—now let your daughter do the same.

Dear Ann Landers: I started to go with this boy last year. He was rather wild and had been in trouble for ditching school and hub-cap "disappearances." When they found a pint of whiskey in his locker he was suspended from school. The whole world was against him so I offered my friendship when he needed it most. He promised never to get in trouble again, and he's kept his word.

The problem is that I don't want to go steady any more as I'm missing out on too much fun. When I tried to break off he said he'd go bad again if I dropped him and then it'd be my fault. What can I do?—JILL

Dear Jill: He's found your Achilles heel (the heel). Tell him goodbye and good luck. You're a young girl—not a reform school. Don't let him play on your sympathy and use you as a crutch forever. Do what's best for YOU.

Are you tempted to smoke because you're crowded? If so, send for ANN LANDERS' new booklet, "Tempted to Smoking," enclosing with your request 10 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope. (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.) Copyright 1959, Field Enterprises, Inc.

Resort Vacation
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shriver, 5234 Vanderhill Rd., are spending a vacation at Lagunita Lodge in the San Bernardino Mountains at Big Bear.



LOOK TO THE FUTURE... Members of the Junior Woman's club's new board are anticipating a year of achievement with their philanthropies, social activities and community service. Guiding this active club of Torrance young matrons are, seated, Mrs. Douglas Horlander, auditor; Mrs. Charles Briner, corresponding secretary. Standing, from left, are Mrs. A. R. Felando Jr., third vice president; Mrs. William E. Starr, second vice president; Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt, senior club coordinator; Mrs. Ralph Shaw, coordinator; Mrs. Lee Allen, junior-senior director; Mrs. Edward Aiken, reporter; Mrs. Kenneth Boulter, president; Mrs. Robert Davis, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Clifford Trezise, first vice president.

Membership Open

City of Hope Unit Names New Officers

Torrance City of Hope Chapter was entertained at a champagne luncheon and swimming party Monday at the home of Mrs. Edward Schwartz, 3244 El Dorado. Installation of new officers highlighted this social affair.

After a salad buffet, Mrs. Paul Roetger installed the new officers for the coming year. They are Mrs. Walter West, chairman; Mrs. Bert Lynn, first vice president; Mrs. Sol Young, assistant vice president; Mrs. Mitchell Markow, second vice president; Mrs. Edward Schwartz, third vice president; Mrs. Robert Triplitt, fourth vice president.

Mrs. Paul Roetger, recording secretary; Mrs. Wallace Howe, corresponding secretary; Mrs. William Luzan, treasurer and financial secretary.

A vote of thanks was given to William Boswell, who served as chairman for this comparatively new organization during its first successful year.

Plans were made for City of Hope Week in Torrance which will be from June 1 through 7. Sam Levy will be chairman of the Retail Merchants Drive.

Hope Sunday this year will be June 7 and plans are now underway for a door-to-door canvass.

The next meeting of the Hope chapter is scheduled for June 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the

Classmates Entertained

Miss Carole Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elles Cook, 1625 Fern Ave., entertained a group of her senior classmates at St. Michael's High school, at a party Saturday evening at the home of her parents. Escorts were also invited to the party.

Dancing was the main diversion, after which a buffet supper was served.

Carole's guests were Blanche Kelly, Barbara Zelazni, Marie Tobin, Kathy Arn, Jane Trabucco, Patsy Fowler, Ernice Saenz, Marynell Brown, Janet Rose, Carol May, Carol Johnson and Elaine Dorn.

Couples Host to Foreign Guests

Mrs. W. H. Gardner and Mrs. Charles W. Bennett of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, and their husbands entertained Professor Jean Guenot-St. Cloud from France and Pierre Lauverys, a student from England, in the Gardner home at 3222 Sonoma, on Friday, May 8, as part of the International Hostessing program of the club.

The guests arrived at 8:30 p.m. and were served cocktails and dinner, followed by a great deal of conversation touching on such subjects as the position of subjects in the United States in the world as seen through the eyes of foreigners, and the vastness of our country, with as many variations in peoples as in all of Europe.

Weekend Guest

Miss Sharon Bodley of San Luis Obispo, a student at Cal Poly, spent last weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. Minot Rugg, 1506 214th St.

Braille Speaker Is Club Guest

Torrance Woman's Club will be addressed by a speaker from Braille Institute, with music by a blind pianist, at the club's May 20 afternoon meeting in the clubhouse, 1422 Engancia Ave., announced Mrs. Don B. Wolf, president.

Mrs. Sid Gans, program chairman, says the speaker will be Mrs. Josephine Hindman, active member of the volunteer staff of Braille Institute, who will give an account of the rehabilitation activities carried on in behalf of blind people of the Greater Los Angeles area. Mr. John Lopez, a teacher of music and receptionist, is the musician.

Proceeding this program to be held at 2 p.m., a pot luck luncheon will be served at 1:30 followed by a business meeting at 1:30 p.m.

CDA Court Holds Election of Officers

Mrs. Richard Ban was elected grand regent of Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, to succeed Mrs. Laurence Derouin, at the election of officers held Monday evening at Nativity parish hall. Presently serving as vice regent and program chairman, Mrs. Ban joined the

court at the first initiation following its institution.

Long-time residents of Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. Ban have two daughters, a son, and eight grandchildren. Their daughters are Mrs. J. H. Glascock (Madeline), a former officer in the Court of St. Catherine, and Mrs. Robert J. Lessman (Pauline), both residents of Los Altos. Joseph J. Ban and his family live in Los Angeles.

Other officers elected to serve during the coming year include: Mmes. Robert Aguilar, vice regent; Paul McDonald, prophetess; Miss Virginia Shaper, financial secretary; Mmes. Joseph Comore, historian; Robert O'Brien, treasurer; Leonard Young, lecturer; and J. W. Crew, monitor. Mrs. Frank J. Quinn and Mrs. John V. Murray were re-elected to their present posts, sentinel and organist, respectively. New members of the board of trustees are Mmes. Laurence Derouin, Michael McMahon, William Korcheny and F. C. Rick; Mmes. Don Cowden and John J. O'Driscoll will continue in their present posts as board members.

A coffee klatch next Tuesday, May 19, at Nativity parish hall, will replace the evening social meeting in May, according to Mrs. Peter O'Brien, ways and means chairman. Home-made coffee cake and coffee will be served between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The World Mission program



IT'S NOT ALL FUN... These members of the Torrance Business and Professional Women's club visited the Torrance jail this week to look over facilities. As part of the club project, Community Interest, the members are studying jail conditions for women prisoners. They are, from left, Mmes. Frances Lee, Marcia Cook, Lucille Lewellen, Dorthie Kirkpatrick, and outside the bars, Maxine Hahn, president of the club.

Desk and Derrick Meets Wednesday

Harbor area petroleum women will meet Wednesday in the Sky Room of the Wilton Hotel in Long Beach when Desk and Derrick holds its May dinner meeting.

Guest speaker Robert Krogfuss will talk on "Our Stake in Bringing Goodwill to Our Companies Through Our Work." Krogfuss, on the staff of Long Beach City College, also instructs insurance classes in other area colleges and conducts a training course for Certified Professional Secretaries.

Community Interest

B&PW Studies Jail Facilities

With "Community Interest" as its project for the coming year, time is being devoted by the Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club to the study of the jail facilities for women prisoners in the area, stated Mrs. Jack Hahn, Torrance policewoman and president of the local B&PW Club.

The meeting will be held at the Sybil Brand Institute, on Terminal Island, which with the County jail are the only places to house women prisoners.

Next Monday evening, May 25, at a dinner meeting at 7:30 p.m., the club members will hear a talk on "Narcotics in the South Bay Area" by Sgt. Ben Hatfield.

This talk is a continuation of the program at the April dinner meeting, when Capt. Ruth Johns from the Female Division gave a clear picture of the inadequate jail facilities that now exist at the Los Angeles County jail.

Capt. Johns pointed out that there are five dormitories containing 8,475 square feet. By minimum standards this area should house 113 inmates, but 238 women are housed here, giving each inmate 23 square feet of floor space.

She also said there are 77 cells designed for 148 inmates and are now housing an average of 186 and at times as many as 241 women. During peak population it has been necessary to assign as high as 30 women to one bath or shower.

Last year in Torrance, according to Mrs. Hahn, 1,164 persons were booked and 208 of these were women. Women prisoners are not held at the Torrance jail.

The local club plans to join with other women organizations in asking county supervisors to begin at once the construction of the new jail which has been authorized by the voters.

Donish Baby Is Baptised

On Sunday, May 10, at the Nativity Catholic Church, Joanne Donish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Donish, 1629 Greenwood Ave., was baptised.

Godparents were Dr. and Mrs. Carl Troia of Bakersfield. After the baptism, Mr. and Mrs. Donish entertained at a buffet at their home.

Attending besides the godparents were grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bright and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Green of Bakersfield.

Joanne is the fifth child for the local couple. Other children are Linda, 15; Christine, 12; Michael, 9, and Kathy, 5. The baby was born April 14 at the Kaiser Hospital. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Julia Donish of Pennsylvania.



THE GAVEL EXCHANGE... Mrs. William Poser, who will serve as president of the Torrance PTA Council for 1959-60, accepts the gavel from Mrs. Kenneth McVey, retiring president, at the annual May brunch held Wednesday. In the center is Mrs. Ray Reese, president of the 33rd district CCPT, who was the honored guest and conducted the installation of new council officers. (Story on Page 10)



MRS. RICHARD BAN... New President