

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



Whose Ignorance Is Showing?

Dear Ann Landers: Your insulting attack on atheists exposed your ignorance to millions of readers. This is the 20th century—an age of science and progress. Only the fearful and the weak cling to a fairy tale 2000 years old. Intelligent people aren't hampered by the excess baggage of religion. Theories of supernatural humbug have been perpetuated by charlatans to quiet the masses and to keep them content with poverty, hunger and disease.

Let's be rational and not concern ourselves with such rubbish as whether or not we are going to hell in the next world. If we don't wake up, a free-thinking and godless country like Russia may provide us with a hell right here. You owe an apology to all free-thinkers everywhere. You have no right to ridicule or belittle a view merely because you don't agree with it. I believe in freedom of speech. Do you?

—Twentieth Century Mind.

Dear Twentieth Century Mind: Yes, I believe in freedom of speech. The fact that your letter appears in print is evidence.

A human relations counselor is expected to have some convictions. It not only is my prerogative but it's my obligation to take a stand on a good number of thorny issues.

When I defined the atheist as "a person with no invisible means of support" I wasn't trying to be funny.

I believe in religion as an arsenal of strength. I know that the armour of faith can protect us against life's shattering blows. Faith is often the answer when there is no answer. It's the victory of the spirit—the logic of the heart.

Those who follow current events are aware that the godless dictatorship which once advertised religion as "the opiate of the masses" has softened the line. They are loosening the reins as they become increasingly aware that man cannot live by mathematical equations alone.

Dear Ann Landers: You always seem to come up with (Continued on Page 8)



ENGAGED . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Anderson, 2013 Border Ave., are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Grant Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Clark, of Eugene, Ore. The bride-elect is a student at Torrance High School. Her fiancé, a student at Pepperdine College, is also employed at Hughes Aircraft. No date has been set for the wedding. Ruth Jacobs Photo

Jackson Family Leaves Torrance

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jackson and daughters, Jo Beth and Janice, will leave July 1 for Chowchilla to make their home. The Jacksons have resided in Torrance for the past six years and have been active in the First Christian Church. Mrs. Jackson served as president of the Torrance High School PTA last year.

Their son, Kenneth, member of the Torrance DeMolays, is a student at Davis Agricultural College. In Chowchilla, the Jackson family will reside on a ranch where Mr. Jackson will be manager of a large dairy.



YOUR COUNTRY AND MINE . . . Offering a toast to their countries are these four girls who are being privileged to exchange visits and school days under the American Field Service program. These four girls, pictured at the farewell reception given by the American Field Service chapter last Monday evening, are (from left)

Rozann Wills of North High, who will spend the summer in Greece; Pat Wills, who is off to Sweden for the summer; Nadia Basmajian of Greece and Lucienne Elshout of Belgium, who have attended Torrance high schools during the past year.

Gold Star Mothers Hold Annual Memorial Service

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., Torrance Memorial Chapter, held an impressive Memorial Service on Wednesday, May 22, at the American Legion Hall.

Mrs. Leona Smith, president, assisted by Mrs. Lucy Vigil, chaplain, conducted the ceremony. The color guard was composed of Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Regina Cunningham.

Mrs. Jeannie Fuller, musician, provided the musical background.

A long table covered with white linen and decorated with fern, gold stars and candles was the place of ceremony.

As her deceased son's name was called each mother placed a small bouquet on the table in memoriam. A candle was lighted and flowers were placed on the table as deceased mother-members' names were called.

Following the ceremony, refreshments were served by

Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Regina Cunningham.

Special guests were a Gold Star father, Mr. Mayall, Mrs. Harold Belles and daughter, Mrs. Ivan Coleman and Susan, and Mrs. Barbara Bierden of Minneapolis.

Woman's Club Will Install Wednesday

Installation of new officers will highlight the luncheon meeting of the Torrance Woman's Club next Wednesday.

Mrs. Shirley Washburn, a PTA music scholarship winner and a student at Harbor Junior College will sing, accompanied by Nadine Nichol at the piano.



MISS CAROLYN POESKE . . . Sets August Date Bullock's Photo

Catalina Holiday

Mrs. John Melville and daughter, Margo, accompanied by Miss Lucienne Elshout of Belgium and Nadia Basmajian of Greece, went by plane to Catalina, Friday morning. After spending the week end at the Melvilles' Catalina home, the four will return this afternoon by steamer.

Local Couple Name Aug. 23 For Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence J. Poeske, 820 Beech Ave., are announcing the wedding plans of their daughter, Carolyn, to Raymond T. Shelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Shelton, 2207 Gramercy.

The marriage will take place at a 10 o'clock nuptial mass at Nativity Catholic Church on Aug. 23.

The bride-elect was graduated from Torrance High School in 1955. She is now employed at Douglas Aircraft.

The benedict-elect is a 1955 Serra High School graduate and is now serving with the United States Navy in Japan. He will return to the states in July and will be discharged.

Family Week End

Dr. R. Huxtable and his family enjoyed the week end at Glen Ivy Hot Springs. The Huxtables live at 5014 Calle de Arboles in Torrance.

Las Madrecitas Installation

Las Madrecitas, South Bay Auxiliary of the Crippled Children's Guild, Orthopedic Hospital, will install its new officers at a tea next Thursday afternoon at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

To direct activities of the Las Madrecitas for the coming year are: Mrs. Ernest Dahlman, 202 Calle de Arboles, Hollywood Riviera, president; Mrs. B. W. Kuhn, 1926 Caddington Dr., San Pedro, vice president; Mrs. Richard Wilson, 109 Calle De Arboles, Hollywood Riviera, secretary; Mrs. Richard J. Egan, 2606 Laurel Ave., Manhattan Beach, treasurer.

Present at the tea will be Miss F. Helen Parker, president of the Crippled Children's Guild, Miss Parker will officiate at the installation ceremony. Other guild members will be Mrs. Rose G. McDonald, chairman of auxiliaries. Mrs. Edgar Buckingham, Mrs. Irwin Cory, Mrs. J. Oslin Crawford, Mrs. John Thorne Davis, Mrs. Alton B. Garret, Mrs. Harold D. Leslie, Mrs. A. G. Maurer, Mrs. Robert F. Metzler, Mrs. Henry C. Rice, Mrs. Marshall Smith.

Purpose of the auxiliary is to acquaint people of the South Bay area with the work of the Orthopedic Hospital in treating crippled children, and to provide volunteer service and financial aid.

Mrs. Robert F. Metzler, chairman of the Decorators show, to be held at the Pan Pacific Auditorium, Oct. 16, will give a brief outline of the show and discuss the part that Las Madrecitas will again take in the ticket sales and fashion show on premiere night.

All proceeds from opening night will go to the Crippled Children's Guild.

Mrs. Ernest Dahlman, incoming president, will present Mrs. Richard W. Bridge, retiring president, with a gavel for her outstanding work in leading Las Madrecitas for the last year.

A scroll will be awarded to Mrs. Howard Langpap for her past two years as treasurer.

Chairman of the tea will be Mrs. Robert Eckhouse. Reservations are being taken now.

At Wedding Attending the wedding of Miss Ann Mills in La Canada last evening were Mr. and Mrs. George Post, Mr. and Mrs. James Post, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Rudnick and Mrs. Dorothy Post.



TO ASSUME DUTIES . . . Las Madrecitas, South Bay Auxiliary to the Crippled Children's Guild, will install its new officers at a luncheon Thursday at the Palos Verdes Country Club. Taking the reins of the organization for the next year (from left) will be Mmes. E. C. Dollman, president; Richard Egan, treasurer; Richard Wilson, secretary, and Benjamin Kuhn, vice-president. Mrs. F. Helen Parker, president of the guild, will do the installing.

Goodbye to Students From Far-Away Lands

Friendship Across the Sea

Torrance American Field Service chapter entertained at a farewell reception last Monday evening at the YWCA honoring Miss Lucienne Elshout of Belgium and Miss Nadia Basmajian of Greece, who have attended school in Torrance for the past year under the American International Field Service program.

Miss Elshout has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cage while attending North High School and Miss Basmajian's foster parents have been Mr. and Mrs. Meral Hinshaw.

Two other special guests sharing the spotlight at the reception were Torrance's two high school junior students who will spend the summer in Europe under the Field Service program. They are Miss Rozann Wills of North High School and Miss Pat Achanbach of Torrance High.

Miss Achanbach, a junior at Torrance High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bergman, 1017 Patronella. She will spend the summer with a family in Sweden.

Miss Wills, daughter of Mrs. Pauline Wills, 22632 Lupine Dr., will be in Greece for the summer. Her time there will

be divided between two families.

Giving farewell speeches in which they expressed their appreciation to Lucienne Elshout were students from North High School, Marjorie Towle representing the North High Julians; Terry Baker speaking for the Valiants; Jim Warnemunder, North High Student Body president; and Dale Harter, principal.

Tributes were paid to Miss Basmajian by Miss Ruth McCune representing the Tartar Ladies and by Carl Ahee, principal.

The two students will leave June 22 by bus for a tour of the United States enroute to New York where they will sail for home.

A reunion in Brussels is planned for late July as Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw, Nadia's foster parents, will leave Torrance by plane the middle of July for the Brussels World's Fair. They will be guests of Lucienne's parents in Brussels and Nadia and her parents will come to Belgium from Salonika, Greece, to join them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Melville, presidents of the local chapter were in charge of last Monday's reception. They were assisted in serving refreshments by other members of the chapter including Messrs. and Mmes. J. B. Mosley, Dean Sears, A. E. Turner, J. L. Hines, M. M. Schwab and Grover Van Deventer.

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Pre-Nuptial Courtesy for Sally Speck

Miss Sally Speck, bride-elect of William Kesselman, was the recipient of a miscellaneous shower last Saturday evening given by Mrs. Pearl Thayne and her daughter, Mrs. Donald Simpson at the Simpson home, 26407 Athena, Harbor City.

Cluster of white wedding bells hung over the grand piano on which the gifts were placed. Other pink and white decor was used effectively in floral arrangements and the party cake in pink and white was decorated with two entwined hearts bearing the names of the couple. Several games were played. After Miss Speck opened her gifts, the hostesses served a dessert carrying out the party colors.

Attending were Mrs. Ruth Kail and daughter, Bonnie; Mrs. Opal Hoy and Jackie and Gayle; Mrs. Florence Smith and Pat; Mrs. Hattie Smith and Kay; Mrs. John King and Claudia; Mrs. Elizabeth Allen and Diane; Mrs. E. W. Kesselman and Linda; Mmes. Edna Babcock, Eunise Crabtree, Mabel Speck, Jack Dean, Mary Ellen Dinsmore.

Others were Mmes. Norma Day, Ursula Kesselman, Bertha Dunbar and Miss Janie Moffitt.

In Germany

Mr. and Mrs. William Erbe of Torrance are in Hamburg, Germany, where they are spending six months with relatives and friends.

Garden Club's Silver Tea Held on Sunday

A lovely social event of the season was the Riviera Garden Club's Silver Tea held Sunday afternoon, May 25 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lundquist, 5409 Calle de Ricardo, Palos Verdes Riviera, Torrance.

Over 100 guests were greeted with dainty, pink, lily-of-the-valley name tags handmade by members of the club. Honor guests and club officers

were presented glamorja corsages, also made by club members.

Assisting Mrs. Lundquist as hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Merrill Peavy and Mrs. Donald Leonard, tea chairman and co-chairman, Mrs. Bryce Fonville and Mrs. Melburn Spaulding, club president and treasurer, and Mmes. Robert Bogardus, Lawrence Murdock, and John Speight.

Pouring at the formal lace-over-aqua candlelighted tea table were Mrs. Bryce Fonville and Mrs. John Alexander, Riviera Club president and secretary; Mrs. R. O. Young, district director; Mrs. Eldon Sellmeyer of the Greenthumber Garden Club; Mrs. James Dawson and Mrs. Martin Nielson of the San Pedro Garden Club.

A beautiful circular floral arrangements of pink gladioli, pink garnet roses, blue delphinium, and candy tuft was donated for the tea table by Walteria Flower Shop. Other floral arrangements throughout the elegantly decorated home were made for assigned spots by the club members. These 19 arrangements were

judged by Mmes. Bradley Young, Ralph Lindsey, and Thomas de Chambeau of Manhattan Beach on points of design, color, and condition.

Two arrangements in the formal French Provincial living room won awards: the blue ribbon to Mrs. Merrill Peavy for her end-of-the-piano arrangement — a crescent of red garnet roses in an antique silver egg boiler, and to Mrs. Melburn Spaulding the yellow ribbon for her creative passion-flower with natural foliage driftwood arrangement on the coffee table. The red ribbon was awarded to Mrs. Thomas Kasabali's striking Hogarth curve arrangement of aqua and pink Shasta Daisies. This arrangement carried out the wallpaper design in the pink "Jeweled Butterfly" bathroom. Mrs. Elmer Tunturi and Mrs. Robert Younkin's mass arrangement of yellow gladioli on the Study book case won the white ribbon.



PRIZE WINNING ARRANGEMENTS . . . These members of the Riviera Garden Club admire the arrangements winning blue ribbons at their tea and show held at the Lundquist home last Sunday. They are (from left) Mmes. Merrill Peavy, Thomas Kasabali, Elmer Tunturi, Robert Younkin, and Melburn Spaulding.