

# Social World

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ON CHRISTMAS MORNING . . . This is a scene that will take place in all the homes of the area tomorrow morning, Christmas Day, when children hurry to their Christmas trees to find what Santa left. This preview was staged at the M. S. McKinney home, 1116 Cranbrook, when their children were permitted to visit the tree. Two and a half year old Paul rummages through packages galore and Barbara, 5, rushes to the dolls and other delightful gifts for a little girl.

## Dianas to Enter Third Fashion-Sewing Contest

Pattern books and travel folders will make favored reading for many members of the Dianas, CFWC, junior membership, starting today. Mrs. Robert Evans, crafts and sewing chairman for Dianas has just announced the club's plans to enter the third annual fashion-sewing contest sponsored by the General Federation of Women's clubs and the Vogue Pattern Service in cooperation with the Woman's club bureau of New York City.

First prize in the national contest is a trip to Europe, with other awards including trips to the Federation's annual convention in Washington, D. C. next spring.

All contestants are required to make and model an outfit which they consider the "Ideal Costume for the Clubwoman's Wardrobe." The winning entry will be selected on the basis of adaptability for various club occasions, over-all fashion effect, becomingness to wearer, and workmanship. Judging of entries from the local club is scheduled for Feb. 1.

Winner of this judging will be eligible to compete in the Federation's District judging to be held the latter part of February. The District winner will receive a subscription to Vogue Magazine and a high-fashion pattern as well as becoming eligible to compete in the State Federation judging. Prizes at the state level consist of cash awards of \$100 and \$25 to the first and second place winners. Winners from each state will go to represent her state in the national judging to be held in New York City in mid-May. Grand prize for the first place winner will be a complete three week fashion tour of Europe for two people.

## Custer-De Leon Nuptials Read at Wayfarer Chapel

Wayfarer Chapel was the setting for a lovely wedding last Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. when Miss Florine Opal Custer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Pawluk, 816 Portola Ave., exchanged her wedding vows with John M. DeLeon. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeLeon, 24626 Cypress, Lomita.

Mr. Pawluk walked to the altar with his daughter and gave her in marriage. She wore a gown of bridal satin fashioned with a fitted bodice, a scalloped boat neckline and long pointed sleeves. The full satin skirt was floor length. A seed pearl coronet held her illusion veil. Her bouquet was of white orchids and lilies of the valley atop a white Bible.

Mrs. Tonya Hearn was the matron of honor. She wore a green satin princess gown and carried white gardenias.

Bridesmaids were Misses Alice DeLeon, Lydia DeLeon, Helen Ruiz and Melanie Moun-

ger. They were gowned in pink satin princess dresses and each carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

Edward Miranda stood as best man and ushers were Pat DiMeglio, Carl Wada, Danny Agnew and Ronnie Custer. Gabriel Ruiz carried the rings.

Rev. Kenneth Knox officiated at the double ring ceremony. A reception was held for the 250 guests at Marineland.

The newlyweds are now on a honeymoon in northern California. Their new address is 24624 Cypress, Lomita.

The bride is a junior at Torrance High and her husband was graduated from Narbonne High.

### Student Home

Miss Mary Sippel, student at Chapman college, arrived last Friday to spend the holidays here with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Sippel, 2914 Onrado Ave.

### Visits Mother

Arriving to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Annabelle Swanson, 1325 Engracia, was Max Holland who is serving with the United States Navy in Norfolk, Va.

### At Guest Ranch

Dr. and Mrs. John Gauger, 1124 W. Carson St. were recent guests at the Warner Springs Guest ranch in San Diego county.



MRS. JOHN M. DELEON . . . On Honeymoon (Portrait by Seeman)

## Vecinas Show Set April 19

Las Vecinas Woman's club has set April 19 as the date for its annual spring fashion show and luncheon to be held in the Crystal Room at the Beverly Hills Hotel. Mrs. Wanda Woods is general chairman of the affair.

Mrs. Lee O'Malley will be in charge of the fur stole door prize awarding. Mrs. Beulah Kindschi will direct the ticket sales and Mrs. Shirley Kurz will direct the master seating.

Other chairmen are Mrs. Grace Wikeke, door prizes; Mrs. Betty McCormick, table favors; Mrs. Jane Hunt, program design; Mrs. Mercedes Peterson, hostess; and Mrs. Betty Menashe, publicity.

Tomorrow is Christmas. All around us we hear talk of peace on earth and good will toward men. These are pretty words but there can be no peace on earth when half the people are hungry and 60% are illiterate. Good will toward men has little meaning in the absence of mutual trust and faith among the world's leaders.

A defeatist philosophy has threatened to capture many of our young people. This is the era of shattered ideals, broken idols, The Big Sell-Out. The tragedy of the isolation booth has driven the dreamers from The Ivory Tower.

Our value system is under attack; millions of Americans have an uneasy feeling that our society, overwhelmed by materialism, has turned soft. Some of us, hopeless and despairing, serve notice that we would like to resign from the human race.

And who of us at one time or another has not felt like resigning from the human race? We are consumed with insecurity because the Russians have beaten us to the moon, when the truth of the matter is we haven't learned to live sensibly on the earth.

These are difficult times in which to live. There is a mad rush to escape anxiety. Victims of tension and unrest are en-

gaged in a nervous assault on the State of Discontentment. It is fashionable to be "well-adjusted."

People search in bottles and pill-boxes for ammunition with which to fight the daily battle for survival. They anesthetize their brains as though fleeing from the problem will cause it to dissolve into thin air.

Those who search most feverishly for happiness never find it. They know not what they seek. They envision happiness as a continual feeling of exultation. They fail to understand that for many, happiness is the absence of grief. Often there is little appreciation of contentment until some tragic shadow is cast across our lives. How frequently in the mail do I come across the words, "I didn't know what a good life I had until . . ."

The person who says he has no problems and is completely happy is in deep trouble. Either he doesn't know a problem when he sees it or he deceives himself because he's ashamed. He has the mistaken notion that trouble is a sign of stupidity, weakness or failure. Every life records some failures, some mistakes in judgment. No one has a perfect score. Trouble is the common denominator of living. The aching heart lives in the man-

sion as well as the hovel. Each day we decide the direction in which our lives will move by selecting one course or another. Living is an endless maze of small decisions. No one can make the right decision EVERY time. There is no disgrace in failing. The disgrace lies in not getting up to try again.

Since this is a problem column I hear about troubles of every kind. People frequently ask if this work is depressing. No . . . it is not depressing. It is rewarding and gratifying.

Many people who write to me don't want advice. They merely want someone to listen to them. Putting the problem on paper can help to unburden a heavy heart. Frequently this phrase crops up in the mail, "Thanks for letting me unload my trouble, Ann, I feel better already."

If I can shed some light in a darkened corner, replace fear with courage, plant a seed of hope where there is despair, bring a little good will to the heart of just one man, then I am indeed privileged. There is no greater reward than to serve. And with God's help, I will continue to do my best. For we are all brothers in the Family of Man.

—ANN LANDERS

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MISS PATRICIA MOUNGER . . . Holiday Bride-elect

Live in Rhode Island

## Patricia Mounger Will Wed Lt. Roger Meyers

Romantic news being disclosed this morning is the engagement and forthcoming wedding of Miss Patricia Ione Mounger and Lt. Robert A. Meyers. The announcement of their daughter's engagement is being made by Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Mounger, 1222 Portola Ave., who have resided in this area for the past 25 years.

The wedding will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 16 at Nativity Catholic Church.

The bride-elect was graduated from Torrance High school after which she attended El Camino college. She was graduated from UCLA School of Nursing where she was affiliated with Alpha Delta Phi sorority. Miss Mounger announced her engagement to her sorority sisters at the Alpha Delta Chi House on campus with the traditional passing of chocolates.

The bride-to-be is at present

public health nurse for the city of Torrance.

Lt. Meyers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril B. Meyers of Chicago, Ill. He attended the Institute of Technology in Chicago and is a member of the Theta Chi fraternity. He received his BS degree and business administration major from the Dubuque University in Dubuque, Iowa.

After the wedding, the couple will go by plane to Chicago where Mr. Meyers' parents will entertain at a reception for them prior to going on to Quonset Point, Rhode Island where Lt. Meyers is stationed.



MISS LINDA KARR . . . Future Bride

## Engagement Announced By Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Karr, 205 Calle Mayor, Hollywood Riviera are today formally announcing the engagement of their daughter, Linda, to Robert Raymond Little. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Little, 1515 Acacia Ave., Torrance.

No date has been set for the wedding.

The bride-elect was graduated from the San Fernando High school. She then attended El Camino college.

Mr. Little is a Serra High graduate. He also attended El Camino.

Both are employed at the Broadway Del Amo.

## Entertain At Club Party

In keeping with the holiday season, Mrs. Douglas Baldwin and Mrs. R. J. Triplitt entertained their bridge club at a Christmas party last Thursday evening at the Baldwin home 1613 Elm Ave.

A punch bowl was followed by a gift exchange around the brilliantly decorated Christmas tree. The hostesses presented each guest with a handmade holiday apron.

In the bridge games that followed, prizes were won by Misses Earl Eckert, Jack Day and Jack Brooks.

At midnight a buffet supper was served.

Attending the party with the two hostesses were Misses Jack Brooks, Charles Rippey, Jr., Earl Eckert, Calvin Blakely, Jack Day and John Patrick.

### Knowles Here

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Knowles and three children of Walla Walla, Wash., arrived here last Sunday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ray White, 1516 Fern Ave. The Knowles are former Torrance residents.

## Arts-Crafts Club Holds Gala Party

Arts and Crafts club, one of Torrance's oldest social clubs, was entertained at a festive Christmas dinner party last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Hazel Ward, 1625 Beech Ave. Mrs. E. L. Snodgrass was co-hostess.

The rumpus room was decorated in the Christmas theme and the center of attraction was the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Dinner was served at tables enhanced with the Christmas decor after which there was a gift exchange. Cards were distributed from a Christmas post-office and "secret pal" gifts were presented.

Mrs. Norma Townsend was a special guest at the party.

Members attending were Mmes. Leah Arterburn, Maybel Banks, Melvina Beckwith, Rolive Bever, Cora Bohrer, Helen Carpenter, Florence Childs, Vivian Cook, Lela Everley, Hazel Fossom, Vena Hamilton, Ruth Hardin, Mae Jones, Ruth Kilgore, Emily Middleton, Bettina Miller, Zelma Miller, Ethel, Frances and Phyllis Peverley, E. L. Snodgrass and Mary McDonald.

### Students Home

Julie Henderson, Howard Borer, and Jerry Reynolds, students at the University of California at Berkeley arrived home for the holidays last weekend.

The trio, all graduates of North High, are spending the Christmas recess with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henderson, 17816 Faywood, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Borer, 16506 Purche Ave.; and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Reynolds, 22302 Redbeam Ave. They will return to Berkeley on Jan. 3 to resume their studies.

## Yule Party

Members of a bridge club and their husbands held an annual Christmas party Sunday evening. The group gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dudley in Hollywood Riviera for cocktails before going to the Plush Horse restaurant for dinner.

After the dinner the group went to the home of Mrs. Laura Felker in Palos Verdes for dessert and a gift exchange.

In the party were Messrs. and Mmes. John Melville, Jack Martyr, Ralph Ruffrag, Delbert Thomsen, Howard Schott, Robert Moffitt; and Mrs. Laura Felker.

## Club Party

Members of her bridge club gathered at the home of Mrs. Dean Sears, 1635 Post Ave. last Thursday evening for cocktails before going to the Palms restaurant for their annual Christmas dinner.

After the dinner the group returned to the Sears home for a gift exchange around the Christmas tree.

In the bridge games following the exchange, prizes went to Mrs. Robert Lewellen and Mrs. R. S. Sleeth.

Other guests were Mmes. P. Whyte, H. C. Barrington, J. B. Scotton, D. A. Murphy, and Alma Smith.



MAKING PREPARATIONS—These members of the Welcome Wagon Club, from left, Mmes. Richard Irwin, Archie Boscia and Joseph Stasch are glittering the decorations for their holiday dinner dance next Saturday evening Dec. 26 at the Hacienda Hotel. A social hour will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Dinner will be at 8 p.m. with dancing from 9 until 1 a.m. A number of door prizes will be awarded. Anyone wishing tickets may call Mrs. Archie F. Boscia.