

YOUR PROBLEMS

by **Ann Landers**

"Don't Tell Me to Forget . . ."

Dear Ann: I'm 17 and madly in love with a fellow who doesn't know I even exist. He took me out in September and the evening was a horrible flop. Ted's a wonderful dancer and I was so nervous I couldn't follow him. We tried talking instead and neither of us could think of anything to say.

He never asked me out again and I can't blame him. We pass each other in the halls every day and he says "Hi" and walks on.

When I feel blue (which is every evening), I eat ice cream, candy, pie and popcorn. I've gained 15 pounds and my mother is having a fit because my clothes are so tight, and my skin is a mess. My grades are down because I can't concentrate on anything but Ted.

Don't tell me to forget him because I CAN'T. He's the only boy I will ever love and I'd rather be alone than settle for second best. What's your advice?—DESPONDENT

Dear Despondent: So you can't forget him and you don't want that kind of advice. Well, how's this?

Continue to mope around, eat yourself out of shape, ruin your complexion, get poor grades and cut yourself off from teenage friends. You'll wind up plenty alone, miserable and a physical and mental mess. Is this what you want? It's the alternative, so make up your mind.

Dear Ann: I hope your answer will show my wife how foolish she is to be upset over this thing.

Last week we attended her high school reunion. Each member of the class was asked to get up at the banquet and state briefly what had happened since graduation. When it was my wife's turn she was very nervous and said the following:

"Dick and I were married right after graduation. We moved out to his farm after that. We've had six children and that's about all I've done." Then she sat down.

The hall shook with laughter and the crowd couldn't be quieted for a full five minutes. My wife turned white and I thought she'd faint dead away. Now she says she has made such a fool of herself that she can't face her high school friends again. Can you suggest something to help her get over this?—DICK R.

Dear Dick: Time is your best ally. The less said for several weeks the better. In a couple of months, when she is less sensitive, mention the reunion casually and try to get her to see the humor in it.

Dear Ann: I'm a school teacher who just read the letter blistering you because you spoke out against excessive drinking.

I've bought shoes for kids who came to school in sub-zero weather wearing only galoshes. I've had 8-year-olds cry in my lap because Daddy came home drunk and chased the family out of the house. I've "lent" mothers money because Pa's check went to pay disorderly conduct charge. (He got drunk and broke the furniture in a tavern).

For years, through bad times and good, I've watched little

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MISS ERMA CARSTENS
... To Wed in June

Erma Carstens' Troth To C. F. Fisher Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Carstens, 1452 Post Ave., long-time residents of Torrance, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Erma, to Charles F. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melville C. Fisher of Lawrence, Kansas.

June 26 has been set as the wedding date. The future bride attended Torrance High School and was active in student body organizations. She was graduated from Occidental college where she held offices in various student activities. A member of Delta Psi Kappa, national women's physical education fraternity, she was also affiliated with Gamma Kappa Theta sorority.

Miss Carstens is now teaching at the Garfield Junior High School in Berkeley.

Mr. Fisher attended the University of Kansas and was affiliated with Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.



MRS. J. W. CLEVELAND
... Heads Church Women

Mark Three Birthdays

Birthdays took the spotlight at the party given by Mrs. Mary McDonald last Sunday afternoon at her home, 1626 Beech Ave. Honor guests were Mrs. Rosa McDonald, who was celebrating her 94th birthday, her great granddaughter, Janet Shellabarger, who was one year old, and Jay Hall who celebrated his ninth birthday.

The honor guests were presented birthday gifts and Mrs.

McDonald served dessert with the birthday cakes.

Attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, Torrance; Mr. and Mrs. Byron Keeler, of Placentia; Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, Torrance; Mr. and Mrs. James Shellabarger, Palos Verdes; Mr. and Mrs. Will Letcher and sons, Redondo Beach; and Mr. Bill McDonald.

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HOLIDAY HAPPINESS . . . Children at the Harbor General Hospital had a wonderful Christmas though hospitalized due to the efforts of the Volunteers for Children Auxiliary who staged a mammoth Christmas party in C-8, the children's ward. A scene at the party includes Carol Katich, a member of the Candy Strippers, Mrs. A. B. Cowie, president of the Volunteers, and two youngsters, Carolyn Gooden and David Burnett.

Women of St. Andrew's Install New Officers

Women of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church installed their new officers for the year at a Unified meeting at the church recently.

Endowed with the duties of president was Mrs. J. W. Cleveland, 18510 Spinning St. Mrs. Cleveland, who has lived here for three years, is the mother of three sons, Sinclair, Ritchie and Norman. She is active in the Hamilton PTA.

Mr. Cleveland is employed by AResearch.

Installed to serve with Mrs. Cleveland were Mrs. Adam Krauszer, first vice president; Mrs. P. M. Hollister, second vice president; Mrs. Sydney Hopkins, third vice president; Miss Ruth Hollister, recording secretary.

Others were Mrs. Edward E. Gately, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. R. Elmer, assistant secretary; Mrs. Nat A. Wil-

Christmas Joy At Flag Home

A bundle of Christmas Joy, a little daughter, arrived for Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flagg, 2670 Carson St., last Tuesday morning, Dec. 22, at the Continella hospital at 10 a.m.

Grandparents of this delightful Christmas present are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Larabee of Nasshau, New Hampshire and Mrs. C. R. Flagg of El Reno, Okla.

Visiting Parents

Mr. and Mrs. John Schwartz and daughters, Lisa and Susan, 1751 Iris Ave., left Christmas morning for Capistrano Beach to spend Christmas and the weekend with Mrs. Schwartz' parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Daniel in their new home there.

Twelve Days of Christmas

Yule Tree on the Wall At Don Hyde Home

By BOB WILTON

Necessity being the mother of invention has brought into existence many novel and practical ideas, and when the number of guests invited to a recent Christmas party given by Mrs. Don Hyde made it impractical to have a conventional Christmas tree, the wheels of invention began to turn.

Mrs. Hyde who lives at 1537 El Prado, knew a tree that would not interfere with her planned seating arrangement would call for one too small for the size of her living room.

One couldn't hang a tree on the wall. Mrs. Hyde thought, and then recalled an Old English custom of placing the Christmas tree on a wall. There was also a rhyme that went with the wall tree hanging titled, "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

The sixteenth century verse follows:

The first day of Christmas my true love gave to me,

A partridge and a pear tree.

The rhyme continues with three French hens for the third day, four colly birds, five gold-

rings, six geese a laying, seven swans a swimming, eight maids a milking, nine ladies a-

dancing, ten lords a-leaping,

eleven pipers a-piping and twelve drummers a-drumming. This completed the twelve days and each line was repeated as in the Old McDonald song.

The tree is a Danish import and is made of walnut wood with each branch a shelf. Mrs. Hyde made many calls to novelty shops before she completed her collection of miniature replicas of the items named in the verse. She topped her tree with a copper and brass star from Mexico and added blue and green glass balls.

Mrs. Hyde's Christmas party was a success with none of the badly needed floor space taken up by a tree. Her guests thought her modern wall Christmas tree a very clever idea, although some who have seen it still plan to use the conventional spruce and pine for their Yuletide decor.



MISS ANN ELIZABETH McDONNELL
... Engagement Announced

Ann McDonnell Will Wed Lee Dante in February

Joining the ranks of the Christmas brides-elect is Miss Ann Elizabeth McDonnell, whose engagement to Lee Dante of San Bernardino is being announced today by her mother, Mrs. Ruja McDonnell, 1024 Teri Ave.

The future bride was graduated from Immaculate Heart High school in Hollywood. She is now attending El Camino college. Miss McDonnell is a niece of Mrs. Robert J. Bernard, 2849 Sonoma.

Mr. Dante attended San Bernardino Valley College and San Diego State University. He is a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. The benedict-elect is associated with the Mission Supply Inc. in Ontario.

The wedding will be solemnized at a nuptial mass at Nativity Catholic Church on Feb. 27. The couple will make their home in Upland, Calif.

Yule Party

A Christmas arrangement flanked by gold candles decorated the luncheon table last Monday when Mrs. Lillian Dunhouse entertained her bridge club at their annual Christmas party at her home, 1624 Juniper Ave.

After the luncheon, bridge was played with prizes going to Mmes. E. L. Snodgrass, R.E. Moffitt and Alma Smith.

A gift exchange was held around the Christmas tree.

Mrs. Dunhouse's guests were Mmes. McCune Beale, William Dekin, Ray Richards, J. A. Eisenbrandt, Snodgrass, Moffitt and Smith.

Mrs. Beale will be the club's next hostess on Jan. 4.

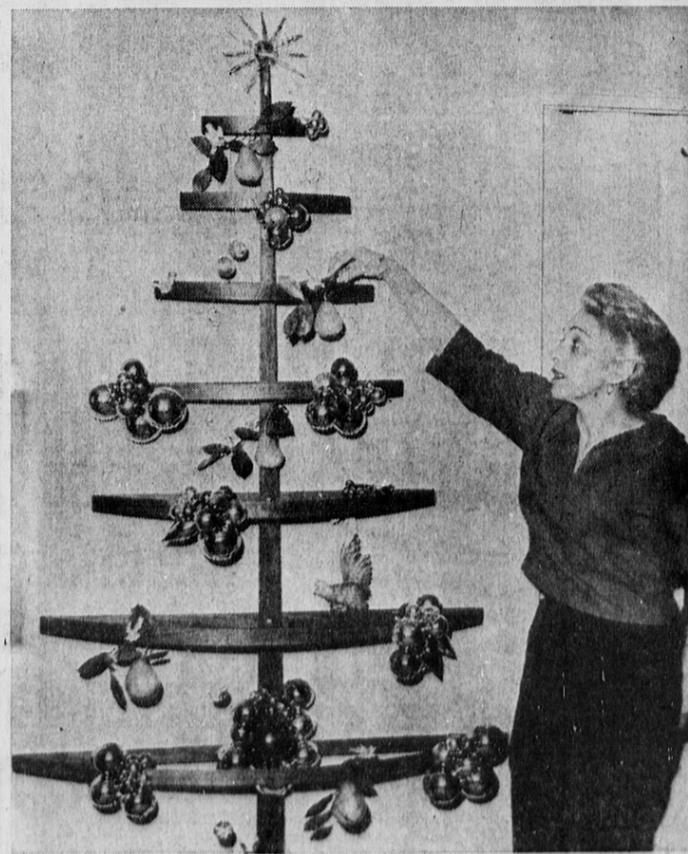
Leech Home Party Scene

Amid a green and gold Christmas setting, Mrs. J. A. Barrington and Mrs. Robert Leech entertained at a lovely dinner party at the Leech home, 905 Teri Ave. last Monday evening.

A punch bowl was enjoyed around the green and gold Christmas tree.

Dinner was served at a table centered by gold spiral candles tied with green bows. After dinner, a gift exchange was held.

Guests were Mmes. Robert Tolson, James Post, George Post, Don Moyer, Fred Wilkes, Milton Youngken, Robert Kerber, and Russell Thornberg of Rolling Hills.



NEW AND THE OLD . . . Mrs. Donald Hyde, 1537 El Prado, adds final decoration to a Danish wall Christmas tree she improvised when the number of guests attending her Christmas party made it necessary to eliminate a conventional tree. She decorated the tree with items from a 16th century Old English rhyme.



THEY HAD FUN . . . Joining in the holiday enthusiasms, the Senior Citizens club of Torrance staged a festive Christmas dinner and party at the Adult Recreation Center just behind the downtown library last Saturday at noon. It was a pot luck affair served amid gay holiday decor. There was a decorated Christmas tree and a gift exchange.