

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers

"No Silver Loving Cups" . . .

Dear Ann: My niece, a lovely girl of 17, is leaving town until her out-of-wedlock child is born.

The family is sick over this. Her parents are religious people who have given her fine upbringing and the best of everything. To make matters worse, she was not going with any particular fellow and doesn't know who the baby's father is.

To meet her, Ann, you'd think she is a sweet, refined young lady, — which brings me to the point of this letter. She always said it's the innocent ones who get into trouble. The tramps are far too wise. So why does public opinion brand the unwed mother as a common trollop? The fact the girl didn't know how to avoid this trouble is proof of her virtue. Please print this for — A HEARTBROKEN FAMILY.

Dear Family: Sorry, but I don't have any silver loving cups lying around for sweet, innocent girls who have babies out of wedlock.

It's not ALWAYS the inexperienced ones who get caught. Many a wise apple who thought it couldn't happen to her lost her head, drank too many martinis, and met up with that well-known snake in the Garden of Paradise.

I'm sorry to say but too many young girls today don't want to hear the "Be moral, be pure, be good" routine. They need a better reason. So tell 'em: Be smart. Keep your reputation. Keep your dignity. Save yourself for marriage. To do otherwise is stupid and it's risky.

Dear Ann: Ma is 73, has a bad heart and can go any minute. Since she got sick 3 years I've had the whole family at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner. I do all the cooking and baking. The mob numbers 17. The grocery bill runs about \$35 a dinner as they are all big eaters.

My two sisters-in-law are the laziest things God ever created. Also my own sister is no bargain. I'm just recovering from Christmas and Ma said "I'm looking forward to Easter. It's so wonderful to have the family together for dinner."

My husband says I should refuse to be the horse again. He says it's someone else's turn. I'm afraid an open argument might kill Ma. What is your advice?—THE CHUMP

Dear Chump: Have a pow-wow with the tribe and direct your remarks to the sisters-in-law and the "no bargain sister."

Explain you'll be glad to offer your home for the Easter dinner but they must help prepare the food, clean up after, and split the grocery bill four ways. If they refuse, invite Ma and tell them to come AFTER dinner — to spend the evening.

Dear Ann: I was standing on the street corner waiting for a bus and a friend who was passing offered to give me a lift. We were waiting at a stop light when the car behind moved into us (bad brakes he said). I was knocked against the windshield. This caused considerable damage to my bridge work and the bill may be about \$150.

My nephew who is in law school says the person who picked me up is responsible. Before I send the bill to him I thought I'd write and ask you.—M.C.R.

Dear M.C.R.: Ask a lawyer who has graduated and is in practice — and pay him for what he knows.

Confidential to MISS LED: You should not have asked HER to exchange the gift. Far better to have asked her permission and exchanged it yourself.

If alcohol is robbing you or someone you love of health and dignity, send for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "Help For The Alcoholic," enclosing your request, 50 cents in coin or a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope. Ann Landers will be glad to help with your problems. Send them in care of this newspaper, c/o Miss Landers, 1000 North Dearborn St., Detroit 1929, Field Enterprises, Inc.



PLANNING YEAR 1960 . . . Now committee of the Triple T Dance club are already busy with plans for the coming year. The first dance will be held Jan. 9 at the Pen and Quill restaurant. Les Troniers and his orchestra will furnish the music. The new committee, gathered at the A. Ascolesi home for their first meeting, are from left, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ascolesi, incoming presidents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hyde, outgoing presidents; Mr. and Mrs. Gil Derouin, secretaries; and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Chamberlain, treasurers.



MISS JUDI LASELL . . . Accepts Ring

Judi Lasell's Engagement Told at Christmas Party

At a family dinner on Christmas Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Lasell, 105 Via Alameda in Palos Verdes, the engagement of their daughter, Judie, to Ronald C. Busch was announced.

Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Rudger C. Busch, 23861 Ward St., Torrance.

No date has been set for the wedding. The bride-elect was graduated from Narbonne High school in 1958. In January 1959, she was graduated from the Lawton School for Dental Assistants. Miss Lasell is dental assistant for a local dentist.

Mr. Busch was graduated from Torrance High school in 1954. He is majoring in business administration at Fresno State College where he will be graduated in February.

Specks Due Home In February

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Speck, 1515 Acacia, who have been living in South America for the past year are expected to arrive home the first week of February. Mr. Speck is associated with American-Standard.

The Specks will leave Brazil on the USS Brazil on Jan. 15, making several stops on the 12 day trip to New York. Mrs. Speck plans to go to New Jersey to visit relatives and Mr. Speck will go to Connecticut to see a new American-Standard plant.

Yule Party

Gamma Psi chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority held a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Bob Becker in Redondo Beach with Mrs. Pete Miller's losing team planning the party.

Games were played and secret pals were revealed. Gifts were exchanged around a white Christmas tree decorated with blue balls. Christmas refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Bob Gunderson.

Pre-Nuptial Party Fetes Bride-Elect

Miss Patricia Mounger, who will be married on Jan. 16, was complimented at a lovely pre-nuptial shower given by Mrs. Linda McLochlan and Mrs. Mabel Souder at the Souder home, 1455 W. 222nd St.

A color scheme of emerald green and white was carried out in the floral, room and table decorations.

The bride-elect opened her shower of gifts after which the hostesses served refreshments.

Attending were Meses. Ruth Mounger, Florence Wells, Bernice Byrd, Joyce Byrd, Louise Wiese, Lovina O'Neill, Margaret Wild, Gladys Evans, Madge Muller, Millie Toney, Sharon Mineghino, Alice Bockstrom, Sandra James, Dione Jensen, Joan Keidser, Ventura Sterling Fanning, and Karen Collins.

Others were Misses Peggy Franklin, Leone Northey, Melanie Mounger and Peggy O'Neill.

Sending gifts but unable to attend were Pearl Thayne, Linda Simpson, Barbara Byrd, Myrtle Johnson, Dorothy Wall, Sandra Barrett, Ruby Torrence, Pearl Earheart and Loretta Wills.

Posts Hosts At Festive Yule Buffet

Christmas was celebrated by a pot luck group last Saturday evening with a festive cocktail party and buffet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Post, 4820 Rustler Lane, Rolling Hills. Mr. and Mrs. George Post were co-hosts for the affair which was attended by members and several guests.

The Post home was beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme and cocktails were served around a gaily bedecked Christmas tree. The buffet table was enhanced with more Christmas decor.

Attending with the hosts were Messrs. and Meses. Robert Tolson, Robert Leech, J. A. Barrington, R. D. Bolen, Don Moyer and Ken Miller, all of Torrance.

Others were Messrs. and Meses. Jerry Witt, Forrest Reigel, Frank Cessine and Jack Theis of Manhattan Beach; and Mr. and Mrs. R. Thornberg of Rolling Hills.

Family Party

Spending Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boonstra, 3833 Spencer Ave., were their two daughters and their families. Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Vander Hulst of Downey and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Titus of Torrance and Mrs. Boonstra's mother, Mrs. Nellie Van Lingen of Norwalk.

Club Will Hear Talk On Soviet

Torrance Woman's club, district 18 CFWC, will hold its first meeting of the new year on Jan. 6 at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave., at 1 p.m.

Mrs. John W. Thuss, president, will conduct a business session. Speaker for the afternoon program will be Robert William Lyon whose topic will be "The Mystery Guest of the Soviets."

A native of Milwaukee, Wis., and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin where he majored in speech and history, Mr. Lyon is qualified to tell the story of his three weeks with the Young Peoples Democratic party who attended the East Berlin Peace Festival.

This gave him an insight into Russia's methods of propagandizing the youth of the world and their exposure to Soviet peace deception.

Following the program, there will be a silver tea. Mrs. C. T. Rippy is tea chairman, assisted by Mrs. W. I. Laughon, Mrs. J. P. Montague and Mrs. B. Scotton.



GEANETTE COOPER . . . Sets Date

Miss Cooper Will Wed K. Gregory

Wedding bells will ring Jan. 22 at the Western Avenue Baptist Church for Miss Geanette Einestine Cooper and Joe Kenneth Gregory.

The announcement of the engagement and the wedding plans of their daughter is being made today by Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper, 25111 Eshelman Ave., Lomita.

Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gregory of Torrance. The bride-elect was graduated from Narbonne High school in Lomita in 1957. She is employed at the Torrance Branch of the Bank of America.

Mr. Gregory was graduated in 1956. He is employed by North American Aviation in Compton.

Americanism Essay Contest Is Underway

Judging has begun on the essays entered by Torrance school children in the Americanism contest sponsored by the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, according to Mrs. Lee Clotworthy, Americanism chairman for the club. There have been 43 essays submitted by children from the eighth grade classes of all of the schools in the Torrance District. The length of the essays is 1,000 words or less on the Americanism theme.

The judges of the contest will be Mrs. C. Albert Smith, Mr. Reid Bundy and Donald Hitchcock. Mrs. Smith is presently teaching elementary school and was formerly a president of the Torrance Juniors; Mr. Bundy is managing editor of the Torrance Herald; and ticing in Torrance and who is also active in civic affairs.

The judging will be completed by Jan. 13 and the awards will be \$10 for first place, \$5 for second place and honorable mention for the third place winner. The first place winner will go on to compete in a contest sponsored by Marina District of California Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership, and the prize will be an \$18.75 savings bond.

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MARCH OF DIMES UNDERWAY . . . Members of the Torrance Junior Woman's club are again this year assisting with getting the annual March of Dimes drive underway. They are stuffing 25,000 envelopes to be sent to South Bay residents. Working at their project are from left, Mrs. Allen E. Hofferber, Junior club philanthropy director, Mrs. Clara Conner, Torrance postmaster and head of the drive in Torrance, and Mrs. Charles Briner, Junior club project chairman. The money received will be used to combat crippling diseases.

Yule Dance Enjoyed By Sobadans

Decorated pine boughs and red Christmas candles decorated the Palms restaurant on Saturday evening when the Sobada Club staged its annual Christmas dance. Ken Perkins' orchestra furnished the music.

Kay and Les DeMott, portraying Santa Claus, presented gifts to all members. Welcomed back as active members were Bob and Regina Allred.

Following the gift distribution at midnight, a breakfast was served.

Those attending were Messrs. and Meses. Cal Clark, Jack Baker, Dean Zander, Don McCalman, Carl Randall, Bob Cosby, Hal Smith, Gil Derouin, Les DeMott, Bud Sitsworth, Bob Allred, Tom Coleman, Reid Bundy, Cliff Graybehl.

Others were Messrs. and Meses. Pete Petrat, Clyde Anderson, Vern Lovelady, Marvin Goettsch, Bill Luzan, Murray Rudnick, Sid Gans, Cliff Trezise, Ed Schwartz, and Bernie Lee.

Open House Farewell For Larry Herins

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Herin (Karen Dean) and their family, Gary, Mark and Jean Marie will leave Jan. 1 for Denver, Colo., to make their home. Mr. Herin was recently transferred there by the IBM Corp.

Last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean, parents of Mrs. Herin entertained at an open house honoring the couple.

The guest list included school friends of Mrs. Herin.

Refreshments were served from a table beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme.

Assisting were Mrs. Jack Dean, Mrs. John Agapito, Mrs. Leland Dean and Mrs. James Dean.



SHIRLEY MAE DEERE . . . Engagement Told

Shirley Deere Will Marry James Dobson

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kubishita of Long Beach, who lived at 1427 W. Carson for 13 years until last year, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Shirley Mae Deere, to James Clayton Dobson.

At a Christmas buffet given by Mr. and Mrs. Kubishita, approximately 30 guests were told of the wedding planned for autumn.

Miss Deere is a graduating senior at Pasadena college where she was 1959-60 Homecoming Queen. She is president of her class and has been elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" for two consecutive years. Her major is education and she plans to teach in the Pasadena public schools next fall.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Dobson, Sr., parents of the benedict-elect, reside in Oklahoma City and were unable to be here for the announcement party.

Mr. Dobson was graduated from Pasadena College in 1958