

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers

"Climb Down Off Her Knee..."

Dear Ann Landers: Many people write to complain about a mother-in-law. This will be a switch. My mother-in-law is a gem. It's my MOTHER who is driving me nuts.

She simply can't accept the idea that I am a married man with a wife and family. She phones me at business several times a day, comes down to the store, brings food, and sits around and talks to me when I should be working.

She asks me to drive her all over town and do her errands. I have two brothers but they were smart. They moved out of the state. My wife is very sweet about it. She never says a word, but I can't take it much longer. What can I do, short of spelling it out in the King's English?—SONNY BOY

Dear Sonny Boy: Your signature brought to mind some wonderful old lyrics, "Climb upon my knee, Sonny Boy, though you're only three, Sonny Boy..."

I take it you're more than three, Sonny Boy—so climb down off her knee and issue a declaration of independence.

Go over all the areas of irritation with your mother and get everything out in the open. Underground hostilities are ulcer-material. The time is NOW!

Dear Ann Landers: I am 11 years old. I have a girl friend who is 12 years old. Whenever we go shopping together she steals something from the counter of a store. It's never anything big, just small things like a hairnet, or a handkerchief or a package of bobby pins.

She doesn't know I know. Shall I tell her that she had better stop now before she starts to steal bigger things and gets caught at it?

Please print your advice. I wouldn't want a letter coming to my house with Ann Landers' name on the envelope. Thank you.—A FRIEND

Dear Friend: There are no letters with Ann Landers' name on the envelope. All letters from me are sent in plain envelopes.

I suggest you tell your mother about your friend. Your mother should then have a private conversation with the girl's mother. The mother, in turn, should discuss it with a specialist who deals in problem children. Kids who steal do so for a reason. The girl needs help.

Dear Ann: How can I protect myself against an overly-friendly relative who insists on bringing over fruit, vegetables, flowers, baked goods—anything, just so she can get in my house?

She drives me batty, following me around, inspecting my cupboards, looking over the washing on the line, and lifting the pots to see what's cooking. She has no interests, and no friends. Unfortunately she has plenty of time on her hands. She used to phone before coming, but I always said I wasn't going to be home—so now she just pops in.

If you can get rid of this woman for me I will be eternally grateful. —PESTERED BEYOND ENDURANCE

Dear Pestered: I can't get rid of her FOR you, but I can suggest YOU can get rid of her. This may seem extreme, but from your description, drastic measures are needed.

Keep your doors locked, your front drapes drawn and your shades down. If the bell rings, take a peek and see who it is before you decide whether or not you wish to answer the bell. It's your home and your prerogative.

To learn the difference between a marriage that "settles down" and one that "gets dull," send for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "What To Expect From Marriage," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, 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.

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**Card Party**  
St. Margaret Mary Altar Society will hold its monthly card party this evening at 8 p.m. in the church hall, 255th and Eshelman in Lomita. Our Lady of Guadalupe Guild will be hostess for the evening.



AT SANDPIPERS' FASHION SHOW... Torrance was well represented at the 29th annual luncheon and fashion show staged by the Sandpipers at the Ambassador Hotel on Oct. 18. Enjoying the affair are, from left, Mmes. H.

C. Barrington, J. W. Post, C. T. Rippy, standing, Lolly Aherns and W. I. Laughon. A cocktail party was held in the Venetian room followed by the luncheon and fashion parade in the Embassy room.



SEE FASHION PORTRAITS... Fascinated by the elegant new fall fashions by Charles LeMaire, designer, are these Torrance women attending the Sandpipers' affair at the Ambassador, from left, Mmes. J. B. Scotton, Jack

Phillips, Robert Golden and Grover C. Whyte. Among other localities present were Mmes. John Barrington, Henry Backlund, Eugene Cook, Jack Brooks, Gerald Witt, Robert Tolson, George Probert, and Baker Smith.

All-Women Invited To 'Get Out Vote' Program

The "Get Out the Vote" effort will be further emphasized at the Nov. 2 meeting of the Torrance Woman's club, announced Mrs. Alma Smith, program chairman. The meeting will be held at the clubhouse beginning at 1 p.m. The "get out the vote" effort is one of the major projects of the General Federation of Women's clubs this year.

Two of Torrance's most outstanding women, Mrs. Margaret Wooley and Rosemary DeCamp will be speakers for the day. Mrs. Wooley is the wife of a Torrance attorney, Boris Wooley. She is a practicing lawyer, a mother, columnist and an active member of the Republican Women's organizations.

Rosemary DeCamp, radio,

Shower For Bride-elect

Miss Donna Stoeckle, bride-elect of Donald M. White, was complimented at a bridal shower recently given by Mrs. Jerry Musick and Mrs. Fred Whitecotton at the Whitecotton home, 18615 Crenshaw Blvd.

Pink and white floral arrangements decorated the rooms and a pink and white cake inscribed with two entwined hearts with the names "Donna and Donald" centered the dining table.

An evening of games and refreshments was enjoyed after which the honoree opened her shower of miscellaneous gifts.

Attending the party were Mmes. D. Shepherd, William O. Wilson, Dwayne Sherwood, A. C. Ferry and Francis Stoeckle.

Others were Misses Phyllis Woodruff, Carol Bresse, Susan Wilson, Janet Bittkier, Paula Tenney and Sandra Worthen.



GETTING ON CALENDAR... These members of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., from left, Mrs. John Donohue, auditor, and Mrs. Richard Garner, chairman of the installation dinner dance check schedule with Valda Wilkins of the Chamber of Commerce. The gala dinner dance will be held Saturday Nov. 5 at 8 p.m. at the Western Club. Tickets are now being sold by members of the Civic group.

National President Here For Needlework Guild's Annual Tally Luncheon

Mrs. James H. Mecum of Philadelphia, National president of the Needlework Guild of America, was the guest speaker at the Tally luncheon of the Peninsula Volunteers held at La Venta Inn climaxed another successful year.

Mrs. Mecum pointed out that this is the 75th year for the Needlework Guild of America, which came from England and is known there as the St. Mary's Guild. She stressed that "quality not quantity" is important and that pretty but practical garments are appreciated in institutions where children do not necessarily have to dress alike. She also said that the Peninsula Volunteers are the largest section of NGA in this country.

The final tally yielded 6,041 new garments and a total of \$2,000 in cash. Of this amount, \$1400 will go to the shoe fund for the Manhattan Beach Sandpipers and the San Pedro Assistance League.

New officers were installed by Mrs. J. Wear Pearson II and Mrs. Seymour Warner, Jr. They are Mrs. H. E. Kidder, Palos Verdes, president; Mrs. Sippi Nazaron, Rolling Hills,

first vice president; Mrs. Harold Deters, Portuguese Bend, second vice president; Mrs. W. J. Cox, Rolling Hills, recording secretary; Mrs. Fred A. Geisel, Hollywood Riviera, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Robert Lande, San Pedro, treasurer.

Others are Mrs. Marty Jacobi, San Pedro, welfare chairman; Mrs. Roger Taylor, Palos Verdes, purchasing chairman; Mrs. Hugh Stoddard, Portuguese Bend, speakers bureau.

Mrs. Henry Graef of Hollywood. (Continued on Page 14)

Bridge Party

Mrs. Laura Felker entertained her bridge club on Tuesday evening at her home, 3429 Paseo del Campo.

Following a dessert, bridge was played with the prizes going to Mrs. Delbert Thomsen and Mrs. Ralph Rugraff.

Mrs. Felker's guests were Mmes. Edward Rhone, Kenneth Dudley, John Melville, Lucille Rogers, Gloria Chapman, Thomsen and Rugraff.

Mrs. Kenneth Dudley will be the club's next hostess.

North Torrance Civic Association Slates Installation Dance Nov. 5

Hundreds of brightly colored balloons will decorate the Western Club Cafe, 15516 S. Western Ave., Gardena, when the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. presents its annual installation dinner dance on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 8 p.m.

Newly installed officers to be honored are John Mulvihill, president; John Kesson, vice president; Margaret Clark, secretary; Ida Hechinger, treasurer; Louise Donohue, auditor.

Chairmen, who have been appointed by the president and who will also share the spot-

light, are Anna Glenn, membership; Thirwin Fleetwood, education and recreation; Fanchon Garner, ways and means; Margaret Clark, safety, health and welfare; Herma Tillim, parliamentarian; Harmon Belcher, publicity; Mike Dominguez, institutional representative; Bert Herzog, property custodian and Mrs. Fleetwood, refreshments.

Fanchon Garner is serving as general chairman. On her committee are Bert Herzog, Lawrence Ridge, John Mulvihill and Harmon Belcher. The public is invited to enjoy the

Major Philanthropy

Therapy Tables Given By Las Vecinas Club

Las Vecinas Woman's club has donated two adjustable tables to one of their main philanthropies, the Harbor General Hospital. The standing tables, used to tilt patients either in braces or casts, prevent the complications of a prolonged horizontal position and many of the treatments given patients would not be possible if these donations had not been made.

The two adjustment tables are used for patients who can use their hands for crafts or activities but who cannot support themselves in an upright position. Monthly cash donations are given by the club for urgent and immediate needs which otherwise would have to be requisitioned through channels.

Past purchases of the club for the Occupational and Physical Therapy wards include bedside tables, drawing boards, tool grinders for sharpening, kilns, typing tables, vibrating sanders, looms, training stairs, parallel bars and special exercising equipment. In addition to these donations, the club has held volunteer "sewing bees" with members making partition and window curtains, slippers for patients and volunteer time by the "Pink Ladies Auxiliary," stated Mrs. George Vico, philanthropy chairman.

Additional chairmen under

the philanthropy program include Mmes. Nicholas Gregory, welfare chairman; Jack H. Brown, community projects chairman; John Walti, scholarship; Rollin Ring, "Pink Ladies"; Robert Ellis, youth; William Schumann, South Bay Exceptional Children and Eye Clinic; Lyle Mitchell, mental hygiene; and Robert Underwood, Christmas chairman.

For the next three monthly meetings, club members are asked to bring either a cash donation or two cans of food as part of the Christmas Welfare Basket project.

Mrs. McNeil Leaves Soon For Germany

Mrs. Bertha F. McNeil will leave International Airport on Nov. 9 via United Airlines Jet for San Francisco, where she will board the German Lufthansa jet for Nurnberg, Germany. She plans to spend several months with her daughter and husband, SP4 and Mrs. Jerome Doyle. Mr. Doyle is stationed in Grafenwohr with the United States Army Military Police.

Mrs. McNeil is making the trip to be on hand to welcome her first grandchild who is expected to arrive around Dec. 5.

Mrs. McNeil will take delivery on a new Volkswagen in Frankfurt and plans to spend six months touring Europe with her family. She is spending her time studying the 69 international traffic signs used in Germany so that she may obtain a driver's license there.

Before returning to Torrance, Mrs. McNeil plans to spend a month in Dayton, Ohio where she will visit her son, Brother John A. McNeil, S.M., who is a science major at the University of Dayton. Brother McNeil was scheduled to attend the Chamblade college in Honolulu but because of the excellent science laboratories at Dayton, he was sent there. He is in his junior year at the University.

Visit Festival

Enjoying the Apple Festival at Oak Glen and the surrounding area on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Allison and children.