

# Social World

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## Christmas 1960—Difficult Times

BY ANN LANDERS

Today 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 of 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 dreams, The Big Sell Out. The value system is under attack. Millions of Americans have the uneasy feeling that our society, overwhelmed by materialism, has turned soft. This is an era of self-consciousness. Mothers have been bombarded with such labels as permissive, protective, hostile, or child-dominated. Dad is often pictured as a sexless, female-dominated flop.

These are difficult times in which to live. We are consumed with insecurity because the Russians have beaten us to the moon. The truth of the matter is we haven't learned to live sensibly on the earth.

There is a mad rush to escape anxiety. Victims of tension and unrest are engaged in a nervous assault on the State of Discontentment.

People search in bottles and pill boxes for ammunition with which to fight the daily battle for survival. We seek to anesthetize our brains, as though escaping from the pain of a problem will cause it to vanish into thin air. The saddest thing about those who search feverishly for happiness is that they never find it, because they know not what they seek. They envision happiness as a continual feeling of exaltation that often happiness is the absence of grief. And there is little appreciation for the everyday, garden variety contentment until some tragic shadow crosses our lives. How frequently in the mail do I come across the words, "I didn't know what a good life I had until . . ."

All mortals are subject to trouble beyond our control. Every life is bound to encounter some disappointment, some sorrow, some tragedy. Even death is a part of life. But much of the trouble in our lives is the result of our own doing. Each day we decide the directions that our lives will take by selecting one course or another. Living is an endless maze of small decisions. No one can make the right decision every time. But remember, there is no disgrace in failing. The dis-

grace lies in not getting up to try again.

Every life records some failures, some mistakes in judgment. No one has a perfect score. And to forgive oneself is perhaps one of life's stiffest challenges. Many of us find it easier to forgive those who wrong us than to forgive ourselves.

Since this is a problem column I hear about troubles of every imaginable kind. I've learned that there are an alarming number of people in this world who have real trouble and no one to talk to. And I've learned that many people who write for advice, don't want advice—they just want someone to listen. Putting the problem on paper can help to unburden a heavy heart.

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. For there is no greater reward than to help. And with God's help I will continue to do my best.

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SHARRON GOODE  
... Betrothed  
(Portrait by Seeman)

## Couple Sets Feb. 18 For Nuptial Day

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Goode, 1628 Date Ave. are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Sharron Daline, to George C. Downing, Mr. and Mrs. George Downing, 1511 Crenshaw Blvd. are parents of the future bridegroom.

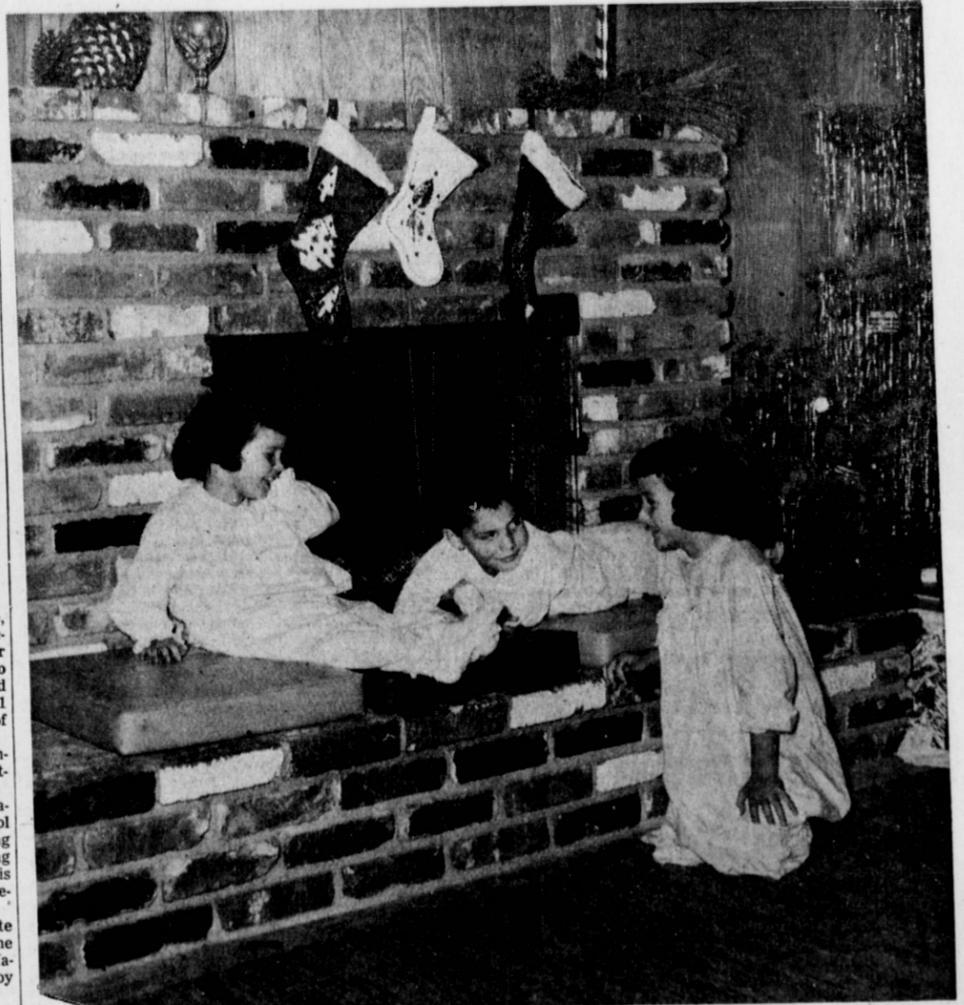
The wedding will be solemnized Feb. 18 at the First Christian Church in Torrance. The bride-elect was graduated from Torrance High school in 1960. She is now attending the Wilma Hastings modeling school in Long Beach and is employed by the Pacific Telephone Co.

Her fiancé, a 1959 graduate of Torrance High, served one year in the United States Marine Corps. He is employed by the Macco Construction Co.

## Las Vegas Guests

Arriving next Thursday to spend New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, 2724 Arlington Ave. will be Mrs. Ada Goebel and Mrs. Ethel Robinson of Las Vegas.

# Merry Christmas To You



CHRISTMAS MORNING SCENE . . . How Santa came down that chimney with so many presents is the question of the day with the children of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dean, 22034 Ladeene Ave. They are Judi, 4, Joey 6, and Jill 7. Early this morning, like many children in Torrance, they slipped into the rumpus room to see their tree and the stockings they placed on the fireplace loaded with gifts from Santa.

## Yule Party

The rumpus room at the home of Mrs. E. L. Snodgrass, 1614 Beech Ave., was festive in its holiday attire for her bridge club's Christmas party Monday afternoon.

The mantel was banked with Christmas decorations and miniature trees centered the individual luncheon tables.

A gift exchange was held followed by bridge games. Mrs. Alma Smith held the high score count, Mrs. Ruth Richards, second and Mrs. J. A. Eisenbrandt, third.

Other guests were Mmes. R. E. Moffitt, Lillian Dunhouse, William Dekin, R. W. McNeil and Marie Beale.

Mrs. Beale will be the club's next hostess.

## Douglass Family

On Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Douglass, 4143 W. 175th St., entertained Mr. Douglass' family at a Christmas party. Together were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alexander and five children of Torrance, Miss Helen Douglass, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Douglass and daughter of Bellflower, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Douglass Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Douglass Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Douglass, and Eileen Douglass of Lompoc.

## To Minnesota

Mrs. Clifford Trezise, 3232 Eldorado, will leave this evening for Geneva, Minn. to spend two weeks visiting her parents and other relatives. The Enroute home she will stop in Denver, Colo. to visit an aunt and uncle.

## Christmas Celebrated By Garden Club

Torrance Terrace Garden Club held its annual Christmas luncheon and gift exchange on Wednesday at the Jump'n Jack Restaurant. After the luncheon, served at tables festive in the Christmas theme, the group played games and were given white elephant prizes.

A gift exchange was held around the Christmas tree and "Secret Pals" were revealed. New names were drawn for the coming year.

Mrs. M. L. Hartley, president, conducted the business meeting at which time a farewell tea was planned for Mrs. W. Stevens who with her family is moving to Hayward. The tea will be given at the Hartley home on Jan. 4.

The club's next meeting will be a pot luck luncheon at the

home of Mrs. Robert Goldstone on Jan. 11.

Members attending the Christmas party were Mmes. B. K. Baine, Victor Bestead, John Ericson, Ivan Esty, M. L. Hartley, Harvey Klein, P. H. L. Norris, George Powell, Minnot Rugg, F. Sandstrom, Marie Tankersley, C. Tankersley, A. C. Turner and Kenneth Jackson.

Guests were Mmes Mike McLean, Kenneth Baine, Robert Carrow and Les Smith.

## Mallehan-Osborne Names Are Linked in Marriage

Neighborhood Church of Palos Verdes was the beautiful setting for the 2 o'clock wedding on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18, when Miss Fay Marie Mallehan exchanged her marriage promises with Bruce David Osborne. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Mallehan, 1904

Andreo. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Osborne of Garden Grove.

For her wedding, the bride chose an Alfred Angelo original wedding gown fashioned of peau de soie. The fitted lace bodice had a scalloped neckline and long pointed sleeves. An overlay of lace over the full skirt fell into a chapel train. The bride carried a bouquet of white orchids. Mr. Mallehan escorted his daughter to the altar and gave her in marriage.

Miss Kathleen Mallehan was her sister's maid of honor. She was gowned in emerald green satin and carried a bouquet of white spider chrysanthemums. Miss Shirley Osborne was the bridesmaid. She also wore emerald green satin and carried white chrysanthemums.

Bill Loy performed the duties of best man and ushers were Max Groussman and Joe Hammer.

Dr. Albert F. King, pastor, officiated at the vow exchange.

## Mrs. Apsey Entertains Club Board

Mrs. Roy Apsey, president of the Torrance Woman's club, District 18, CFWC, entertained her board at a beautiful Christmas luncheon Tuesday at her home, 5306 Hallson St.

Yellow and gold were the colors used by the hostess for her table and room decorations. Each guest was presented with a gift wrapped in yellow and gold.

After the luncheon, an executive board meeting was held.

Mrs. Apsey's guests were Mmes. Alma Smith, Rufus Sandstrom, Godfrey Nelson, Leondrus Stamps, R. C. Focha, Alan Moore, E. C. St. Amand, H. W. Bowman, Dean Sears, and Mrs. Lee Clotworthy, president of the Junior Woman's club.

Board members unable to attend were Mmes. B. W. Roberts, A. Z. England, and C. E. Ackley Jr.

## Entertain At Cocktails

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hyde and Mr. and Mrs. John Tweedy entertained a large group of friends at cocktails last Sunday evening prior to the Rotary club's Christmas dinner dance at the Palms restaurant.

The affair was given at the Hyde home, 1537 El Prado Ave., which was festive in the holiday decor.

Enjoying the party were Judge and Mrs. Donald Armstrong, Dr. and Mrs. John Beeman, Messrs. and Mmes. Chapman Bone, Leonard Ensminger, Sam Levy, Donald Meyer, George Post, William Shawyer, Carl Warner, Al Rudell, Henry Ley, Jim Sharrett, John Weigle; and Mrs. Ray Fries.

## Here For Holidays

Mrs. Robert Olden of Paso Robles arrived Thursday to spend the holidays here with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Douglass, 4143 W. 175th Place.



LILLIAN HEDGECOCK  
... To Wed Feb. 26  
(Portrait by Seeman)

## February Wedding Planned

Wedding bells will ring on Feb. 26 for Miss Lillian Hedgecock and Terry C. Denton. The announcement of the engagement and wedding plans of their daughter is being made this morning by Mr. and Mrs. James L. Hedgecock, 1714 Arlington Ave.

The wedding will take place at the First Christian Church in Torrance.

The bride-elect was graduated from Torrance High school and attended El Camino School of Cosmetology. She is employed at Florence's Beauty Shop.

The future bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Van Denton, 1543 W. 214th St., Torrance, was graduated from Narbonne High school. He attended Harbor Junior College as a business major. At the college, he affiliated with the Theta Xi Omega fraternity. Mr. Denton is employed at Food King Market.

## To Chicago

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Crovella, 24416 Park St., WALTERIA, left by train last Thursday for Chicago where they will spend the holidays with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Trollan Jr. The Crovellas will be away for about four weeks.



LOADING THE TREE . . . These members of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club, from left, Mmes. Marion Hartley, Robert Carrow, Wilfred Stevens, Louis Norris, and Kenneth Jackson, place gifts around the Christmas tree at the club's annual Christmas party. The affair was a luncheon at the Jump'n Jack Restaurant on Wednesday.



MRS. BRUCE D. OSBORNE  
... Recites Vows  
(Portrait by Seeman)