

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers

"41 When My Third Son Was Born..."

Dear Ann Landers: You're a fine one to be telling a 42-year-old woman that she ought to be THRILLED yet to be having a baby. How old are YOU, anyway?

Here this same woman has a son in college and daughter in high school. Her life has just about reached the point where she can relax a little. And now she has to start with 4:00 A.M. feedings, whooping cough shots, diapers, baby food and the whole bit.

I was 41 when my third son was born. My kids were in high school. Everyone told me how happy I should be. My husband was delirious with joy. (Men always are. Their lives don't change no matter how many kids are at home.)

Well, I wasn't happy about it then and I'm not happy about it now. The little boy is three and he's wilder than the two older ones were, put together. Wherever I go people ask me how old my grandson is. It doesn't make sense to them that a woman my age should have a boy in rompers. And after shagging that kid night and day I know they're right.—X-HAUSTED

Dear X: Cheer up, Toots. When the two older ones are married and gone you'll be glad you have this boy at home. It may be hard to believe now but hundreds of mothers wrote to tell me that their late dividend was the best of all.

Dear Ann: I'm a girl 18, high school senior, and old enough to know the boys with whom I want to go out.

My mother is always arranging dates for me and I'm fed up with the creeps she decides are "wonderful fellows." The guys are usually sons of her friends and they always seem to have rich fathers. This may be a coincidence but she hasn't fixed me up with a poor fellow yet.

Do I have the right to refuse to go with these fixed-up dates? She says her judgment is better than mine because she's older and has seen more of life. One fellow was 28 years old and I felt like I was out with my grandfather. Please hurry your advice. I need it.—HELPLESS

Dear HelpleSS: Tell your mother you appreciate her interest but you refuse to accept another fixed-up date. She may mean well but she's not being fair to you.

Dear Ann: Your column has hit so close to home that at times I think you must be writing just for me. That letter from the woman who had shock treatments for mental illness is an example. She was lucky to have had an understanding man. Mine wasn't. When my psychiatrist told him the visits would cost \$25 each and the treatments were extra he said to me, "Why don't you commit suicide? Your bills will drive ME crazy, too."

I had a severe anxiety neurosis and was in terrible agony. I couldn't eat or sleep. I cried for no reason at all and didn't want to live. After 15 shock treatments I was 1,000% better — no bundle of joy, mind you, but able to live a normal life, do my housework and meet people face to face.

Keep up the wonderful work. You'll never know how many people you help.—YOUR FRIEND

Dear Friend: Many thanks for those warm words. It's letters like yours that make this work so rewarding. I'm deeply grateful.

To learn the booby-traps of teenage drinking, write for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "Teenage Drinking," 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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Washington Guests

Mrs. A. K. Peterson, 3325 Newton St., has had as her guests for the past month her sisters-in-law, Mrs. Freida Stokes and Mrs. F. H. Butt and Dr. Butt of Marysville and Lopez Island, Wash. The visitors spent three weeks at Mrs. Peterson's desert home in eastern San Diego County and one week in Torrance.



COLOR AND CANDLELITE... Torrance Woman's club and Junior Woman's club will present their annual fashion show and luncheon on March 4 at the new Port 'O Call Restaurant, Berth 76. A Palos Verdes Shop will show casual fashions and a Torrance firm will parade the after-five and bridal gowns. Lining up the tickets and plans are, from left, Mmes. Harold Brunner, R. A. Bingham, Albert England and Ben McCree. Mrs. Rufus Sandstrom and Mrs. Harold Brunner are ticket chairmen and reservations may be made by calling them. A social hour begins at 11:30, luncheon at 12:30 and the fashion display at 1:30 p.m.

FIESTADORES PLANS GALA STATE AFFAIR

Newspapers with the headlines "LFD to hold a Press Conference" were delivered to members of Las Fiestadores as invitations to the club's February press conference and press ball on Saturday.

From 8 until 9:30, the invitations stated, the conference will be held at the New State House, the Help-hand home at 2109 Middlebrook Rd.

The press representatives and their associates (it's guess night, too) will then proceed to the Pen and Quill restaurant where Les Tronsiers and his orchestra will play for dancing.

In charge of the state affair are Messrs. and Mmes. John Schwartz, Joe Help-hand, Lloyd Jones, R. D. Bolen and Dr. and Mrs. James K. Lees.

At Hot Springs

Mr. and Mrs. C. Galichon and daughter, 16910 Fonthill Ave. spent a recent weekend at Springborg's Glen Ivy Hot Springs.

Engagement Is Announced



LORETTA ROBISON... Future Bride (Portrait by Seeman)

At a family dinner party at a local restaurant on Monday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Robison, 2264 Sonoma, announced the engagement of their daughter, Loretta Ruth, to Larry Denning, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Denning of San Pedro.

Valentine place cards bearing the picture of the engaged couple revealed the romantic news.

A summer wedding is being planned.

The bride-elect, whose parents have lived in Torrance for the past 20 years, was graduated from Torrance High School in 1959. She is now in her second year at El Camino college.

The future bridegroom was graduated from Torrance high school in 1957. He served for three years with the United States Navy and was discharged last November. He is employed by the Standard Oil Co. in Lakewood.

With the engaged couple at the party were the bride's parents, the parents of the benedict-elect, Mr. and Mrs. William Denning, Miss Denise Denning, and Mrs. Janet Stevens.

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INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR... These members of the Women's Council of the St. Catherine parish are working on festive decorations for their International Luncheon and Card Party to be held Feb. 22 at the parish hall, 3846 Redondo Beach Blvd. At work are from left, Mmes. Harold Higgins, William Murdock, Frank Glassi, Paul Heisen, general chairman and Otto E. Cline. The public is invited.

Susan Hald Plights Vows With Troy Scott Feb. 11

"Pink gladioli and white stock decorated the altar in the Presbyterian Church in Wilmington on Saturday evening, Feb. 11, when Miss Susan Fern Hald was united in marriage to Troy Gavin Scott. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Hald, 26302 Belleporte Ave., Harbor City. Mr. and Mrs. David G. Scott of San Pedro are parents of the bridegroom.

Rev. F. A. Rhoades officiated at the candlelight double ring marriage ceremony. Esther Scott, at the organ, played the nuptial music and accompanied Lynn Trantham, soloist.

The bride came to the altar on the arm of her father. She wore a gown of candlelight blue de soie trimmed in seed pearls. Tiny rosebuds ornamented the sleeves and the full skirt, which fell into a

long train, was caught at the sides by clusters of small rosebuds. A pearl tiara held the illusion veil and the bridal bouquet was of orchids and roses on lace.

Miss Sue Chapman and Mrs. Carol Waters served as honor attendants wearing wedgewood blue peau de soie. Bridesmaids were Misses Nita Bourland and Marnie Davis. They also wore the wedgewood blue peau de soie. All of their bouquets were of cymbidium orchids and pink carnations.

Roy Goodrich stood as best man and ushers were Rick Hald, Jerrold Waters, and Bill Meyers.

After the marriage, a reception for the 350 guests was held at the Hacienda Hotel. Miss Sheri Chasteen was in charge of the guest book.

The newlyweds are honeymooning in Palm Springs before going to San Diego to make their home.

The bride was graduated from Narbonne High school. She attended Long Beach State college.

Her husband, also a Narbonne graduate, is serving with the United States Navy.

'International' Party Planned by Council

"Around the World in 80 Days" is the theme of the International Luncheon and Card Party to be given by the members of St. Catherine Labourer Women's Council on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at the parish hall, 3846 Redondo Beach Blvd. in Torrance. Mrs. Paul Heisen is serving as general chairman of the affair.

Assisting Mrs. Heisen will be Mrs. Frank Galassi, Mrs. William Murdock, Mrs. Harold Higgins and Mrs. Otto Cline.

Luncheon will be served from noon until 1 p.m. followed by cards until 3 p.m.

The international theme will be carried out in the decorations and the menu. Waitresses will be in foreign costumes adding to the theme. Henry Sear of the Pasadena Allied Travel Service is helping authenticate the luncheon and assisting with the decorations.

The international menu will consist of Swedish meat balls, Spanish rice, Polynesian salad, British rolls, Brazilian coffee and French pastries.

Bridge, pinocle and canasta will be played. The public is invited to attend.

Card Party

Lomita American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a public card party on Wednesday evening, Feb. 22 at the Legion Hall, 24702 Narbonne Ave. Prizes will be awarded and there will be refreshments.

SOBADA CLUB PLANS DANCE, BREAKFAST

Sobada Dance club will hold its February dance on Saturday evening in the Banberry room at the Plush Horse restaurant.

Dancing will begin at 9 p.m. with the Hi-Hatters furnishing the music.

A Hunt breakfast will be served at 1 a.m.

On the committee for the dance are Messrs. and Mmes. Sid Gans, William Luzan and Gerald MacDonald.

Members Model

Dianas' Fashion Show At Plush Horse Feb. 23

"Thru the Looking Glass" has been chosen by the Redondo Beach Dianas for the theme of their fashion show to be held at the Plush Horse Inn at 8 p.m. Thursday Feb. 23.

Alicia—The Madhatter will coordinate and commentate the parade of spring fashions. Mrs. Milo Brunskill, president, has announced that the modeling will be done by Mmes. Richard Anderson, Douglas Cambern, Christian Drake, William Haley, Cal Johnson, and Miss Mary Cooper.

Dessert will be served and a number of door prizes will be awarded, among them a black velvet fox trimmed stole.

Mrs. Theodore Kewin and

Mrs. John Kenney are co-chairmen of the event. They are being assisted by Mmes. Robert Dreizler, Roger Gardemann, Sheldon Goldenson, Reynolds Gorsuch, Ray Jendershot and Charles Hillinger.

Mrs. Robert Deebel has planned decorations of a living looking glass, roses and candles for the tables.

Mrs. John Kenney is reservations chairman. Feb. 21 is the reservation deadline.



IT'S TICKET TIME... According to the watch it's time to sell tickets for the Dianas Fashion show to be held Feb. 23 at the Plush Horse Inn. Checking their tickets and the time are from left, Mmes. R. A. Anderson, Christian Drake and Paul Taylor.



JOAN NEELY... Troth Announced

Joan Neely Will Marry In August

With the traditional candle passing to her Pi Beta Phi sorority sisters at USC, Miss Joan Elaine Neely revealed her engagement to Mark Albert Mandala.

The romantic news was also announced at a family dinner party.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Samuel Neely, 1537 Espinoza Circle, Palos Verdes. She attended Torrance High school and was graduated from Redondo High. Miss Neely is a senior at USC. An education major, she will be graduated in June.

Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Mandala of Downey. A third generation Californian he was graduated from USC and is now employed by the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Aug. 18 has been set as the wedding day.



MRS. TROY G. SCOTT... On Wedding Day (Stanford Photography)