

# YOUR PROBLEMS

by **Ann Landers**

## "Try To Be Especially Nice"

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a boy 17 years old who doesn't know where else to go with this problem. It's my father.

When business is bad (which is almost always) he is so mean to us kids that sometimes we think maybe we'd be better off if we left home.

We aren't perfect but we aren't as bad as he says, and we can't be in the wrong ALL the time. To listen to him he has never made a mistake in his whole life.

Mom can't help, so please don't suggest that she talk to him for us. She can't even talk to him for herself. He's very abrupt with her and I think she is as scared of him as we are. His bad temper is ruining our childhood. We are 14, 16 and 17. Please help.—BILL.

Dear Bill: If you kids are 14, 16 and 17 your childhood is over. You'd better start to think in terms of adulthood.

You aren't going to change your father's disposition. The best you can do is to try to understand it. When people are mean they are usually lashing out against the world because they are unhappy. Your dad probably feels that he is a failure and takes it out at home.

Instead of holding a grudge against your dad, try to be especially nice to him and I'll bet his behavior improves.

Dear Ann Landers: How does a wife know for sure that her husband is really through with The Other Woman? Does it seem reasonable to you that a man would cut off an 11-year-old alliance just because his wife found out?

The Other Woman in this case is shrewd, brazen and conniving. My husband fooled me for a long time. He swears the affair is finished and has begged me to believe in him. I want to, more than anything in the world, but is it possible that a man can change his ways completely?

You're smart. I'm dumb. I've proved it. Please help me. WOOL PULLED

Dear Wool: Some things in life must be accepted on faith—and this is one of them. A woman who would demean herself by checking and shadowing a man isn't worthy of his love. Believe in him and let him know it. It's bound to bring out the best.

Dear Ann: I hope you'll consider this important enough to discuss in your column, even though nobody's marriage is hanging in the balance. Many people could use the education.

I hear "beg your pardon" and "excuse me" used interchangeably all day long. I know this is incorrect, but exactly why I cannot say. Can you tell me—and millions of others—when to use these commonly abused expressions?—BEGGING YOUR PARDON

Dear Begging: Pardon me, but common usage has made these terms virtually interchangeable. If you want to be precise use "beg your pardon" when you cause inconvenience (such as climbing over someone to get to a theater seat). Use "excuse me" when you wish to be excluded or take leave.

Confidential to TWENTY-THREE SKIDOO: Sorry but I didn't go along with "the good old days" propaganda. They weren't THAT much better. Your memory is failing you, Chicken Inspector.

If alcohol is robbing you or someone you love of health and dignity, send for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "Help for the Alcoholic," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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**Hot Springs Stay**  
Mr. and Mrs. Fay Parks, 2530 Eldorado, returned Friday from a month's stay at Desert Hot Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller who accompanied them on the trailer trip returned on Wednesday.

# Have a Heart—Give



**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED . . .** Next Sunday, Heart Sunday in Torrance, a door-to-door drive will be made by women of the area to close the February Heart Drive staged by the Los Angeles County Heart Assn. Mrs. W. C. Boswell, member of the Torrance Woman's Club, CFWC, is heading the local drive. Among the hundreds of women who will be ringing door bells in Torrance next Sunday are these members of the Torrance Woman's club, from left, Mmes. A. Z. England, R. C. Focha, H. F. Heinlein and L. J. Pulliam.

## Mr., Mrs. G. Geerlings Mark 40th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit J. Geerlings, who moved to 2124 Martina last year from Walteria, where they had lived for the past 10 years, were complimented at a party at their home last Sunday afternoon celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. The couple, originally from Holland, were married in Minnesota.

They are the parents of four children, Mrs. Robert Bashor, 1606 Post Ave., Torrance; Mrs. Connie Palm, Kingsburg, Calif.; two sons, Bernard Geerlings, San Pedro, and Gerard Geerlings of Riverside. They also have five grandchildren, Bob and Gary Bashor, Cheryl and Linda Geerlings and Melanda Sue Palm.

## Bridge Party

Mrs. Dean Sears entertained her bridge club last Thursday afternoon at her home, 1635 Post Ave.

Amid Valentine decorations, luncheon was served followed by the bridge games.

Mrs. Sears' guests were Mmes. Mel Millar, John Melville, M. A. Bauman, Eugene Cook, Delbert Thomsen, and Alma Smith.



**ELEGANT NEW FASHIONS . . .** Spring's newest fashions will be paraded when the Torrance Woman's club and the Junior club stage their annual luncheon and show on March 4 at the new Port o' Call restaurant at Berth 76 in San Pedro harbor. Club members will model creations from a Palos Verdes and a Torrance shop. Pat Speer will be commentator. Here Mrs. Joseph Boylan in a Don Loper gold brocade sheath and Mrs. Sid Gans, also wearing a Loper blue silk, model for Mrs. Roy Apsey, president of the Woman's club. Mrs. A. Z. England and Mrs. B. R. McRee are taking reservations.

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## Shower Fetes Mrs. Nelson

Mrs. Harry C. Fields entertained at a stork shower on Wednesday evening at her home, 4827 Moresby Dr. in Torrance complimenting Norbert Nelson, 2821 Moresby.

The "stork" motif was cleverly carried out in the decorations and refreshments. Mrs. Nelson was shown gifts for her expected baby.

Attending the party were Mmes. Laura Anderson, Irene Breedlove, Karen Valenzuela, Madge Graham, Sally Mercier, Elaine Shelton, Dorothy Siemert, Dolly Whelan, Liz Medina, Audrey McCullough, Virginia Brown, Madge Zaborowski, all of Torrance.

Others were Mmes. Charlene Cody, Norwalk; Louise Mello, Inglewood; Delores Patterson, Fontana; Hazel Rupe, San Pedro; Jeanne Sharpe, Long Beach Rosemarie Hodgson, Hawthorne; and Louise Webb, Garden Grove.

## At Death Valley

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Starbuck and sons Bill and David spent the recent three day weekend camping at Texas Springs.



**LEPRECHAUN SEARCH . . .** These three children from 231st St. Torrance, from left, Donovan Ayers, Christie Burns and Pamela Stirewalt peer into a waterfall cave in Averill Park in hopes of finding a leprechaun. The leprechaun in question is "Flibertygibbett" a red haired Scottish leprechaun, featured in the three act musical comedy to be presented by the Peninsula Committee for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra. March 4 is the date for the play at the Dana Junior High school, San Pedro.

## Enchilada Sale Planned

St. Cecilia's Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church was entertained at a Valentine party on Feb. 8 at the home of Mrs. Edward Rhone on Beech Ave. Mrs. Mae Sherry was co-hostess.

During a business meeting conducted by Mrs. M. W. Hinshaw, an enchilada sale was planned for March 18. Orders are being taken by Mrs. Alma Smith, Mrs. Hinshaw and all guild members.

During a social hour, refreshments in the Valentine theme, were served. Attending the meeting were Mmes. Wayne W. Browning, Sidney Hopkins, Ralph Davis, A. H. Brown, H. W. Brady, J. L. Harmon, R. S. Sleeth, D. A. Murphy, Lester Brubar, Don Wolf, M. H. Sargent, Dean Sears and Alma Smith.

## Flibertygibbett

# Children's Play Aids Orchestra

Members of the Peninsula Committee for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra will present a Suro Guild production entitled "Flibertygibbett" on March 4 at the Dana Junior High School Auditorium, 15th and Cabrillo Sts., in San Pedro.

Given annually, the children's theater is the major fund raising project undertaken by the Peninsula Committee with all funds earmarked for the support of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

"Flibertygibbett" is a musical comedy play presented in a musical comedy style, about a red-haired Scottish leprechaun whose last chance to become a mortal depends upon his success in winning a place in the affections of the people in a small community in Scotland.

In conjunction with this benefit, a contest for drawings and poems about the Scottish Leprechaun is open to all children up to 12 years of age. Winners will receive a pair of tickets to the play. In addition, the best poem will be rewarded with a book of poetry donated by the Palos Verdes Chapter of Chapparral Poets. Drawings and poems will be exhibited in the foyer of the auditorium.

Mrs. Robert M. Brown, ticket chairman, has arranged for members of the Palos Verdes Girl Scout Troops 150 and 255 to act as usherettes for

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## Goode-Downing Nuptials Read at Christian Church

Altar of the First Christian Church in Torrance was banked with baskets of white blossoms interspersed with tall white candles in standards last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock for the marriage of Miss Daline Goode and George C. Downing. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Goode, 1628 Date Ave. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. George Downing, 1511 Crenshaw Blvd.

As the wedding guests assembled, Mrs. Eleanor Hanes, at the organ, played a medley of nuptial music and accompanied Wesley Smith who sang "Hand in Hand", "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer". Candles were lighted by Lorraine and Lesley Smith, wearing blue organza over taffeta.

The bride, lovely in her wedding gown of peau de sole and lace, came to the altar on the arm of her father. The gown had long tapered sleeves, an empire lace bodice and full skirt which fell into a chapel train. Her French silk illusion veil was secured by a crown of lace, seed pearls and sequins. The bridal bouquet was a cascade of white orchids.

Miss Virginia Anderson served as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Christine Reed, Karen McTee, Patsy Cochrane, Paulette Perry and Diana Kildow.

All of the attendants were gowned in Romance blue swirls of chiffon over taffeta. Their bouquets were of callerya orchids.

Luana Perry, in a white frock and carrying a bouquet of baby orchids, was the flower girl. The rings were carried by Stephen Goods. Tom Smoot stood as best man and ushers were Paul Hooper, Kim Whitney; Don Witty, Joe De Jaire, and Robert Farrington. Rev. H. M. Sippel, pastor, officiated at the double ring vow exchange. A reception was held at the church where Miss Sue Day registered the guests.

The newlyweds are on a Santa Barbara honeymoon. Their new address is 120 1/2 Ave. F, Lompoc, Calif.

The bride was graduated from Torrance High school in 1960 and her husband in 1959.

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MRS. GEORGE C. DOWNING . . . Lovely Bride

(Portrait by Seaman)

## Kiwanians At Las Vegas Meet

Attending an Inter-district Kiwanis meeting held in Convention Center in Las Vegas last Saturday were Messrs. and Mmes. Tom Wilkes, Les King, H. G. Stephens, Dean Sears, Johnny Johnson, Miles Kellam; Dr. Kurt Kellam and Fred Carter.

Representatives were present from the California-Nevada-Hawaii district; Arizona-New Mexico district and the Dakota district.