

# YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



## "... Prowling Baby Sitters"

Dear Ann: I've never seen this problem in your column, which is amazing because others MUST have it, too.

What does a person do about prowling baby-sitters? I employ three girls and they all love to go through my closets, drawers and cupboards like FBI agents.

I don't know how these girls justify their behavior but they apparently think it's all right to relieve me of a half bottle of expensive Paris perfume, nail polish and remover, use my electric hair-dryer and walk off with whole cards of bobby-pins.

There's never enough milk for my family's breakfast the morning after a sitter has been here. They devour every cookie, every pretzel, potato chip, piece of cheese, cake, or fresh fruit in the house. One girl drank three cokes and ate two cans of imported sardines with half a box of crackers.

Any suggestions will be appreciated.—RANSACKED

Dear Ransacked: Your sitters sound like second story operators who need to be straightened out. They should be told that the drawers, cosmetics, etc. are personal property and that they're guilty of petty thievery.

Prepare a generous snack for these growing girls and make it plain they are not to free-lance in your refrigerator.

If one warning doesn't solve the problem, get new sitters.

Dear Ann: Our bridge club is in a quandary. Perhaps you can help us. One woman who is a dear person has a husband who retired last year. Whenever the club meets at her house her husband pulls up his chair (usually beside me because I'm not as strong a player as some others) and he takes right over. He pulls cards out of my hand, nudges me, says "No... lead with this... don't do that..." until I'm a wreck.

How can I let him know that I don't appreciate his kibitzing and that he's ruining the game for everyone?

None of the other husbands come near the bridge table. Thank you in advance.—M.J.L.

Dear M.J.L.: Tell the kibitzer's wife her husband is spoiling the game and suggest that he invite three male friends and have their own game in another room.

Dear Ann: I need help from an adult who understands. My parents are from the old country. They think a girl has no business going to school when she could be earning money.

I'm 16, a good student, and I want to graduate. They are forcing me to quit and take a beauty course so I can be a hairdresser and make money.

I know if I don't finish high school I'll always feel inferior and it will cast a cloud over me for the rest of my life. Please say something in the paper. Maybe they will listen to you.—SAD 16

Dear Sad: Suggest that your parents speak to the school principal. If they refuse, ask the principal to write them a letter. If you can get a letter or two from a teacher if may help.

Enlist the aid of your clergyman and an adult who carries weight with your parents—someone who can explain to them the value of a general secondary education.

You can always go to a beauty school and be a hairdresser and you'll be a better one if you finish high school.

CONFIDENTIAL TO SEZ ME: Apparently the last guy in his office sells him. Your only hope is to try to be that last guy.

To learn the booby-traps of teenage drinking, write for ANN LANDER'S booklet, "Teenage Drinking," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Balboa Vacation  
Mr. and Mrs. William Crooker and children will spend the week of Easter vacation at Balboa.



PLAN NEW YEAR... These officers of the Auxiliary to the Harbor General Hospital, who will be installed April 20 at the Plush Horse restaurant, talk over plans for a busy new year. They are from left, Mrs. F. W. Menching, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Charles Girder, president; Mrs. Charles Pfeffer, treasurer; Mrs. Rollin Ring, first vice president; and Mrs. Frank Braugh, second vice president.

## Installation April 20

# Hospital Auxiliary Names Officers

Mrs. Charles Grider was reelected for a second term as president of the Harbor General Hospital Auxiliary. Election of officers took place on March 17 and installation is scheduled on Wednesday April 20 at the Plush Horse restaurant.

To be installed with Mrs. Grider are Mrs. Rollin Ring, first vice president; Mrs. Frank Braugh, second vice president; Mrs. Charles Pfeffer, treasurer; Mrs. Richard Barry, recording secretary; and Mrs. Jean Melching, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Marguerite Broen McAlister, chief of Patient Services at the hospital, congratulated the auxiliary on its success during the past year and paid tribute to the retiring officers and board members.

Mrs. Nellie Spitzer of Redondo played the accompaniment for community singing which included many Irish Madrigals and songs.

Mrs. C. C. Drorbaugh of Manhattan Beach and her talented company put on a comedy skit entitled "The Maid's Lament."

At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. Henry Shapter.

Mrs. Joseph Leger New Greenthumber President

Activities of the Greenthumbers Garden Club for the year 1960-61 will be directed by Mrs. Joseph Leger, new president, who was elected at a meeting held March 24 at the home of Mrs. Al Mategorin.

Serving with her will be Mrs. James Buchanan, first vice president; Mrs. William Junge, secretary; Mrs. George Horton, treasurer.

The new officers will be installed at a dinner to be held April 21 at the Ra Von Supper Club in Redondo Beach. Installing officer will be Mrs. Louis R. Wilhelm, outgoing president.

The speaker at Thursday evening's meeting was C. B. "Doc" Houghton, horticulturist, from Long Beach who gave pertinent information on the care of plants and good gardening practices. Also individual attention was given to the specific gardening problems of members and guests.

In Arizona  
Mrs. William Bradford, 1225 Greenwood is spending several days in Mesa, Arizona, visiting her mother.

Members present were: Mmes. Harry Allen, James Buchanan, John Fitzgerald, William Fitzgerald, George Horton, John Klug, Paul Kolleck, Al Mategorin, Louis Wilhelm, and Maude Vulgamott.

Guests were: Mmes. Orin Klendworth, Melvin Poole, Albert Barlow, Guy Gum, John Wall, Stanley Lambkin, and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Houghton.

work to be undertaken by Pilot during the coming year under the direction of Mrs. Bobbie Burnham of Albuquerque, N.M., president-elect, who announced that the theme for the year will be "Faith and Understanding—Our Great Resources."

As district chairman, Mrs. Tillim will have charge of projection of committee work at the district convention to be held April 22-24 in Santa Barbara. She is a charter member of the Pilot Club of Torrance, which was chartered in 1955, and has served the local club as a director, parliamentarian, and as chairman of the Community Service Committee.

Continuing major emphasis will be given by the more than 400 clubs and nearly 12,000 members of Pilot International to community service projects. In outlining the 1960-61 theme, Mrs. Burnham called on Pilots to make themselves better through faith and understanding. "Renewal of your faith in yourself as a simple human being," she said, "will renew your faith in everyone around you, will bring understanding of your fellowman. What tremendous resources we can bring to a world beset with problems!"

Headquarters of Pilot International is Macon, Ga.

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HERMA TILLIM  
... District Chairman

Mrs. Herma Tillim of the Pilot Club of Torrance has been appointed District Chairman of the International Relations Committee of Pilot International for 1960-61.

The appointment was announced by Mrs. Oneita K. Swain, Governor of District 18. The new committee appointments appear in the March issue of The Pilot Log, official publication of the international organization of executive business and professional women.

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## Bradford's To Tour Europe

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bradford, 1225 Greenwood Ave., will leave by jet May 8 for a two months tour of Europe. Their tour will land in London, England. Included on their itinerary are Holland, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Austria, Italy, the Riviera and Paris. After the Paris stay they will go to Ireland where they will board the Queen Mary for the return trip to the States. Before returning home, the couple will go to Connecticut for a visit with Mr. Bradford's relatives.

Mr. Bradford was retired from the personnel department of the city of Torrance in December.

## Dinner Party

Mrs. Bertha F. McNeil entertained guests at dinner last Thursday evening at her home at 3099 Carson St.

Guests were Gregory J. Doyle and son, Paul, of Lomita; Miss Bonnie Brunken, Chuck Hettes and William Tolson, Sr.



MISS MARIE JORDAN  
... Engagement Announced  
(Portrait by Seeman)

## Marie Jordan Sets May 8 Date with Gerald Englin

Mr. and Mrs. James Jordan, 3416 East 7th St., Long Beach, who had resided in Torrance for many years prior to going to Long Beach, are today announcing the engagement of their daughter, Marie, to Gerald Englin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Englin, 22256 Main St., Torrance.

The wedding will be solemnized on May 8 at 2:30 in the afternoon at the Torrance Central Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The bride-elect, whose parents are both graduates of Torrance High school, was a member of the Banning High graduation class in 1959.

The future bridegroom is also a Banning High graduate.

## Michigan Guest

Mrs. Marjorie Shore left by plane Tuesday morning for her home in Sault St. Marie, Michigan after spending two weeks here with her sister, Mrs. Edith Hartel, 1513 W. 215th St.

## Trees Donated

Garden Section of the Torrance Woman's club donated two trees, a flowering peach and an evergreen ash, to the City of Torrance. The trees have been planted near the city buildings on Torrance Blvd.

## Entertains At Luncheon

Mrs. Hazel Ward entertained at a lovely luncheon and bridge party last Thursday afternoon in the rumpus room at her home, 1625 Beech Ave.

After the serving of a luncheon, the afternoon hours were spent playing bridge in which high score prizes were won by Mrs. Nell Smith and Mrs. William Dekin. Second prizes went to Mrs. Alma Smith and Mrs. Evelyn Fernley.

Mrs. Bertha Crook and Mrs. Fran Snodgrass were presented the consolation prizes and Mrs. Marie Beale captured the honor prize.

Enjoying Mrs. Ward's hospitality were Mmes. Mae Jones, Bertha Crook, Sarah Isen, Evelyn Fernley, Ruth Richards, Velma Owens, Nell Smith, Nancy Eisenbrandt.

Others were Mmes. Lillian Dunhouse, Fran Snodgrass, Bea Dekins, Marie Beale, Sybil Moffitt, and Alma Smith.

## In Santa Barbara

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wolf of Halldale Ave. spent last weekend in Santa Barbara where they visited their daughter, Judy, a junior at the UC, Santa Barbara.

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COMMUNITY FRIENDS... These Red Cross staff aids go about their work keeping records, aiding the unfortunate and ready to help in time of disaster. In their office at 1110 Sartori, they are from left, Mrs. Don Cowden, chairman of the staff aids, Mrs. Roland Warde and Miss Gertrude Murrison. More women are needed to staff the Red Cross office here.

## In Time of Need

# Red Cross Staff Aids On Busy Schedule Here

Their work goes on... they work quietly and in a very small office at 1110 Sartori, but in time of need their accomplishments are great. They are the members of the Torrance Red Cross chapter.

Every day in the week except Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings, those who need them will find them at the office. Mrs. Don R. Cowden is chairman of the staff aids. She is assisted by eight local women and she needs more.

These women keep the records straight, help hardship cases, which are all kept confidential, and are now participating in the "open heart surgery" movement. There have been six local cases of heart surgery in which blood, approximately 20 pints, has been secured through the Red Cross.

When the call for blood comes, the staff aid finds out the type, checks the Red Cross files and solicits the blood. Donors are called to the center at a given time. The blood is taken and moved immediately to the hospital by Red Cross vehicles. With this blood and the heart-

lung machine, surgeons can now save lives which only a few years ago would have been dismissed as hopeless cases.

Blood banks are held once every three months. Literature announcing the Bloodmobile is sent out by the staff aids. In time of disaster, the Red Cross office becomes the hub of assistance.

The drive for Red Cross is now underway. It's a heart-to-heart proposition with Torrance residents.

Weekend Trip  
Miss Jorie Cunningham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cunningham, 1923 Reynosa Dr., spent the weekend in Redlands as the house guest of Miss Nancy Field. The girls are classmates at Marymount Palos Verdes.



MRS. JEFF A. POTTS  
... On Honeymoon  
(Portrait by Seeman)

## Sherry Birchler Becomes Bride of Jeff A. Potts

In a candlelight ceremony last Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Calvary Assembly of God Church, Miss Sherry Antonette Birchler exchanged her wedding promises with Jeff Arthur Potts. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. C. O. Crawford, 25348 Oak St., Lomita. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. G. Potts, 3613 Pacific Ave., San Pedro.

As Mrs. Will Ponds, at the organ, played a medley of nuptial music, candles were lighted by Misses Judy Smith and Sandra Tanka gown in turquoise chiffon. Mrs. Gwen Adams sang "I Love You Truly" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride came to the altar on the arm of Mr. Crawford. She wore a formal wedding gown of Chantilly lace fashioned with a scalloped neckline and long sleeves. The bouffant floor length skirt was of white lace. The fingertip bridal veil fell from a pearl tiara and the bride carried a bouquet of white tulips tied with white satin streamers.

Miss Carol Ann Birchler served as her sister's maid of honor. She wore white satin with turquoise blue accessories and carried a basket of white iris.

Bridesmaids were Misses Marilyn Santi, Darlene Ronning and Marlene Henon. They wore gowns of turquoise blue satin and carried baskets of white lilies.

Penney Potts, in a blue nylon frock, was the flower girl and the rings were carried by Donald Sivard.

Danny Potts stood as best man and ushers were Robert Chaney, Richard Dishman and Bobby Potts.

Rev. L. B. Duncan officiated at the marriage.

A reception was held at the church and the couple are now on a honeymoon. Their new home will be in Lomita.

The bride was graduated from Narbonne High school in 1959. Her husband, a San Pedro High graduate, is a longshoreman.