

# YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers

## "Lots of Stories About Smart Dogs..."

Dear Ann Landers: My sister-in-law gets on my nerves with her constant bragging. Last night did it. We had several couples to our home and Della started to brag about her dog. She said he sings. I took her aside and told her she'd better not make such statements because people would think she had lost a bolt. She became very annoyed and said "I don't claim Spotty will sing ANYTHING. He has favorites. He just loves to sing along with Mitch."

Now I've heard lots of stories about smart dogs, Ann, but I have never heard of a dog that sings. Will you please tell me if this is possible? I'm beginning to think maybe I'm the one who is nuts. — TOODIE

Dear Toodie: Apparently Mitch Miller's magical spell has stopped over into the animal kingdom. It's very possible that Spotty is singing along with Mitch. Don't knock it if you haven't heard it.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I live in a four-family flat. We pay \$150 a month rent. The other apartments are occupied by people we rarely see. The landlord and his wife live in the fourth flat.

The landlord and his wife leave almost every weekend for hunting, fishing, skiing, bowling, bridge tournaments, —whatever appeals to them.

If my husband and I didn't cut the grass and water the lawn nobody would. The year before last we spent a lot of time (and some money) on the lawn and it looked lovely. Last summer we decided to do nothing and see what happened. Well, the grass grew so tall we were ashamed to have friends over.

This summer we are faced with the same problem. Please don't suggest that we move. We love our apartment and the location is ideal. What's the solution? — J.D.

Dear J.D.: Usually it's the responsibility of the landlord to keep the grounds up. Speak to him about hiring a yardman or offer to do it in exchange for a reduction in the rent.

If he is not amenable, continue to keep the lawn up and stop aggravating yourself. Consider it part of the price you must pay to live in that lovely well-located apartment.

Dear Ann Landers: This is the third letter I have written to you. I have asked each time that you publish my letter in the paper, but you have not done it. I'm beginning to think that you don't use letters from people who write. You just make them up out of your head.

I will try one more time. This boy that I like sits in front of me in history, English and math. How can I get him to notice me? — THIRD ATTEMPT

Dear Third: It isn't possible to print every letter in the paper. If it's advice you want, (Continued on Page 18)

## Twins' Picnic Slated Sunday at El Retiro

South Bay Mothers of Twins Club will hold its fourth annual picnic Sunday, July 9, beginning at 11 a.m. at El Retiro Park, Hollywood Riviera, in Torrance.

Approximately 200 children are expected, according to Mrs. E. W. Baumgardner and Mrs. Robert Gerns, picnic chairmen.

The annual twins' contest, always a highlight of the picnic, will be held again this year. Categories are: Most Identical Girls, Most Identical Boys, Most Identical Girl and Boy, Most Unalike Girl and Boy, Most Unalike Girls, and Most Unalike Boys. The judges, each of whom

# Las Vecinas Installs; Greet New Provisionals



NEW VECINAS LEADERS . . . New officers for Las Vecinas Woman's Club were installed at ceremonies at the luncheon meeting last Thursday. Directing the activities of the club during 1961-62 will be from left, seated Mmes. William Manfrass, installing officer, John Woods, president; Frank Carroll, second vice president, and Lester Os-

wald, corresponding secretary. Standing, Mmes. Albert Kurz, retiring president; Don Malone, treasurer; Bruce P. Maples, ways and means; Joseph Jay, recording secretary; Robert Forshee, membership; Nicholas S. Gregory, philanthropy, and Mel Heflinger, first vice president.



NEW PROVISIONALS . . . Mrs. Roy Menashee, left, membership chairman for Las Vecinas greets this group of new provisionals at Thursday's meeting. They are from left, Mmes. Michel Suhrada, Frank O'Bannon, William Brown, Hugh Thompson, John Barton and W. G. Chandler.



ACCEPT MEMBERSHIP . . . Among the 31 new Las Vecinas provisionals accepted into membership at the club's meeting last week were from left, first row, Mmes. Leo Bereda, Joseph Walter, John E. Mohr, back row, Mmes. William Clark, Stuart Hutchinson, D. R. White and Gaylord Anderson.

## Birthday Party In San Pedro

A group of friends who meet every two months for a luncheon and to celebrate the birthdays of members were entertained last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Benner Martin in San Pedro.

Birthday celebrants were Mrs. Martin and Mrs. A. Z. England of Torrance.

Other guests were Mmes. Ralph Bell, of Long Beach; Charles Shute, Charles Donetti, Leon Ferrier and Calla Gregson, of San Pedro.

## Foundation Pays Tribute To Dianas

Redondo Beach Dianas CFWC, Junior Membership, Marina District, were honored this week by Dexter Fox, executive secretary of the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

Mr. Fox presented a merit certificate to immediate past president Mrs. Milo Brunskill, and past civic service chairman, Mrs. Eric Lindgren, for the Dianas' contribution to the dystrophy fund for the past year.

A theater party of the Hampton Players presentation "Death of a Salesman" was planned for members and guests of the club, and proceeds from the tickets and refreshments sold were donated to the Foundation last November.

The Dianas also took an active part in the annual Muscular Dystrophy drive.

## Family Vacation

Councilman and Mrs. Willys Blount and children, Mary Margaret, Anna Beth and Franklin, 1444 El Prado returned last Saturday from a trailer trip to East Texas. They visited Mr. Blount's father at San Augustine. Enroute home, the family toured Carlsbad Caverns and the Grand Canyon.

## At Abalone Cove

# 'Luau' Slated By Riviera League

The moonlight shores of Abalone Cove will provide the ideal setting for the luau to be staged by the Auxiliary to the Riviera Little League. The affair is planned for Saturday evening, July 8. The league is presenting this luau in place of the annual closing dance and all proceeds will go to a re-location fund as the league is losing Kissell Field.

## Dinner Party Fetes Kathy

A dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Warne, 2802 Onrado, Monday evening celebrated the eleventh birthday of their daughter, Kathy.

A floral arrangement centered the dining table. At the dessert, the birthday cake was served with ice cream. After dinner, Kathy and her guests played games.

Invited to dinner were Cara Lynn Armstrong, Cynthia Tolson, Lori Ann Voien, Cynthia Littleton, Rochelle Clark, Susanne Baker, Margaret Ward, and Vicki Garrison.

## Pre-Nuptial Party Fetes Future Bride

Miss Loretta Robison, bride-elect of Larry Downing, whose wedding will take place at the First Christian Church in Torrance on July 8, was guest of honor at a neighborhood Koffee Klatch and miscellaneous shower on Thursday morning.

The party was given in the patio at the home of Mrs. William Cochran, 1606 Amapola. Co-hostess was Mrs. John Fedor.

Gifts were placed under a pink umbrella held by a doll bride.

Attending the affair were Mmes. Charles Robison, mother of the future bride; Stacey Steven, sister; Wayne Strittmatter, John Brown, Oscar Olson, Alfred La Couture, A. Krausz, Richard Olsen.

Others were Misses Donna Cochran, Christine Le Couture, Linda Olsen. Former neighbors returning for the party were Mrs. Lavern Jones and daughters, Miss Patty Jones and Mrs. George Scoville, and Mrs. Jerry Conger of Long Beach.

## Houseguest

Spending two weeks here with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clark and family at 1432 W. 172nd St. is Mrs. George Collins of DeQueen, A.C.

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## PARTY FOR CHILDREN SET TODAY

The much-awaited monthly birthday party for the children at Harbor Hospital will be held this afternoon at 2 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Fred Vasquez accordion players.

Each child will receive a gift but a special gift will be given to each child who has a birthday.

Punch, cookies and party favors will be provided. Volunteers for Children will be hostesses.

## Earl Wells Host Luau

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wells, 22528 S. Vermont, entertained at a luau on Sunday evening June 25 on the patio at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Glenda Robbins, 1543 221st St.

The affair honored a number of out-of-state relatives and friends. Sharing honors were Mr. and Mrs. A. Leon Johnson of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Madison, Smiths Grove, Ky.; and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Newman and sons, Junior, Harley and J. D. of Toppish, Wash.

The party also celebrated the birthdays of Mrs. Virgil Newman and Mr. A. Leon Johnson and the seventh

wedding anniversary of the Johnsons.

Others attending were Mrs. Bertie Wells, Messrs. and Mrs. Mmes. Harley Newman, Marion Newman and sons, Jerry and Danny; Ed Shelton; Jim Gonhue, Al Whittenberg. Also, Mr. and Mrs. George Von Holdt of Fullerton; Mrs. Glenda Robbins and son, Stevie; Dick Shedd, all of Torrance and Miss Sheryl Newman of Gardena.

## At Guest Ranch

Mr. and Mrs. Don B. West, 1309 Cordary, Torrance, were recent guests at the Warner Springs Guest Ranch in San Diego County.



TROPICAL SPLENDOR . . . Fabulous South Sea decorations are being made for the Riviera Little League Luau to be held Saturday evening at Abalone Cove. On the decorating committee are from left, Mmes. Lloyd Money, Robert Lehto and Robert D. Sullivan. Tickets are on sale at the Tiki Hut on lower Kissell Field.