

Women to Note Holiday Season at Parties

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YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



'Bad Manners, Drop In Unexpectedly . . .'

Dear Ann Landers: You frequently say in your column that it's poor manners to drop in on people unexpectedly. Does this go for clergymen, too?

My little girl is only four weeks old. The house is not as tidy as I would like it to be. At the moment we are in the midst of redecorating. Frankly, I am not set up for visitors at this time.

Last evening just as we were finishing supper the clergyman and his wife came to call. I was wearing an old housedress and my hair was up in rollers. Because of the redecorating I had to take them into the kitchen, which was a mess. I was painfully embarrassed and attempted to conceal my discomfort but I don't think I succeeded.

The pastor said, "Please don't feel that we are guests. We came to wish you well, not to inspect your home." I still felt ill at ease. Am I juvenile because I can't be relaxed under such circumstances? — STILL SHAKING

Dead Still: Telling someone not to be uncomfortable does not automatically put a person at ease. No one, not even a clergyman, should drop in without first phoning to ask if it is convenient.

Dear Ann Landers: My 16-year-old granddaughter is very unhappy at home. Her father is unable to provide her with the little luxuries which can help a young girl socially. Their home is not the kind that would make a good impression on a young man of refined upbringing.

Geraldine has asked her parents for permission to live with me. I am a lonely widow

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MRS. RICHARD ALLEN FONTI
... Former Loretta Cosgro
(Portrait by Seeman)

Christmas Party Set For Diana Children

Invitations will be sent to each little Master and Miss for the Redondo Beach Dianans annual Christmas party to be held Dec. 20 at 2:30 in the clubhouse, according to Mmes. Charles Hillinger and Paul Taylor, co-chairmen of the event.

The children will bring a gift of money to be placed under the tree, the money to be used by Mrs. Chris Saunders, Needy Family chairman, to purchase gifts for needy families.

They will be entertained by a cartoon on safety, courtesy of the Redondo Beach Police Department, and a film short

"Abbott and Costello Go To The Moon," courtesy of Carington's Photography Shop.

Further entertainment will include a "Sing Along" with Mrs. Wallace Opstad, Music chairman, leading the group. Punch and cookies will be served by Miss Sara Mitchell, House chairman, and her committee.

Climaxing the afternoon will be a visit from Santa Claus with a stocking full of goodies for each child.

The Dianans are affiliated with the California Federation of Women's Club, Marina District, Junior Membership.

Woman's Club Christmas Program Set Wednesday

Torrance Woman's Club will have its potluck luncheon and annual Christmas party on Dec. 19, at the clubhouse. Mrs. Andrew Acampora, program chairman, will lead the group in singing Christmas carols, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. James Burchett. There will also be an exchange of gifts.

Annually the Torrance Woman's Club has its Christmas money tree. Each member will put a dollar bill on a tree and this year the money will go to the GFWC-CARE program for 1962-1964. Mrs. Dexter Otis Arnold, president of General Federation of Women's Clubs, is emphasizing the need for developing countries to establish literate populations. Once men, women and children have learned to read and write, they have opened the door to progress. In order to achieve economic and cultural growth, developing na-

tions must undertake agricultural expansion and industrialization, but before this can be done successfully, the men and women who will become important factors in this new way of life must be given a basic education.

The GFWC-CARE projects will provide such items as teacher training kits, "Tin Trunk" libraries, literacy kits, desk and chair packages and many others which will be used in conjunction with existing educational programs. This program will operate in Costa Rica, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Mexico, Pakistan and Turkey. By participating in this program the Torrance Woman's Club is helping "To Strengthen the Arm of Liberty" by helping those unable to help themselves.

The Torrance Woman's Club is affiliated with Marina District 18 California Federation of Women's Clubs.

Newlywed Richard Fontis Spend Holidays in Texas

Miss Loretta Mary Cosgro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cosgro, 1338 W. 222nd St., Torrance, became the bride of Richard Allen Fonti, in a mid-afternoon ceremony at the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. John Fonti, 400 S. Houston, Amarillo, Texas.

Mr. Cosgro escorted his daughter to the altar and gave her in marriage. She wore a traditional gown of white peau de soie fashioned with a fitted bodice, long, pointed sleeves and a Sabrina neckline. An Alecon lace panel ornamented the front of the gown and the bouffant skirt fell into a chapel train.

A pearl princess crown held her illusion veil and she carried a cascade of white gardenias and stephanotis.

Miss Virginia Cosgro was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Misses Sue Hendrix and Jackie Lenton. All wore red sheaths with full overskirts and each carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums.

Bob Cotton performed the duties of best man and ush-

ers were Bill Fonti and Dick Bergener.

The Rev. Walter Stanton, pastor, officiated at the marriage as Mrs. Hilda Finley played a medley of nuptial music. Bob Cotton sang "The Lord's Prayer."

After the wedding, a reception was held at the church hall. Miss Kay O'Merra registered the guests.

The newlyweds spent a honeymoon at Catalina and have gone to Amarillo, Tex., to spend Christmas with the bridegroom's parents.

The new Mrs. Fonti is a Narbonne High graduate and a member of Job's Daughters, Bethel 50.

Her husband, a graduate of the Amarillo High School, is working on his engineering degree at Long Beach College.



IT'S CHRISTMASTIME . . . These bright-eyed youngsters are children of Junior club members, who are eagerly anticipating the annual party given by the Junior Woman's club for their children, this afternoon at the clubhouse. Around the Christmas tree are, from left, Wendy Pierson, 3, sitting on piano; Mrs. Keith Pierson holding Jodie; Mrs. Ben McRee and Billy.

In Fairyland Setting

Juniors' Party for Children Today

This afternoon the Torrance Woman's club at 1422 Engracia will become a veritable fairyland for the annual Christmas party given by the Junior Woman's club for all the children of members. A brilliantly decorated Christmas tree will be the center of attraction and large cut out forest animals will add to the party decor.

The Thompson Marionettes will present the program of "Cinderella" for the children.

Santa Claus will arrive to hear the wishes of all the children and he will distribute special treats to each child.

Mrs. B. R. McRee is chairman for this festive event and has been assisted by Mrs. John Stokley, who helped prepare the candy cane invitations.

Mrs. Keith Pierson and her committee are in charge of the refreshments and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lilley have

also assisted in making the afternoon a party all the children will remember.

From Florida

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Orsini, 1519 Beech Ave. are expecting Mrs. Orsini's brother, Francis L. Clarke to arrive next week from West Palm Beach, Fla. for a several weeks visit. Mr. Clarke is a representative of the Actors' Equity Assn.

Auxiliary Initiates New Members at Annual Dinner

Torrance American Legion Auxiliary, Bert Crossland Unit, staged its annual membership dinner and initiated five new members Tuesday evening at the American Legion Hall on Border Avenue. Mrs. Merle Youngken is membership chairman.

Mrs. Ella Robinson, president of the auxiliary, opened the meeting following the dinner, which was attended by fifty persons. She also introduced the guests.

New members initiated were Mmes. Alma Brimwood, Ruth Hines, Vera Pearson, Sanny Schneider and Janet Weutz.

With the initiation of the new members, the auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. Youngken has surpassed its quota and Mrs. Youngken will receive an "early bird" award.

The initiation was conducted by past presidents. Mrs. Roxie Sleeth was unit officer, assisted by Mrs. Alice Thompson, first vice president; Mrs. Dorothy Parks, second vice president; Mrs. Mary Harder, junior past president; Clara Conner chaplain; Mrs. Velora Murphy, sergeant-at-arms; and Alma Smith, marshal.

Barracks Party Set Monday Eve

A joint social meeting of the Torrance WWI Barracks and Auxiliary 1920 will be held Monday evening, Dec. 17, at the American Legion Hall on Border Avenue.

A pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by a gift exchange and entertainment.

All members are urged to attend.



ASSUME LEADERSHIP . . . Torrance-Lomita Council, United Church Women installed new officers at their Christmas luncheon Friday at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. Among those installed were, from left, Mmes. E. R. Walker, outgoing president; Nicholas Betz, presi-

dent; Chester Wiley, secretary; John Stanton, treasurer; Charles Pyeate, publicity chairman; and Henry Cassell, chairman of the World Day of Prayer. Mrs. Schuyler Hoffman, area chairman, officiated at the installation ceremony. (Herald Photo)



BETHLEHEM STORY . . . The age-old drama of Bethlehem was renewed for Lincoln PTA members at their meeting Thursday evening. In the Nativity scene here are, from left, Paul Scheckler, as Joseph; Linda Breedlove, the Angel; Lucy Chavez, Mary; and Mrs. Pat Bennett, 6th grade teacher who wrote and directed the play. Lincoln School Chorus, directed by Mmes. Frances Daigle and Barbara Booth, was also a feature of the program. Holiday refreshments were served.