



MERRIE OLDE ENGLAND . . . Old fashioned lanterns, gilded bird cages and mounds of evergreens will furnish the setting at the Palos Verdes Country Club when Las Madrecitas, auxiliary to the Orthopaedic Hospital, stages its annual Evergreen Ball, Dec. 14. Here, Mrs. Louis Lanzer, left, reservations chairman, shows an invitation to Mrs. Frank Bescohy, member of the decorating committee. (Herald Photo)

For Scholarships

Candlelight Ball Set For Saturday Evening

South Bay Hospital Auxiliary is busy with last minute plans for its annual "Candlelight Ball," to be given Saturday evening in the Crystal Room at the Thunderbird Hotel, El Segundo.

Cocktails will be served at 8:30 p.m. followed by dancing to music furnished by Lex Golden and his orchestra. A late buffet will conclude activities.

Proceeds from the event will go toward nursing scholarships for students at El Camino College.

Mrs. Gayle Martin, general chairman of this year's ball, is being assisted by Mes. Mark Woods, Carl Rausch, and Ron Walker. Mrs. Martin may be called for further information.

Jean Hutcherson Student On Seven Seas University

Miss Jean Hutcherson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hutcherson, 3129 Country Club Dr., Costa Mesa, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Miles, 2303 Andree Ave., Torrance, is a student of the University of the Seven Seas.

University of the Seven Seas is a college aboard ship traveling the waterways of the world, encircling the globe.

A faculty of 35 professors conduct the classes, which are interspersed with shore excursions, visits with the government officials in many countries, tours of government buildings, and other educational programs.

Miss Hutcherson, a graduate of Orange Coast Junior

College, along with approximately 350 other students, sailed from New York aboard the MS Seven Seas, Holland American Line, on Oct. 22. First port of call on the 110-day world tour was Lisbon, Spain. Traveling the middle waterways of the world, the students will visit 21 ports, returning to San Diego in February via Hawaii.

Miss Hutcherson is majoring in anthropology and comparative religions.

This is the maiden voyage of the University of the Seven Seas, which was originated by the Whittier Rotary Club.

Visit Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emma and son, Robert of Palos Verdes, who were accompanied to Sun City, Ariz., by Jed and Jay Louvier of Torrance, returned Sunday. The group spent the holiday and weekend with relatives.

Family Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Witt entertained at the family Thanksgiving dinner at their Manhattan Beach home. Attending from Torrance were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tolson and children; Mrs. Emma Roberts and Tom Quaggin.

Songs, Gifts, Refreshments

Club To Bring Yule Joy To The Elderly

Members of the Torrance Welcome Wagon Club are busy filling stockings and selecting their choice cookie recipes in preparation for the Christmas party they will give at the Earlwood Convalescent home on Dec. 19.

Club members will serve punch and cookies and will present each patient with an individual gift and a stocking filled with items to be hung in their rooms while they are being entertained.

Mrs. Richard Cramolini and Mrs. Ronald Jones will present a skit and Mrs. Bud Cordon will sing a solo and will lead the Christmas carols to be sung by patients. She will use the Glockenspiel bells for accompaniment.

All gifts are being donated by members and are being collected by Mrs. Helen Griffin, welfare chairman. Mrs. Griffin also made fifty stockings to be filled.

Any member, who has not been contacted and would like to help fill the stockings, is asked to contact Mrs. Griffin at 4705 W. Carson St.

Secretaries Will Install This Evening

Margaret E. White, president of the newly formed South Bay Legal Secretaries Assn., announced that the association's first annual installation dinner will be held this evening in the Banbury Room of the Plush Horse Inn, 1700 S. Pacific Coast Hwy. Cocktail hour will be at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m.

The following South Bay attorneys will preside at the installation dinner: Charlton A. Newborn, master of ceremonies; Donald J. Hitchcock, installing officer; and Larry Bowman, installing marshal.

Guest speaker of the evening will be Charles F. Monte Catterlin, president of the South Bay Bar. Invocation will be given by Fred W. Benson, South Bay Bar secretary.

The association, which was granted its charter in November by Legal Secretaries, Inc. (California) and the National Assn. of Legal Secretaries, will install officers and introduce each of the Charter members of the group on this occasion.

All, who are interested, may obtain reservations by telephoning Wilma Stemmler.

At Barton Flats

Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Anderson and son, Neal, and a friend Donnie Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hilt of Torrance spent the holiday weekend at the Hilt's cabin at Barton Flats.



SMILES OF ANTICIPATION . . . Looking over a growing list of reservations for their annual Candlelight Ball to be held Saturday evening at the Thunderbird Hotel in El Segundo, are these committee members of the South Bay Hospital auxiliary. From left, Mes. William H. Taylor, financial secretary, Carl J. Rausch, ways and means chairman and Roy Galli, telephone chairman. Proceeds will go to nursing scholarships. (Herald Photo)

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YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers

'Why Waste Time Arguing? . . .'

Dear Ann Landers: Last night my husband started to tell me how great his father is. After about five beers his eyes got sort of watery and he said, "If my father ever got too sick to work I'd hock everything in this house to take care of him."

I told my husband if he so much as sold one stick of furniture I would take the children and move out. After all, I worked six years before the children came and every dime went into this house. It's just as much my house as his, and I'm not about to let him hock things to help out his dad.

We got into a big argument and I'd like you to tell me if I am right or wrong. Thank you, — JOSIE

Dear Josie: Why waste time and energy arguing something that hasn't happened, and probably never will?

It would make a lot more sense if your husband helped his dad work out a program whereby he saved a part of his weekly check. This beats fighting about problems which don't exist.

Dear Ann Landers: Last week my obituary appeared in the newspaper. Of course I did not die, but the person who did die had the same name as mine, and the same middle initial. He was two years older than I am.

I have lived in this city for less than five years. Most of my friends and colleagues know very little about my family.

My wife received several cards of condolence and a few hand-written notes. Eight or ten people phoned her to say they were sorry. Naturally she told those who called I was alive and kicking. But what should she do about the cards and the notes? She feels it would be stupid to do anything about them. I say if these people were good enough to express sympathy she should respond by letting them know I am all right. Please advise us. — PULSE NORMAL

Dear Norm: The folks who wrote should be notified by telephone — and I hope your wife will do it promptly — before someone who wrote a condolence note bumps into (Continued on Page 28)

Proceeds to Orthopaedic Hospital

English Theme To Prevail At Las Madrecitas 'Evergreen Ball'

Palos Verdes Country Club will be transformed into a nineteenth century English Manor for the Las Madrecitas Evergreen Ball to be staged Dec. 14. The transformation will be in keeping with the theme of this year's gala event, "Christmas in Merrie Olde England."

Old fashioned lanterns will light the drive to the door, where a regal Beekeeper will greet arriving guests. Upon entering guests will find themselves transplanted into a scene worthy of Dickens. Painted backdrops depicting the London skyline of the nineteenth century will cover

the walls of the ballroom. Jesters, carolers and characters out of the pages of "A Christmas Carol" will smile on the assembled guests. Red and green penants bearing coats of arms and heraldic motifs will flutter from the ceiling.

Dining tables will take on an opulent air with gilded birdcages and massive gold and white candles. And of course, in keeping with the spirit of the season, evergreens will abound.

Cocktails and hors d'ouvres are scheduled for 8:30 p.m. to be followed by a bountiful buffet featuring the traditional

Rotisserie of Beef and Yorkshire Pudding. Noted folksinger Verg Crank, will play the part of a strolling minstrel of days of yore, and will entertain the guests with an especially prepared repertoire of English folk tunes. Charming Merry Drabin, rising young singing star, will add a modern touch with Les Trosnier and his orchestra.

Another highlight of the evening will be the awarding of many outstanding prizes. Topping the list is a fun filled week-end-for-two in San Francisco via Western Airlines and a luxurious tourmaline mink boa from a Beverly Hills furrier.

All proceeds from this fun-filled affair will be used towards the pledge Las Madrecitas has made to equip a six crib nursery in the Pediatric Ward of Orthopaedic Hospital.

Mmes. Edward Sokolski and Robert Friedman head the hard working committee. Assisting them are Mes. Richard J. Egan, William Hoffman, Louis Lanzer, Mario Licho and David Sanders.

Gilles-Mahon Nuptials Solemnized at Nativity

Miss Theresa Ann Gilles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gilles, 1109 Eriel Ave., Torrance, walked down the aisle of the Nativity Catholic Church, on the arm of her father, at 11 o'clock on Saturday, Nov. 23, to exchange her marriage promises with Jess W. Mahon, Jr. of Long Beach.

The bride chose a traditional floor-length lace gown for her wedding. It was fashioned with a square scalloped neckline, long fitted sleeves and a full tiered lace skirt, caught in bustle effect at the back. Her fingertip illusion veil fell from a seed pearl tiara and she carried a bouquet of white orchids.

Miss Mary Gilles was her sister's maid of honor. Her street length dress was of peacock blue satin and her bouquet was of yellow roses.

Mrs. Stephen Dunn and Miss Ann Gilles, bridesmaids, were gowned in emerald green satin and their bouquets were of yellow roses.

Malcolm Graham stood as best man and ushers were David Christensen and Michael Besse.

Mrs. Mary Butterfield, organist, played a background of nuptial music as Rev. William O'Toole officiated at the marriage.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. Michael Besse was in charge of the bride's book.

The honeymoon was spent in San Francisco and the newlyweds are now at home at 26001 Cypress, Lomita.

The bride is a graduate of Torrance High school and El Camino College. She is employed by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

Her husband, educated in Texas, is serving with the United States Navy stationed in Long Beach.



MRS. JESS W. MAHON, JR. . . . Former Theresa Gilles (Stanford Photography)



CHRISTMAS GIVING . . . Sharing the joys of the season will be Welcome Wagon club members when they gather at the Earlwood Convalescent Home on Dec. 19 to entertain and supply gifts to the patients there. Surrounded with their Christmas gift items are, from left, Mes. Ronald Jones, Richard Cramolini and Helen Griffin. (Herald Photo)