

# YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



## 'You Are More Handicapped . . .'

Dear Ann Landers: Our very handsome son is going to marry a nice girl who was crippled in an accident during childhood. The girl is not noticeably deformed but she has a bad limp. This does not seem to matter to my son.

The girl's mother is making arrangements for a church wedding and it appears that they plan to go all out. Since the girl has this bad limp, don't you feel it would be in better taste if they had a modified ceremony and not the traditional one where the bride walks down the aisle on her father's arm? She could come from the side of the pulpit and be spared public display of her handicap.

My husband says he doesn't want to get involved in this. Do you feel I should mention it to my son, to the girl or to her mother? They are accustomed to the girl's limp so naturally they do not see it as others do. A word from someone objective, such as myself, seems in order.

Please advise — MOTHER OF THE GROOM

Dear Mother: Keep quiet and let the bride and her mother make whatever wedding plans they wish. The girl deserves a great deal of credit for adjusting to her problem. In my opinion you are more handicapped than she is.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a secretary to a wealthy and prominent business man. My work-load is tremendous, but because I'm a conscientious person I manage to keep current by coming in early and working late.

The problem is my boss' wife. She waltzes in three or four times a week and says, "Write a letter to so-and-so," and then she begins to dictate. Some days I spend two hours on her social and organizational letter-writing. By rights this woman should hire a private secretary.

My boss has a partner who also has a wife, but she never comes near the office nor would she dream of taking advantage of his secretary this way.

What should I do? Complain to my boss? Complain to the boss' partner? Or quit? I love my job but this woman is too much for me. — BURNED UP

Dear Burned Up: You can always quit — and you may well be invited to do just that after you complain to the (Continued on Page 28)



MRS. EDWARD ANTHONY SIMINICH  
... On Wedding Day  
(Portrait by Seeman)

## Margaret Irene Neely Is Now Mrs. E. A. Siminich

In an 11 o'clock nuptial ceremony at Nativity Catholic Church on Saturday, Nov. 16, Miss Margaret Irene Neely of Lomita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Neely, Twentynine Palms, formerly of Torrance, exchanged her marriage promises with Edward Anthony Siminich of Torrance. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Gail C. Bossen of Hayward.

On the arm of her father, the bride approached the altar wearing a traditional gown of white peau de soie and embroidered lace. The gown was fashioned with a scoop neckline, long pointed sleeves and a full skirt caught in bustle effect at the back and cascading into a chapel train. A flat lace flower, studded with pearls, held the elbow length illusion veil and the bride carried white China chrysanthemums and orchids.

Mrs. Keith Pischel served as her sister's matron of honor. Other members of the entourage were Mrs. Bryan Peley and Mrs. Michael Bruce. All of the attendants wore holiday green satin gowns with matching headpieces and each carried a cascade of white China chrysanthemums.

Lori Lynn Pischel, niece of the bride, wearing white eye-



MRS. JERRY PAUL OTTERSON  
... Holiday Bride  
(Photography by Stanfords)

## Andrews-Otterson Vows Read in Lutheran Rites

Miss Deborah Jane Andrews, granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Andrews, 2154 253rd Pl., Lomita, walked down the aisle of the St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Lakewood, on the arm of her grandfather, last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock to exchange her marriage vows with Jerry Paul Otterson. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Otterson, 5518 Downey Ave., Lakewood.

The wedding gown, made by the bride's grandmother, was of Alencon lace and peau de soie, fashioned with a fitted lace bodice, with round neckline, elbow-length sleeves and peau de soie and lace tulip-shaped skirt. The skirt featured a detachable lace and peau de soie chapel train. The bouffant illusion veil was secured by a peau de soie rose with pearl sprays. The bridal bouquet was of white roses.

Heading the attendant entourage were the bridesmaids, Mmes. Fred Hammetman, Jim Humber, Misses Alta Graham and Nancy Otterson, junior bridesmaid. Mrs. Ralph Mauer served as the matron of honor. All wore long Kelly green peau de soie dresses with a Kelly green rose headpiece. Each carried a long stemmed white rose.

Laurie Caveny, in a long red velvet dress, was the flower girl and Timothy Gilliam was ring bearer.

Peter Otterson stood as his brother's best man and ushers were Dick Degen, Don

Montgomery, Red Bennett and Bud Johnson.

The marriage ceremony was conducted by the bride's grandfather, Rev. Melvin Anderson, who was assisted by Rev. Alfred Storvick, pastor.

Len Guyt, at the organ, played the wedding marches and accompanied Mrs. Henry Alpert who sang "Ruth's Song" and "The Benediction."

Following the wedding, the newlyweds were greeted by the 350 guests at a reception in the church hall. Mrs. Pinky Stevenson registered the guests.

During the Christmas holidays, the bridal couple will spend a honeymoon in San Francisco.

The bride is a graduate of Chadwick School in Rolling (Continued on Page 28)

## Alpha Delta Alum Yule Party Dec. 15

Members of the South Bay Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae Assn., with their husbands, will welcome the holiday season at their annual Christmas Cocktail Party on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 4 to 6. It will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dunn, 5313 White Court, Torrance.

All Alpha Delta Pi are invited to attend this party. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Dunn.

## Geo. Thomases Honored On Golden Anniversary

Golden wedding bells rang last Sunday afternoon for Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas, 1647 W. 214th St. when they were honored at an open house to celebrate their fifty years of married life.

Hostesses for the party were the couple's two daughters, Mrs. Beatrice Turner and Mrs. Mary Campenelli.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who have lived in Torrance for the past 20 years, were married Dec. 8, 1913, in New Lexington, Ohio. Mr. Thomas is retired from the Western Fire Protection Co. He was a dish maker and potter for 50 years in East Givertoo, Ohio.

Besides their two daughters, the couple have five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Grandchildren are Gary Turner, 1409 W. 215th St., Torrance;



CANDY CANE BALL . . . Auxiliary to the North Torrance Babe Ruth League will stage its first annual Candy Cane Ball, Saturday evening, Dec. 14, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave. The Playboys will furnish music and there will be many door prizes. Working on fantastic decorations are, from left, Mmes. Howard Griffin, Pat Chance, standing, Frank Poblasco, Pat Narey and Bob Betts. Tickets, which will be available at the door, may also be secured by calling Mrs. Violet Zuchero. (Herald Photo)

## Dianne Fisher Will Wed Donald Derouin in April

Mrs. Mary Fisher, 19305 Anza Ave., Torrance, announces the engagement and wedding plans of her daughter, Dianne, and Donald F. Derouin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Derouin, 1643 W. 254th St., Harbor City.

The blessing of their engagement by the Rev. John V. Hegarty, pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church in Lomita, was the time chosen by Mr. Derouin to present his fiancée with her ring.

The wedding will take place on April 4, 1964 at the St. Margaret Mary Church in Lomita.

The future bride was graduated from Bishop Montgomery High school in 1961 and attended El Camino College. She is a secretary with the Metlox Mfg. Co., Manhattan Beach.

Mr. Derouin, a 1957 graduate of Junipero Serra High school, attended Los Angeles Harbor College where he was



DIANNE FISHER  
... Accepts Ring  
(Photography by Stanfords)

a member of Kappa Sigma Phi fraternity. He received his BA degree from Long Beach State College.

Prior to accepting his present position as lease administrator with the Cosmodyne Corp., he completed a tour of duty with the Psychological Warfare Division of the United States Army at the Special Warfare Centers.

At a party given by the bride's mother, the romantic news was disclosed to relatives and close friends by the entwining of rings on a beautifully decorated cake.

## Dinner Guests

Mrs. H. R. Richards, 1605 Beech had as her dinner guests last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith of Huntington Park.

## At Jesterette Party

Pacific Palisades, Maub Ives 5 Jesterettes held their Christmas dinner and party Tuesday evening. Attending from Torrance were Mmes. David Jones, Fay Parks, Fred Bever, and Mrs. Margaret Hatch of Palos Verdes.



MR. MRS. GEORGE THOMAS  
... Cut Anniversary Cake  
(Herald Photo)

## Mr., Mrs. Gordon Hicks Feted on Anniversary

Mrs. and Mrs. Gordon Hicks, 25615 Eshelman, Lomita were honored at a reception at their home on Sunday, Nov. 24 from 2 until 6 p.m. celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Serving as hostess for the party, attended by approximately 100 relatives and friends, was the couple's daughter, Mrs. James Jones of Burbank.

Baskets of white chrysanthemums, white wedding bells and streamers decorated the rooms. A tiered wedding cake was the table centerpiece.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks were married at the St. Mary's Church in Rhinelander, Wis., on Nov. 17, 1938. They moved to California in 1943.

The honor guests are parents of five children, Mrs. James Jones, Burbank; Michael, who is a student at St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, Calif.; Terry, a student at Bishop Montgomery, Torrance; and Brenda and Timmy, who are attending St. Margaret Mary's parochial school in Lomita.

Adding joy to the family are two grandchildren, Jimmy and Jeff Jones.

Mr. Hicks is employed as a plumber with the Los Angeles County schools.

Prior to the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks renewed their wedding vows at the 10:30 mass at St. Margaret Mary Church.

Mrs. Hicks is a member of the St. Margaret Mary Altar Society and Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters, Torrance.

Mr. Hicks holds membership in the Holy Name Society, St. Girard's Council, Knights of Columbus, Torrance; and the Fourth Degree Assembly of Captain John Shay, San Pedro.

Among out-of-town guests were Mr. Hicks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hicks of Milwaukee, Wis., and Mrs. Hicks' mother, Mrs. Charles Nelson, of Culver City. Others were Messrs. and Mmes. Dick Nelson, William Douglas and Patty and Billy, Los Angeles.



MR. MRS. GORDON HICKS  
... On Silver Wedding Date  
(Stanfords Photography)