

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



'Inquiries Should Be Pleasant ...'

Dear Ann Landers: I am a widow who has been going with a man who is well-known and highly respected in this community. He has one little habit which I find embarrassing. So far I haven't let him know that this bothers me, but if you say to tell him, I will.

When the waiter brings the dinner check, he ceremoniously takes his bifocals out of his pocket, reaches for his pen and starts to add up the bill. Every second seems like an hour.

He frequently questions the waiter about charges. For example he'll say, "I thought the salad came with the dinner ..." or "Didn't the price of the dinner include dessert?" When he finds a mistake in the arithmetic he triumphantly points it out to the waiter as if he had discovered Fermat's last theorem. I feel like crawling under the rug. Shall I tell him how I feel? — KATRINKA

Dear Kat: Any person who pays a bill without looking at it is a chump, but inquiries should be pleasant and not sound like the Second Spanish Inquisition.

Waiters make mistakes and so do machines. If YOU have been paying your bills without checking them, you're not very bright, Lady.

Dear Ann Landers: I am the mother of two teen-age girls. I take violent exception to some of your advice. My daughters read your column regularly and yesterday I had to hide the paper so they wouldn't see it.

Why do you persist in telling young girls they are under no obligation to tell their finances about past indiscretions? Such advice encourages them to lie.

Don't you think it makes more sense to suggest that girls refrain from doing things they may be ashamed of later? If a girl conducts herself in a virtuous manner she will be able to answer any and all questions.

So please stop telling young girls that their past is nobody's business. In my opinion this is terrible counsel.—IRATE MOTHER

Dear Irate: Unless you started reading this column yesterday you should know that I consume tons of newspaper telling girls not to do things they will be ashamed of later.

Such advice is too late, however, for girls who have already done things they are ashamed of.

I do not tell girls to lie, nor do I suggest that they pose as something they are not. I merely tell them that a real man is willing to accept a girl as she is. He does not demand a purity oath.

The man who insists on the names and number of all the players is invariably the one who will use the information later to beat her over the head.

Dear Ann Landers: I wish I had a dollar for every mother-in-law who burned the newspapers which carried your column the other day. I refer to the letter from "Miser" (Continued on Page 14)



ANY RESEMBLANCE? . . . This is one of the questions Connie Eggleston, right, feature writer for Torrance High School "News Torch" asks as she interviews members of the class of 1923, from left, Mmes. Paul Vonderahe, Mrs. Douglas Collins, standing, Frank Higgins and Earl W. Condley, who visited the school on the occasion of their 40th reunion. Miss Bertha Fix, fifth member of the class, who gave the reunion a 100 percent representation, was unable to be present for the picture. (Herald Photo)

Return to Alma Mater After 40 Years

Class of 1923 Takes A Look At Torrance High of Today

Time rolled back to 1923—and stood still—last Thursday afternoon when members of the Torrance High graduating class of that year, gathered at the Palms restaurant for lunch. This group, which has seen Torrance develop from a mere village, to a bustling industrial city of more than 100,000 population, enjoyed reminiscing before going over to Torrance High where they were guests of Dr. Carl Ahee. It was here that

Mrs. Douglas Collins (Helen Tiffany) chose a secretarial career upon graduation and held a position as secretary for the Torrance High school principal for eight years. Her marriage was blessed with five children. She returned to the business world and worked again as secretary at the Carson school for three and a half years. With two teenage daughters still in school and 7 grandchildren Mrs. Collins is kept abreast of the times.

John F. (Frank) Higgins began his career as an accountant for a Torrance firm and later, for eight years, he managed the first Torrance Theater, located in the old auditorium building which is now the California Bank. Mr. Higgins became a joint owner of the Star furniture company and in April of this year became sole owner. He has a son and grandson.

Inspiring the reunion was the return of Earl W. Condley and his wife, Alice, from an 18-month trailer tour of the United States. They are now living near Westminster. Mr. Condley, married shortly after graduation, was em-

She received her degree in public health nursing at UCLA and became affiliated with the Los Angeles County Health Dept. Under the supervision of the Red Cross, she set up a Visiting Nurses Assn. in Petaluma. With the outbreak of war, Miss Fix, with 85 other United States Nurses, went to England where they set up a base hospital serving there from 1944 to '47. She was discharged with a captain's rating and returned to California to retire.

Miss Fix is now engaged in rabbit raising and has won 60 trophies, among them the 1961 national sweepstakes. The rabbits are for commercial purposes in the United States.



MRS. DONALD GENE HAMMOND . . . Recent Bride (Portrait by Seeman)

Donna Jean Adams Now Mrs. Donald Hammond

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Adams, 4508 Darien St., Torrance, announce the marriage of their daughter, Donna Jean, to Donald Gene Hammond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hammond, Gardena. The vows were exchanged in a ten o'clock nuptial ceremony at Nativity Catholic Church on Saturday, Nov. 30.

For her wedding, the bride wore a Mori Lee original of Chantilly lace and tulle, detailed with a Sabrina neckline, long pointed sleeves and a floor-length full skirt. Her elbow-length veil fell from a pearl and rhinestone tiara. White orchids and tiny roses formed the bridal bouquet.

Miss Mary Simpson, in a full length ruby satin dress

carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums in her role as maid of honor. Miss Rosemary Paumier, also wearing ruby satin, was the bridesmaid.

Donald John Adams was best man and Charles F. Hammond served as usher.

Rev. William O'Toole officiated as the church organist played the "Ave Maria" and other nuptial music.

The 75 wedding guests were entertained at a catered luncheon at the Torrance YWCA.

The new home has been established in Torrance.

The bride is a graduate of West High school and her husband is a Torrance High graduate.

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RUTHANNE SLEE . . . Accepts Ring

Couple Set Feb. 1 For Nuptial Day

Miss Ruthanne Slee of Long Beach will become the bride of Johnny M. Sampson of Harbor City on Feb. 1, 1964 at the Western Avenue Baptist Church.

The announcement of their daughter's engagement and wedding plans is being made by Mrs. Ruth Macdonald of Whittier and Mr. K. Kent Sleg of Long Beach.

Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Sampson, 25116 Frampton, Harbor City.

Miss Sleg, a Compton High School graduate, is a secretary with the Ralph M. Parsons Co., in Los Angeles.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Narbonne High School and Harbor Junior College, is employed by the City of Los Angeles.

Cookers Host Club's Yule Dinner Party

Beginning a whirl of holiday entertaining, Mr. and Mrs. William Crooker were hosts to Mrs. Crooker's Jussmere Club of Pasadena, and their husbands, at the annual Christmas party at their Miraleste home on Sunday evening.

A Christmas cocktail hour was followed by a seated dinner for the thirty two guests. The table was centered by an arrangement of red poinsettias flanked by tall red tapers. Among the guests from this area were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams of Palos Verdes; Miss Pat Crooker and Don Maybee; Miss Beverly Crooker and David Duthie.

To Kansas City For Holidays

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Boswell, daughter, Pam, and the family pet, Hexe, a dachshund, left by plane Monday afternoon for Kansas City, Mo., to spend Christmas with Mrs. Boswell's mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Pfeifer and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Voss. Also home for the holidays will be Mrs. Boswell's brother, Paul Hudson, of New York City, formerly of Torrance. The Boswells will return Jan. 4.



THE GLITTER OF CHRISTMAS . . . These members of the Victor Woman's club are pleasantly engaged in wrapping gift packages for the elderly at the Earlwood Convalescent Home who will be honored guests at the club's Christmas party Saturday afternoon. Looking over the packages are from left, Mmes. Dale Wood, Art Schindler and Roy Wiseman. Entertainment is also planned. (Herald Photo)

Hostess to Two Bridge Club Parties

Mrs. Alma Smith entertained two of her bridge clubs at their annual Christmas parties at her home, 1614 Amapola.

On Monday afternoon of last week, Mrs. Smith served a Christmas luncheon to club members after which bridge was played. Mrs. Laura Felker held high score and Mrs. Smith was second.

Club members present were Mmes. Emma Roberts, B. T. Whitney, William Crooker, Ruby Dix, Laura Felker, Mrs. Dean Sears was a guest.

The club will be entertained on Jan. 13 by Mrs. Ralph McNeil.

Carrying out a blue and purple Christmas theme, Mrs. Smith was hostess to another club Monday afternoon. A gift exchange around a blue Christmas tree, followed the luncheon.

For this party, guests were Mmes. H. R. Richards, E. L. Snodgrass, S. J. Dunhouse, J. C. Warnock, Jr., James McMillan, R. E. Moffitt and William Dekin.

Mrs. Snodgrass will entertain the club on Jan. 6.

Victor Woman's Club Project

Gifts, Entertainment Planned For Elderly

Elderly patients at the Earlwood Convalescent Home, 20820 Earl St., Torrance will have a merry Christmas due to the efforts of the Victor Women's Club, which has planned a Christmas party for them on Saturday afternoon. Approximately 50 patients will be on hand to receive gifts and refreshments.

Under the direction of Mrs. Donald Lemasters, club philanthropic chairman, members have been making bedjackets

for the women patients. The men patients will receive gaily wrapped gift packages of toilet articles.

Entertainment will be provided by a group of teenage boys and girls who will present three dances including a square dance number. Refreshments will be provided by the hospital.

At the close of the party, patients and guests will join in the singing of the traditional Christmas carols.

Junior Club's Holiday Dance Friday Eve

A gala evening is in store for members of the Torrance Junior Women's Club on Friday when they stage their annual Christmas dance at the Pen and Quill Hotel, beginning at 9 p.m.

Juniors and their husbands will dance to the music of "The Imperials." At midnight, a buffet supper will be served. Chairmen for this festive event are Mmes. Ronald Forestal and Richard Oliver.



CHRISTMAS DINNER-DANCE . . . These members of the Torrance Welcome Wagon club, from left, Mmes. Her Ganske, William Hussey, David Porte and Donald Bowen, seated, are selecting their jewelry to be worn to the club's fifth annual Christmas dinner-dance Saturday evening at the Plush Horse Inn. There will be dancing, entertainment and many door prizes. (Herald Photo)