

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly. And the angel said to them, "Do not be

afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will."

—Luke 2: 6-15



VISIT THE MANGER . . . The Nativity Story, as it unfolded on the hills of Bethlehem on that first Christmas night, is depicted in the manger scene on the grounds at the Nativity Church in Torrance. The Michael O'Dowd family, 3703 W. 227th, numbering fourteen children with the addition of six weeks old Darin, visit the manger to capture and understand the true meaning of Christmas. As they behold this age old story,

are from left, Duane 13, David 14, Danny 16, Dennis, 17, and Michael O'Dowd, father, Mrs. O'Dowd holding Darin and Natilie, 19. Kneeling are, from left, Darrell 6, Dana 3, Nanette 2, near the crib; Nita 5, Nadine 12, Noreen, 11 and Nancy 9. The O'Dowds are active in parish affairs at Nativity. Mr. O'Dowd is a car salesman.

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YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers

'Many Adults Are Afflicted . . .'

Dear Ann Landers: I am only 11 years old and already I have a very big problem with myself. It is my great big mouth. I wish I could keep it shut. There are times when I feel like biting off my tongue because I am a teller of secrets. Please help me before I lose every friend I have in the world.

There are five of us girls who go together. We tell each other all sorts of things. Sometimes one of the girls will tell me something that is super secret. I promise not to breathe a word—and I really do mean to keep my promise when I make it—but the very first time I am alone with one of the other girls I find myself spilling everything. Afterward I feel like a rat, but then it is too late to take the words back.

Please, Ann, tell me how to get over this babyish habit. I don't want to be this way. Thank you. — BLABBER MOUTH

Dear Mouth: You seem to think that blabbing is a childhood disease. Well, you're wrong. Many adults are afflicted with it.

Kids call it blabbing secrets. Older people call it betraying a confidence, but it's the same thing. People who do this are attempting to make themselves appear important because they are "in the know."

The next time you are tempted to blab a secret tell yourself, "I am bigger than that. I will not betray a friend to build myself up for the moment."

Dear Ann Landers: Will you please answer a question about divorce which is almost as common as marriage these days?

I'm aware that when a girl breaks an engagement she returns her ring and also the gifts her fiance gave her. She also returns the gifts from friends and family. Does the same convention hold true when there is a divorce?

My daughter recently went through an ugly divorce proceeding. She has two children (Continued on Page 12)

Couple Plan Wedding For Next Spring

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Good of Newhall announce the engagement of their daughter, Paula, to William G. McDonald, son of Mrs. Mary McDonald, 1526 Beech Ave., and the late Howard E. McDonald. A spring wedding is being planned.

The bride-to-be is a 1961 graduate of William S. Hart High School and is a Past Honored Queen of Job's Daughters, Bethel 249. She is currently a service representative for Pacific Telephone Co. in Newhall.

The future bridegroom was graduated from Torrance High School. He is employed by Standard Oil Co.

Named to Staff

Miss Joan Bommarito, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benedict M. Bommarito of Torrance, has been named a member of the staff of The Euterpean, literary magazine at Marymount College.



PAULA GOOD . . . To Wed Local Man

Dinner Guests

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Myer, 2610 Ridgeland Ave., Monday evening were Miss Celia Ohman of Chicago, who is vacationing in California, and Mr. Edward Oxford of Sherman Oaks. Mrs. Myer and Miss Ohman were childhood friends in Chicago.

Fiestadores Stage Festive Christmas Dance Dec. 13

"Twelve Days of Christmas" set the theme for the beautiful holiday dance staged by the Las Fiestadores Dance Club on Friday evening Dec. 13.

Committee members, Drs. and Mmes. W. E. Grubb, P. M. Hollaran; Messrs. and Mmes. J. Helphand and J. E. Kimble entertained at a cocktail party at the Helphand home, 2109 Middlebrook Rd.

Guests then went to the Chandelier room at the Palms restaurant where they enjoyed dancing, amid appropriate Christmas decor, to music furnished by the Les Troniers orchestra.

During the evening, new members, Mr. and Mrs. John Agapito, were welcomed. The door prize, a Christmas wreath made by Mrs. W. E. Grubb, was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Posner.

Members attending were Messrs. and Mmes. John Agapito, Henry Backlund, J. A. Barrington, W. C. Boswell, J. R. Brooks, W. O. Clausing, W.

E. Christian, R. W. Clayton, R. R. Dexter, J. P. Montague, K. M. Miller, R. C. Morton.

Others were Messrs. and Mmes. R. M. Norris, A. N. Posner, H. D. Robinson, R. J. Triplitt, C. D. Virden, L. H. Voien; and Drs. and Mmes. C. A. Tabellario, P. A. Winn and Stanley Yanase.

Barnards To Hawaii For Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Barnard and daughters, Nancy and Penny, 1219 Fern Ave. left by plane Wednesday for Hawaii to spend Christmas with another daughter, Roxanne, who is a student at the University of Hawaii. They will return after the first of the year.

On Tuesday evening, the Barnards were guests of honor at a holiday buffet dinner given as a farewell at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Barnard, 2553 Sonoma.

Attending the affair with the hosts and honor guests were Messrs. and Mmes. Harry Theodosius; Eugene Sparks and Susan; Lawrence Sommers, Lynn and Sharon; Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Easley, Trudy and Randy; and Mrs. Laura Ross.

Classmates Fete Jean On Birthday

Very much surprised was Jean Klaesges on her tenth birthday when classmates sang "Happy Birthday" around a gaily decorated table as she returned home, with her father, from a Christmas shopping tour.

Jean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klaesges, 2713 Monterey, who planned the shopping trip so that with the help of sisters, Sue 17, Cathy 6, and brother, David 11, preparations for the party could be made.

Jean attends fourth grade at Nativity School as do the following friends who helped make her tenth birthday a memorable one: Cynthia Chapman, Linda Lescoe, Antonette Habets, Mary Sue Schemenaur, Julie Horn, Michele DeLapp and Theresa Lewellen.

Games were played with prizes going to Antonette Habets and Theresa Lewellen. The girls also sang Christmas carols after ice cream and cake were served.



IN WONDERMENT . . . Two newly-arrived Korean children, who have come to make their home in Torrance with the William Stone family are fascinated with the array of gifts and bright Christmas decorations: a shower given for them. Pictured are from left, Mmes. Earl Stancliffe, William E. Stone holding Soo Lin, 2 and Mrs. Robert Bachelder and David 4.

(Herald Photo)

Family Gathers At Wolf Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Wolf on Halldale Avenue will be the scene of another annual gala family Christmas gathering.

Dinner guests will include Mrs. Wolf's sister and husband, Col. and Mrs. Marshall Austin and children, John, Gayle, Linda and Allen of Tustin; Messrs. and Mmes. Richard Gazeley, Chris and Grant; Jim Wolf of Simi Valley; Mark Fox; Mrs. Bertha Elliott and Bob Wolf.

Holiday Guests

Arriving this weekend from Walnut Creek are Mr. and Mrs. O. Christensen, who will spend the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sommers, 1621 Flower St. and other relatives. The Sommers will host the annual Christmas dinner this year with 20 relatives present.

To Washington

Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham and daughter, Emyard, 1923 Reynosa Dr., left by train Thursday evening for Camas, Wash., to spend the holidays with Mrs. Cunningham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell. They will be gone two weeks.

Christmas Is Everywhere

Korean Children Here For Their First Noel

Christmas is everywhere for these two Korean children, David 4, and Soo Lin 2, who arrived in the United States just a few days ago to become part of the family of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Stone, 16415 Wilkie.

The Stones, along with other couples adopting Korean children, flew by chartered plane on Nov. 15, to Korea to greet their children. They spent a week there completing adoption procedures before flying back to the United States, where David and Soo Lin were welcomed by their American brothers and sisters, Ellen, Duffy, Willie and Robbie Stone.

Making their first American Christmas bright, the Lincoln School Mothersinger group, for which Mrs. Stone is pianist, staged a massive shower for the youngsters last Tuesday given by Mrs. Robert Bachelder and Mrs. David Osterback co-hostesses.

The Bachelder home at 16432 Illinois Court was festive in its holiday attire. The table centerpiece was a live lemon tree filled with lemon cookies.

Refreshments of Savran bread, Christmas cookies, pumpkin tarts, Christmas punch and coffee were served. A red wagon, filled with gifts for the children, occupied a prominent place in the room. Adults attending the party received decorated candles as favors. A specially decorated cake was sent to the other Stone children. Among those sharing the Christmas joy with the two new arrivals and their mother were Mmes. Warren Bachana, Robert Bachelder, Zane Baughman, Yasue Masunake, David Osterback, Savadore Paldino, Earle Stancliffe, Masakazu Takigawa, Robert Toit, Elpidio Vergara, Conellits Wickenhagen, Glenn H. Wiley, Andrew Foster and Harold Erickson. Among the children attending were Gerrie Wiley, Janet Osterback, Caludia Staniffe, Scott Courtney, Kerry Baughtman, Barbara Foster and Wayne Bachman.