



IN APPRECIATION . . . At the Christmas party given by the Dianas for their children, the Diana-sponsored Girl Scout Troop presented the Dianas with tea towels for the club on which the club name had been embroidered. Accepting the towels for the club is, left, Mrs. John Hansford, president. Scouts are, from left, Fran Rizzardi 9, Christine Dalton 9, Toni Burgess 9, and Betsy Horton 9. (Herald Photo)



CHRISTMAS GIVING . . . Dianas chose the occasion of their annual Children's Christmas Party to present a new troop flag to the Girl Scout Troop 812 of Torrance, which they sponsor. At the presentation are, kneeling, from left, Mona Lee Cook, 10, Sheila Bennet 9, standing, Katie McLaughlin 10, Mrs. Raymond Williams, Americanism chairman, and Ginny Hooks, 10. (Herald Photo)

Honor Girl Scout Troop

Dianas Entertain Children at Party

The Redondo Beach Woman's Club was the setting for the annual Christmas party for the children of members of the Redondo Beach Dianas. The Clown Club of North High School in Torrance opened the program and entertained the kiddies with their antics. Mrs. Raymond Williams, Americanism chairman, then presented the Diana-sponsored Girl Scout Troop 812 of Torrance with a Girl Scout Flag. The Scouts, comprised of 31 girls then presented Mrs. John Hansford, Diana president, with tea towels for the Dianas upon which they had embroidered the club name. The troop sang a selection of Christmas carols under the direction of Mrs. Wallace Opstad, youth chairman. Mrs. Sheldon Goldensen, Diana parliamentarian, is scout leader of the troop.

Next on the program was the arrival of Santa with his pack of toys for the youngsters.

Mrs. Arthur Callen, chairman of the party, had asked that each child attending the party bring a gift with a card labeled whether it was for a girl or boy and the age group. These gifts were taken to Juvenile Hall and to the Salvation Army Headquarters and were distributed to needy children for Christmas.

Punch and cookies were served by Mrs. Vincent Rothemich, hostess for the party. Each child also received a raisin-eyed gingerbread boy.

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

Old Friends Gather

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Nelson were Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Theberge, 1222 Levinson. The Nelsons and Theberges are formerly of Massachusetts and were joined on Christmas by other friends from the eastern state. On the Sunday before Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson spent the day with Mrs. Ruth Sanderson in Alhambra.

Houseguest

Miss Patricia Brislin of Burlington arrived Friday to spend a week here as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle O'Hara and family on Fern Avenue.

**YOUR PROBLEMS**

by Ann Landers

'Your Children Will Respect You . . .'

Dear Ann Landers: I am willing to wager that cheating husbands and wives make up the greatest part of your mail. You dish out the same palaver as most clergymen, lawyers and social workers: "Forgive and forget — especially if it's the first time."

My husband has been having a "first time" affair for eight years. I must "forgive and forget" because I have no choice. I could not face the financial struggles and social pressures if I left him. So, I've adjusted to my misery. I present a serene exterior and everything appears to be just peachy here at home.

But what am I supposed to say to my children who will soon be teen-agers? They are beginning to ask some very knowing questions. Since you are so smart, Ann Landers, please answer this one. — MRS. OF BILLINGS

Dear Mrs.: You are to protect your husband, cover for him and hold your head up—not for HIS sake, but for the sake of your children. Of course it's better than the dog deserves, but do it anyhow.

When your children are old enough to understand they will respect you to the end of your days.

Dear Ann Landers: I used to agree with you that each member of the family is entitled to privacy where mail is concerned. Now that my children are entering their teens, however, I think perhaps a mother has the right to open and check the mail before her children see it.

Both my son and daughter receive a lot of junk mail. Much of it is advertising for books and magazines but they also receive letters from companies trying to interest them in selling perfume, greeting cards and other gimmicky things.

I don't object to this stuff, but I AM deeply concerned about the smut that gets into respectable homes. Some of my friends have told me about the mail their teen-agers receive — offers of filthy pictures, records, magazines and gadgets. It is sickening.

Isn't it my duty to protect my children against such trash?—BALTIMORE READER

Dear Baltimore Reader: Teen-agers have a natural curiosity, but if your children have been given the proper information and were raised (Continued on Page 10)

Junior Club Endorses Medic-Alert Drive

Torrance Junior Woman's Club is laying the groundwork for their February campaign for the Medic-Alert Foundation, a charitable, non-profit organization that has helped millions of people with hidden medical problems.

In announcing the endorsement, Mrs. William Faulds, president of the Junior Club, said "everyone should become familiar with the emblem of Medic-Alert, and should encourage anyone with medical problems to investigate the protection these bracelets and necklaces of stainless steel and silver offer.

The emblems have engraved on the back a warning to physicians or others of the accident or seizure victim's problem. Diabetics, hemophiliacs, epileptics, persons allergic to drugs or who have "Hidden Medical Problems."

Mathis-Colen Nuptials Read in Baptist Rites

Miss Brenda Mathis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mathis, 22715 Anza, Torrance, walked down the aisle of the First Baptist Church in Redondo, on the arm of her father, at 8 o'clock on Friday evening Dec. 6, to plight her marriage vows with Gerald Colen, Jr. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Colen, 19414 Donora Ave., Torrance.

For her wedding, the bride chose a floor length gown of silk organza and imported Chantilly lace. The full skirt was caught at the back in a butterfly bustle. The illusion veil fell from a pearl tiara and the bride carried a bouquet of white roses.

Miss Carol Grunstad served as maid of honor. Her gown was of blue satin brocade and her flowers were white carnations.

Bridesmaids were Misses Retha Elgin and Maryann St. Andre. They were gowned in pale aqua taffeta and carried white carnations.

Flower girls were Jenny and Gerry Mitchell, both wearing blue satin dresses.

Kendall Martin stood as best man and ushers were Richard Ingrum and Norman Divelbliss.

Rev. Niel Hudson officiated at the marriage as William Matthes played the nuptial music and accompanied Ronald A. Gillham, soloist.

A reception was held at the church following the ceremony. Mrs. P. O. Raub was in charge of the bride's book.

A honeymoon was spent in Palm Springs and the newlyweds are now at home in Redondo.

The bride is a senior at South High School and will be graduated in June. Her husband is a graduate of West High in Torrance.

The program is supported solely by a one-time membership fee, which includes the price of the emblem and maintenance of the Central file in Turlock, California, where records of members are kept and made available in emergencies on a 24-hour collect call basis from anywhere in the world.

Mrs. Vernon Nikles, health chairman, hopes that other civic organizations will join Juniors in this project, to provide bracelets or necklaces to those in need of them, and also inform the public of Medic-Alert, how little it costs and how much it benefits.

Torrance Juniors are affiliated with California Federation of Women's Clubs, Marina District 18, Junior Membership.

Barrington Home Gala Party Scene

One of the festive parties of the holiday season was the Christmas Open House held by a potluck group on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barrington, 1541 Post Ave.

Other members of the group with the Barringtons include Messrs. and Mmes. George Post, James Post, Kenneth Miller, Don Moyer, Robert Tolson and Robert Kerber.

Amid holiday decorations, the 70 guests enjoyed a buffet and dancing to music furnished by a Mexican orchestra.

Parents Here

Mr. and Mrs. George Louvier of Sun City, Ariz., arrived last Monday to spend Christmas and New Year's here with their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Louvier and family.

Family Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Neely of Twentynine Palms spent from Tuesday until Friday here with their daughter, Mrs. Keith Pischel and family. The Pischels returned to the desert with them to spend the weekend.



MRS. GERALD COLEN, JR. . . . December Bride (Photography by Crotty)



SANDRA FRENCH . . . Accepts Ring (Hedman Photo)

Christmas Engagement Announced

At a family dinner on Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Harold French, 340 Via Pasqual, Hollywood Riviera, the engagement of their daughter, Sandra, to Rudy W. Bernard was announced.

The wedding is being planned for August, 1964.

The bride-elect was graduated from South High School in 1961. She is attending El Camino college and is employed at a bake shop in Torrance.

Her fiance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bernard of Hermosa Beach, was graduated from Redondo Union High School in 1961. He attended El Camino College and is presently a history major at Chico State College. Mr. Bernard is a Lance Corporal with the United States Marine Corps.

Fossum Home Setting for Club Dinner

The Cota Avenue home of Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Fossum was effectively decorated in the holiday motif around a brilliantly lighted Christmas tree on Friday evening, Dec. 20, when Mrs. Fossum and Mrs. E. L. Snodgrass were co-hostesses to the Arts and Crafts club.

A catered dinner was served at decorated tables, after which an exchange of gifts was held. At this time "secret pals" were revealed.

Attending the party were Mmes. Mabel Banks, Melvina Beckwith, Rolive Bever, Cora Bohrer, Helen Carpenter, Florence Childs, Vivian Cook, Lela Everly, Vena Hamilton, Ruth Hardin.

Also, Mmes. Mae Jones, Ruth Kilgore, Mary McDonald, Zelma Miller, Sybil Moffitt, Ruth Mohler, Charlotte Outcalt, Addie Parks, Hazel Ward, Viola Shaw, Eloda Bardull and Gertrude Haydon.

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Book Group Has Holiday Party

Series 4 South Bay Great Books Discussion Group held a holiday potluck social Dec. 19 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Donalk Salk, formerly of Torrance, now residents of Manhattan Beach.

Those present included members and guests of the group from Torrance, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Santa Monica and the Peninsula.

From Oregon

Mr. and Mrs. Minot Rugg, 1506 214th St., have as their holiday guests, their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lamb and children, Travis, Patricia, Virginia, Beverly and Janet. The Lams arrived from their home in Oregon last Sunday and will remain until after New Year's Day.

Husbands Are Guests

Champagne Dinner Dance Slated Today

Celebrating the holiday season, members of the Victor Woman's Club will entertain their husbands at a champagne dinner this evening at the Monaco House, 311107 Marne Drive, Palos Verdes.

Guests will arrive for a champagne cocktail hour at 4 p.m. to be followed by a Teriyaki chicken buffet dinner at 5 p.m.

After dinner, dancing will be enjoyed.

Torrance Victor Woman's club meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Victor Elementary School. For information on membership, Mrs. Roy Wiseman, chairman, may be called.

Committee members for this gala evening are Mmes. James Bruno, Ivar Lundeen and Albert Lawn, club social chairman.



LAST MINUTE DETAILS . . . With their husbands as honored guests, members of the Victor Woman's club are busy with plans for a gala affair this evening when they stage a champagne dinner dance at the Monaco House. Talking over last minute details are from left, seated Mmes. Frank McDonald, Ted Blanke, standing, Mmes. James Bruno and Richard Wagoner. (Herald Photo)