

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers

"You're So Biased Against Men..."

Dear Ann Landers: I'm sure my wife wrote that letter complaining because she ran out of gas three times last month—once on the bridge.

Why didn't you tell her that women who share the family car should also share in the responsibility for keeping it going? Most dames don't know anything about a car except how to start it, steer it and stop it. They never pay attention to the tires, the oil, water, or gas. So long as the four wheels move they are satisfied.

Any female who is so dumb that she would drive around and ignore the gas gauge deserves to be stuck. Why didn't you tell the wife off like you do the husbands when they behave like fools? You're so biased against men in your column you make me sick.—BOW TIE

Dear Bow Tie: You have an excellent point—and I agree I let the dizzy dame off too easy but please read the next letter. It may improve your health.

Dear Ann Landers: Why don't you ever give us wives a break? One more piece of advice against us and I'm going to stop taking the paper.

First you say women ought to iron sheets. Then you come out in favor of ironing our husband's shorts. With these two columns you added three extra work hours to my ironing day. I have six beds going in my house and it's no joke.

The final straw was when that woman wrote and complained because her husband stopped in at a bar every night after work. Sometimes he'd get home three hours late—loaded, of course.

I really did a slow burn when you asked the woman if she was anything special to come home to. Darned if you didn't take the husband's side and say that men who hate to go home usually have a good reason. All a lot of rumbuckets needed was a little encouragement from you, Ann Landers—and you gave it to 'em. I'll bet you're a miserable old maid who enjoys starting family fights. No wife could write like you do.—NO FAN

Dear Ann Landers: Our daughter who is not yet 16 tells us she is madly in love with the school bus driver. He is twice her age, has been divorced and is the father of three children.

I went to see this man and asked him as one father to another to please stop sneaking around with our daughter. He promised he would not see her any more but his promises were a mouthful of lies. Two nights later she said she was going to a girl friend's house to do homework. When I phoned over there she wasn't even expected.

Please tell me what to do. I am—WORRIED SICK

Dear Worried Sick: You can stop treating this bum as if he were a respectable man whose word meant something. Go directly to the school board and have him fired.

If the authorities knew what was going on they would take him off the route the next day. Such characters should not be permitted to work around teenagers. Heaven knows how many other young girls he's dating on the sly.

Confidential to: ON THE OUTS: I'm not surprised. If you expressed yourself to him as you did to me you deserved the clobber. You sound like a bigoted, arrogant ignoramus.

To learn the knack of feeling comfortable with the opposite sex, send for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "How To Be Date Bait," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Guild Meeting

Ladies Guild of the Central Evangelical Church will meet at 2 p.m. on Jan. 11 at the guild hall, Mrs. Katherine Lane, president, will conduct the business meeting.

Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Pearl Scoles and Mrs. Cora Comer.



ELABORATE PLANS . . . Checking their year books in an effort to solicit the efforts of all members, Torrance Hospital auxiliary members worked out plans for their brilliant Valentine Ball to be staged Feb. 4 at a meeting last week. Discussing details for cocktails, dinner, dance

music, and decorations are from left, Mmes. George Jung-kind, Frank Bashor, William Crooker, William Boswell, Henry Heinlein, auxiliary president, Paul Winn and Robert Sleeth, Jr. The committee chose "Court of the King and Queen of Hearts" as the theme.

Gala Parties At Day Home

Two beautiful Christmas parties were given at the home of Mrs. J. W. Day, 2607 W. 182nd St., when Mrs. Day, with co-hostesses entertained their bridge clubs at their annual holiday parties.

At the party on Tuesday evening, Mrs. Calvin Blakely served as co-hostess.

A gold, blue and white color scheme was used for decorations. A gift exchange was held around the Christmas tree.

In the bridge game, high score was held by Mrs. Jack Brooks; second, Mrs. Douglas Baldwin and third, Mrs. Larry Voien. A midnight buffet was served.

Others attending besides the hostesses and prize winners

were Mmes. Robert Triplitt, Charles Rippey, Jr., and Henry Backlund.

Mrs. C. T. Rippey, Jr., will entertain the club at its Jan. 10 meeting.

Co-hosting at the Thursday evening party was Mrs. Ray Lires.

A "white elephant" gift exchange at the Christmas tree was enjoyed, followed by bridge. Prizes were won by Mmes. Robert Waddell, Don Moore and Richard Beecher.

Others enjoying the midnight buffet were Mmes. Douglas Baldwin, Lee Allen and C. T. Rippey, Jr.

Mrs. Beecher entertained the club on Jan. 4.

Annual Black and Gold Ball at PV Country Club

Enthusiastic plans are again being made for the Bishop Montgomery High School's fourth annual Black and Gold Ball.

The affair will be held this year at the Palos Verdes Country Club, which has been beautifully remodeled. The date has been set for Feb. 4 from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Numerous pre-dance parties have been planned throughout the area.

Chairmen for this affair are Mrs. Frank McAllister and William Czuleger. Ray Dietrich and his band have been engaged.

Tickets may be secured by calling Mrs. James Ebben of Redondo. Many beautiful door prizes will be awarded and an assortment of snacks and dips will be served.



ENLISTING AID . . . Letters were mailed this week to mothers of students at Bishop Montgomery High school regarding the annual Black and Gold Ball. Looking over copies of the letters are, from left, Mmes. Lars Holt, publicity; Frank McAllister, ball chairman; Victor Cox and John F. Mulerhill, hostesses; and Norman Zenitil, refreshment chairman.



MR. AND MRS. F. C. BLENCOWE
... Married 50 Years

(Stanford Photography)

F. C. Blencowes Honored On 50th Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Blencowe of San Pedro were complimented at an open house on Dec. 26 in celebration of their Golden Wedding anniversary. The party was given by their three children, Mrs. G. F. Mulligan of Wilmington, John P. Blencowe of Harbor City and Mrs. C. H. Pruett of Harbor City.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pruett, scene of the party, was beautifully decorated. The refreshment table held a tiered anniversary cake flanked by gold candles. Fifty guests called to congratulate the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Blencowe were married in Erie, Pa., in 1910. They recently returned from a trip to their former home where they visited relatives and friends.

When they moved to California, they settled in Los Angeles and in 1919 they moved to San Pedro and still occupy their residence there.

The honored couple have nine grandchildren, David, John Paul, Jim, and Kathy Mulligan of Wilmington; Wally, Freddie and Janet Blencowe of Harbor City; and Donald and Barbara Pruett of Harbor City.

Here for Winter

Mrs. Clarence Baldwin of Caldwell, N.J., arrived just before Christmas to spend the winter here with her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Baldwin, 2870 Sonoma Street.

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At Lafayette Hotel

Valentine Ball Set For Feb. 4

"Court of the King and Queen of Hearts," theme of this year's Valentine Ball, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Torrance Memorial hospital will be elaborately carried in the decorations consisting of jeweled hearts, two four foot playing cards, table centerpieces of red and gold crowns and jeweled sceptre and crowns.

This tenth annual ball, proceeds from which will go to the Torrance hospital, will be held on Feb. 4 in the Grand Ballroom of the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach.

Mrs. Paul Winn is serving as general chairman of this outstanding winter event on the South Bay social calendar. Her committee members are: tickets and invitations, Mrs. Robert Sleeth, Jr.; dinner arrangements, Mrs. William Boswell; publicity, Mrs. William Crooker; decorations, Mrs. James Anderson and Mrs. George Jung-kind.

During the social hour from 7 to 8 p.m. guests will be entertained by the Strolling Minstrels. Dinner will be served from 8 to 9:30 and dancing will follow to the music furnished

by the Keith Williams orchestra.

Two door prizes, one \$250 and another \$100 will be awarded during the evening.



GINGER HAYDEN
... Will Wed
(Photography by Seeman)

Welcome New Year

Following the tradition of the past several years, Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Bauman entertained at their annual New Year's Eve party at their home, 3916 Palos Verdes Dr.

Cocktails and dips were served and the evening was spent dancing. At midnight a buffet supper was enjoyed.

Welcoming the New Year were Messrs. and Mmes. Richard Oswald, Jack Patralia, William Boswell, Louis Dyer, Dean Capps, Paul Wierk, Wyman Reynolds, William Woodcock, H. F. Heinlein, Delbert Thomson, Ralph Rugraff, Dean Sears, Frank Kelley, Roy Adams, John Melville, John Oursler, Elmer Moon and Corwin Eberting, Jr.

Others were Drs. and Mmes. Allen Pyeatt, Chelsea Houshe, Eugene Cook; Mmes. Paul Loranger, Emily Atwood, Ann Alversen; Messrs. Ken Wilson and Harry Massey.

Local High Graduates Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hayden, 1313 Fern Ave. are today announcing the engagement of their daughter, Ginger, to Ronnie Pennington, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pennington, 1121 Elm Ave., Torrance.

No definite date has been set for the wedding.

Both the bride-elect and her fiancé are graduates of Torrance High school.

Miss Hayden is employed by the Pacific Perforating Co., Inc. The future bridegroom is continuing his education at El Camino college.

To Death Valley
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Holocheck, 17033 Glenburn, spent four days last week on a trip to Death Valley where they visited Scotty's Castle.

Altar Society Installs New Officers For 1961

St. Margaret Mary's Altar Society held its annual installation of officers in the parish hall in Lomita last evening with Mrs. Edna Fisher presiding.

At the inspiring ceremonies, the outgoing president, Mrs. Harry Kersten turned over her gavel to Mrs. Charles Lupin, incoming president who has been an active member in the parish for many years.

Officers serving with her will be Mrs. Thomas Matthew-

son, vice-president; Mrs. James Starkey, secretary; Mrs. William R. Lichty, financial secretary; Mrs. William Hixon, treasurer; and Mrs. J. H. Merrill, publicity.

Congratulations were extended to the new officers by the pastor, Rev. John V. Hegarty, who also thanked Mrs. Kersten and her officers for a successful year.

Refreshments were served by members of the St. Gerard and St. Francis guilds.



ENGAGED . . . Mrs. Pearl S. Shiota announces the engagement of her daughter, Tommie Mollicone to William H. Ihde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ihde, 23620 Ward St., Torrance. The future bride was graduated from North High in 1959. Her fiancé is employed by Bethlehem Steel. No wedding date has been set.



NEW OFFICERS NAMED . . . In ceremonic Wednesday evening, Altar Society of St. Margaret Mary parish in Lomita installed new officers. Pictured at the gavel exchange are from left, Mmes. James Starkey, secretary; Thomas Mathewson, vice president; Charles Lupin, new president; Harry Kersten, retiring president; William Hixon, treasurer; and J. H. Merrill, publicity.