

# YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers

## "Alimony—Cost of Leaving"

Dear Ann Landers: I am one of the victims of that racket called "alimony." Is there a way out?

I divorced my husband because he was no good. I didn't take a dime from the rat when I left—and he had plenty. I believe it is immoral for a woman to collect money just because she used to be married to a man.

When I met Frankie, I knew I wanted him more than anything in the world. He was married to a social-climbing snob. If it weren't for their child he'd have left her long ago. He had moved into the guest room a year before we met so I was not the cause of their rift.

Frankie and I slid around back stairs and out-of-the-way places for 15 months before he asked for a divorce. His wife said, "All right, but it'll cost you plenty."

I must keep working because almost half of what Frankie makes goes to his wife and son. They live just as they always have—lovely home, maid, trips, new car—the works. We're cramped in a small apartment.

Something is wrong with the laws when a grasping, greedy female who was a lousy wife can get away with this. An able-bodied woman should have to go to work if she falls as a wife. America is the only country in the world where the alimony racket flourishes. Why? — FIGHTER AGAINST INJUSTICE

Dear Fighter: Alimony is the high cost of leaving. When a woman marries a divorced man with a family she marries his headaches and his responsibilities. You said you wanted him more than anything in the world. Well you've got him—total—so don't complain. If the sanctity of marriage is to be upheld the law must be on the side of the legally wed—not the illicit lovers. This is only one reason I urge those who are considering marriage to make certain their selection is a durable one.

Dear Ann Landers: I had a little girl out of wedlock six years ago. I was no youngster (33) and decided to keep her and do my best against terrific odds.

I've been masquerading as a divorced woman and no one knows the truth except my mother. My problem is I've told Louise her father is dead. She keeps wanting to see his picture. Would it be all right if I showed her a picture of a cousin who was killed during the War? It would satisfy her and solve my problem.

—SORRY MESS

Dear Mess: Don't add a third (Continued on Page 10)



SETTING THEIR GOALS . . . These new officers of the Torrance Chapter City of Hope, who will be installed at a dinner dance at the Palms restaurant, look over their programs for the coming year to aid in providing funds for the City of Hope's research on catastrophic diseases. They are from left, Mmes. Gabriel Baumgarten, sun-

shine chairman; Wallace Howe, outgoing president; Bert Stone, ways and means; Michael Markow, first vice president. Standing, from left, Mmes. Herman Weston, president, Edward Schwartz, trustee; and Bert Lynn, second vice president and membership chairman.

## Dinner Dance April 26

# Hope Chapter To Hold Installation

Anticipating their fourth annual Installation Dinner-Dance are members and friends of the Torrance chapter of the City of Hope.

The Crystal Room of the Palms Restaurant, 1925 W. Carson St., will be the setting for the festive affair slated for Saturday evening, April 22.

Colorful flowers lending a "Breath-of-Spring" atmosphere and door prizes will be some added attractions for the evening.

A social hour will begin at 7 p.m., according to Mrs. Bert Lynn, general chairman. Dancing to the melodic strains of the Gene Ware trio will follow dinner.

Officers who will be installed are Mrs. Herman Weston, president; Mrs. Mitchell Markow, first vice president; Mrs. Bert Lynn, second vice president; Mrs. Sherman Haimevertz, third vice president; Mrs. Norman Sparber, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sidney Felsen, recording secretary, and Mrs. Maek Brown, treasurer.

Reservations for the gala evening may be made by calling Mrs. Bert Lynn or Mrs. Walter West.

The City of Hope is a free non-sectarian National Medical

## W. L. Bennett Engaged To Downey Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Amic O. Pickard entertained recently at a family dinner in Downey to announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith Lee, to Warren Lester Bennett, son of Chief of Police and Mrs. Percy G. Bennett of Torrance.

The future bridegroom is an honor graduate of the University of Southern California, class of 1956, where he majored in public administration and was a member of Phi Kappa Phi fraternity. Mr. Bennett is now Senior Administrative Assistant to the County Recorder of Los Angeles.

Miss Pickard was graduated from the Earl Warren High school in Downey and is now a secretary in the office of County Superintendent of Schools.

A July wedding in Downey is being planned.

## Bridge Party

Mrs. H. R. Richards entertained her bridge club on Monday at her home, 1605 Beech Ave.

The hostess served a brunch followed by the bridge games in which Mrs. R. E. Moffitt held high score, Mrs. E. L. Snodgrass second and Mrs. William Dekin, third.

Mrs. Richards' guests were Mmes. J. A. Eisenbrandt, E. L. Snodgrass, Alma Smith, William Dekin, Marie Beale, Lillian Dunhouse, and R. E. Moffitt.

Mrs. Moffitt will be the club's next hostess.

## Guest Night Dance Stated By Triple T

"April Showers" will be theme of the elaborate decorations in the Gold Room at the Jump'n Jack restaurant next Saturday evening when the Triple T dance club staged its "Guest Night" dance.

The Westside Trio will furnish music for dancing from 9:30 until 1:30 a.m.

On the committee for the dance are Messrs. and Mmes. Nick Drake, John Melville, Cal Clark and Art Ascolesi.

## Own Creations

# Nativity Mothers Club Fashion Show Saturday

"Patterns in Profile" featuring a collection of co-ordinated wonder fabrics in stripes, checks and solids designed into dresses, suits, coats, sportswear and complete ensembles by "do-it-yourself" dressmakers will be on parade when the Nativity Mothers Club stages its fashion show on Saturday afternoon, April 8, at the Torrance Woman's club. The creations will be modeled by their makers.

The show and luncheon, under the direction of Mrs. Harry Kale and Mrs. John Tweedy, will take place at 1 p.m. preceded by a social hour at the Nativity Parish Hall on Cota Ave.

Tables will be decorated with miniature trees trimmed with cotton print butterflies and sewing notions to carry out the "Patterns in Profile" theme with an added touch of spring flowers.

Irene Miles, commentator, will also be wearing a self-fashioned ensemble.

Modeling will be Kathleen and Terry Redding, Candis and Judy Thomassin, Georgia Kale,



CORRELLA BRUNKER . . . Accepts Ring

## Couple To Be Married In July

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick H. Brunker, 1713 W. 265th St., Harbor City, recently of Torrance, announce the engagement of their daughter, Corrella Marie, to Jay C. Dougherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith G. Dougherty of Hagerstown, Ind.

A July wedding is being planned.

The bride-elect was graduated from Nativity school here and the Torrance High school in 1958. She is employed by the Occidental Life Insurance Co. in Los Angeles. Her fiancé was graduated from the Hagerstown High school and is now serving in the United States Navy stationed at Vallejo.

## Artistas Exhibit Scheduled

The eighth annual art exhibit of Las Artistas, in conjunction with the Glendale Art Assn. and the San Fernando Valley Art Club, will be held April 9 through April 30, at the Greek Theater in Griffith Park, Los Angeles. The exhibit is open to the public Sundays and week days from 12 to 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 9, there will be a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. for the opening of the show and at this time awards will be presented to the winning artists.

There will be demonstrations on Sundays: April 16, Antoinette S. Wiking; April 23, Claire Hobbs Snyder; April 30, Ethel Elliott Von Zell.

During the week there will be hostesses in attendance.

For further information call Mrs. Edris Baker, director of the exhibit.

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# Social World

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FABRICS, NEEDLES, NOTIONS . . . Members of the Torrance Junior Woman's club are busy at their sewing machines preparing for the annual "Spool and Bobbin Show" to be held at the clubhouse April 26. In a sewing session are these three Juniors, from left, Mmes. T. J. Burchfield, Ronald Forestal and Edward Felkel.

## Local Gamma Phis Off To Conference

Mrs. Donald Moses of Palos Verdes, newly elected president of the South Bay Alumnae of Gamma Phi Beta and Mrs. Richard Naulty of Rolling Hills, Province Collegiate Director, are leaving today for Berkeley to attend the biennial Province conference of Gamma Phi Beta.

Mrs. Naulty has arranged for a large group of girls from the University of Southern California, San Diego State and UCLA to travel together to Berkeley via chartered bus.

The conference is being held on the Berkeley campus of the University of California and will be attended by Gamma Phi Betas from all over the country.

## Seniors Honor Guests

# 'Spool & Bobbin' Show Set April 26

"Fashion Fantasy" will be the theme of the annual Spool and Bobbin Fashion Show to be given by the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, Marina District, C.F.W.C., as announced by Mrs. Elgin Logsdon, chairman. It will be held at the Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave., Torrance, on April 26 at 8 p.m.

This annual affair, which displays the sewing ability of the Juniors, has proved so popular in past years it will be repeated. All the garments are made and modeled by the members and include every variety of clothing from sleep wear to cocktail dresses.

Since the fashion emphasis this year is on color, the decor will be May baskets rich in all the hues of the rainbow.

Members of the Senior Woman's Club will be honored guests for the evening.



IN REHEARSAL . . . Mrs. Louis Verne in costume practices her can-can dance in preparation for the Eta Kappa chapter's annual Korny Kapers Variety show as Mrs. Kenneth McVey, chapter president, looks on. The show will open for a four day run on April 21. Proceeds go to the sorority's campership fund. (Story on Page 10)



SOCIAL HOUR PLANNED . . . When the Nativity Mothers club stages its fashion show and luncheon Saturday at the Woman's club house, a social hour has been planned at 11:30 at Nativity parish hall to get the affair underway. Here Mrs. John Wilson, at the punch bowl, greets Mrs. E. V. Winkelbauer. The group will go on to the Woman's club for a luncheon and fashion parade at 1 p.m.