

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



"It Takes Maturity To Be Good Parents"

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I are in our early thirties. When we married we decided we didn't want any children. Neither of us has changed his mind. In fact, the more we see of the spoiled, demanding kids of our friends, the happier we are with our decision.

Invariably, the most neurotic, worn-out mothers are the ones who take me aside and say, "You ought to have two or three little ones." I've often been tempted to tell them that I think they are envious of the orderly, uncomplicated life we lead and I wish they would mind their own business.

Do you feel that every married couple should have children, Ann? To be perfectly frank, we think kids are a pain in the neck.—HIM AND ME

Dear Him and Me: It takes maturity and unselfishness to be good parents. A couple who considers children "a pain in the neck" could contribute very little to the emotional health of a child. People who feel as you do should not bring children into the world. It's unfair to the kids.

Dear Ann Landers: Our 21-year-old daughter is pretty, and she has an excellent position with a good firm. She has never given us a moment's trouble.

Four months ago she started to go with a man who is in charge of a roaming magazine crew. He had no permanent address and seemed too old and too slick for her. When she began to get phone calls at odd hours (urgent pleas for money) and telegrams asking for "a little financial help" we tried to get her to see that this man wasn't for her.

Well, we failed. She told us last week that she's going to marry him. He is quitting the crew but has no other job in sight. She plans to keep on working and she wants us to repaint her bedroom and buy new furniture so they can live with us. We are heartbroken over this. What can we do? — M & D

Dear M & D: Your daughter is of legal age and there's nothing you can do but let her make her own bed. But she doesn't have to be in your home.

Tell the girl she wants to marry this man she's on her own. It might scare some sense into her head.

Dear Ann Landers: Before my husband and I met he was engaged to another girl. He bought her a beautiful diamond ring worth \$600. When she left town the girl took the ring with her. He still owes \$300 on the ring.

I work and we split everything fifty-fifty. All the bills are paid from our joint pay.



HATS, HATS, HATS . . . The latest in new fall hats will be spotlighted Saturday when the Dianans stage their "Madhatter's Western Champagne Flight" at 1010 Monterey Blvd. A punch bowl at 11:30 will be followed by a luncheon and hat parade. Discussing the party are from left, Mmes Eric Lindgren, Art Callen, John Hansford, and Don Beard, coordinator.



A MERMAID FROLIC . . . Members of St. Mary of the Woods, Young Ladies Institute are busy with plans for a swim party and late evening supper at the John Thatcher home, 827 W. 129th St. Gardena, on Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. Making plans for the affair are from left, Mmes Joseph H. Skelley, president, Mrs. Joseph Borges and Mrs. Anthony Mendez. Mrs. Arthur Morin and Mrs. Thomas Tittle are ways and means chairmen. Husbands will be special guests.

Benefits Children's Hospital Fund

Annual Portuguese Bend Horse Show Opens with 'Pony Island Promenade'

Annual Portuguese Bend National Horse Show will be staged this year on Sept. 23 and 24 at the Portuguese Bend Riding Club on Narcissa Drive in Portuguese Bend. Proceeds from this gala social event, sponsored by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Committee of the Children's Hospital, benefit the building fund for the hospital.

Mrs. Harry H. Wetzel, Jr. and Mrs. Andrew D. Shaw are serving as co-chairmen for the show. Mrs. James Franks is president of the Committee.

Festive opening for the weekend affair will be the "Pony Island" Promenade to be held Friday evening Sept. 22 at Abalone Cove. Chairmen for this party are Mrs. Rubel McKelvey and Mrs. Albert W. Day.

Attend District Installation

Attending the installation dinner of District 4LI at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles on Aug. 19 were the following Lions and Lionesses of Torrance: Messrs. and Mmes. William King, Fred Boren, Ralph Morris, Clarence Clark, Paul Diamond and A. F. R. Ewall.

Paul Diamond is student speaker chairman for the Harbor District and Mr. Ewall is music chairman.

William King is president of the Torrance Lions club and Mrs. Ewall is president of the Lioness club.

The Equine Belle of the 1890s, who last year bid guests to the "Horse Opera Ball" this year dons bathing middy and ruffled cap to extend invitations to the "Pony Island" Promenade.

Costumes for the evening will be the "sporty" attire that the gay blades of the turn of the century and their Gibson Girls wore on this kind of outing.

Guests will be greeted by music of a callope as they are brought from their cars by fringed-top surreys. The "boardway" bright with strings of lights, will lie along the beach and a professional barker will direct strollers to the games of skill. A shore dinner deluxe will be served buffet style to be followed by "dancing under the stars" with music by Ken Coulter

and his orchestra.

Highlight of the evening will be the rollicking entrance of a Dixieland band, decked out in boaters and striped blazers playing as they ride in on a tailgate, to present the concert. "The Channel Island Guppies" are a group of local yachtsmen well known for their excellent Dixieland music.

Palos Verdes Peninsula Committee, founded in 1957 for the sole purpose of raising money for Children's Hospital, has sponsored the National Horse Show for the past four years, each year almost doubling the proceeds. Last year's contribution was one of the highest ever made to the hospital.

Members active on the roster this year are Mmes Don-

Champagne Flight

Dianas To See New Fashions in Chapeaux

Diana members, provisionals and guests are invited to hop aboard the "Madhatter's Western Champagne Flight," arriving at 1010 Monterey Blvd., Hermosa Beach, Saturday, Aug. 26, at 11:30 a.m.

Mrs. Don Beard, Diana co-ordinator, will be in charge of the champagne punch bowl during the social hour preceding lunch. Halved cantaloupe filled with creamed

fruit, hot buttered rolls, chocolate eclairs, coffee, tea and mints will be the menu for the affair, under the supervision of Mmes. Art Callen and John Hansford.

The latest in fall hat fashions will be modeled by Mesdames Charles Hillinger, Sheldon Goldenson, Kenneth Peach, Jack Slater, Robert McKinney, Alicia, of a Hollywood Riviera shop, will be mistress of ceremonies during the fashion showing of her lovely hats.

Many surprises are in store for all "passengers" present. Decorations, Western Airgram invitations, name tags, orchids and champagne are being supplied by Western Airlines.

Mrs. Art Callen is chairman of the event with Mrs. John Hansford as co-chairman.

Hostesses are Mmes. Eric Lindgren and Vincent Rothmich.

Montana Trip

Mrs. John Beeman has returned from a trip to Yellowstone National Park, Havre, Mont., where she was a guest of an aunt, and Glacier National Park. She was accompanied on the motor trip by Mrs. Don Lasell of Concord, Calif. formerly of Torrance.

Fiestadores Dine, Dance and Swim

Cocktails aboard the SS Princess on a tour of the harbor opened the annual summer party for the Las Fiestadores Dance Club and its guests on Friday evening Aug. 11. The group boarded the SS Princess at 6:30 returning at 8 p. m. Disembarking, the club members drove to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Johnson for a swim party followed by dancing and a buffet dinner.

Hosts for the affair were members of the new board, Messrs. and Mmes. Arthur Woodcock, William Christian, E. E. Wilson, Robert Tolson and Henry Backlund.

Attending the party with the board were the Parke Montagues, Walter Clausings, Johnny Johnsons, Walter Levys, William Boswells, Joseph Helphands, Kenneth Millers, J. A. Barringtons, Joseph Eisenbrandts, Robert Sleeths, E. E. Clayton, Jack Brooks, Robert Triplitts, Ralph Rugraffs, R. D. Bolens, Rodney Norris, Robert Claytons and W. R. Pattersons.

Others were Drs. and Mmes Allen Pyeatt, Phillip Halloran, Burton Easley and W. E. Grubbs.

Dinner Hosts

Hosting dinner for a table of friends at Marineland Restaurant in Palos Verdes were Lt. Col. and Mrs. Samuel R. Davil of Hollywood Riviera.

aid Armstrong, William Beck, Edward Chaffee, Clowes Christie, Howard Coale, Jr., Jack Davidson, Albert W. Day, Almeron Field, David L. Forbes.

Others are Mmes James Goodrich, Laurence A. Green, Russell Green, Russell Green, Jr., William Hancock, D. F. Harbridge, Stephen Hinchliffe, Charles I. Houghton, James Ingebretsen, L. Gordon Lawrence and Richard H. Learned.

Concluding the list are Mmes. Rubel McKelvey, Thomas Marion Murphy, William Polkinghorn, Robert L. Pruyn, Erwin G. Rice, Daniel Ridder, Roy Seawright, Andrew D. Shaw, Douglas Shaw, Evan Shaw, A. E. Thompson, Joseph Ventura, Seymour Yardley Warner, Harry Wetzel, Jr. and Edgar D. Worth.

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Bride's Father Officiates At Wedding Of Mary Sippel and Jerrell Wood

Sanctuary of the First Christian Church was banked with white gladioli, stock and chrysanthemums last Friday evening for the eight o'clock ceremony uniting Miss Mary Sippel and Jerrell Wood. The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Sippel, 2914 Onrado. Rev. Sippel is pastor of the First Christian Church. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wood, 22809 Ocean Ave.

Rev. Sippel escorted his daughter to the altar and officiated at the marriage ceremony. The bride was gowned in a princess creation of Chantilly lace fashioned with a scalloped neckline and long pointed sleeves. The bouffant skirt of lace was ballerina length. Her silk illusion veil cascaded from a pearl crown and she carried a crescent bouquet of white orchids and stephanotis.

Miss Molly McCalla of Lawrence, Kans. was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Jeannie Wyckoff of Orange and Miss Carolyn Campbell of Torrance. All of the attendants wore aqua taffeta gowns and carried white lace fans with white and aqua carnations.

Fred Balow performed the duties of best man and ushers were Harry Sippel, Stewart Gonta, Harold Pedersen and Gerald Sherborne.

Kenneth Ford of Orange, organist, played the wedding marches and accompanied Miss Diana Scott who sang "The Greatest of These is Love." Miss Nancy Breihan of Redlands sang Dunlap's "Wedding Prayer" and Miss Scott and Miss Breihan sang the benediction.

A reception followed in Friendship Hall where a three tiered wedding cake centered the bride's table. Peggy Neely presided at the punch bowl and Miss Anita Johnson served coffee. Miss Joyce Harkias was in charge of the guest book.

The newlyweds are now on

a honeymoon trip to Oregon. Their new home will be in Bellflower.

The bride was graduated from Torrance High School in 1958 and is a senior at Chapman College at Orange. Mr. Wood, a 1956 graduate of Torrance High School, attended El Camino College.



MRS. JERRELL WOOD, On Oregon Honeymoon (Photo Arts Studio)

Garden Section Hears Speakers

Garden Section of the Torrance Woman's Club, Marina District 18, C.F.W.C. held a special meeting at the home of Chairman Mrs. Victor Benstead, on Thursday evening Aug. 17.

Highlight of the meeting was a panel discussion on Marketing Research conducted by John Stuteville and his colleague Pat Hammer. This was to uncover why people prefer some businesses and not others.

Those attending were Mmes. Alma Smith, S. J. Dunhouse, R. L. Riddy, Mildred Evans, Rufus Sandstrom, Leonard Stamps, Sid Gans, Marilyn Fiorelli and Miss Corista Reeve.

On Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Petrat and Mr. and Mrs. Les Demott have returned from a week's vacation on the Colorado River.

'Icebreaker' Planned For Club Provisionals

Las Vecinas Women's Club members, Mrs. William K. Watson, Mrs. Hugh W. Sutherland, Mrs. John R. Doyle, and Mrs. Thomas O'Malley, turn theatrical and form a chorus line to provide gaiety, glamour, and exciting entertainment for the program planned for the provisionals and guests at the Ice Breaker party to be held Sept. 16 at the Arlington D. Wiweke home, Rolling Hills.

The poolside gathering will follow a Fiesta theme, with costumes, decorations, and authentic food of Fiesta Days. New provisional members include Mmes. Stan Becker, F. E. Brannon, Paul C. Chan,

Songwriters Will Picnic

Vel-De-Nez Songwriters club of the Harbor Area will hold its fifth annual picnic in Bixby Park, Long Beach on Saturday.

A pot luck dinner will be served from 11 a. m. until 5 p. m. Entertainments will follow.

Among the guests will be Vicki Farrell of Hollywood, vocalist; Billy Nick Hyatt of



THE CHORUS LINE . . . Whipping up a routine for the gala Icebreaker party to be staged by the Las Vecinas Woman's club for its new provisional members are from left, Mmes William K. Watson, Hugh W. Sutherland and John R. Doyle. The affair will be held at the Wiweke home in Rolling Hills on Sept. 16.