

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



'What Goes on . . . Their Business'

Dear Ann Landers: I've been reading your column long enough to know you'd like it just fine of all mothers-in-law were lined up with sacks over their heads and shot at sunrise. The question I want to ask is this: At what point can a mother-in-law open up her mouth and tell a sloppy, lazy, daughter-in-law to clean her house?

My son grew up in a home which was immaculate. He always had three nourishing meals a day and there wasn't a wrinkle in his bed sheets. He never complains about his wife's terrible housekeeping, but when I see what goes on over there I get sick.

They have three children under five years of age and I have to wash their faces to tell who's who. My daughter-in-law keeps saying she wants three more babies in the next six years which I think is disgraceful. She never gets her washing and ironing done as it is. I don't think she should burden my son with any additional expense and turmoil until she gets better organized.

I've never had any real trouble with her because I've suffered in silence. But a mother can stand only so much. Do you agree?—F. P.

Dear F. P.: If it's real trouble you're after, just tell your daughter-in-law not to have any more children until she organizes her housework. This would put an end to your suffering at the sight of her dirty house because you wouldn't be welcome over there to look at it.

What goes on between your son and his wife is strictly their business. STAY OUT OF IT.

Dear Ann Landers: There is a small argument in our office. Three girls are involved. I say you do a woman a favor when you tell her she has lipstick on her teeth. The other girls insist it should not be mentioned. They take the position it's rude to criticize a person's appearance and it's best to say nothing and let the gal find out for herself.

May I hear from you on this?—LILY AND MILLIE VERSUS TILLIE

Dear Tillie: If Lily and Millie would prefer to walk around the office with red teeth, let them. As for me, I'd consider it an act of friendship if someone tips me off. I'm recently certain that most women agree with me—and with you.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have been married for 14 years. We are in our middle thirties and, unfortunately, we have no children. I've made the usual heartbreaking round of doctors, but without success. I know now that adoption is the only answer.

About seven years ago my husband and I were separated. He wanted a divorce. I did not. Eventually he wore me down and persuaded me to file. A few months later we met and discussed the divorce and he decided he (Continued on Page 10)

Mrs. Whyte Home From Two Trips

Mrs. Plu Whyte is spending a week here at her home, 1620 Post Ave. She and her daughter, Mrs. Robert Work of Pasadena, returned this past week from Flint, Michigan, where they had visited relatives. Three weeks prior to their return trip to Michigan, Mrs. Whyte, Mrs. Work and daughter, Allison, had spent three weeks in the northwest, attending the World's Fair in Seattle, visiting friends in Tacoma, and spending several days in Victoria, B. C.

Next Thursday, Mrs. Whyte will go to Pasadena to stay with her grandchildren, Allison and Billy Work, while their parents are in Baltimore, Md., attending a legal convention.



TREASURED FRIENDSHIP . . . Mrs. George Wheaton, left, one of the city's first residents, helps Mrs. Anna Burmaster cut her 87th birthday cake at a party given Wednesday by Mrs. Burmaster's daughter, Mrs. Charles A. Curtiss. Mrs. Burmaster moved to Torrance with her family 50 years ago. She was born Sept. 26, 1875.

Remembers Poppy Fields, Sepulveda Dirt Road

Mrs. Burmaster, Wife of City's First Postmaster, Has Birthday

Mrs. Anna Burmaster, 1321 Engracia Ave., celebrated her 87th birthday anniversary on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 26, at a party given by her daughter, Mrs. Charles A. Curtiss. Those attending were Mmes. George Wheaton, Melvina Beckwith, Marie Paour, Maybel Banks, Olive Wittenberg and D. W. Quigley. Also invited was Mrs. Alice Spehger. Evening guests were Mr. Arthur Burmaster of Torrance and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burmaster of Hermosa Beach, her sons and daughter-in-law. A third son, Henry Burmaster, of Lynwood was unable to attend. Mrs. Burmaster also has five granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

For over 25 years the Wheaton and Burmaster families observed a traditional dinner celebration honoring the late George Wheaton and Mrs. Burmaster, whose birth dates were both Sept. 26, 1875.

Fifty years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Burmaster and their children came to Torrance from Livingston, Montana. Mr. Burmaster was employed by the Thos. D. Campbell Co., the sales agent for the Dominguez Land Corp. When a postoffice was officially established, he was appointed Postmaster and served in that capacity until his death in November 1919.

Mrs. Burmaster recalls that

when arriving in Torrance the residential section consisted of homes on Carson Street and south from Andree to Arlington for two blocks, a few houses on Plaza del Amo and five two-story houses on Cota Avenue. Most of the area west to Redondo Beach was just poppy fields and the nearest road leading to Redondo Beach from Torrance was a narrow dirt road known as Sepulveda Boulevard. A two-room school house was under construction on Cabrillo Avenue, but until such time as it was completed children were obliged to attend school in Gardena, being transported by a rather intermittent street car shuttling back and forth from Hermosillo on a single spur line supplied by the Pacific Electric System. One small church known as "The Mission" was

the only house of worship, where the family attended services regularly. Until about five years ago, Mrs. Burmaster was an active member of the CEUB Church and the Ladies' Guild of that Church, and although she is now unable to attend services she enjoys the cards and visits from members.

Mrs. Burmaster is no longer able to take an active interest in community life, but she is very interested in the tremendous growth of Torrance, and has seen it progress from a community of a few hundred people to over a hundred thousand, and follows this progress by reading the Torrance HERALD and has been a subscriber since the paper began.

Norris Returns To Torrance

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Norris have returned to Torrance to make their home. Mr. Norris has accepted an engineering position with Hughes Aircraft. For the past one and a half years, the couple have been living in Valley Forge, Pa., where Mr. Norris was employed by General Electric. The Norrises are temporarily at home at 23008 Arlington Ave., while looking for a home.



MRS. WARD VOORHEES

... Married at Nativity

Entertains

Mrs. Henry Backlund entertained her club at a bridge luncheon last Friday at her home in Miraleste.

In the bridge games, following the luncheon, high score was held by Mrs. Cam Blakely, with Mrs. Robert Triplitt, second and Mrs. W. E. Grubb, third.

Mrs. Backlund's guests were Mmes. Burton Easley, Jack Brooks, Walter Levy, Gerald, Eastham, Blakely, Triplitt and Grubb. Mrs. Rod Norris, who recently returned to Torrance to make her home after residing in Valley Forge, Pa., was a guest at the club party.

Leahrae Olson Becomes Bride of Ward Voorhees

A double-ring nuptial ceremony united Miss Leahrae Olson and Ward Voorhees at 11 o'clock Saturday, Sept. 8, at Nativity Catholic Church. The Rev. William P. O'Toole officiated at the service for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albin M. Olson of El Segundo and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Voorhees of Torrance.

The bride was escorted down the white carpeted aisle, lined with white satin streamers and bows, to the flower-banked altar by her father.

She chose a gown of white peau de soie with lace appliques and seed pearls featured on the neckline. The creation was styled with a bustle back and bell-shaped skirt falling into a chapel train. Her bouffant veil of French silk illusion was secured by a Swedish tiara of seed pearls. Her bouquet was a cascade of white carnations and elf-oses, centered with detachable orchid corsage.

Mrs. T. A. Godreau was the honor attendant and the bridesmaids were Misses Ada Bowden and Pam Lawson of El Segundo. All were gowned alike in montego blue satin sheaths with matching overskirts and headpieces with veils. Each carried a cascade of blue tinted carnations.

Twin flower girls were Ruth Ann and Barbara Gudeknust, wearing light blue nylon dresses and floral bandeaus. They carried small nosegays of matching carnations and net.

William Snyder attended

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Share Week with Employ-Handicapped Program

Torrance B&PW Will Observe National Business Women's Week

"Leadership—A Dimension in Democracy" will be the theme during National Business Women's Week to be observed in Torrance Oct. 7-13. Mrs. John Snow, president of the Torrance Club, which is a member of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., announced that National Business Women's Week is designed to pay tribute to all business and professional women and is sponsored annually by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., which has a national membership of 175,000.

Sharing the "National Week," as proclaimed by President Kennedy, will be a "National Employ the Handicapped Week." To continue the "sharing," Mrs. Edwin Kirkpatrick, junior past president of the local club, will attend the kick-off luncheon program of the Los Angeles County Coordinating Council on Employment for the Handicapped, to be held on Oct. 3, at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. This luncheon will be a tribute to Justin Johnson and others who pioneered in the Coordinating Council in its effort to promote equal opportunities for qualified handicapped workers on jobs in private industry and government work.

The Torrance Club will further acknowledge their "Week's Theme" by sending two members, Mrs. Ruth Johns and Mrs. A. A. Reinman to the Federation's Leadership Refresher Training Conference to be held on the UCLA conference grounds at Lake Arrowhead on Oct. 6 and 7. This conference, attended by State and District officers and chairmen, is designed to refresh their knowledge and to challenge these leaders to inspire further training for leadership qualities in BPW members.

On Oct. 13, at the Tasman Sea Restaurant, the Torrance Club intends to further promote interest in this same National theme by presenting a program: "Public Relations as it affects the individual club member and as it affects Management in business and professions." The speaker will be Miss Peggy Alexander, District Public Relations chairman. All women interested in attending this meeting are invited to contact Mrs. John Snow, Torrance B & PW president, or Mrs. Rae Reinman, 2707 Rockefeller Lane.



OFFICIAL DECLARATION . . . Mrs. John Snow, president of the Torrance Business and Professional Women's club, awaits the signature of Mayor Albert Isen on a proclamation designating National Business Women's Week. Business women will share this week with the National Employ-the-Handicapped Week, being observed throughout the nation.

Auxiliary to Meet Monday

Ladies Auxiliary to World War I Veterans, Torrance Barracks 1920, will meet Monday evening at 8 p.m. in the American Legion Hall.

Refreshments will be served after the business meeting. Wives, widows, mothers, daughters and sisters of World War I veterans are eligible for membership in the auxiliary and are invited to attend the meetings.

Mrs. Vesta Littrell may be called for further information.

Richard Lee Colburns At Home in Torrance

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lee Colburn are now at home at 21721 Halldale Ave., Torrance following a honeymoon to San Francisco, Redding and Lake Tahoe. The Colburns were married in an 8 o'clock ceremony Aug. 31, at the Latter Day Saints Church in Torrance with Bishop Reintmeister officiating.

Mrs. Colburn is the former Nancy Joy Paget, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jethro H. Paget, 20 Headland Dr., Rolling Hills. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Rich-

ard G. Colburn, 1820 Andree Ave., Torrance.

As the 180 wedding guests assembled, Charles Spurrier, organist, played a background of nuptial music and accompanied Nancy Hornbeck who sang "One Hand, One Heart."

The bride wore a traditional wedding gown of white organza over white taffeta. Her illusion veil fell from a tiara and she carried a white orchid encircled by white roses and bouvardia.

Miss Pat Nichols was the maid of honor and bridesmaids were Misses Judy Ann Colburn and Barbara Sharer. All wore white embroidered nylon over pink taffeta and each carried a bouquet of pink gladioli.

Standing as best man was Robert Jones. Ushers were Kenneth Neal and Jerry Brodie.

A reception was held in the Cultural Hall of the church. Miss Sharon Radi was in charge of the guest book.

The bride, a 1962 Torrance High school graduate, is employed by an electronic firm. Mr. Colburn, a graduate of Torrance High school and El Camino college, is employed as a tool designer.

Rummage Sale At St. Andrew's

Women of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will stage a rummage sale next Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5-6, at the church, 1432 Engracia Ave. Doors will open both days at 9 a.m.

Anyone having rummage to donate may leave it at the church. For pick-up service call Mrs. A. C. Turner.

Colorado Guest

Mrs. James Beal of Pueblo, Colo., spent last week here visiting an old friend, Mrs. Frank Curry, 2031 Reynosa Drive.



DIANE HUNTER
... Airline Stewardess

Diane Hunter Wins Wings

Diane Hunter, 21, of 2806 Onrado St., Torrance, has won the silver wings of a jet age stewardess for American Airlines, and has been assigned to flight duty at Los Angeles.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hunter, Diane was graduated from American's Stewardess College in Fort Worth, Tex., after a course of 100 different subjects relating to aviation and the stewardess profession, including familiarization with the airline's 707 Astrojets.

A 1959 graduate of Torrance High School, Miss Hunter attended El Camino College.

Pyles Move to Torrance; Now On Hawaii Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Pyle, who sold their home in San Pedro, which they had occupied for the past 22 years, are the new residents at 22311 Ocean Ave., Torrance.

Mr. Pyle is manager of the Pacific Telephone Co., Torrance, a position he has held for the past 10 years.

On Friday, the couple left by plane for Hawaii for a two weeks vacation.

In the near future, the Pyles plan to move into the Del Amo Cooperative at Carson and Madison, which is to be built soon.



MRS. RICHARD LEE COLBURN

... Former Nancy Paget (Portrait by Seeman)