

# YOUR PROBLEMS

by  
**Ann Landers**



Dear Ann Landers: Our daughter will be 17 in March. Everyone comments on how attractive she is yet she has never been asked for a date. Penny has always been fairly well-behaved and has never given us any trouble—until now. She has taken an unusual interest in a 14-year-old boy who lives down the street. She comes from a good family, is intelligent, and nice looking, but much too young for Penny. His parents are friends of ours and they don't like it any more than we do.

The two of them usually giggle and whisper like 9-year-olds but at times they make cow-eyes at each other and moon around like lovers. Frankly, we can't figure it.

I tried to shame Penny into dropping the boy, but she became furious. Now she lies about where she has been after school, and sometimes she sneaks out the back door to meet him after she says she is going to bed.

What advice can you give us?—CONCERNED

Dear Concerned: Ridicule and preaching will do no good. It will only force her to be more devious and defiant. Say nothing about the boy for now. Accept the situation as you would if he were three years older.

If Penny hasn't lost interest in this boy by the time she has reached her 17th birthday, see a counsellor who deals with problem adolescents. He will steer you.

Dear Ann Landers: Recently we sent a lovely wedding gift to the daughter of close friends. It was an abstract painting, and we felt sure she would like it.

Last week the friends had a reception at their home, honoring the young couple. The wedding gifts were on display. Both my husband and I searched high and low for the painting. Finally, I asked the mother of the bride where it was.

She said, "Unfortunately, it was not possible to display all the gifts so we had to leave some in boxes."

Both my husband and I thought this was in poor taste. Are we wrong? Should we suggest to the bride that if she doesn't care for the painting she can return it for credit and get something to her liking?—M.

Dear M.: If gifts are being displayed, all gifts should be shown—or none.

Selecting art for others is a hazardous business, and I think it would be generous of you to tell the bride she may exchange the painting if it isn't something she would have selected.

Dear Ann Landers: Am I being "stiff-necked and unreasonable?" Brad and I have been going together for two-and-a-half years. He is 29. I am 31. I will be meeting his mother soon for the first time. She lives in another city, and this will be her 75th birthday. People who know her say she is a strict moralist and rules the family with an iron hand.

Brad has asked me to "forget" about my previous marriage if she should raise the question. Also he would prefer to have his mother believe I am younger than he is, instead of older. Finally, he wants me to tell his mother I am a school teacher, when I am really a secretary to an administrator in the public school system.

He claims none of these distortions are serious and that I would be making an old lady very happy. What do you say?

—TICKLISH SUBJECT  
Dear Subject: Tell Brad that perhaps he'd better find himself a younger school teacher—with no previous marriage. Unless he is willing to present you to his mother as you are, don't go.

Are you tempted to smoke because the crowd does? If so, send for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "Teenage Smoking," enclosing with your request 10 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.  
Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send letters to her in care of THE HERALD, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.  
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THE NIGHT OF ALL NIGHTS . . . These children of the Ronald Eisman family, 4227 W. 176th St. are representative of the children of the world, who tomorrow night hang up their stockings in anticipation of the yearly visit of Santa Claus. The tree has been decorated and placed near the fireplace. Sneaking peeks up the chimney in

hopes Santa is near are, from left, Terry, 3, Laurie, 5, Cindy 6½, Mark 3, and Tracy 3. Cindy is in the first grade, Laurie in kindergarten, and the triplets, Terry, Tracy and Mark keep activities in full swing around the Eisman home.

(Herald Photo)

## ONE SOLITARY LIFE

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty.

Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on earth. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

(Anonymous)

## Delta Zeta Holiday Tea For Actives

South Bay Chapter of Delta Zeta Alumnae will have a Holiday Tea for active Delta Zetas in this area, Dec. 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. W. R. Wallner, 3833 Paseo del Campo, Palos Verdes Estates, will open her home for this affair and will be assisted by Mrs. J. Richard White, Rolling Hills, Mrs. Sidney E. Smith, Torrance, and Mrs. J. F. Thomas, El Segundo.

Among the honored guests, representing 11 different colleges throughout the United States, will be Miss Marion Elliott, president of the Delta Zeta Chapter at Santa Barbara College; Nora Elliott, Redondo Beach, attending Longwood College in Virginia; Vonnie Bliss, Manhattan Beach, attending Long Beach State; and from Palos Verdes Estates will be Judy Simpson, Colorado State University, Susan Schram and Mrs. Edward Bergens.

**Chapter Party**  
Members of Eta Nu chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority have invited their husbands to join them for a dinner party on Dec. 29.



MRS. JEFFERY L. BELL  
Makes Promises  
(Sidney Cartier Photo)

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## Meyn-Bell Nuptial Vows Recited In Church Rite

Approximately 250 guests assembled at the Crenshaw Christian Church recently at 8 p.m. to witness the wedding of Miss Kathleen Christina Meyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Meyn, 16826 Glenburn Ave., Torrance, and Jeffrey Lynn Bell, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bell, 3719 W. 187th St., Torrance, are parents of the bridegroom.

The Rev. Maynard Midtun officiated at the double ring ceremony in the church chancel decorated with baskets of white blossoms interspersed with white candles.

Mr. Meyn escorted his daughter to the altar and gave her in marriage. She wore a gown of white peau de soie, trimmed with Chantilly lace, and designed with a chapel train. A coronet of seed pearls held her illusion veil and she carried a cascade of white roses.

Mrs. John W. Meyn was matron of honor and bridesmaids were Misses Janie Tussing, Nancy Schindele and Lynn Wayne. All wore gowns of apricot peau d'ange and each carried a bouquet of apricot carnations. Karen and Kathy Hunter, in white dotted Swiss, were flower girls.

Richard Bell stood as best man and ushers were John W. Meyn, Robert Trevathan and Michael Cox.

A reception was held at the church and the newlyweds spent a honeymoon in Palm Springs.

Mr. Bell is a student at California Lutheran College.

## Young Couples Meet Here Before Dance

Several young couples met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham, 1923 Reynosa Drive, last weekend before attending the Christmas Dance at Marymount College in Palos Verdes.

Punch, cookies, cake and dips were spread out for the pre-dance gathering of Helen Halloran and her escort, Larry Easley, Carolyn Hodap and her escort, Jimmie Rudnick, and the Cunninghams' daughter, Jorie, and her escort, Bob Angerer, former Torrance resident now living in Arcadia.

## Entertains Today

Mrs. Lula Stock is entertaining her family at a Christmas dinner today at her home, 21029 Reynolds Dr. Her guests are Dr. Robert Stock of Downey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Putnam and Sheryl Putnam and Mrs. Helen Harding, all of Torrance.

## Yule Party

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Settlage entertained members of Harbor General's Occupational Therapy Staff and students of an advanced training program at Rancho Las Amigos at their home, 3309 Opal St., Sunday evening.

Navaratna B. Senanayake, from Ceylon and a student at Rancho Las Amigos, showed the group colored slides of his wedding in Ceylon and spoke about the wedding customs of his country.

Carol Collier, also a student at Rancho Las Amigos showed slides of Mexico.

Mr. Settlage, a staff member of Harbor General, is also participating in the advanced course at Rancho Las Amigos.

## Mrs. Beale Moves To Sun City, Ariz.

Mrs. Marie Beale, long-time resident of Torrance has sold her home at 1728 Manuel, and has gone to Sun City, Ariz., where she will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haycock, relatives, came to Torrance two weeks ago, to assist Mrs. Beale in moving. The trio left Thursday morning for Sun City.

## Gillilan-Hedges Vows Recited at St. Jerome's

Rev. James McGrath, pastor of the St. Jerome Catholic Church in Westchester, officiated at the nuptial mass and ceremony on Dec. 1 at 10 o'clock, uniting in marriage Miss Patricia Gillilan and Ralph Hedges. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Gillilan, 7871 Flight Pl., Los Angeles. Mrs. Thelma Hedges, 3235 W. 187th St., Torrance, is the mother of the bridegroom.

The bride came to the altar on the arm of her father. She wore a bridal gown of white peau de soie fashioned with a square neckline, long pointed sleeves and a full skirt which fell into a chapel train. Her fingertip illusion veil was secured by a peau de soie cabbage rose with a pearl droplet. Completing the bridal picture was the cascade bouquet of white carnations encircling an orchid. The bride carried a crystal

## Here for Holidays

Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell of Camas, Wash., are expected to arrive this weekend to spend the holidays with their daughter and family, the Kenneth Cunninghams at 1923 Reynosa Drive.

Accompanying them will be the Cunningham's son, Daniel, who has been residing with his grandparents while attending Camas High School as a senior.

## Two Couples Welcomed Home at Festive Party

Dr. and Mrs. John D. Heglin, 217 Via Los Altos, Hollywood Riviera, entertained recently with a buffet supper in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCormick, who are at home after a three months'

## Xi Zetas Note Holiday Season

Members of Xi Zeta Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi opened the holiday season recently with a turkey dinner held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dawson of San Pedro. Chapter members pooled some of their favorite holiday recipes to make this a really festive event.

The chapter's annual Christmas Progressive Dinner was held Saturday, Dec. 15. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. McIntyre were the social hour hosts in their Torrance home. Second stop was the Hawthorne home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Millhouse where the main course was served. From there members and husbands moved on to the Torrance home of Mrs. Blanche McCallum for dessert and a gift exchange. The evening was climaxed by singing of favorite Christmas carols around the Christmas tree.

cruise of the Orient, and Judge and Mrs. Otto Willett, who celebrated their 25th anniversary touring the Hawaiian Islands.

The McCormicks sailed from Vancouver, B.C., to Hawaii; Suva, Fiji; Sydney, Australia; Kowloon, Hong Kong; Kobe, Yokohama, and Tokyo, Japan, returning through Hawaii. The Willetts flew to Honolulu and toured the islands of Oahu, Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai.

The Heglin home was festive with holiday decorations. Guests enjoyed background music of Tahitian and Hawaiian origin.

Guests present to welcome the two honored couples back to their Hollywood Riviera residences were Messrs. and Mrs. John Haretakis, Jack Goetz, Ivan McElroy; and Mrs. Lee Kendall, Hollywood Riviera; Drs. and Mrs. Jack Brokken, Jack Swift and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bergeron, Palos Verdes; Dr. and Mrs. Howard Heglin, Northridge; Dr. and Mrs. Robert Ronne, Torrance; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Chidley, Inglewood; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ramsey, Cleveland, Ohio; and Mr. Fred Benson, Redondo Beach.

## Hall Home Setting for Yule Party

Ladies Auxiliary of the Torrance Fire Department was entertained at its Christmas party on Dec. 11 at the home of Mrs. Ken Hall with Mrs. Richard Sprout and Mrs. Richard Nanney serving as co-hostesses.

Games, with prizes for the winners, were played under the supervision of Mmes. Ronald Power, John Ferraiolo and Kenneth Spain. "Secret Pals" were revealed as Mrs. Spaan, president, distributed the gifts.

The hostesses served refreshments. Attending were Mmes. Kenneth Spaan, Steve Buckaber, Ken Hall, Richard Sprout, Ron Power, Robert Moffitt, John Ferraiolo, George Blahnik, Richard Nanney, Gilbert Pike, and John Reintsma.

Guests were Floretta Del-signe, Brigitte Bowen, Sandra Haas, Carol Hughes and Clara Thompson.

## Weekend Guests

Mr. and Mrs. John Thuss, 1957 Middlebrook Rd., had as their guests last weekend, Mrs. Thuss' brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Baker of Fresno.



MRS. RALPH HEDGES

At Home in Inglewood (Simms studio)