

# YOUR PROBLEMS

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## 'No Problem— Once You Decide . . .'

Dear Ann Landers: Last night my husband gave me notice. He said, "I refuse to go to any more parties. I am sick of spending time with people we care nothing about, just so we can be part of a phony social set. I would prefer to stay at home and read."

Frankly, so would I. Entertaining has gotten out of hand. Every hostess I know just about kills herself trying to do something different and impressive. Our own guest list is loaded with bores to whom we are indebted simply because we accepted an invitation to their homes.

But how does a person withdraw from the mad whirl of entertaining? Once you're in it, you're in it, unless you go broke and can't afford to keep up. I need some help and I need it now. Is there a door?—LAKE FOREST.

Dear Lake Forest: You'll have no problem finding the door once you've decided you really want to get out.

Univac would have a tough time totaling the hours of wasted energy spent entertaining meaningless acquaintances in the U.S. suburbs alone.

The way to get out of the rat race is simple. Quit running. Don't accept any more invitations from bores. And don't extend any.

Dear Ann Landers: I am 12 years old. My sister is 15. She is very cute and popular. Everyone says she looks like my mother which may be the reason she is my mother's pet.

My brother is five years old. He is always into some mischief but everything he does is excused because he is so little. He looks like Daddy and is Daddy's favorite.

I don't look like anybody and sometimes I feel like I don't even belong in this family. I try to make up for not being as pretty as my sister by making better grades. I have not missed the honor roll since the third grade but nobody says anything about it. All I hear is, "Sit up straight. Your posture is terrible."

Yesterday my mother said, "Why don't you smile more, it would improve your looks." How can I smile when I always feel like crying? Can you give me some advice?—MISS IN-BETWEEN.

Dear Miss: You're in the middle, and the middle is a tough spot. The first born has the inside track because he got there first. The baby gets the spotlight because he is the wee one.

But cheer up, honey. The middle child often accomplishes the most because he must work harder to get attention. Show this column to your parents and ask them to guess who wrote in today.

Dear Miss Landers: You sure gave a goodfornuthin' answer to the woman who was pestered by the neighbor's kids from dawn till dusk. "Take them by the hand," you said, "home to their mother."

Do you think YOU are the only woman in the United States who is busy? Do you realize how long this would take when you live on a ranch as I do?

I had a different solution. We have horses on our ranch and the small fry flocked over here in droves. I couldn't watch the kids to see that they didn't get hurt and it used to worry me a lot. You know if people get hurt on your property they can sue you from the hot place to breakfast.

I knew I had to get tough and mean, and that's what I did. I told the kids in my crankiest voice to stay off my

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## Visit Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Robinson, 1324 Beech Ave., returned Thursday from San Luis Obispo where they had spent Christmas with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Mel Souza and Valerie.



INTO THE MAIL . . . The annual March of Dimes got underway officially in this area Wednesday at 11 a.m. when Mrs. Clara Connor, Torrance postmaster, director of the drive, assisted by members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, delivered the envelopes, containing the requests, to the Torrance postoffice annex. With Mrs.

Connor, left, are Mmes. Richard Rankin, Horace Roberts, philanthropy chairman, and Ronald Forestal, Junior president. The Juniors stuffed the 18,000 envelopes in early December. Proceeds from the drive, which continues through January, are used to combat crippling diseases.



HELEN JON SANDS  
... Accepts Ring  
(Photo Arts Studio)

## Helen Jon Sands Will Wed Donald Clark Paup

On New Year's Day, their 43rd wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Sands Sr., 3503 W. 227th St., announced the engagement of their daughter, Helen Jon, to Donald Clark Paup.

The future bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Corrine Paup, Park Estates, Long Beach, and the late Dr. Marvin Paup.

The bride-elect is a first grade teacher at Calle Mayor school in Torrance. She was graduated from Torrance High, class of 1957, El Camino College and Long Beach State College, magna cum laude. At Long Beach State, where she received her BA in education, Miss Sands was president of the Lutheran Students Assn. of America and was social chairman of the California Student Teachers Assn.

The future bride was 1959-

60 Queen of the Sons of Norway, a fraternal organization of which her parents are members.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Wilson High School, Long Beach and received his BA in psychology at Occidental College. Mr. Paup is now working on his masters in psychology and secondary education at Long Beach State. He is a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

No date has been set for the wedding.

## Florida Guest

Mrs. Mary Faber of Cocoa, Fla., is the houseguest at the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rice, 4602 Greenmeadows. Mrs. Faber arrived in time for Christmas and will remain until February, staying with the Rice children while their parents are in Hawaii.

## Visits Daughter

Mrs. Jane Berger of Redwood City, who lived in Torrance from 1930 until 1953, left for her home Thursday after spending two weeks here with her daughter, Mrs. Alice Hammond, 1011 Beech Ave. Mrs. Berger went from Torrance to Firebaugh, where she is spending several days with another daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Haslam.

## Jones Family Gathers Here

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jones, Gordon and Alison, 2054 Reynosa Dr., were hosts at the family dinner on Christmas day.

Guests, gathering at a large table in the patio beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme, were Mrs. Chris Jones, Messrs. and Mmes. Barnes Hunt, Shelle, Danny, Janet and Wayne, Santa Ana; Richard Jones and Lorna, Lomita; Byron Jones, Lomita; Lloyd Jones and two sons, San Pedro; and Harold Chalton, San Pedro.



NEW HOMECRAFTS SECTION . . . Recently organized within the Torrance Woman's Club is a knitting class under the direction of Mrs. Leonorus Stamps, homecrafts chairman. The group will meet every second and fourth Friday from 10 until 2 p.m. at the home of a member. Each person attending brings a sandwich and the hostess furnishes coffee. At Friday's meeting are, from left, Mmes. Stamps, G. Wade Johnson, R. E. Moffitt and J. C. Warnock. Any club member wishing to join the group may call Mrs. Stamps.

# Social World

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PLANS UNDERWAY . . . Little Company of Mary Auxiliary and the hospital Advisory Board are busy with plans for a gala Founders Day dinner dance at the Pen and Quill on Jan. 26. Here, E. J. Champion, reservations chairman, shows two tickets to Auxiliary members, left, Mrs. Clarence Van Lingen, president, and Mrs. Harry Titus, auxiliary corresponding secretary. Proceeds will be used for the expansion of the pediatrics ward.

## Club Party

Cocktails and dinner at the Palms Restaurant celebrated Christmas for members of a local bridge club. After dinner, the group went to the home of Mrs. R. R. Smith for an evening of bridge and a gift exchange.

During the bridge games, Mrs. Smith served a Christmas punch.

Her guests were Mmes. Dean L. Sears, J. B. Scotten, Plu Whyte, R. S. Sleeth, Alma Smith, Robert Lewellen, D. A. Murphy.

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

## Gala Dinner-Dance

# Hospital Benefit Slated For Jan. 26

Plans are announced this week for the third annual Founders Day dinner dance for the Little Company of Mary Hospital. This gala affair is being sponsored by the hospital's Advisory Board, assisted by the Little Company of Mary Auxiliary, Mrs. Clarence Van Lingen, president.

The event, to be held on Saturday, Jan. 26, will be staged in the Manhattan room of the Pen and Quill Restaurant in Manhattan Beach. The room will be festive with arrangements of early spring flowers lighted by red candles.

A cocktail hour will begin at 7:30 and dinner will be served at 9:30 p.m. Two orchestras will furnish music during the cocktail hour and for dancing.

Host for the evening will be George Schneider of Hollywood Riviera, president of the Advisory Board. Chairman for the Founders Day dinner

is E. J. Champion of Torrance.

William Burke of Palos Verdes is serving as reservations chairman.

Chairman of dinner arrangements is James Viscaglia of Palos Verdes, past commander of the American Legion.

Those wishing to make reservations for the benefit may call E. J. Champion, Torrance.

Proceeds from the dinner dance will be used for the expansion of the pediatric ward at the Little Company of Mary Hospital.

## District Deputy Assists

# CDA Court Initiates At Formal Reception

At a formal reception held at Nativity Parish Annex, Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, initiated eight members with Mrs. Robert Klaesges, grand regent, presiding. Mrs. Wesley Muzik, district deputy, assisted her. The new members include Mmes. William Ante, James Neary, Sophie Klimek, Carl Gramling, Raymond Carey, Dorothy Boyle, John Kennedy and Rudy Hanke.

Neighboring courts bringing new members to be initiated were Our Lady of Victory, Mrs. Margaret Breidenbach; Our Lady of Providence, Mrs. Dolores Madden; and Joan of Arc, Mrs. Virginia Mendes.

With the officers of the court all dressed in floor length white formals they presented an impressive ceremony telling the aim and purpose of the Catholic Daughters to the inductees.

Mrs. Charles Butterfield furnished the music for the ceremonies. Highlighting the service, table, which was covered with lavender net over taffeta, was an arrangement of chrysanthemums and iris in the court colors of purple and gold, made by Mrs. Victor Benstead, a court member. A lighted Madonna shrine decorated the stage.

Honored guests were Rev. John P. Cremens, court chaplain and pastor of Nativity Church, and Rev. William Appling, assistant pastor of Nativity.

Other distinguished visitors included Mrs. Ann Owen, vice president of Camp Teresita Pines, the Catholic Daughters sponsored girls camp; Mrs. Thelma Lindl of Ct. St. (Continued on Page 18)



AT INITIATION . . . Eight new members were initiated into Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, at a reception at the Nativity Parish hall recently. Pictured during the ceremony are, from left, Mmes. Robert Klaesges, grand regent, Rudy Hanke and William Ante, new members, and Lloyd Landerville, reception committee member. Mrs. Wesley Muzik, district deputy, was present to assist with the initiation.