

YOUR PROBLEMS

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'You Were Out Of Order, Toots . . .'

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 16-year-old girl who needs your advice. My father and I have not spoken one word to each other for over two weeks. This is the result of some constructive criticism which I tried to give him.

My father has a very annoying habit of making an excessive amount of noise while eating. This isn't just chomping on celery or slurping soup. He even makes noise while chewing soft food. It's something he does with his lips and mouth. I can't quite describe it but it gets on my nerves.

I told my father in a polite way that he should try to quiet down his eating habits. He became furious and said I had no right to correct him even if he is wrong.

I think people should welcome constructive criticism. What is your opinion?

—GERATLY TROUBLED
Dear Geratly: There is no "polite" way to tell a father to silence his eating habits. You were clearly out of order, Toots.

Criticism can be constructive only if it comes from an acceptable source. A 16-year-old daughter doesn't qualify. And I'll bet a wet noodle to a crate of celery that you offered your "constructive criticism" in the presence of others—which earned you the verbal pasting.

Dear Ann Landers: I know it's not right to read mail addressed to others—you've said it in your column numerous times. But the damage is done and now I need to know what to do about it.

I was cleaning my son's room and came across a letter written by a girl he went with last summer. I am so shocked at the contents of that letter that I've been half sick ever since I read it.

Both my son and the girl are 19. They have been intimate on several occasions. I can't understand how two young people who were reared in respectable, Christian homes could have gone over the line of moral decency.

Shall I face my son with the letter and confess that I read it? (He'll be furious.) Or shall I remain silent and try to forget it? Please guide me.

—BITTER FRUIT
Dear Bitter Fruit: Now that you've read the letter you can't ignore the situation.

Someone, preferably a man with whom your son has a comfortable relationship, should have a talk with the boy. There should be no preaching or castigation. He should be told in plain language that the dangerous game he's playing can wreck the girl's life—and his as well.

Countless teenagers have paid a devastating price for pre-marital experimenting. And they all thought it couldn't happen to them.

Dear Ann Landers: Your reply to the mother whose teenage sons like to go to school without socks was a masterpiece. "Fad, Shmad," you (Continued on Page 10)

Reception Planned At Wood Home

Mrs. Donald J. Hitchcox, wife of the new president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, will be guest of honor at a reception Tuesday evening from 8 until 10 p.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Wood, 1517 El Prado.

The reception is being given by wives of the past presidents of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, Mmes. K. L. Anderson, J. A. Barrington, Gerald M. Eastman, B. I. Johnson, J. Farke Montague, Dean L. Sears, A. W. Smith, T. G. Wilkes, H. A. Wood and H. G. Stephens.

Wives of all members of the local Kiwanis Club are invited to the affair.



BENEFIT DATE IS TARGET . . . March 20, next Wednesday, is the target on the dart board attracting the attention of, from left, Mmes. Daniel Brannigan, William O'Neil and Charles Hopkins, Las Vecinas members, who are busy with final plans for their Travilla fashion show and luncheon. Using an African spear, the members stress the "dark

continent" influence in the Travilla collection. The show, to be held at the Beverly Hilton's international ballroom, is a major money-making event for the club's many philanthropies, especially those for the youth of the area. Mrs. John V. Woods may be called for tickets. (Herald Photo)

Irish Clan Gathers Today Club To Hear AFS Students

Patrice Elizabeth Geltz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald N. Geltz of 4501 Highgrove Ave., Torrance, will celebrate her first birthday today in a traditional Irish manner with a "Shamrock and Shillelagh" birthday party. The Geltz residence will be the scene for a gathering of family and friends, who will partake of a "Lepre-shaun" buffet featuring such enticing novelties as "Begorrah Birthday Cake" and "Blarney Beverages." This will be followed by a special crowning of the Birthday Baby and the opening of her presents.

Helping to host the party, along with his parents, will

be young Ronnie Geltz, also one year old and just 10 months older than his sister; while they are not twins, this unique situation now gives the Geltz family two children at one year of age.

Among the invited and adding a note of Irish authenticity to the event is the Rev. Fr. Patrick J. O'Brien of St. Anselm's Catholic Church in Los Angeles, family friend and spiritual adviser. Additional guests for the "Wear-in of the Green" will be Mrs. Patricia Barclay, Mrs. Elizabeth Willis, Mr. A. George Willis, Mrs. Mary Flynn and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Milard N. Geltz; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hauser, Miss Barbara Hauser and fiancé, Thomas Ullman, all of Los Angeles.

Other guests include Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Hauser of Glendale and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick W. Little and daughter, Cynthia of Covina.

Bridge Party

The home of Mrs. Clifford Trezise on Eldorado was decorated with arrangements of spring flowers Wednesday evening when she entertained her club at a dessert bridge.

In the bridge games, high score was held by Mrs. R. K. Petrat and second by Mrs. J. G. Louvier.

Mrs. Trezise's guests were Mmes. Edward Aiken, William Gardner, Frank Neff, Robert Davis, Lee Clotworthy, Edwin Hatter, Petrat and Louvier.

Mrs. Aiken will entertain the club at its April meeting.

Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Witt entertained at a dinner party recently at their Manhattan Beach home complimenting Mrs. Witt's sister, Mrs. Robert Tolson on her birthday. Attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. Tolson and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barrington.

In Palm Springs

Mrs. Alma Smith left Tuesday for Palm Springs to spend the rest of the week visiting with Mrs. Bess Myers, who is spending a month at the resort and Mrs. L. G. Barkdull, who is making her home there.



JO ANN WATSON
... Accepts Ring

Announce Daughter's Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Watson, 2067 W. 220th St., are this morning announcing the engagement of their daughter, Jo Ann, to Ronald L. Echols, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Echols, 20532 Eastwood Ave., Torrance.

No date has been set for the wedding.

The future bride was a 1962 graduate of Torrance High School. She is now attending the Highland School of Nursing, affiliated with Mills College in Oakland.

Her fiancé is a 1959 graduate of Torrance High School and is attending El Camino College studying engineering.

Diane Bennett Becomes Bride of Jack Francis

In a double-ring candlelight ceremony at 8 o'clock on Friday, March 8, at the Narbonne Ave. Baptist Church, Miss Diane Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bennett, 24343 Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita, became the bride of Jack Francis. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Francis, 1533 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance.

The Rev. Ray Perkins officiated at the marriage, which took place in the church chancel decorated with baskets of white carnations and candles.

Mr. Bennett escorted his daughter to the altar. She wore a princess gown of French brocade, fashioned with empire waistline, long pointed sleeves and a sweetheart neckline. A pillbox headpiece of brocade and pearls secured the full illusion bridal veil and she carried a bouquet of white orchids and stephanotis.

Miss Ginny Morse was the maid of honor and bridesmaids were Misses Nancy Potere, Susan Tenney and Barbara McNulty. They were gowned in bell-shaped dresses of apricot chiffon and each carried a bouquet of white carnations and heather.

Randy Albaugh was best man and ushers were Lamar Edwards, Bob Francis and Jim Bennett.

A reception was held at the church. Assisting in serving were Jeri Yarborough and Sharron Cannon. Miss Barbara Unterschmidt was in charge of the guest book.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Francis are graduates of Narbonne High School. She is employed at a dress shop and he as a carpenter.

The newlyweds returned Thursday from a honeymoon in Northern California and are now at home in Torrance.

Social World

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FOR YMCA EXPENSES . . . For many years, the Torrance Junior Woman's club, CFWC, has made the Torrance YMCA one of its major philanthropies. This week, the club presented a check to the YMCA to help defray operating expenses. At the presentation are, right, Joe A. Wilcox, YMCA executive director, accepting the check from left, Mrs. Ronald Forestal, Junior president; and Mrs. Horace Roberts, philanthropy chairman. (Herald Photo)

Palette Art Club Picnic Slated Today

Members of the Palette Art Club of the harbor area will meet this morning at 11 a.m. on the Vermont side of the picnic area, at Harbor Park, Pacific Coast Highway and Vermont, for a sketching and painting session.

Those who wish will bring a picnic lunch as well as their painting or sketching materials. All harbor area artists are welcome to join the group for today's event.

At the February regular meeting new officers were elected for the coming year. They are Leland Hall, Wilmington, president; Neale Henry, Torrance, vice president; Emma Hoggan, San Pedro, secretary-treasurer; Bertha Hutchinson, Harbor City, press chairman.

The Palette Club will meet April 5 at 8 p.m. at Wilhall in Wilmington. Paintings and sketches will be brought for criticism.

Plans for an art show in the near future will also be discussed.

Donate to Defray Expenses

Junior Woman's Club Continues YMCA Aid

Continuing their endeavors for the youth of the area, especially through the local YMCA, the Torrance Junior Woman's Club donated a check for \$250 this week to assist with the expenses of the Torrance YMCA. Juniors in the past have given their support to this organization in various ways.

During the club year of 1958-59, under the leadership of Mrs. J. G. Louvier, Juniors co-sponsored a Teen Canteen at the Y. In 1960, during the presidency of Mrs. Kenneth Boulter, the Junior Club redecorated the main room and kitchen, painted and made curtains. They also purchased sports equipment and 50 chairs.

Torrance Juniors have given money for camperships

and donated toward the operating expenses each year. During the Christmas season, the local club of young matrons assisted the YMCA with its project of furnishing toys, food and clothing to the Navajo Indian project in Arizona. Juniors gave cases of canned milk for the Indian hospital and the cost of gasoline for the trucks used to transport the gifts to the reservation.



FEATURES GUEST ARTISTS . . . Palos Verdes Christian Women's club, totaling 200 women of the area, were entertained at their luncheon meeting last Tuesday at the Fish Shanty by two local artists, Robert Collins, owner of the Windsor Florists, and Robert Garlock, South Bay bass baritone, former member of the Roger Wagner Chorale. Discussing the program of flower arranging and song are from left, Robert Collins, Robert Garlock, Mrs. Albert Baxter and Mrs. Greg Penn. (Herald Photo)



MRS. JACK FRANCIS
... At Home in Torrance

(Ameco Photo)