

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers

'They See What They Want to See'

Dear Ann Landers: If I have a nervous breakdown I am going to mail the doctor bills to you because it will be your fault.

My father reads your column every day like it was the Bible. In fact, if he paid half as much attention to the Bible as he does to your column we would all be better off.

Every evening he calls me into the living room and says, "Here, I want you to see this." Then he hands me your column and I have to read some crummy letter about a teenage girl who got into trouble.

He begins to yell his head off that I should behave myself or the same thing will happen to me.

I have never done anything I am ashamed of and I don't plan to. I've never written to you for advice and I'm sure I never will. Why don't you write about old ladies and pets and lay off teenage problems so I can get some rest? — MISS STEUBENVILLE

Dear Miss Steubenville: Sorry I've been causing you trouble, but I deal with the problems I get.

Pointing out "horrible examples" to teenagers serves no useful purpose. If kids are old enough to read they will see what they want to see in their newspaper and draw their own conclusions.

I hope your dad will stop showing my column in your face. He may mean well, but continuous harping would get on anyone's nerves. If he doesn't happen to see THIS one, be sure to point it out to him.

Dear Ann Landers: I refer to your reply to "Delta" who wrote about her cold, undemonstrative daughter. The mother said she tried to be affectionate but the little girl pushed her away. You told her the child had probably been rejected and was returning the cold treatment.

Have you ever heard of "autistic" children? They are in a shell and do not respond to warmth and affection. These children are happiest when left alone.

If you say to an autistic child (age 4) "Tell the lady your name," he will reply, "Tell the lady your name," since he does not relate himself to others in the normal sense.

Parents who have cold, unaffectionate children are usually miserable and filled with guilt. It helps to know that some children are born that way. So why not say so? —MRS. H. L.

Dear Mrs. H.L.: There is no rule for which an exception cannot be found. Advice, regardless of how sound, cannot apply to every human and to every situation.

The autistic child is an emotionally disturbed child. A lack of warmth is only one symptom of his illness. When a child speaks and behaves as if others are not present, the parents should recognize this as an illness and that

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Emblem Club Dinner Set For Tonight

Gardena Emblem Club 257 invited members and families to attend a pot luck dinner this evening at 6 p.m. at the Elks' Hall, 1735 W. 162nd, in Gardena. Canasta will follow the dinner.

Mrs. William Sims was installed as organist at the last business meeting.

The California State Assn. of Emblem Clubs will hold its convention April 23 to 27 at the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach. All members are invited to attend by Mrs. Alfred McCourtney, state president, and Mrs. Margaret Beck, convention chairman. Formal opening will be held April 24.

Mrs. Marvin Knapp and Mrs. William Dawson are making plans for the ninth birthday dinner in May.



FOR ANNIVERSARY EVENT . . . Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters, celebrating its 18th anniversary, Sunday, April 21, will begin the observance with church services followed by a luncheon at the Polynesian Restaurant. Floral arrangements, to be used as centerpieces, will be given as door prizes. Committee members working on the arrangements are from left, Mmes. William Ante, J. J. McDonald, Don Bryant, chairman; and Patrick McManus. (Herald Photo)

Instituted in 1945

Local CDA Court Marks Anniversary

Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, will celebrate its 18th anniversary of institution on Sunday, April 21. The observance will begin with the Court members attending mass and receiving Holy Communion, along with their families and friends, at 11 a.m.

Following the church services a luncheon at the Polynesian has been planned. Guests of honor will include the Rev. John P. Cremins, court chaplain and pastor of Nativity Catholic Church, and Mrs. Wesley Muzik, court district deputy. Rev. Parrish from Loyola University will be guest speaker.

Invited guests will include the state officers, state chairmen and archdiocesan chairmen.

Mrs. Donald Bryant, a past grand regent, is serving as chairman of the anniversary event. She is being assisted by Mmes. Paul McDonald, reservations; James MacDonald, hostess; and Miss Marie Thomas, tickets. Other committee members include Mrs. Patrick McManus and Mrs. William Ante.

Floral centerpieces are being arranged by committee members and will be awarded as door prizes. Mrs. Harvey Lee, vice grand regent, will

Club Grooms

New Members

Triple T Dance club welcomed new members at its April dance held Saturday at the Fred Astaire Dance studio in Torrance.

New members introduced were Messrs. and Mmes. B. I. Johnson, Miles Kellam, Keith Pischel and Earl Brigman.

make the welcoming address.

The local court was instituted April 29, 1945, with Mrs. Clare Farrell as the first grand regent. Msgr. P. J. McGuinness, former pastor of Nativity, was the charter chaplain.

Other past grand regents include Mmes. Frank Forester, Howard Owen, Thomas Babbitt, John MacDonald, Vivian Harwood, Lyle O'Hara, John Gitschier, Frank Gately, William Hardesty, Marian Turkmany, Don Cowden, Laurence Derouin, Richard Ban, Don Bryant and Joseph Cemor.

Entertains

Mrs. Edward Aiken entertained her club at a dessert-bridge last Wednesday evening at her home, 22615 Gaycrest Ave.

At the conclusion of the bridge games, high score was held by Mrs. Lee Clotworthy and second by Mrs. William Gardner.

Mrs. Aiken's other guests were Mmes. J. G. Louvier, Robert Davis, Frank Neff, Clifford Trezise, and Wade White.

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



JOLENE MAJOR . . . Sets August Date

Major-Veres Engagement Announced

Miss Jolene Major will become the bride of Ronald J. Veres on Aug. 30, at the Wayfarers Chapel in Portuguese Bend.

The announcement of their daughter's engagement and wedding plans is being made today by Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Major, 18018 Doty Ave., Torrance.

Parents of the future bridegroom are Mrs. Delmer Watkins, 2768 Onrado Ave., Torrance, and S. Frank Veres of Lawndale.

The bride-elect was graduated from North High School in 1960 and El Camino College. She is now employed as a secretary at El Camino.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Torrance High in 1959, will receive his degree in education from the University of Oregon in June.



AID MAJOR PHILANTHROPY . . . Torrance Woman's Club, whose major philanthropy for the current club year is the Torrance YWCA, this week presented a sound projector, slide projector and screen to be used by groups meeting at the YWCA. Looking over the gift equipment are, from left, Mmes. Dean Sears, youth and education chairman of the Torrance Woman's Club; Kenneth Clutter, YWCA board president, and H. G. Stephens, philanthropy chairman. (Herald Photo)

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SANDRA HALL . . . Accepts Ring

Sandra Hall Engaged To Easterner

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hall, 1220 - 255th St., Harbor City, are this morning announcing the engagement of their daughter, Sandra, to John Robert Simpkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Simpkins, Radford, Va.

A November wedding is being planned.

The future bride was graduated from Gardena High School in 1961. She is employed by the Pacific Telephone Co. in Gardena.

Mr. Simpkins was graduated from Emory and Henry Polytechnic in Virginia and was employed as a chemist with the Burlington Industries. He is now serving with the United States Army stationed at Camp Ritchie, Maryland, and will complete his service tour in December.

Alumnae Will Meet April 23

To welcome the spring season Zeta Tau Alpha Alumnae will hold their monthly meeting at a noon luncheon on Tuesday, April 23. Scene of the gathering will be the home of Mrs. Roger Johnson, 3405 Strand Ave., Hermosa Beach. The group usually meets every fourth Tuesday evening of the month.

Mrs. Robert J. Harris, public relations consultant of Ryan and Callaway, will be the guest of honor.

Election and installation of officers is the order of the day.

Reservations may be made by calling Fayze Fandey.

Family Party

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Porter, 1026 Elm, joined 14 members of their family for a trip to the desert last weekend. The group gathered at Lee's Ranch in El Mirage Valley for dinner on Saturday evening and enjoyed an outdoor barbecue on Sunday.



PAST PRESIDENTS HONORED . . . Ladies of the Elks paid tribute to their past presidents at their meeting Tuesday evening. Each gave highlights of her term of office and was presented with a corsage by Mrs. Kenneth McRae, current president. The honored guests are pictured as they attend the Inaugural Ball given by the Elks lodge last Saturday evening. They are from left, Mmes. Charles Lyons, Robert LeBlond, Ace Littleton, Don George, Joe Yates and Pete Fahnestock. (Portrait by Seeman)

G. A. Bradfords Honored On Silver Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bradford, 1323 Beech Ave., life-long residents of this area, were complimented at an open house at their home on Sunday afternoon, March 24, celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary. The party was given by the couple's three children, Mrs. B. F.

Brian Swilley and Rick Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford were married in Santa Ana on April 22, 1938. They are both members of the 1935 graduating class of Torrance High School. Mrs. Bradford is the former Mary Ann Taylor.

Mr. Bradford, a former Torrance city councilman, is a member of the Elks and Masons. He is owner of the George A. Bradford Co. here.

Among the guests at Sunday's party was Mrs. Bradford's mother, Mrs. Frank H. Steinhilber of Redondo.

Refreshments consisting of cake, punch and coffee were served by Mrs. Swilley, Mrs. Frank Bradford and Mrs. Rick Bradford. Sharing the spotlight were two grandchildren,

Zeta Tau State Day Saturday

Southern California Zeta Tau Alpha members will gather on Saturday, April 20, for their annual State Day at the Sheraton-West. Registration and coffee at 10 a.m., will open the event in the Wedgewood Room, to be followed by alumnae round table discussions.

Collegiate members will join graduate members for luncheon at 12 o'clock in the Regency Room. The luncheon speaker will be Mrs. Claire E. Pike of Long Beach, District president in charge of the alumnae program in California, Hawaii, Utah, and Nevada. "Zeta Progress" will be the theme for the day, so Mrs. Pike will ask "Where Are We and Where Are We Going?"

Alumnae members from San Diego to San Luis Obispo will be coming for this important meeting with active chapter members. Several members from the Palos Verdes Alumnae Chapter plan to attend.



COMMUNITY SERVICE . . . Torrance Junior Woman's Club added a homey touch, with the hanging of draperies, to their main philanthropy, the Torrance Scout Center, last week. Busy are, from left, Mmes. Robert Sheets, Donald French and Horace Roberts, philanthropy chairman. Husbands installed the hardware. Juniors have completely redecorated and furnished the Scout Center with cooperation of local merchants and the Civitan Club.