

# Happiness is Doing, Serving, Giving

Today is Christmas . . . All about us we hear talk of peace on earth and good will toward men. Yet we know full well that in many parts of the world there is no peace and in the hearts of many men, there is no good will.

A defeatist philosophy has threatened to capture many of our young people. They complain that civilization is out of joint. They cry out against the chaotic state of the world and serve notice they are resigning from the human race.

And who of us at one time or another has not felt like resigning from the human race? What kind of a world is it that spends billions of dollars on bombs and permits millions of children to go to bed hungry at night. We are consumed with a fear that the Russians may beat us to the moon, when the truth of the matter is, we haven't yet learned to live at peace on earth.

There is a mad rush to become "well adjusted". Victims of tension and unrest are en-

gaged in an assault on the State of Discontent, an assault that is for the most part futile. The fashionable thing is to seek to escape anxiety.

People are searching in bottles and pills for ammunition to fight the daily battle of living. They anesthetize their brains, as though fleeing from the problem will cause it to dissolve into thin air.

There's a frightening emphasis on "being happy." So many of look at happiness as if it were a butterfly — once captured and clapped in a jar, it can be enjoyed forever.

Those who search most feverishly for happiness never find it. They know not what they seek. They envision happiness as a continuing feeling of exultation. They fail to understand that for many, happiness is simply the absence of grief.

Often there is little appreciation of contentment until some tragic shadow is cast across our lives. How frequently in my mail do I come across the words "I didn't know what a good life I had until . . ."



ANN LANDERS  
... Your Columnist

The person who declares he has no problems and is completely happy is in deep trouble. Either he doesn't know a problem when he sees one or he deceives himself because he's ashamed. He has the mistaken notion that trouble is a

sign of stupidity, weakness or failure.

Every life records some failures, some mistakes in judgment. No one has a perfect score. Trouble is the common denominator of living. The aching heart lives in the mansion as well as the hovel. No magic elixir or miracle drug can separate us from reality forever, because tomorrow always comes.

Each day we must decide the direction in which our lives will move by selecting one course or another—by making a series of small decisions. No one can make the right decision EVERY time. We must not be ashamed when we fail. There is no disgrace in failing; the disgrace lies in not getting up to try again.

Happiness is the sum total of doing, serving—and giving. Often people write "My marriage is a failure. He didn't make me happy." Small wonder the marriage failed. Happiness is not something we GET from others. It's what comes

back to us when we give it away!

Since this is a problem column I hear troubles of every imaginable kind. People frequently ask if this work is depressing. No—it is not depressing. It is rewarding and gratifying.

If putting the problem down on paper helps to unburden a heavy heart, this column serves a useful purpose. If I can shed some light in a darkened corner, replace fear with courage, plant a seed of hope where there is despair, bring a little good will to the heart of just one man, then I am indeed privileged. There is no greater reward than to serve, and with God's help, I will continue to do my best. For we are all brothers in the family of man.

—ANN LANDERS

To learn the boozy-trance of teenage drinking, write for ANN LANDERS' new booklet, "Teenage Drinking," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

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# Torrance Herald Social World

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A MONEY TREE . . . This Christmas tree is loaded with crisp dollar bills from members of the Torrance Woman's Club who joined in the state CFWC philanthropy to furnish school kits for the children of Hong Kong and Viet Nam. Beaming with delight over their accomplishment, are from left Mrs. Grover Van Deventer, federation chairman of International clubs and projects, Mrs. Don Wolf president of the local club and Mrs. Sid Gans, program chairman.

## Rippy Home Setting For Yule Party

One of the most beautiful parties of the holiday season was given last Sunday evening by Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rippy, Mrs. Plu Whyte and Mrs. Dorothy Post.

Setting for the gala event was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rippy at 1611 El Prado.

The entrance hall was decorated with a huge silver arrangement of silver grapes and leaves flanked by a tall white Christmas candle.

In the living room were vases of poinsettias and on the mantel was an arrangement of Eastern holly and berries interspersed with lighted red Yule candles. A conversation piece was the ribbon tree tied with green ribbons and decorated with gold and silver ornaments.

The dining room table was covered with a Christmas cloth centered by a three-tiered epergne banked with greenery and clusters of red carnations. On each side of the arrangement was a triple-branched candelabra holding red candles. On the buffet was a gold and white basket wheel decorated with red and gold ornaments.

During the party hours, from four until ten p.m., 160 guests were entertained.



CHRISTMAS CHARITY . . . Boxes of warm clothing and usable gifts for the patients in the TB ward at the Harbor General Hospital were stacked high by members of the Torrance Woman's Club at their party last Wednesday. These gifts were delivered to the hospital ward by, from left, Mrs. Peter Boonstra, health and welfare chairman, and Mrs. Don Wolf, club president.

### To Visit Friends

On the afternoon of Dec. 27, Dr. and Mrs. Allen Pyeatt and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Boswell and family will go to Northridge for a Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelley, former residents.

### Relatives Here

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bruggemann and children of Boise, Ida., are spending the Christmas holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Reid Bundy on Patronella Ave. Mrs. Bruggemann is a sister of Mr. Bundy and this is the first Christmas they have spent together in 20 years.

## Virginia Sandstrom is Now Mrs. William H. Butcher, Jr.

The Rev. Harvey Hobbs stood before a flower banked altar at the Narbonne Baptist Church on Wednesday evening to officiate at the marriage of his niece, Miss Virginia Sandstrom and William H. Butcher, Jr. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Sandstrom, 1514 Madrid and Mr. and Mrs. William Butcher, Sr., of Lomita, are parents of the bridegroom.

The bride came to the altar on the arm of her father who gave her in marriage. She wore a formal wedding gown of ivory satin fashioned with a Chantilly lace bodice and an overskirt of tulle and lace. The full skirt fell in a chapel train. The fingertip bridal illusion veil cascaded from a pearl headpiece and the bride carried a bouquet of orchids, stephanotis and ivy.

Miss Cynthia Leale was the maid of honor. She wore a gown of periwinkle blue taffeta and carried a crescent of white and blue carnations.

Bridesmaids were Miss Christie Fenimore and Miss Madlyn Hensley. Their gowns were of baby blue taffeta and each carried a crescent of blue and white carnations.

The bridegroom asked his brother Robert Butcher to stand as best man and Jim Brown and John Sandstrom to usher.

Cathy and Candy Cochran were the flower girls and Jimmie Hobbs carried the rings.

Mrs. Edwin Isbell played the wedding march and accompanied Mrs. Bill Cooper who sang "My Happy Day", "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer".

A reception was held at the church where Miss Joyce Cannon had charge of the guest book and Miss Jean McNeil the gift table.

The couple spent a honeymoon on the Colorado river and are now at home in Torrance.

Both the bride and bridegroom were graduated from Torrance High school in the June class of 1958. He is employed at a local market.



MRS. WILLIAM BUTCHER  
... Holiday Bride  
(Chas. Helton Photo)

## Ellen Anderson Recites Vows With Robert Pope

In an eight o'clock ceremony on Dec. 20 in the Lime Avenue Baptist Church in Long Beach, Miss Ellen Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore G. Anderson, 26316 Eshelman, Lomita, became the bride of Robert Pope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pope, 1542 W. 219th St., Torrance.

Mr. Anderson escorted his daughter to the altar and gave her in marriage. She wore a wedding gown of lace net. The molded bodice was of Chantilly lace and the full skirt was of net over satin. Her illusion veil was held by a tiara and she carried a bouquet of white rosebuds.

Miss Joan Burch was maid of honor. Her dress was of lime green net over satin and she carried a bouquet of red carnations and holly.

Robin Bluff wearing a pale blue pluffed cotton with a net overskirt was flower girl and the rings were carried by Mike Hunsaker.

Serving as best man was Joel Purcell and ushers were Gilbert Pike and John Emerson.

The Rev. K. S. Suter officiated at the marriage and Mrs. T. Denram played the music. She accompanied Shirley Lovin who sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer".

A reception was held at the church with Carol Taylor in charge of the guest book.

A honeymoon was spent at Big Bear and the couple are now at home at 2446 Easy Ave., Long Beach.

The bride was graduated from Narbonne High in 1958 and her husband was graduated from the same school in 1955.



MRS. ROBERT POPE  
... December Bride  
(Photo by Seeman)



LOOKING AHEAD . . . Mrs. R. S. Sleeth, left, retiring president of the Women of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church chats with Mrs. Lloyd Goddard, right, newly-elected president. The future with its promising achievements is being discussed by these leaders of the large and active group of church women.

## Episcopal Women Name New Officers for 1959

Mrs. Lloyd Goddard will serve as president of the Women of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for the year 1959. She succeeds Mrs. R. S. Sleeth. Others elected to serve with Mrs. Goddard are Mmes. Jack Cleveland, Wayne Norman and Mark Caldwell, vice presidents; Mrs. Nils E. Brughman, recording secretary; and Mrs. A. C. Turner, treasurer.

The group held its annual Christmas party and meeting on Dec. 17 at the Guild hall. At this time Mrs. Sleeth called for one minute reports from each guild chairman. Reporting were Mrs. Helen Capron, St. Ann's; Mrs. Don Wolf, St. Cecilia's; Mrs. Fred Bauman, St. Elizabeth's; Mrs. Mildred Evans, St. Margaret's; Mrs. Richard Sprout, St. Mary Magdalene's; Mrs. Francis Gallagher, St. Veronica's; Mrs. Iola Schaefer, Altar guild; and Mrs. A. C. Turner, past president.

Mrs. Goddard, program chairman, presented the Mothersingers of the Fern Greenwood

## Gold Star Mothers Install New Officers

New officers of the Torrance Memorial Chapter of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. were installed at the December meeting held at the American Legion Hall.

Conducting the impressive installation service were Mrs. Lucy Vigil and Mrs. Anna Held.

Mrs. Gertrude Dodson was installed as president of the chapter. Assisting her will be Ruby Ashcraft, first vice president; Ida Creighton, second

vice president; Phyllis Hamilton, secretary; Helen Barnes, treasurer; Lucy Vigil, chaplain; Opal Andrews, sergeant-at-arms; Leona Smith, color guard; Edith Erbe, banner guard; Helen Smith and Regina Cunningham, color bearers, and Jennie Fuller, historian.

The chapter held its annual Christmas party at Knott's Berry Farm last Wednesday. Members enjoyed a dinner followed by a gift exchange.

## Santa Visits Sobada At Yule Dance

Pine boughs and holly, complemented by the glitter of the holiday gowns of the dancers, added a festive atmosphere when the Sobada Dance club staged its annual Christmas dance at the Palms restaurant on Saturday, Dec. 13.

At midnight guests were surprised by a visit from Santa Claus who brought two large sacks filled with gifts.

Attending the gala affair were Messrs. and Mmes. Roland Petrat, Gil Derouin, Bud Hebbson, Hal Massie, Reid Bundy, Clyde Anderson, Gerald Mac Donald, Gordon Graybehl, Ed Schwartz, Bob Moffitt, Murray Rudnick, Jack Miller, Bernie Lee.

Others were Messrs. and Mmes. Jack Dabbs, Howard Stittsworth, Karl Randall, Les DeMott, Bill Luzon, Phil Korman, Marvin Goetsch, Tom Coleman, Cal Clark, Bob Cosby, Sid Gans, Don McCalman, Cliff Trezise, Harold Trezise, Jack Clayton, and Vern Lovelady.

## Woman's Club Holds Annual Yule Party

"Silver Bells" was the theme of the annual Christmas party and pot luck luncheon held by the Torrance Woman's club last Wednesday afternoon. The bell motif was beautifully carried out in the table decorations.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Don Wolf, president, conducted a business meeting and a gift exchange followed.

A money tree, laden with dollar bills contributed by members, was one of the philanthropies of the afternoon. This money will be used to purchase CARE school kits for children of Hong Kong and Viet Nam, a state-wide California Federation of Women's Clubs project.

As a local Christmas charity, the club members adopted the patients in the TB ward at the Harbor hospital. Beautifully wrapped gifts and a collection of warm clothing were gathered for these hospitalized persons.

Mrs. Peter Boonstra, philanthropy chairman, will deliver the gifts to the hospital.

Mrs. Grover Van Deventer, international relations chairman, is in charge of the school kit project for the local club.

The program for the afternoon consisted of a number of Christmas carols sung by the "Steele Belles," Mothersingers from the Carl Steele elementary school. Mrs. Sid Gans, program chairman, presented the group which is directed by Mrs. Norman Griffith. Mrs. Ed Clark is the accompanist.

A thrilling climax to the Christmas party were the renditions of "First Noel," "Silver Bells," "Little Town of Bethlehem," "Silent Night," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and the "Hallelujah Chorus."

The next event on the club's social calendar is the tea honoring new members to be given at the home of Mrs. B. T. Whitney on Jan. 13.

The club will also hold a rummage sale Jan. 22.

## Staverts Greet Granddaughter

The nicest Christmas gift ever, a little granddaughter is the exciting news from Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stavert, 1515 Amapola.

The little girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrington of Anaheim, made her debut at the Daniel Freeman hospital last Friday, Dec. 19, tipping the scales at 6 lb. 12 oz.

She has been named Stacy Ann.

The Harringtons have a son, Steven. The other delighted grandmother is Mrs. Madelyn Harrington.

The Staverts, of course, are in Anaheim for this Christmas Day.

## To Stockton

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Warner left by train Wednesday morning for Stockton to spend Christmas with their son and his family. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warner.

## Weekend Trip

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Richards will spend next weekend in Lucerne Valley where they will be the guests of Mr. Richards' brother.

## Classmates Gather for Yule Party

Convinced that the holiday season is a time for old friends to get together, Mrs. Ralph Bezanon, Mrs. Bud Moreno and Mrs. Norma Ferrar gave a party last Friday evening at the Bezanon home, 21314 Talisman for a number of their 1954 Torrance High school classmates.

From a festive buffet table, a turkey dinner was enjoyed followed by a gift exchange.

Sharing an evening together with the three hostesses were Mmes. Sally Mallard, Sylvia Rushfeldt, Joan Paour, Lynn Mortenson, Joan D. Johnson, Mary Sue Borne, Cam Dominguez, and Miss Sandy Grub.

## Club Party

Mrs. M. A. Bauman entertained her bridge club at its annual Christmas party last Thursday at her home 3916 Palos Verdes Dr.

Luncheon was served amid brilliant Christmas decorations and a gift exchange followed. Bridge was played during the afternoon.

Mrs. Bauman's guests were Mmes. Dean Sears, Paul Loranger, W. C. Boswell, Mel Millar, E. C. Cook, Delbert Thompson, and John Melville.