



SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DAY . . . The Bethlehem story is portrayed here by the C. Moreau family to take the first place in the religious category of the North Torrance Fuch-

sia society's contest. Pictured are Mrs. Moreau, 3933 169th place, and their children, Raymond, 11, Richard, 9 months, Janet, 7, Elaine, 8, and Renee, 10.



A JOB WELL DONE . . . Here Santa Claus has completed his trip to all homes delivering presents and has returned to his North Pole for another year. This is the prize-winning display made by the Robert Becker family of

18309 Purche Ave. for their entry in the North Torrance Fuchsia society's contest. Robert, 10, and Kelly, 6, pose with their first place winning display.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by
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"I Get Beefs . . . Not Bouquets . . ."

Dear readers: Once in a blue moon I will devote an entire column to a single letter. I do this when the letter is, in my opinion, one of extraordinary interest to a great many people. Today the moon is blue.—ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: Why do you constantly advocate segregation? I am referring to your stand that elderly members of the family be shipped off to the Old Folk's home.

The problem of aged parents has been with us since the Stone Age. It has never been borne so lightly by any generation as the current one. And your advice, Mrs. Landers, hasn't done much to promote family peace and harmony.

Grandfather's chair has been a respected if not revered institution in a great number of American families since Plymouth Rock and Jamestown. Your automatic suggestion that children pool their funds and send mama and papa to an institution shows little compassion and no understanding.

I am fortunate. I have money and could well afford to pay my own way in the best of the institutions for the aged. But I have reason to believe my children would prefer to have me live with them as long as the good Lord allows.

Why do you create doubts in the hearts of elderly people who feel secure and content with their families? I think you do untold harm. Will you print a letter please? You claim to fair. We shall see.—GERIATRIC G.

Dear G. G.: You write so well. It's a shame you don't read.

This is a problem column. People who write usually do so because they are having trouble of one sort or another. In regard to aged parents, it is rare indeed that I get a letter saying "I just love my 82-year-old mother-in-law."

"Gramps is a joy to have around the house." Because of the nature of this column, I get the beefs—not the bouquets. People write when things are bad—not good.

Although no two problems are exactly alike, a thread of similarity runs through many of the letters dealing with aged parents. More often than not, one son or daughter is saddled with the total responsibility for one or both parents while several brothers and sisters refuse flatly to help out in any way whatever.

In some cases the parent is meddlesome, crochety or an out-and-out trouble-maker. I've had many letters from harassed daughters-in-law who describe the back-breaking job of caring for an older person who is physically incapacitated, childish, and not in control of his faculties.

One woman wrote recently, love my father-in-law dearly. I'm afraid if I don't get

Fuchsia Society Names Winners

North Torrance Fuchsia Society is announcing the winners in its annual Christmas Lighting contest. Judging, which took place Dec. 21, was done by Mrs. Victor Benstead of the Torrance Terrace Garden club, B. L. Hoefler, art teacher, and Kenny Uyeda, nurseryman.

The "best street" trophy went to the group of homes on Thornburgh and 169th Place. Honorable mention was given to the Haas Ave., 171st and 174 St. area.

Taking first place in the "religious" category were Mr. and Mrs. C. Moreau, 3933 W. 169th Place. This decoration signified the unity of all peoples in celebrating the birth of Christ.

Honorable mentions in this classification were awarded to Fay X. Bybee, 16919 Fonthill Ave. and J. R. Allison, 17038 Glenburn Ave.

In the novelty division, the first place award was given to Robert Becker, 18309 Purche Ave. The Becker family had visualized the return of Santa Claus to the North Pole after making his gift distribution trip.

Taking the honorable mentions in this phase were Victoria Ropp, 16015 Arlington and Russel Salin, 17127 Haas Ave.

Donald E. Wilson, 17022 Kornblum won the first prize in the best lighting contest. His effective use of lights on the

exterior of his home took this award. Honorable mentions in this division went to Wilfred Desharnais, 3806 Ainsworth and Gus Moreau, 17116 Haas Ave.

The presentation of the awards will take place at the Jan. 13 meeting of the North Torrance Fuchsia society to be held at McMasters Hall, 174th and Yukon at 7:30 p.m.

69th Wedding Day Noted

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bartges, 24815 Winlock Dr., who have lived in Torrance for the past 10 years, observed their 69th wedding anniversary on Dec. 24.

The couple are the parents of four children: Ward W. Bartges, Lomita; Theron Bartges, Lomita; Mrs. Beulah Kimble, San Francisco; Dr. Rex Bartges, Bakersfield.

They also have 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Marilyn Jordan Plights Vows With Edward Morris

Torrance First Methodist Church was the setting on Dec. 13 for the six o'clock wedding ceremony uniting Miss Marilyn Lucille Jordan and Edward L. Morris. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil D. Jordan, 16605 Fay-smith Ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Morris of Mesa Grande, Calif., are parents of the bridegroom.

Rev. John Taylor, pastor, officiated at the vow exchange

and Clairra McCown sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride approached the altar on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. She wore a gown of white Chantilly lace fashioned with a scalloped bateau neckline and long sleeves. Two panniers of pleated tulle were down the front of the full gored lace skirt which fell into a semi-chapel train. The misty illusion veil was secured by a three pointed pearl tiara and the bride carried white orchids, carnations and stephanotis.

Miss Myrna Jordan served as her cousin's maid of honor. She wore pastel green lace and net and carried a pink carnation and rose cascade.

Bridesmaids were Misses Carol Atkins, Jeanie Taylor, Marcia Bradley and Nancy Gibson. Miss Atkins and Miss Gibson wore pastel blue lace and net gowns and Miss Taylor and Miss Bradley were in pink. Each carried an arm bouquet of pink carnations.

Jerry Morris served as his brother's best man and ushers were Wayne Jordan, Dale Jordan, Marck Edwards and Fred Brennan.

A reception was held at the church and Vickie Husen and Delma Jordan registered the guests.

The bride was graduated from North High school, where she was a majorette. Her husband was graduated from the Julian High school.

The newlyweds are now at home at 13709 Oceangate, Hawthorne.



MRS. EDW. MORRIS
... December Bride
(Tak Isobe Photo)



MR., MRS. JOHN MYERSCOUGH
... On Golden Wedding Day
(Stanford Photo)

Mr., Mrs. John Myerscough Mark Fiftieth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Myerscough, 1512 Pacific Coast Hwy., Harbor City, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 21. The couple, who were married on Christmas Day, 1908, in Brooklyn, N.Y., renewed their wedding vows at a nuptial high mass at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church in Lomita, and were honored at a reception at the parish hall.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Myerscough are natives of Lancashire, England. Mr. Myerscough came to New York in 1907 and she in 1908. They then moved to Canada, coming to California in 1923. Mr. Myerscough is a retired brick-

layer and architect. He and Mrs. Myerscough have owned and operated the Art Pottery Shop in Harbor City for the past 25 years.

All four of their children, with their families, were here for the mass and the reception. Their children are George W. Myerscough, United States Navy, rd., San Diego; Mrs. Helen Meyers of Torrance; Walter W. Myerscough, Lomita; and Mrs. Philomena Davis of Torrance.

The celebrants also have six grandchildren.

Chicagoan Here

M. G. Worley of Chicago is here spending the holidays with his sisters, Mrs. E. C. Alley, 1412 Acacia Ave. and Mrs. Vivian York, 2030 Santa Fe. Christmas Eve a family party was held at the home of Mrs. York's son, Harry York on 166th Place. On Christmas Day, the family dinner was held at the Douglas York home in Palos Verdes.

In Yucaipa

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Nelson, 1738 Martina, left Wednesday for Yucaipa to spend Christmas and the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Hollister.

Winners in Greenthumber Decorating Contest Told

Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy of 5525 Sunnyview won grand prize in the annual home decorating contest held for residents of Allied Garden under the sponsorship of the Greenthumbers Garden Club last week. They were awarded a trophy donated by the Downtown Retail Merchants Assn.

Contestants submitted entries in three categories: religious, children's, and lighting. Monetary and gift prizes donated by Southwood merchants were won by the following persons: religious theme—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harman of 22317 Warmside, first prize; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kiefer, 5513 Sunnyview, second prize; and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Huback, 5608 Rockview Dr., third prize.

Grand prize winners Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy also took first prize in the children's division Runners up in that category were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Melger of 22405 Linda Dr., second prize, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thamsen of 22705 Linda Dr. Lighting prizes went to Mr. and Mrs. Fratten, 22201 Redbeam, first prize; Mr. and Mrs. William Montgomery, 5402 Clearsite, second prize; and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Yancy, 5520 Clearsite, third prize.

Judging the contest were Mrs. M. A. Peavy, president of the Riviera Garden club; Mrs. J. G. Louvier, president of the Torrance Junior Woman's club; and Robert Cramer, chairman of the Torrance Recreation Dept.

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FASHIONS ON THE HIGH SEAS . . . The Matsonia, luxury liner, will be the setting for the fabulous fashion show to be sponsored by the South Bay chapter of National Secretaries on Sunday, March 15. The new May Co. store will provide the fashions and commentator. Holding a replica of the Matsonia as they make plans for the affair are, from left, Mrs. Norman Shelton, publicity chairman; Mrs. Gordon Goodwin, show chairman; Miss Cecilia Daniels, chapter president, and Mrs. Gene Beavers, second vice president.

Fashion Preview Aboard Matsonia

The luxury liner SS Matsonia will be the scene of the second annual fashion preview presented by the South Bay Chapter of the National Secretaries Association Sunday, March 15.

Fashions will be shown from the new May Company South Bay, under direction of J. J. Priess, manager.

Florence Blake of the Florence Blake Studios is serving as coordinator of the affair.

Tours of the ship are planned, and a reception in the Concourse after the show will be the scene of a diamond display through the courtesy of Russell Givan.

Attendance is limited by the size of the public room on the ship. South Bay Chapter members are taking reservations at this time.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Bernice Goodwin, chairman of the Chapter, or from Miss Cecilia Daniels, president of South Bay Chapter.

Specks Leave For Brazil

Brazil, South America, will be their home for the next year. Mr. and Mrs. William Speck, 1511 Acacia Ave., are busy making preparations to leave within the next few weeks for Brazil where Mr. Speck and they will fly to American Standards to assist with the new plant being built there. Mrs. Speck will leave Jan. 6 to visit relatives in New Jersey and she will be joined in New York on Jan. 19 by Mr. Speck and they will fly to