

# YOUR PROBLEMS

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## It's Still Salesmanship!

Dear Readers: Remember the letter which appeared in this column several weeks ago from the young husband who married "in a hurry" when his girl friend told him a baby was on the way? Then, some 18 months later he wrote "There is no sign of a baby although my wife has gained a lot of weight. She insists this is an unusually long pregnancy."

He asked for my opinion. I told him it sounded like a case of superb salesmanship—with the product.

In my reply to the young husband opened the floodgates. I was bombarded with hundreds of letters from angry women who insisted their pregnancies ran anywhere from 10 to 22 months. The majority of the women who wrote had "long term babies" after their husbands had left for overseas duty.

The most unusual came from a reader in Lexington, Ky., who claimed she had been pregnant for four years.

My answer to the disturbed father was no horseback opinion. I checked with medical authorities at great length. Since the deluge I re-checked with some of the country's leading gynecologists and obstetricians. The combined cost of the education of my medical consultants is approximately \$500,000. Below you can read their opinions for the price of this newspaper.

In most humans the duration of the average pregnancy is from 270 to 290 days.

In cases where there is no supporting medical history, but where legal status is important, the courts have made the following decisions:

French law states the husband is considered the father if a child is born as late as 300 days after the death of the husband. German law allows 320 days. The British courts in 1921 allowed 331 days. This is the longest accepted pregnancy on record.

There have been numerous other claims, but they lacked good supporting medical proof. Since the American law is based on the British, the 331 day pregnancy (roughly 10 months) is the limit in the United States.

Women who claim longer pregnancies are not necessarily trying to "put one over" in the event of superfecundation (a technical word which is too technical to go into here) can be thrown off the count.

# Las Vecinas Welcomes Provisionals - - -



A SOCIAL MOMENT . . . Mrs. Robert Elston, Las Vecinas board member, and Mrs. Henry Schmaid, president, greet two new provisionals (extreme left), Mrs. Warren Foster and Mrs. Roy Menashe (right), at the formal tea at the Schmaid home honoring 22 new provisionals.



CHATTING AND PLANNING . . . These three Las Vecinas provisionals charted their activities around the fruit bowl at the Provisional tea. They are (from left) Mmes. Lou Stellar, Stanley Perry, and Lyle Mitchell.



REVIEW ACTIVITIES . . . Getting a full glance at Las Vecinas accomplishments during the past year as they look over the scrapbook are these three provisionals (from left), Mmes. Ralph Weyant, George Zuber, and Rodney Freeman.



HONORING THEIR PRESIDENT . . . Board members of the Las Vecinas Women's Club honored their retiring president, Mrs. Henry Schmaid, at a luncheon. Shown here presenting their gift of appreciation (from left, seated) are Mmes. John Geissler, Henry Schmaid, the honoree, and Charles Sturgill. Standing (from left) are Mmes. George Betus and Walter McClelland.

## Two Lovely Affairs End Club Year

Las Vecinas Woman's club closed its year's activities with two outstanding social events.

A beautiful formal tea at the home of the retiring president, Mrs. Henry Schmaid, 428 Calle Mayor welcomed twenty-two new provisionals into the organization.

Mrs. Robert Elston and her membership committee, Mmes. Hugh Sutherland, David Hurford, Bernard Beard, John Strater, John Diehl, Robert Presley, William Petersen, Donald Meyer, William MacFress, August Muizer and John Doyle entertained the new members and their sponsors.

A luncheon at Lecco's restaurant in Manhattan Beach honored the out-going president, Mrs. Henry Schmaid. This affair was given by the board members who also presented Mrs. Schmaid with a gift from the club.

Attending were Mmes. Charles Sturgill, Theo Corazza, Walter McClelland, M. L. Barger, Hewitt L. Colman, Robert Elston, Glen Grimsley, Robert Nielson, Maurice Wilson, Lamar Bonnette, Carl Wolff and Albert Koester.

## Couple Set Aug. 23 For Wedding Day

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Fagan, 3448 Newton Ave., are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen, to James L. Peacock, son of Mrs. Mary Peacock of Hawthorne.

The wedding will be solemnized Aug. 25 at the St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church. Both the future bride and her fiancé were graduated from St. Anthony's High School in Long Beach.

They attended Long Beach City College and are currently students at El Cerrito College.

The bride-elect spent last year in New York working for C.E.S. She is now employed at Hughes Aircraft.

The bride-elect served with the United States Navy stationed in Alaska. He is employed by the Southern California Gas Co.

## Visit Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lorange, 1448 Post Ave., returned last week from a week's stay in Carmel. While there they attended the Southern California Automobile Dealers convention.

## Couple Repeat Vows at Nuptial Mass Ceremony

Miss Alberta Sandow, 105 Paseo de la Playa, became the bride of Thomas Lewis Speak, of Los Angeles, during a nuptial mass June 14 at St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church.

Present for the rites were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sandow, of Arvada, Colo., parents of the bride; and Mr. and Mrs. Jean I. Speak, of Los Angeles, parents of the benedict.

The bride was radiant in a white silk embroidered sheath. A silk organza panel formed the train. Her short illusion veil was caught by a tiara and she carried a cascade of yellow roses. The bride was escorted to the altar by her father.

As maid of honor, Miss Eleanor LaFleche wore a pale yellow princess-style street length satin finished cotton gown. She carried yellow, white and blue asterils.

Beverly Johnson, Ellen Strvat and Rosemarie Sandow, bridesmaids, wore similar gowns.

Robert Courtney was best man and Richard Merritt, Esq., officiated.

## Vacation Here

Arriving on the morning of July 4 were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tencze and two children of Mesa, Ariz., to spend 10 days here. They are the guests of Mrs. Tencze's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sears and other relatives. A number of parties to honor these former residents have been planned.

## Open House Celebrates Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Williams, 461 Calle de Aragon, Hollywood Riviera, celebrated their twenty fifth wedding anniversary with an open house on Saturday evening, June 12, from 8 until midnight.

Silver was accentuated in the decorations. The tables were covered with pink net with drapes of silver tulle.

The centerpiece was a huge arrangement of pink carnations and fern, flanked by two white and silver doves, a gift from a friend in Fort Worth, Tex.

A miniature bridal couple and the wedding date in silver also adorned the table.

The tiered wedding cake was served from the tea cart. Champagne punch was served from a pedestal crystal punch bowl and silver trays held canapés, appetizers and other dainties.

The couple were married in Aberdeen, Miss., and lived in Hermosa Beach before moving to their present address.

Approximately 100 guests called during the open house. Assisting the hostess were Mmes. Fern Huber and Letitia Lane of Hermosa; Mrs. Robert Hoff, North Hollywood; and Mrs. Ben Thompson of La Brea.



KATHLEEN FAGAN  
Engaged.

## Initiated

Mrs. Don Cowden was initiated into the Past Grand Regent's Club of Southern California at the quarterly dinner meeting of the group Monday evening at the Catholic Women's Club in Los Angeles. Other past regents of Court St. Catherine in attendance included Mmes. Frank H. Forster, Howard M. Owen, F. T. Robbitt, J. J. MacDonald, Lyle J. O'Hara, John F. Gilchrist and Francis A. Gately.

## Party Hosts

Recent dinner party hosts and guests at The Polynesian in Waverly from Torrance included Mr. and Mrs. C. Spencer Goveil, Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Mosher and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jackson.

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## Ensign Scott Married in Virginia

Word has been received here of the marriage of Ensign James Bronson Scott, son of James H. Scott of Torrance and Mrs. B. J. Everett of Fresno, to Judith Carolyn Olson of Alhambra.

The wedding was solemnized in Williamsburg, Virginia, on June 12.

Ensign Scott, who was reared in Torrance, is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bronson Buxton, 1500 El Prado Ave. He is stationed at the United States Naval Mine Depot near Williamsburg.

The couple were classmates, majoring in physics, at UCI. Ensign Scott is a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

This fall Ensign Scott will teach night school at William and Mary College in Williamsburg.



MRS. JAMES SCOTT

## Club Hostess

Mrs. Dean Sears was hostess to her bridge club last Tuesday afternoon.

At the final count prizes were won by Mrs. M. A. Bauman and Mrs. Mel Miller.

The hostess served refreshments to Mmes. W. C. Boswell, Paul Lorange, William Garrity, Eugene Cook, Delbert Thomas, Bauman and Miller.

The club will not meet during July and August.

## Juniors Donate Camperships

Torrance Junior Women's Club presented a \$60 check to each of the All-Nations and the YWCA Campership Funds.

These camperships send girls of all nationalities to summer camp, many of whom would be financially unable to attend.

Each year Torrance Juniors recognizing the need of young people, have sent checks to these organizations.

## Hoskins-Sossaman Rites Read at Calvary Baptist

In an evening ceremony at the Calvary Baptist Church on June 27, Miss Shirley Jean Hoskins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Hoskins of Wilmington became the bride of Archie N. Sossaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sossaman, 1050 W. 201st St., Torrance.

On the arm of her father, the bride approached the altar wearing a gown of white and brodered nylon over white chiffon tulle. The gown had a scalloped bateau neckline and a full floor-length skirt.

Her illusion veil fell from a pearl tiara and she carried a shower of red rosebuds. Miss Lillian Myers was the honor attendant. She wore a new dress at 1941 local gown of turquoise lace and long sleeves.

carried a star shaped bouquet of yellow carnations and white gladioli.

Miss Wanda Myers wearing aqua lace and carrying pink carnations, was the bridesmaid. Kenneth Sossaman was best man and the Rev. J. Irwin officiated at the marriage.

Mr. T. McDonald of the organ played the wedding march and accompanied K. Hughes who sang the Lord's Prayer and "Because."

Mrs. Clara Sossaman regaled the guests at the reception held at the church.

The couple spent a honeymoon in Bakersfield and returned home at 1941 local gown of turquoise lace and long sleeves.



MRS. A. SOSSAMAN  
Recent Bride

(Inaugural Photo)  
MRS. THOMAS SPEAK  
Recent Bride