

**YOUR PROBLEMS**  
by Ann Landers

**Readers Respond To Writer's Plea**

Dear Readers: You've done it again! Your warm-hearted response to the plea of Lee of El Paso proved once more that America has a big heart.

Lee, as you recall, wrote a simple but touching letter. She grew up in the middle west. Her mother had several flower boxes filled with Bouncing Betty. Lee loved the flowers. When she married and moved to El Paso her mother packed some Bouncing Betty in a cardboard box so she could plant it in her new yard as a reminder of home.

Lee wrote: "My beautiful Bouncing Betty struggled in foreign soil for three years, then withered and died. If you, Ann, or any of your readers, can tell me where to find the plant or the seeds, I would be very grateful. No florist here has heard of it."

Shortly after Lee's letter appeared in print, we were deluged with replies from almost every state in the union. Packages of seeds arrived, roots, leaves and catalogues. Many sent names and addresses of florists who carry the plant. A florist in Peoria, Illinois, was suggested by a number of readers. Another from Charlotte North Carolina, "specializes in this pinkish flower," wrote Mrs. H. Y.

From Portland, Oregon, to the *Torrance Herald*, readers had this to say: "Bouncing Betty should be available in almost every section of the United States. Lee is having trouble finding it because it's known under another name. Ask for *Saponaria officinalis* or *Saponaria*. It is also known as *Wild Sweet William*."

"Elsie D. in Seattle suggested that Lee keep the seed pods broken off and they will 'bloom like crazy.' Mary of Des Moines, Iowa suggested shade for the plant in El Paso, although "in Iowa," she said, "it takes the full sun."

Hank of Tampa, Florida and Alice in Ada, Minnesota, came up with the fascinating information that Bouncing Betty is widely known as *Scamwood* because the leaves of the plant were once used as a cleaning agent in place of soap.

So good luck to you, Lee of El Paso, with your beautiful Bouncing Betty. And thanks to all the readers who were eager to help her recapture the joy of her childhood. There is something quite wonderful about people who will take time out of their busy lives to help bring a little happiness to the heart of a stranger. by *Ann Landers*



**PLAN PARLOR PARADE** ... Talking over last-minute details of the Yule Parlor Parade, holiday tour of Palms Verdes homes to be sponsored by the Woman's Guild of Neighborhood Church Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, are Mrs. Douglas Dowell, co-chairman, Robert Graham, florist, and Mrs. Donald Armstrong, whose home will be one of the four homes to be opened to the public.

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JANET CLAYTON  
Betrothed

**Yule Parlor Parade To Tour P.V. Homes**

Four of Palms Verdes most elegant homes, tastefully decorated for the holiday season by leading interior decorators and florists of the area will be open to the public Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, from noon to 5 p.m. when the Woman's Guild of Neighborhood Church, Palms Verdes Estates, stages its two-day Yule Parlor Parade.

Offering their hospitality to the Yule-me visitors, will be the residences of Judge and Mrs. Donald Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. James De Silva, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Newell, and Edward Costanza and Charles Denton.

Following the holiday home tour, Christmas tea will be served at Neighborhood Church, 415 Paseo del Mar, former mansion of the J. J. Haggerty family. Decorating the 18th century Italian villa which was acquired by the congregation as a sanctuary in 1953, will be Della Robbia wreaths and garlands.

Alternating with carols which will ring out from the carillon tower as the merry-makers sip tea, will be harp renditions by a "Lady of the Court" in Renaissance dress who will sing madrigals to the accompaniment of a group of "pages."

Christmas decorations, delicate needle and arts will be offered along the tour to add the excitement of a bazaar to this outstanding holiday event.

Winner of six national architectural awards, the 3,500 square foot Newville residence, which is perched on a log of land high above the waters of the Pacific, will be decorated in a gold and white theme by Louis De Haven Shaw, A.I.D. Florist for "Gutter House," at which Christmas gifts will be offered is Francis Chadwick of Chadwick Gardens, furnished with French and Italian professional mummies in a decor by Connell and Chaffin, the architecturally-modern U-shaped glass-walled house is featured in the current issue of *Architectural Digest*.

The smell of freshly-baked cookies will greet guests arriving at "Sugar and Spice House," the residence of the Donald Armstrongs, renowned for its royal living-kitchen. Decorated for the holidays by Edward Rieder of Rieder-Morris, with floral arrangements by Robert Graham of Bermuda Flower Shop, the Norman-French 12-room home is now in the historic houses of the Peninsula. The acre of terraced gardens that surround it were landscaped by Frederick Law Olmstead of the famous Brookline, Mass., firm of landscape architects.

"Candelabra House," the home of Mr. and Mrs. James DeGlen, will feature a table set for Christmas dinner in the crystal-chaudered, all-white dining room. Lending an international flavor to the holiday decorations will be a guest room, done in the Japanese manner and the Mexican motif being used by Decorator Roberta Swaffield Griffin, A.I.D., in the breakfast room. Florist for the Mediterranean-style home is Clara Christmas candles will be offered here.

A wassail bowl will be set in the gay card room and bar located off the large den of "contemporary frontier," owner-designed home of Edward Costanza and Charles Denton. Interior walls of hand-hewn cedar and brick will provide a versatile background for the "hot noons" holiday decor by Ruth Livingston and Windsor Florists. Located on a bluff overlooking the sea, the house features exterior walls of whitewashed board and batten and a heavy shakle roof.

**New Pledges Welcomed By Sorority**

Culminating a period of rushing, the following were pledged to Eta Kappa Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, Mrs. George Cronough, Mrs. Dorothy Greene, Mrs. Harry Manning and Mrs. Lee McDaniel at a ceremony held at the home of vice president Mrs. Robert Holmes, 1513 W. 179 Pl., Gardena, Saturday, Nov. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m.

A candlelight ceremony was performed by President Mrs. Roland Stamm and Rush Captain Mrs. Robert Holmes, during which the pledges took their vows and received their pledge pins. Decorations were carried out in the colors of the sorority, blue and gold. The table was adorned with a lovely centerpiece containing flowers in shades of pink and the cake was decorated with yellow tangerines, symbolizing the sorority flower and accented in blue with the words "Welcome to the E.S.A."

Corsages consisting of yellow chrysanthemums tied with blue ribbons were presented to the guests.

Members enjoying the tea and welcoming pledges were: Mrs. Roland Stamm, Robert Holmes, John Magallon, Carlos Espinosa, Charles Pfeiffer, Charles Lechtweis, Joseph Petrucci, Angela Scassin, John Meehan, Louis Verne, Kenneth McVey and Stewart Angus who recently returned from a vacation in Hawaii.

Eta Kappa Chapter is the proud to announce that one of its outstanding women of the year for her numerous and outstanding services to the community and received the silver trophy for the Phyllis Healy Award which she presented to the sorority, at the tea.

**Wedding Date Set by Janet Clayton**

Miss Janet Clayton of 1654 W. 215 St. announces the engagement of their daughter, Janet, to John E. Sorenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sanders of 2172 Hilldale.

The wedding will take place Feb. 1 at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

An employee of the Southwest Savings Assn., the bride-to-be is a 1957 graduate of Torrance High School. Her fiancé graduated from Narbonne High School in 1955 and is presently affiliated with Shell Oil.

**Authority on Charm Speaks To Lady Elks**

Miss Florence Blake, charm studio proprietor and author will discuss "The Art of Gracious Living" at a social gathering of Ladies of the Elks to take place at the Elks Hall, 1951 W. Carson, at 8 p.m. Tuesday according to Theresa Jones, second vice-president.

Miss Blake received honors in psychology and public speaking while at the University of Minnesota.

A member of the Soroptimists Club, Los Angeles Chapter and Professional Women's Club and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Miss Blake has made personal appearances on television and spoken on radio.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

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**Author to Come Home for Holiday**

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Schmidt of 23409 S. Susana St. will entertain their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Lingenfelter of Livermore during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. Lingenfelter has received several very favorable reviews in the San Francisco Chronicle on his recent book "First Through the Grand Canyon."

A graduate of Redondo Union High School and UCLA, where he majored in nuclear physics, Mr. Lingenfelter is now with the Radiation Laboratory of the University of California at Livermore.

He has written another book on "old" Nevada newspapers which is being published at this time in San Francisco.

**RNA to Hold Bazaar Tues.**

Torrance Chapter, Royal Neighbors of America, will hold its annual bazaar of the Woman's Club on Egnatic Ave. Tuesday beginning at noon. It was announced today by Mrs. George F. Walker, orator.

During the afternoon a bake and loaf sale will be featured and gift items will be available.

Highlighting the events will be a spaghetti dinner to be served from 5:30 to 7:30 under the direction of Vice Orator Mary Chava.

Mrs. S. C. Shepard will be in charge of card games scheduled to take place following the Italian-style dinner.

**Plan Hoopery Party**

Members of the Eta Xi Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, will be hostesses at a hoopery party to be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. C. J. Eckelberger, 14336 Van Ness Ave.

**Attend Wedding**

Attending the wedding of Miss Sonya Erickson and David Dowling at St. Ann's in Burbank Saturday morning were Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Guzman and Karen, Jess and Mickey, Mrs. Gertrude Mathews and Mr. and Mrs. Ivo O'Hara and children. The bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Mathews.

**Y-Wives to Hear Cancer Field Man**

Richard F. Root, field representative of the American Cancer Society, will discuss cancer research and show cancer films at a meeting of the Y-Wives to be held at the Y.W.C.A. corner Carson and Plaza Del Amo, Tuesday morning.

The Y-Wives meet each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. for an hour of exercise and dancing under the direction of Gladys Nautman, followed by refreshments and a guest speaker. Child care is provided at all meetings. Membership is open to the public.

A health-food luncheon is planned by the group to take place Tuesday, Dec. 2 at noon at the YWCA building. Proceeds of the luncheon will go towards sponsoring a "Better Nutrition" course to be taught by Lisa Rachel, former adult education teacher at Redondo High School, in January. The course will be taught at the Y in six sessions. Each of the weekly meetings will last one and one-half hours. Nursery care will be available.

Persons desiring to attend the health-food luncheon are asked to make reservations with the YWCA.

**Juniors Fill Calendar With Holiday Dates**

December will be a calendar-filled month for members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, who are meeting in committee this week to plan a Christmas dance to be held on the fifth at the La Verne Inn, a holiday decorations session slated for the tenth and the annual Christmas party for children of the Juniors, scheduled to take place on the fourteenth.

In charge of the holiday decoration session which will take place at the Dec. 10 business meeting is "Nore and her paper sculptors," Cassin Lotzick and Santa Claus will appear at the children's Christmas party. Chairman for the Christmas dance is Mrs. Will Wiley, Jr., with Mrs. William Zappas, art chairman, handling arrangements for the children's art showing.

Plans for the forthcoming holiday season were announced at a business meeting held Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 8 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Norman Bostick, newly appointed president of the Teen Council of the Torrance Junior Woman's Y.W.C.A. Teen Council, reported on progress of the new youth group, which will hold dances at the Y semi-monthly.

Mrs. B. F. Townsend, philanthropy director, announced that the group would adopt the Ambulatory Ward of Harbor General Hospital for Christmas and asked each member to bring a wrapped gift and a Christmas tree ornament to the Dec. 19th meeting.

Under the direction of Mrs. John M. Stokely, the drama section presented a skit in which Mrs. Gerson Jacobson, Mrs. R. W. Johnson and Mrs. Clifford Trevisse, announced a parcel sale to be held at the dinner card party in January. Proceeds will be used to buy "CARE" school kits for the children in Hong Kong and Viet Nam.

**In Recital**

Appearing in a recital given at the Methodist Church last Sunday under the direction of Mrs. Lois Ralston, piano teacher, were nine youngsters: Yvonne Lye, Joan Sebastian, Rita Hamilton, Marcia Lou Atchison, Becky Gascon, Linda Nell, Stefania Polaris, Deborah Podemski, and Francine Inez.

**Holiday Workshops**

Mrs. C. L. Wilson, L.A. 10th district arts and crafts teacher, presented a workshop for the holiday decorations at a recent room mother workshop held by Mrs. Merrill Lindley, room mother representative of South Beach School P.P.S. More than 80 mothers attended.

**Fly to Hawaii**

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Seylin of Palms Verdes Estates flew to Hawaii this week where Mr. Seylin, administrator of Riverside Hospital, will attend the final administration which will take place at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel in Honolulu. They will remain in Hawaii for two weeks.

**Dine Out**

Dining with friends at the Polynesian Restaurant in West Los Angeles recently were, among other localities, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fitzgerald of Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton H. Glenn of Rolling Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Martin of Torrance.

**Conference Held Here By Clubwomen**

Members of twenty-three district clubs, Marina District 18, California Federation of Women's Clubs, met Thursday at the Torrance Woman's Club for an all-day conference on Federation extension and parliamentary law.

District Chairman Mrs. Leo A. McCoy of the Torrance Woman's Club led the morning conference on Federation extension.

Following an invocation by Mrs. Charles A. Lee, vice-chairman, Pacific Palisades club, the pledge was led by Mrs. Don Wolf, president of the Torrance Woman's Club.

Special guests introduced by Mrs. McCoy included Mrs. Frederic W. Spencer, vice-president, area C, CFWC; Mrs. Grant W. Putnam, president, Marina District, CFWC; and Mrs. Karl E. Rhoden, second vice-president, Marina District, CFWC.

Preceding the noon luncheon, Mrs. Spencer discussed advantages of membership in a federated club with the federation extension secretaries of the 23 district clubs.

Mrs. Joe E. Barnes, president of the Women's City Club of Venice, led the pledge which opened the afternoon session on parliamentary law. Mrs. Arthur W. Day, district parliamentary secretary, discussed motions during the afternoon conference.

**Attend Conference**

Attending the Marina District, California Federation of Women's Clubs conference held at Torrance Woman's Club building Thursday were, in Torrance, Mrs. Leo A. McCoy, Marina District Federation extension secretary, CFWC; Mrs. Don Wolf, president of the Torrance Woman's Club; Mrs. Freda C. Hughes, vice-president; Mrs. Grant Putnam, Marina District president, CFWC.



**BAZAAR ITEMS GET THE ONCE-OVER** ... Looking over the holiday gifts to be featured at the Silver Spur Garden Club Bazaar at Silver Spur school building, Friday, December 5, are Mrs. Robert Kimes of the Riviera Garden Club, which will be represented at the bazaar.