

YOUR PROBLEMS

by **Ann Landers**



"SHALL I TRY ONCE MORE?"

Dear Ann: I was popular in college and belonged to the best sorority on campus. My dearest friend lives 350 miles away. We've both been married seven years and have families.

This girl married very well. They have a gorgeous home. (I've seen pictures.) She and her husband have been to this city three times in the past five years, and we always have an evening with them. She has said repeatedly "Please come visit us. We'd love to have you. Our home is yours."

This is the record: In May of 1957 I wrote that we'd like to come up for a week. She replied they were going to Traverse City, Michigan.

In December of '57 I offered to bring my little family up there for Christmas. She phoned to say they were taking the children to visit their grandparents in Minneapolis.

In June '58 I suggested we come up for New Years. She wired to say they were just leaving for Europe.

This year I'd love to spend Christmas up there but I'm afraid of another turndown. All her excuses have been legitimate. Shall I try once more?—NO NAME.

Dear No Name: Your friend knows how to get in touch with you. Wait for an invitation—but don't hold your breath.

Dear Ann Landers: I am 9 years old. I am a boy. I read your column every day. I don't have any troubles. I just have one question I would like an answer to. I hope you know the answer.

What does "Lace Curtain Irish" mean? Thank you — PATRICK

Dear Patrick: Lace curtain Irish are people of Irish descent who have fruit in the house when nobody is sick. You're welcome.

Dear Ann Landers: I am 16 and my boy friend is 18. Since I've been dating there has been a rule laid down by my mother—"No boys in the house unless she or my dad is at home." I think this rule is O.K. up to a point, but it is being carried too far.

During the summer it worked out fine. If either mom or dad wasn't home, Bob and I could sit on the patio or on the front porch. But now that winter is here we will freeze. I know my mother would blow her top if I sat out in front of the house in Bob's car.

The porch and patio are out because of the weather. We are both respectable people and I know we would behave ourselves if we had permission to be alone in the house.

Don't you think my parents should have more faith in me? —A GOOD KID.

Dear Good Kid: I'm sure you and your boy friend are "respectable" and would behave even if no one was in the house—but it's still a good rule and I am not going to lobby to have it changed.

A boy has a lot more respect for a girl who must abide by rules and regulations. He may complain but inwardly it puts you on a little pedestal. Stay there.

Confidential to WHITE WALLS: If you suspect her interest hinges on that car, why not leave it in the garage for two weeks and ask her to go on the bus?

Confidential to IN TROUBLE: Tell your mother before she tells you. The Family Service Bureau can direct you to the help you need. Depend on them.

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

Omicron Pi
 Omicron Pi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the home of Mrs. Grace Rettig on Wednesday evening, Nov. 18. "Antique China" was the topic of the cultural program led by Sylvia Wright.

Attending the meeting were Mmes. Joe Banks, Fred Byk, Jack Rogers, Ed Litaker, John D'Ornellas, Harley Lynch, Russ Rettig, Stan Wright, Gordon Smith, Frances Goulart, Gordon Olson, Don Heaney, Jackson Nicholas and George Ross.

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YULE ANTICIPATION . . . This pretty little Christmas tree held by Mrs. J. Merrill Gray symbolizes the glittering Christmas theme in which her home will be decorated for the annual Yule Parlor Parade to be held Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Gray's home is one of the five Palos Verdes homes included on the tour. Looking on are co-chairmen of the Yule Parlor Parade, Mrs. Douglas Dowell, left, and Mrs. A. E. Thompson, right. A Christmas Tea will be held at the Neighborhood Church, sponsor of the affair.

Christmas Tea, Tour
Gala Yule Parlor Parade Friday

Annual Yule Parlor Parade, sponsored by the Woman's Guild of the Neighborhood Church in Palos Verdes, will be held tomorrow and Saturday from noon until 5 p.m. Mrs. A. E. Thompson and Mrs. Douglas Dowell are co-chairmen of this event, which ushers in the Yule season in Palos Verdes.

A Christmas tea will be served at the church, 415 Paseo del Mar. The church, a beautifully appointed 16th century Italian villa, will be elaborately decorated with cut crystal prisms and red satin balls adorning a towering Christmas tree. Festively laden tea tables will surround the tree and traditional Christmas figurines will be used advantageously.

The bells in the tower will alternate with singers and harpists to ring out Christmas carols.

Club Plans Christmas

Art and Craft club met at the home of Mrs. E. L. Snodgrass, 1614 Beech last Friday evening with Mrs. Hazel Ward as co-hostess.

A dessert was served followed by a business meeting conducted by Mrs. Leah Arterburn, president. Plans were made for the club's Christmas activities and the remainder of the evening was spent working on hobbies.

Attending were Mmes. Leah Arterburn, Maybel Banks, Cora Bohrer, Florence Childs, Lela Everley, Hazel Fossum, Vena Hamilton, Mae Jones, Ruth Kilgore, Mary McDonald, Zelma Miller, Ethel, Frances and Phyllis Peverley.

Visit Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Souza and nine-month-old daughter, Valerie, returned to their home in San Luis Obispo Sunday after spending the holiday and weekend here with Mrs. Souza's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson, 1324 Beech Ave.



HOLIDAY EXCITEMENT . . . There will be fun galore and Santa will visit the party next Sunday afternoon when the Junior Woman's club stages its annual Children's Christmas party at the clubhouse. In a gingerbread and a candy cane preview are back row, Mmes. Don Carlson, Ben McRee, and C. W. Bennett, Juniors who are supervising the party. Children are, front row, Peter Boulter, Craig Carlson, Billy Bennett; second row, Belinda Boulter, Billy McRee and Sunni Aiken.

Kappa Delta Yule Party On Saturday

Members of the Kappa Delta Alumnae of the South Bay will hold their annual Christmas luncheon on Dec. 5 at 12:30 p.m. at La Venta Inn, 796 Via Del Monte, Palos Verdes.

The toys made at the Nov. 18 meeting will be on display along with the Christmas wrapped toys the guests will bring. Members making toys and enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Howard L. Preston of Rolling Hills who was hostess for the toy meet were Mmes. Howard C. Rusted, John Kerr, Albin Johnson, Charles Rucker, John McGee, Dain Lones, Larry Burns, Pat Robinson, Charles Barnett, George Ratkovic, William Riddell and John Kerr.

The toys will be given to the Salvation Army in Redondo. All Kappa Deltas are invited to attend the luncheon.

Home From Hawaii

William McDonald returned Thanksgiving morning from a six weeks stay in Hawaii. He was met by his family and the group then went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Letcher in Redondo for Thanksgiving dinner. In the party were Mrs. Mary McDonald, Mrs. Rosa McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. James Shellabarger and daughter, Janet.

Weekend Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Parke Montague spent last weekend in San Fernando where they were guests of Mr. Montague's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Montague.

Don L. Kelley Weds In Cathedral City Nov. 8

A wedding of interest throughout this area was solemnized on Nov. 8 at 3 o'clock at the St. Louis Church in Cathedral City, when Miss Karen Alois Koenig became the bride of Don Lee Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Kelley, 1415 Beech Ave., one of Torrance's first families.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Koenig of Los Angeles and Cathedral City.

For her wedding the bride wore a gown of white eyelet and matching hat. Her corsage was of white orchids. Mrs. Sterling Paden, Jr., of Pacoima served as her sister's matron of honor. She was gowned in beige faille and carried cinnamon colored orchids.

The bridegroom asked his brother, Darel Kelley, to stand as best man.

Ushers were Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brothers of the bridegroom, Allen Koenig and Sterling Paden, Jr. Rev. J. Leissler officiated at the vow exchange.

Following the wedding, a supper was held at the El Mirador Hotel in Palm Springs for the immediate family and bridal party. Attending with the newlyweds were their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Kelley, 1415 Beech Ave., one of Torrance's first families.

Santa Visits Juniors' Gala Childrens Party

Excited children's chatter fills the air as the Torrance Junior Woman's club prepares for its annual Children's Christmas Party, to be held next Sunday afternoon from 2:15 to 4:15 at the clubhouse.

Very large candy canes and small ones, too, and large gingerbread men will be used in decorating the clubhouse. Of course there will be a Christmas tree with Santa Claus to give out gifts to the children. Mrs. Clayton Lilley is preparing these decorations with the assistance of Mrs. Don Carlson.

The entertainment for the party will be the fabulous Bob Baker Puppets, which should excite both young and old. Following the program, a punch-bowl and Christmas cookies will be served to the children with coffee for the adults.

Woman's Club's Yule Bazaar Set For Tomorrow



AN INVITATION . . . Mrs. R. C. Robertson, left and Mrs. A. Acampora, general chairman, hold up the poster to invite the public to attend the Woman's club Christmas Bazaar tomorrow at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia. Luncheon will be served and many novel Christmas gifts will be on sale. Doors open at 10 a.m.

A Yule Benefit
'Evergreen Ball' At Country Club

Christmas is just around the corner and, according to Mrs. Horace LeCuyer, president of Las Madrecitas, South Bay Auxiliary to the Orthopedic Hospital, the Evergreen Ball Committee is planning the biggest and best dinner-dance ever.

This year the Evergreen Ball, an annual event, is to be held on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Palos Verdes Country Club. The festive evening will include dinner and dancing preceded by entertaining in the homes of various members.

All attending members will place toys around the gaily decorated Christmas tree in the foyer of the club which will be turned over to the Pediatric Ward of the hospital for distribution to the children on Christmas morning. Speaking of gifts, some lucky couple will be the winner of three fun-filled days, all expenses paid, at Wilbur Clark's famed Desert Inn Hotel in Las Vegas.

Pine boughs and evergreens, gold candles and multi-colored ornaments will be used as decorations on the tables, walls and ceiling of dance floor in keeping with the traditional green and gold colors. Dinner will be by candlelight.

Heading the planning committee is Mrs. Marshall Finck. Other committee members are Mmes. Frank Bescoy, Lowell Klatscher, Charles Macpherson, Glen Kleinhesselink and Walter Hetz.

All proceeds from the dance will go to the Orthopedic Hospital in support of the new sixth floor wing.



MRS. DON LEE KELLEY
 . . . Bride of Local Man