

YOUR PROBLEMS

by **Ann Landers**

"I'm Getting Obnoxious..."

Dear Ann Landers: I am a boy 12 years old and I am having trouble with my personality. I have a feeling that I am better than most people and I'm getting a reputation for being conceited.

The big problem is I really AM better and I have proved it. My grades are tops and I'm outstanding in sports. I've been playing the piano without much effort since I was six years old. And as if this isn't enough, I'm good-looking besides.

What can I do? I think I'm getting obnoxious — SEARCHING FOR HELP

Dear Searching: Thank you for the most unusual letter in a long time. I will do my best to make you less obnoxious.

First: Looks are an accident of birth. You are not entitled to any credit for the way the good Lord put you together.

Second: Musical talent, if you've been playing the piano since you were six years old, you are gifted. This is another endowment for which you can't take credit.

Third: Top grades and athletic ability took some effort on your part. Congratulations. But keep in mind that no matter how handsome and accomplished you are, somewhere there is someone who is just as handsome and accomplished, and not conceited, which makes him a lot better than you—in important ways. See?

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I are planning a 10-day vacation with our son and daughter-in-law. They were married 18 months ago and this is our first visit. We want to do the right thing.

Our son has a good-paying job but we know they are having a financial struggle. My husband feels we should pay part of the grocery bill when we are guests in their home. I'm uncomfortable about this and think perhaps they might be insulted. Also, should I help with the housework and cooking? Please give us some advice. We are eager to be GOOD IN-LAWS.

Dear Good: Don't offer to pay part of the grocery bill on a 10-day visit. If you stayed three months it might be different. You could stop at the market, however, and pick up four choice steaks and a couple of fryers. And it would be nice to take THEM out to dinner one night.

Guests always keep their room in order and are careful not to make extra work for the hostess. As for helping with the cooking and house cleaning it depends on the daughter-in-law. Some appreciate the lift, others resent it. Ask.

Dear Ann Landers: This is for the woman whose husband is considerate, loving, a wonderful father and loyal companion, but a man who "never quite made it" financially.

My husband is a big success if you look at his bank account, my clothes closet, our club memberships, and the cars in our driveway. But to me he's a failure. He wants no responsibility as a father or husband. When I ask for his advice, he says, "You've got plenty of money. Do as you please."

His business associates and our social friends would be shocked if they knew how little he cared about his family and home. I hope all successful men aren't like this but I'm terribly suspicious. Some of my women friends have the same sad look I have—and they never say anything either. —EXECUTIVE'S WIFE

Dear Wife: Your husband sounds like a platinum-plated egomaniac. These birds require special treatment. Have you tried your darndest?

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



TENDER, LOVING CARE... With their motto—tender, loving care—in mind, members of the Volunteers for Children staged a gala Christmas party for children patients at the Harbor General Hospital. In this scene from left, Mmes. Kenneth Greer, H. B. Cowie, who is holding three year old Danny Anderson, a patient in ward C-8, and Ellis Chamberlain distribute the gifts left by Santa, who appeared in person for the party.

Hospitalized Children Entertained at Festive Volunteers Yule Party

Arriving in the wards of the Harbor General Hospital last Wednesday on his sleigh with bells ringing and children singing, St. Nick made his official visit to the children hospitalized there.

This party, given by the Volunteers for Children, was the highlight of all parties given by this group during the year. Some of these children experienced their first real Christmas this year and the Volunteers, whose slogan is "tender, loving care" are responsible for their exciting day.

Each child was presented with a bag of gifts from the Volunteers. The gifts were donated by organizations and individuals from the Torrance area. The presents were sorted and bagged by Elizabeth Cowie, Emma Chamberlain, Kathryn Morehart and Billie Robertson.

Kenneth McCann, Bride Honored at Reception

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McCann, 1878 261st St., Lomita, entertained at a reception on Sunday afternoon honoring their son and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCann of Long Beach. The couple was married Nov. 28 in Carson City, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Phillips of Oakridge, Oregon. She was graduated from the Oakridge High School and is now an art student at Long Beach City College.

Mr. McCann, a Narbonne High School graduate, received his law degree from UCLA. He is a practicing Long Beach attorney associated with Robert Land at 320 Pine Ave. He served two years with

Denise Hunter Will Marry Leon Wisham

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunter, 2806 Onrado St., announce the engagement of their daughter, Denise Lee, to Leon R. Wisham.

The couple will be married in a 1961 summer wedding.

The bride-elect was graduated from Torrance High school in 1960. In her senior year she was a song queen and in 1959 she was a homecoming princess.

Miss Hunter attended El Camino college and is now employed at the Broadway Del-Amo.

Her fiancé, who attended Torrance High school, is serving in the United States Air Force, stationed in Louisiana.



DENISE HUNTER... Summer Bride (Portrait by Seeman)



MARGARET OWEN... Accepts Ring (Hedman Photo)

Betrothal Revealed At Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis P. Owen, 17701 Falda Ave., Torrance, announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Ruth, to Gary Allen Parsons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Y. Parsons, 3325 W. 174th St.

Both families have lived in Torrance for many years.

On Christmas Eve, the future bride accepted her ring at an informal gathering of both families and a few close friends.

The bride-elect was graduated from North High school in 1959. She is an elementary education major attending El Camino college.

Mr. Parsons, a 1956 graduate of North High, is employed by the City of Torrance.

The wedding will be solemnized on July 1 at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Redondo.

Valentine Ball Feb. 4

Hospital Auxiliary Awards Service Pins

Members having completed 200 hours of service at the Torrance Memorial Hospital were presented with pins at the December luncheon meeting of the Auxiliary to the hospital.

Mrs. H. F. Heinlein, auxiliary president, presented the pin to Mrs. Ben Smith, credits and awards chairman, who in turn awarded pins to Mmes. Irwin Kastin, John Stephens, John Tiffin, George Jungkind, Ernest Butt, Carl Larkins, Leroy Pulliam, John Bruno, and Phillip Halloran.

The award represents at least 200 hours of service in some phase of the auxiliary's activities which include reception desk, baby photo, maternity tea, Pinkie sewing project, magazine cart, and staff meetings.



JO ANN HOFFMEIER... Sets June Date

Engagement Announced By Parents

The wedding of Miss Jo Ann Hoffmeier and Charles Davidson will take place on June 17, 1961 at St. Andrew's United Presbyterian Church in Redondo Beach.

Family members and close friends were told of the engagement and wedding plans at a party at the home of the bride-elect's parents on Dec. 16.

The future bride is the daughter of Mrs. Paul Schmilgen of Torrance and the late George Hoffmeier.

She was graduated from North High school in 1959, was commencement speaker, and a California Life Scholarship member.

Miss Hoffmeier attended El Camino college, majoring in theatre arts and appearing in several productions. She was also a reporter on the college paper.

Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Davidson of Lomita. He attended Wilson High in Long Beach and served in the United States Marine Corps. He is employed by the Texaco Co. in Lomita.

Auxiliary Stages Gala Yule Party

Auxiliary to the Torrance Fire Dept. was entertained at its Christmas party on Monday evening, Dec. 19, at the home of Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, 2724 Arlington Ave. Co-hostesses were Mrs. George Blahnik, president, and Mrs. John Ferraiolo.

A gift exchange was held around a huge Christmas tree. The rooms used in entertaining were decorated with red Christmas bells and the refreshment table was centered by a bowl of double poinsettias flanked by red tapers.

Several games were played and "secret pals" were revealed.

Party guests were Mmes. Charles Brennen, Richard De Young, Teddy Drake, Sal Frasca, Sam Martin, John Millard, Charles Reintzma, Ronald Tower, Bill Stonecker, James Wass and Richard Sprout.

Sending gifts were Mmes. Lindsey Browning, Milton Languan, Robert Browning, Ed Polston and Walter West.



SPRIT OF CHRISTMAS... Along with their Christmas party and luncheon held at the clubhouse Wednesday afternoon, the Torrance Woman's club took time out to participate in the California Federation's philanthropy, Care Packages for South America. The group marched to a white money tree where they attached dollar bills for the project. Pictured are from left, Mmes. Alma Smith, John Melville and M. A. Bauman.

Old Friends Gather For Yule Party

A sewing group, organized 18 years ago, held its annual Christmas party last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. W. Post, 1448 El Prado, with Mrs. B. W. Roberts as co-hostess.

Elaborate Christmas decorations were used in the rooms and on the buffet table from which dinner was served. After the dinner, a gift exchange was held.

Attending with the two hostesses were Mmes. Sid Hopkins, Dorothy Rojo, Frank Paour, George Probert, Harvel Guttenfelder, Mae Sherfey, R. A. Bingham and John Melville.

Also attending was Mrs. John McMillan of Pasadena, a former member of the club.

Kansas Trip

Mrs. G. Wade Johnson, 5210 Paseo de Pable, returned by plane Wednesday from Wichita, Kansas, where she spent ten days with her mother.

New Choral Group

Woman's Club Has Christmas Program

Christmas carols by their newly formed choral group highlighted the annual Christmas party of the Torrance Woman's club Wednesday afternoon at their clubhouse. Mrs. W. I. Laughon is director of the group. Mrs. James Burchett is accompanist.

Mrs. Sid Gans sang a solo "Scarlet Ribbons." Members of the choral group are Mmes. W. I. Laughon, Sid Gans, C. B. Wiley, Andrew Acampora, H. F. Heinlein, H. L. Hayes, J. V. Miller, R. J. Apsey, Joseph Bay and R. E. Moffitt.

The group sang "Winter Wonderland," "Children Go Where I Send Thee," and "White Christmas."

The choral group also led all members in singing the traditional Christmas carols.

A pot luck luncheon was served at 12:30 p.m. followed by a short business meeting conducted by Mrs. Roy Apsey, president.

The next meeting will be a silver tea and program at the clubhouse on Jan. 4 at 1 p.m.



RECEIVE SERVICE PINS... At a luncheon at Tasman Sea restaurant, Auxiliary to the Torrance Hospital awarded pins to several members who had completed at least 200 hours of service at the hospital. Receiving the honor are from left, Mmes. John Tiffin, George Jungkind, John Stephens, Irwin Kastin, and Ernest Butt, who is being given a pin by Mrs. Ben Smith, credits chairman.