

# YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers

## "My Father Gets Burned Up . . ."

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a girl 20 years of age who is going with a fellow 27. Boris had one unsuccessful marriage and doesn't want another one. His first wife was a brainless little gadabout who didn't know beans about how to keep house or how to be a wife.

This fellow brings his laundry over once a week so I can practice on his shirts and get them just the way he wants them. He's very fussy about the amount of starch and all. He says if I get it down to perfection now it will save arguments after we are married.

My father gets very burned up when he sees Boris bringing his laundry over here. He says his mother should be taking care of his clothes. Who is right?—AIMING TO PLEASE.

Dear Aiming: Your father. If you want to practice ironing why don't you do Dad's shirts? You can conquer the starch problem later.

Dear Ann Landers: You seem like a broad-minded person. I hope you'll give me the answer I want.

I've been going with a very nice man for several months. He has a peculiarity that drives me crazy. He refuses to have even one drop of liquor. I'm no lush, Ann. In fact, three is my limit but I do enjoy one or two cocktails before dinner when we eat out. It's very embarrassing for a woman to order a drink when her escort sits there and says "No thank you." He makes her look like a fool—or worse yet, a solitary drunk.

Last night there were others present and I asked him to order a mild cocktail just to be sociable. You know liquor makes people more jovial and friendly. He refused in front of everybody. I say a gentleman would have ordered one drink and sipped it just to be polite. Right?—BETSY.

Dear Betsy: Wrong. Your friend may be an alcoholic who should not have even one teacup of liquor, much less one drink. Since he's good enough to let you drink if you wish, then you should be good enough to let him not drink if he doesn't wish.

As for liquor making people "jovial and friendly," I've read thousands of letters from women whose husbands have become so "jovial and friendly" that they can't hold a job. Their lives are a mess and they manage to mess up the lives of good women and innocent children.

Dear Ann Landers: Please let me describe myself to you and then tell me what I can do about it.

Well, first my hair is straight as a string and no matter what I do with it, it won't curl. Then there is my face. I have blue eyes which are quite small. Is there anything that can be done about small eyes? My nose is too big for my face. My figure isn't bad but I am too heavy in the middle. I have been doing exercises to get my waistline down but so far I can't notice any results.

I'm O.K. around girls but when I get around boys I remember how ugly I am and then I freeze up. If you can suggest some beauty hints to help me out I would appreciate it.—PLAIN UGLY.

Dear Plain: You'll never win a beauty contest—so what? Too many girls who consider their face their fortune wind up bankrupt.

Forget about your small eyes and your straight hair. Concentrate on developing a pleasant personality. If you are friendly and fun to be with the fact that you're no beauty won't matter.

Are you tempted to smoke because the crowd does? If so, send for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "Tempting Smoking," enclosing with your request 10 cents in coin and long, self-addressed, stamped envelope. ANN LANDERS will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.



STAIRWAY TO PARADISE . . . Torrance Y-Wives will stage their first fund-raising event of the year, a fashion show on Friday evening Sept. 29 at the YWCA. A Los Angeles firm will furnish the new fall fashions for the "Stairway to Paradise" event. Making plans for the show

are from left, Mines Pearl Levine, fashion coordinator; Jack Cowger, Melvin Frazier, Charles Robbins, Chet Warren, Wendy Lofland, M. R. Ransom and John Gorman. Mrs. Chet Warren may be contacted for tickets.

## Swain-Riccardi Nuptials Read at St. Philomena's

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Michael Riccardi, who were married Aug. 12 at St. Philomena's Catholic Church, are now at home in West Los Angeles where the bridegroom is a senior at UCLA majoring in medicine.

Mrs. Riccardi is the former Eleanor Swain, daughter of Mrs. Lessie Swain of Wilmington. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Riccardi, 134 E. 215th St., Torrance.

The bride was escorted to the altar by a family friend, Mr. Harold Leshner. She wore an Alfred Angelo original gown of organza and Chantilly lace. Details were a Sabrina neckline, long sleeves and a bouffant skirt which fell into a chapel train. Her lace edged veil was held by a flat pearl headpiece and she carried white orchids encircled by carnations and stephanotis.

Miss Marie Jeffery was

maid of honor wearing pink taffeta. Her bouquet was of pink carnations and net. Bridesmaids were Misses Shirley Finch, Janet Coffelt, and Nancy Nieland. Their gowns were blue taffeta and each carried a pink carnation bouquet.

Cindy Mills, in pink dotted swiss, was the flower girl and Dickie Natesin carried the rings.

David Riccardi was best man and ushers were Mike Nott, John Warner and Steve Nelson.

Rev. Fred Callahan officiated at the double ring service. A reception for the 500 guests was held at the Retail Clerks hall followed by dancing to the Hy Tones orchestra.

The couple spent a honeymoon at Carmel and Monterey. Their romance began at Banning High school from which they were both graduated.

At UCLA, the bridegroom is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. Mrs. Riccardi is a secretary at Harvey Aluminum in Torrance.

## Return From Alaska Trip

Mrs. Marie Beale and Mrs. Lillian Dunhouse have returned from a delightful three weeks' tour of the Pacific Northwest, Canada and Alaska.

The travelers went by train and bus to Jasper, Lake Louise and Banff. They then traveled north through the Canadian Rockies and on to Alaska where they visited Juneau and Skagway.



MRS. VINCENT M. RICCARDI . . . On Wedding Day (Swift Assoc. Photographers)

## Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Thomsen entertained at dinner last Monday evening at their home, 1447 El Prado, honoring their daughter, Kathy, who was celebrating her 16th birthday.

Dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meacham Jr. and Paul III, of Hermosa Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meacham of Lomita, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rugraff, the honoree's brother Tommy Thomsen, and Miss Anna Beth Blount.



LINDA FIESEL . . . Former Resident

## Linda Fiesel Engaged To W. Smythers

Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Fiesel of Grass Valley, formerly of this area, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Linda Marie, to William E. Smythers, also of Grass Valley.

The bride-elect, granddaughter of a prominent Harbor area pioneer resident, the late C. F. Fiesel, attended Harbor College after graduating from Banning High school in 1958. She then completed training at the Flavel Beauty College in Torrance.

Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smythers of Grass Valley. He was graduated from the Nevada Union High school in 1955. Except for two years when he served with the United States Air Force as a paratrooper, he has been employed by the California State Division of Forestry.

The wedding, for which no date has been set, will take place in Torrance.



ANNUAL COCKTAIL-DANCE . . . Beach Cities Ski Club celebrated the acquisition of a larger cabin at Mammoth Mountain, which will be available for year-round use by members, at a cocktail dance Friday evening at a Manhattan restaurant. Celebrating are from left, J. Ray Schulz, president; Paula Osterhaus and Walter Begley. The club meets every second and fourth Tuesday at Clark auditorium in Hermosa and is open to all ski enthusiasts. (Doug Kilgour Photo)

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DIRECT ACTIVITIES . . . Highlight of the first meeting of the new year for the Nativity Mothers club was its installation of officers. Directing the club during the coming year will be, from left, Mmes James F. Carlin, president; Gilbert Bihn, first vice president; William Korchenky, second vice president; James D. O'Brien, treasurer; and Richard H. Thompson, secretary.

## Auxiliary Board Opens New Officers Seated By Nativity Mothers Fall Season

The Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary held its fall board meeting Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2 p.m. in the doctor's library.

Board members for the coming year are Mmes. Frank H. Forester, president; Clarence Van Lingen, first vice-president; Curt Millsap, treasurer; Paul J. Hogan, financial secretary; Lyle E. Peters, library chairman; Evelyn Hardin, baby photo chairman; Don R. Cowden, gift shop chairman; Ione Ransom, gift shop co-chairman.

Others are Mmes. R. C. Grimsinger, corresponding secretary; Alvin Schmidt, membership chairman; Milton C. Bailey, volunteer chairman; Glen Howe, recording secretary; Victor Benstead, flower chairman; James Murphy, spiritual chairman; John Wilson, co-chairman, baby photos; Raymond Reed and Mrs. Charles A. Kirsnis Jr., maternity chairmen; Mrs. Johnson Lovett, publicity chairman; Mrs. Newton A. Free, publicity co-chairman.

## YWCA Gets New Director

Mrs. Carol Wood of 3323 Artesia Blvd. has taken over duties as executive director of the Torrance YWCA.

She comes to Torrance from San Diego where for the past seven years she has worked at the YWCA in various capacities. Mrs. Wood is Torrance's first YWCA executive director since it was a branch of the Harbor area YWCA until about six months ago.

The new official was graduated from San Diego State College. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi, a national sorority.

Mrs. Wood will be responsible for the local YWCA's young adult and teenage programs where emphasis will probably be placed, she says.

"I would like to cooperate with other community agencies to fill in where needs are not being met so as to eliminate duplication. I would also like to develop the teenage program to where it is much stronger," Mrs. Wood said.

She added that she would also like to set up a vocational guidance program for young women. Mrs. Wood has two daughters, Mrs. Allen Mattison, who is residing in San Diego, and Susan Wood, who is living in San Francisco.

## Installation of new officers highlighted the September meeting of the Nativity School Mothers Club. Mrs. James McClain and Mrs. Fred Voeste, members of the nominating committee, presented corsages to each new officer. Installed were Mrs. James Carlin, president; Mrs. Gilbert Bihn, first vice president;

Mrs. William Korchenky, second vice president; Mrs. Richard Thompson, secretary; and Mrs. James O'Brien, treasurer. The new president welcomed the members and talked of plans for the coming year. The following chairmen were appointed: Mrs. Jay Bailey, spiritual chairman; Mrs. Donald Bryant, program chairman; and Mrs. Norris Carstenson, membership chairman.

Sister St. Michael, Nativity

School principal, introduced the faculty for the 1961-62 year. Room mothers were introduced by Mrs. William Korchenky. Rev. John P. Cremins addressed the mothers and stressed the importance of cooperation between home and school.

Following the meeting refreshments were served by the eighth grade mothers, under the direction of Mrs. James Fornelli and Mrs. Andrew Rabel.

## Lady Lions Plan Events

Plans for a hayride at the Flying W ranch on Sept. 30 were made at the meeting of the North Torrance Lioness Club on Sept. 11 at the Three Lions restaurant. North Torrance Lions and their wives will attend the affair.

A committee also presented plans for the annual Halloween and New Year's Eve parties.

Attending the meeting were Mmes. Gene Brown, Al Hammand, Dan McLayne, Clay Nolan, Jack Parker, Sal Perez, Ron Peterson, and George Webb.

The next meeting of the Lady Lions will be held Oct. 2 at the International Pancake House in Torrance.

## Eta Mu Unit Plans Events

Eta Mu Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha held its regular meeting at the home of Esther Wallin. Attending the meeting were Virginia Bry, Marge Duke, Elizabeth Launer, Billie Grigg, Jackie Tracey, Madeline Tracy, Laura Pesola, and Esther Wallin.

Discussed was the luncheon to be held Sept. 19 at the home of Jackie Tracey. Plans were put into effect for the Fashion Show being put on by the members Oct. 26, at the Western Club.

Following the meeting Dorothy Taylor from the Dorothy Taylor Charm School, took the members on an "Adventure in Charm."



WELCOME ABOARD . . . Mrs. Carol Wood, left, new executive director of the Torrance YWCA is being welcomed by Mrs. M. L. Harris, who has served as YWCA secretary in Torrance for the past six years.