

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers

"This Letter Reflects Life . . ."

Dear Readers: I'm often asked if I make up letters. The answer is no. Made up letters would be pale indeed if compared with the mail that crosses my desk every day.

I'm also asked if I change the letters much. The answer is, very little. However, most letters must be cut for reasons of space. Others must be laundered, or the grammar corrected.

Once in a blue moon I come across a letter which can be printed exactly as it was written—without changing or omitting a word. I'm printing such a letter today.

Although this letter runs longer than most which are used in the column I'm printing it in its entirety because it deals with so many familiar complaints—complaints which destroy modern marriages. This letter reflects life as it is lived by too many people. Here it is:

Dear Ann Landers: Your new book "Since You Ask Me" is terrific. Every chapter has something valuable in it. I'm saving it for my 9-year-old daughter to read in a couple of years. If I had read it when I was 11 my life might have been different.

Boys were never a problem until I met B. It was the same old garbage—"love at first sight." Within a month we were having an affair. I was only 15. Five months later I was pregnant. I had a "premature" child at 16.

I'm 25 now and my social calendar this past year reads like this: Three drive-in movies with our two kids.

I admit I'm a lousy housekeeper but there's so much to do I can't get organized. I'm a lousy mother, too, but we can't afford sitters very often, so I'm with the kids too much. They must be sick of the sight of me.

When a good friend of B's met me for the first time he said, "I've known this guy for seven years and I never knew he was married." That did it. I tried a separation but I was too spineless to see it through.

This New Year's Eve B went out "for a cigarette" after supper. He came home the next morning at 8:30 a.m. He ran into a buddy and they went to a party. No—I would not have gone if I had been invited. His friends are a bunch of creeps—like the morons I ran with 11 years ago. All they talk about is poker winnings and bowling averages. Of course I could tell them which floor wax gives the best shine, or that we have a new mailman—but who cares?

So, I'm 25 and I've missed it all—education, fun, freedom, and a chance for self-respect. Sure, I have happy moments. When the kids are asleep I sit in the dark with my crutch—a bottle—and escape in a world of dreams.

When I read "Since You Ask Me" I kept saying, "How true! I wish I'd known all this earlier." So, Ann Landers, you didn't ask me, but I told you anyway. Now, back to my booze, and a world I never made. — L. A.

Dear L.A.: I'm so pleased that you like my book but it's curious that you failed to relate Chapter Fourteen to yourself. It is called "The Battle of the Bottle."

No woman of 25 has the right to drown herself in a sea of alcohol. It's a crime that a young wife and mother would throw in the sponge and make like a statue of What's The Use.

Get back to page 166 and start reading. Life needn't be an enemy. It can be a friend. But you must be willing to stand on your two feet and meet it face to face.

Are your parents too strict? You can benefit from the experiences of thousands of teenagers if you write for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "How To Live With Your Parents," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a 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.

Copyright, 1962, Field Enterprises, Inc.



HEARTS AND FLOWERS THEME . . . International Ballroom at the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach will become a cupid's garden for the annual Hospital Auxiliary's Valentine Ball on Feb. 10. Working on fabulous decorations in the "hearts and flowers" theme are from left, Mmes Paul

Winn, president, Dean Sears and William E. Grubbs. Mrs. Ben Smith is general chairman and Mrs. Robert Sleeth is handling ticket sales for the benefit which will aid the pediatric ward at the hospital.

Brilliant Social Affair

'Valentine Ball' To Aid Children

The 10th annual Valentine Ball, sponsored by the Torrance Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, spotlights the social activities for South Bay residents for the month of February. The brilliant "Hearts and Flowers" event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10, in the International Ballroom at the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach. Mrs. Ben Smith is serving as general chairman.

Proceeds from this year's event will go to the Children's department of the hospital which has recently been completed and is known as the "Pink Palace for Pediatric Patients." One of the most up-to-date facilities of its kind, this section of the hospital meets the needs of children and provides the comforts essential to recovery, according to Leonard Ensminger, hospital administrator.

At present, there are 12 pediatric beds, a pediatric nursing station, and fully equipped treatment and examining room. All new furniture has also been provided for the children, including new cribs for the infants and

motorized beds for the older youngsters.

A warm, friendly surrounding is created with pink and white candy striped drapes, pink telephones and pale pink walls. The telephone at each bedside brings a nearness to home. A remote control television with individual speakers for each patient is an added pleasure.

Hospital auxiliary members are busy with decorations, ticket sales and other arrangements for their top money-raising event. Mrs. Allen Pyeatt is serving as decorations chairman; Mrs. Robert Sleeth, ticket sales, and Mrs. Frank Cooper, hospitality.

A social hour will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. when dinner will be served. Music for dancing will be played by the Keith Williams orchestra.



PATRICIA ACHENBACH . . . Accepts Ring (Croity Photography)

Engagement Announced

Engagement of Miss Patricia Ann Achenbach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bergman of Torrance to Richard M. Drew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Drew of Junction City, Oregon, is announced.

Miss Achenbach is a 1957 graduate of Torrance High school and attended El Camino college for one year. She is now a student at the California School of Nursing at Los Angeles.

Mr. Drew, a 1957 graduate of Junction City High school and the California Institute of Technology, class of 1961, is now taking graduate work at Cal Tech.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Tolson Baby Christening Next Sunday

Susan Marlene Tolson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tolson, 1322 Teri Ave., will be christened next Sunday afternoon in services at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Sunday is also Susan's first birthday.

The Rev. Hugh Percy will officiate at the christening. Susan will wear a pale pink batiste embroidered dress, a gift from her maternal grandmother, Mrs. B. W. Roberts.

Acting as godparents will be Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Witt and Mr. and Mrs. William Tolson Jr.

After the christening, Mr. and Mrs. Tolson will entertain at a buffet dinner.

Attending will be the godparents, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tolson Sr., Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Roberts, Tom Quaggin, an uncle, and Mr. and Mrs. John Barrington and children.

Dr. Butkovich To Address Madrecitas

Dr. Anthony Butkovich will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of Las Madrecitas, Auxiliary of the Crippled Children's Guild of the Orthopaedic Hospital. Dr. Butkovich, head of the History Department at Marymount College, will outline the history and political science of communism with special emphasis on infiltration techniques.

The meeting will be held at the Palms Verdes Library on Feb. 1 at 8 p.m.

Patricia Black Becomes Bride of Robert Newell

Miss Patricia Anne Black walked down the aisle of the First Methodist Church in Redondo on the arm of her father last Saturday evening to plight her marriage vows with Robert Lynn Newell. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Black, 25523 Kathryn Ave., Torrance. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Newell, 4716 Sepulveda E. v.d., Torrance, are parents of the bridegroom.

The bride wore a Mori-Lee original floor length wedding gown of Alencon lace and net. The bodice was detailed with a scoop neckline, outlined with tiny seeds nears, and long pointed sleeves. The skirt was of alternating tiers of lace and net. The fingertip illusion veil cascaded from a tiny crown of pearls. The bridal bouquet was of white orchids and camellias on green leaves.

Miss Linda Waterman was the maid of honor and bridesmaids were Misses Mary Florez, Bobbie Moton, Sandy Black and Donna Reich. All of the attendants were gowned in emerald green taffeta sheaths with bouffant overskirts. Their

bouquets were of green and white carnations.

Randy Newell performed the duties of best man and ushers were Riley Black, Gary Kuchan, Doug Ganske and Orville Witt.

Miss Eileen Padelford, organist, played traditional nuptial music and Rev. Murry Gibbon officiated at the marriage.

A reception for the 250 guests was held at the church with Miss Sue Newell in charge of the guest book.

The newlyweds spent a honeymoon in San Diego. Their new home will be in Hawthorne.

The bride was graduated from South High school and El Camino college. Her husband is a graduate of Torrance High and El Camino college.

Social World

Edna Cloyd, Editor



BREAK THE BANK . . . Torrance Chapter of Hope will stage its "Break the Bank" dinner-dance Saturday evening at 7:30 at the Palms Crystal Room. Making decorations for the event are from left, Mmes Harry Mandel, chairman, Fred Ball and William Luzan. Reservations for the dinner may be made by calling Mrs. Harry Mandel or Mrs. Bert Lynn. Since April 1961, the local chapter has donated \$2200 to the City of Hope Foundation.

Rev., Mrs. Leland L. Pisel Are Honored at Reception

Rev. and Mrs. Leland L. Pisel, 18235 Kingsdale Ave., were honored at a reception at the First Baptist Church of El Nido on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 21, in celebration of their silver wedding anniversary.

The party was given by the women of the church and by the couple's married daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones, who were celebrating their second wedding anniversary.

Many friends and relatives gathered at the church where Rev. Pisel is pastor.

White and silver wedding bells and arrangements of white flowers were used in decorating. During the reception organ music was played by Mrs. Ona Bell.

Highlight of the afternoon was the program featuring events in the lives of Rev. and Mrs. Pisel. Colored slides of interesting occasions were also used.

Rev. Pisel's brother, Carl Pisel of Lomita, sang one of the songs that he sang at the honored couple's wedding.

Many lovely gifts were received including a silver money tree presented by their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

The Pisels also have a 13-year-old daughter, Melody, and a grandson, Jeffrey Jones.

Refreshments were served throughout the afternoon from a table centered by a large decorated anniversary cake.



BARBARA PHINNEY . . . Summer Bride

Betrothal Announced By Parents

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Phinney, 22630 Draille Dr., announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Patrick L. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence White of Redondo Beach.

A summer wedding is planned by the couple.

The future bride was graduated from South High school in 1960. She is now attending El Camino college.

Her fiancé, a 1959 graduate of Redondo Union High school, is employed by a South Bay newspaper.

Montagues Host Weekend Party

Mr. and Mrs. J. Parke Montague were hosts to a group of friends at a weekend party at their Crestline family cabin.

Making the annual trip to enjoy the snow were Dr. and Mmes Philip Halloran, Gerald Eastham, W. E. Grubbs, and Burton Easley.

Other guests were Messrs. and Mmes. H. J. Backlund, Walter Levy, R. J. Triplitt and Cam Blakely.

At Arrowhead

Mr. and Mrs. John Barrington and children and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Reigel spent last weekend at their home at Arrowhead.



REV. AND MRS. LELAND PISEL . . . On 25th Wedding Date



MRS. ROBERT LYNN NEWELL . . . Recites Vows (Photography by Stanfords)