

# YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



## 'What Happens When We Try to Confide?'

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 17-year-old girl who will never be able to understand mothers. Maybe you can help. Several girl friends feel just as I do. We would like to know if it is us or our mothers who are at fault.

Mothers are always complaining because their daughters don't confide in them. They feel hurt when we take our troubles to "an outsider." They claim they WANT to be close to us, but what happens when we try to confide? We are laughed at.

I was having trouble with my boy friend last week and decided to talk to my mother. I tried to explain the problem as best I could. She seemed very amused. Then in the middle of my story she began to laugh. She called me a silly kid and said I sounded like a nine-year-old. I was so crushed I began to cry and ran to my room.

I will never go to my mother for advice again. I wouldn't take a chance of getting my feelings hurt this way. Please print my letter in the paper, Ann. Maybe it will help other mothers understand why their daughters don't confide in them. — SHARON

Dear Sharon: I sympathize with you and agree that your mother muffed a good opportunity to provide moral support at a time when you needed it. But you may be overlooking another side to the story.

Philosophers know that comedy and tragedy are not far apart — just as laughter and tears are often separated by a whisper. Perhaps your mother was trying to get you to see the humor in your problem. A good laugh can take the sting out of misery.

So please don't be too hard on Mother. It could be that she wasn't laughing AT you — she may have botched a valiant attempt to persuade you to laugh at yourself.

Dear Ann Landers: Frequently in your column you say "Alcoholics Anonymous can help you" — or "contact the National Committee on Alcoholism." This is wonderful advice, and I'm sure it has helped thousands, but what can a woman do about a husband who refuses to seek help?

I am married to a man who gets semi-paralyzed at least three nights a week. He has lost one good job after another because of his drinking. I could fill a book with stories about the shame and humiliation he has brought on his family. Yet he claims liquor is no problem to him, and that he can stop drinking anytime he wants to. What can I do for such a man? — BLACK DEUCE

Dear Black Deuce: Nothing. It is impossible to help people who don't want to be helped.

An alcoholic who goes A.A. must accept the program. One of the first steps a new member...

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## House Party Surprises Cole Family

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cole, who recently moved into their new home at 1116 Maple Ave. were honored guests at a surprise housewarming given on Saturday, St. Patrick's Day.

Guests arrived with party foods in the St. Patrick theme and an array of gifts for the new home.

Cocktails were served followed by a buffet supper.

In on the surprise housewarming were Messrs. and Mmes Jack Hamilton, Don Wilson; Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Challis; Mrs. Helen Trepanier, all of Long Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Charbonneau Jr. of Gardena; Mr. and Mrs. Danese Brusseau of Alhambra; Messrs. and Mmes. Francis Derouin, Lawrence Derouin, Louis Derouin and Gilbert Derouin of Torrance.

Unable to attend were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Charbonneau, of San Diego.



AFS STUDENT SPEAKS... Torrance Woman's club heard Armando Madrazo, American Field Service student from Tucuman, Argentina describe his country and his impressions of the United States at its meeting Wednesday. He is pictured here with Mrs. John Walti, left, chairman of the Torrance chapter American Field Service, and Mrs. Leroy Pulliam, International Affairs chairman for the Woman's club. Under the AFS program, Armando is living with a local family while he attends a Torrance High school this year.

## Alums To Observe State Day

Representatives of alumnae and collegiate chapters of Delta Zeta national sorority in the Southern California area will convene at noon, Saturday, March 31, in the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, for State Day. Mrs. W. J. Mahan of Garden Grove is chairman of the event. Orange County alumnae will serve as hostesses.

An award will be presented to the senior making the greatest contribution to her chapter and scholarships will be presented to a member of each collegiate chapter for outstanding excellence. Awards for chapter excellence and outstanding service by an alumna will be given and the new Riverside Alumnae chapter will receive its national charter.

Speaker for the day will be Mrs. Logan Wheatley of Fullerton. Chosen woman of the year for outstanding community service, Mrs. Wheatley will present her "pitcher talk," a unique comparison of unusually designed pitchers to human personalities.

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MRS. WAYNE JOHNSON... March Bride (Portrait by Seeman)

## Show for Bride-elect

Miss Carol Whittington who will be married to Buddy Seeborg today, was complimented at a miscellaneous shower given on Wednesday, March 14, by Mrs. Mildred Mitchell at her home, 133 W. 220th St. Co-hostesses for the shower were Mrs. Ann Johnston and Mrs. Joan Shelton.

A pink and white theme was used in decorating and in the refreshments.

Games were played, after which the bride-elect opened her gifts.

Attending were Mrs. Vi Whittington, her mother, Mrs. Louise Whittington, Mrs. Joseph Pryor, mother of the bridegroom and Mrs. Lee Hollis.

Others were Mmes. Lee Rawnsley, Mary Young, Sally Schnoor, Sally Donaldson, M. Rosencrantz, Gladys Rivoli, Evelyn Burlingame, Nita Le Cercq, Diane Fichter, Ann Barner, Betty McCurdy; and Miss Shirley Rosencrantz.

Sending gifts were Misses Darlene Ronning and Rosie Hannemann.

## At Romanoff's

Enjoying luncheon at Romanoff's in Beverly Hills last Monday were Mmes. B. T. Whitney, Laura Felker, Delbert Thomson, Roy Adams, Jerry Dix, Alma Smith, and William Crooker.

## Paula Melton Exchanges Vows with Wayne Johnson

Miss Paula Jean Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Dorsey Melton, 1552 247th St., Harbor City, became the bride of Wayne Johnson in a candlelight ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Lomita on March 9. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson of Harbor City.

Rev. J. W. Hardin officiated at the marriage and Mrs. Lorraine Roberts sang "A Dawn" and "Because."

Mr. Melton escorted his daughter to the altar. She wore an original bridal gown of embroidered nylon net and lace. The lace basque bodice was designed with a V neckline which blended into small lace capped sleeves. The bouffant skirt was of tiers of embroidered net and fell into a chapel train. A Queen Anne

crown of seed pearl orange blossoms secured the fingertip illusion veil and the bride carried a bouquet of green cymbidiums, white orchids and stephanotis with white velvet shamrocks and tiny white doves nestled in the flowers.

Miss Donna Bedford was maid of honor, wearing a Kelly green brocade satin sheath. Her bouquet was of green cymbidiums.

Bridesmaids were Miss Gloria Robinson and Mrs. Ann Rohl. They wore green satin sheaths with organza overskirts. White carnations and green net with green streamers made up their bouquets.

Paul Taylor stood as best man and ushers were Tom Walker and Tom Taylor. Forty tapers were lighted by Eddie and Gregory Sipes.

Over 300 persons viewed the double ring ceremony before an altar barked with white gladioli, stock and Bells of Ireland.

A reception was held in the church hall. Mrs. Olin Grubbs was assisted by Mrs. A. G. Sipes and Mrs. Robert Fenter. Ellen Johnson was in charge of the guest book.

After a honeymoon, the newlyweds are now at home in Harbor City.

The bride was graduated from Narbonne High School, attended California College of Commerce and Oklahoma State University.

Her husband, also a Narbonne graduate, is employed by TBA in Long Beach.

## Move Back To Torrance

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dungey, who have been making their home in Phoenix, Ariz., for the past two years have moved back to Torrance and are now living at the Kent Apts.

On Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fisher entertained at a welcome-back party for the Dungeys at their home, 22404 Marjorie Ave.

On hand for the celebration were Messrs. and Mmes. William Hedrick, Jim Gordy, Forrest Wright, Don Levine, Frank Tuttle and John Agapito.

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## Local Pilot Club Elects Officers

The Pilot Club of Torrance announces the election of the 1962-63 slate of officers. Herma Tillim, has been elected as president of this international civic and service organization.

Mrs. Tillim is owner-manager of Torrance Personnel Agency and has been a resident of Torrance since 1951. She is a member of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association; Business and Professional Woman's Club; past secretary and vice-president of Harbor Welfare Planning Council; vice-chairman of the Citizens Bus Committee; past secretary and vice-president of Torrance Co-ordinating Council; chairman of Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission; recipient of trophy and award as "Outstanding Woman of the Year" in 1957; awarded National Recreation Association Award in 1961 for her outstanding contribution to the National Recreation Movement; 70th member of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; and has served the Pilot Club of Torrance this past year as first vice-president.

The Pilot Club of Torrance received its charter on Aug. 11, 1955, and has since served the city of many occasions. Membership in the Pilot Club is determined by classification and is by invitation. Only two thoroughly representative women from each business or professional classification, who are actively identified with the business or professional interests of the community, and holding executive positions are eligible for membership.

Pilot Club officers for this past year have included Mrs. Mary Young, president; Mrs. Herma Tillim, vice-president; Mrs. W.E. Bowen, second vice-president; Miss Mae Sleep, recording secretary; Mrs. Joan Phipps Luup, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Charles Moore, treasurer.

Other officers selected to serve with Mrs. Tillim are Miss Mae Sleep and Mrs. W. E. Bowen, first vice-presidents; Mrs. Kenneth Beight, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Whittington, recording secretary; Joan Phipps Luup, treasurer.



MRS. HERMA TILLIM... Club President (Sanuels Photo)

## Two Families Plan Trip to World's Fair

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hall and sons, James and John, 5106 Sharynne Lane, plan to leave April 12 for a three weeks trip through the northwest. They will visit the World's Fair in Seattle and will go from there to Victoria.

Joining the Halls in Seattle for the Fair will be Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Olson and son, Robert, also of Sharynne Lane. The families will see the Fair together and will then tour British Columbia and parts of Canada.

## Noble Grands Meet Monday

Past Noble Grands Club of Torrance Rebekah Lodge 347, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will meet at the home of Maud Milburn, 2065 W. 250th St., in Lomita on Monday evening, March 26, at 8 p.m. Retta Nelson, president, will be in charge.

## Pony League Dance Set March 31

The Central Pony League of Torrance is holding its annual benefit dance Saturday, March 31, 8:30 p.m., at the Elks Lodge, 1820 Abalone.

Guests will enjoy dancing to the music of the Surf-Riders band of Redondo. Highlight of the evening will be the awarding of a 17-in. RCA portable television. Door prizes will also be given away during the course of the evening.

Committee members working on the dance are Louise Languis, Cissy Harris, and Dorothy Oliver, in charge of door prizes; Madeline Wayt, tickets; and Louise Languis, entertainment. Anyone interested in attending the dance may contact Ruth Patten, for ticket information.

## Barbara Lee Sharer To Wed Harold J. Maestri

Mr. and Mrs. Vesper A. Sharer, 1230 Cota Ave. announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Lee, to Harold John Maestri, son of Captain and Mrs. John W. Maestri, 922 Faysmith Ave., Torrance.

The engagement was first disclosed at a party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McLean, 1028 Arlington Ave. on March 10.

For the party, the table centerpiece was a pink and white birdcage in which were two pink lovebirds. Pink rosebuds encircled the cage. Also on the table was a pink and white heart-shaped cake bearing the names "Harold and Barbara."

Attending the party were Ron Coleman, Delores Potter, Bill McLean, Sharon Watkins, Jerry McLean, Sheila Greason, and Georgeann McLean.

The bride-elect is a senior at Torrance High school where she is a member of the Deltas, a YWCA group. She and her parents have resided in Torrance for the past five years.

The future bridegroom, a Torrance High school gradu-



BARBARA LEE SHARER... Future Bride

ate, is now attending El Camino college. He is also employed as a clerk in a local market. His father is captain of the patrol division of the Torrance Police Dept.

No date has been set for the wedding.

## Suedmeyer-Garrison Vows Read in Lutheran Rites

Miss Joanna May Suedmeyer chose the green and white colors of St. Patrick's Day for her wedding to Jimmie Garrison at the Christ the King Lutheran Church on March 17 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Suedmeyer, 121 Paseo De Las Delicias are the parents of the bride.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Garrison, 22424 S. Halldale Ave., Torrance.

For her wedding the bride wore an Alfred Angelo original wedding gown of white brocade satin fashioned with a bustle back and chapel train. Her elbow length veil was secured by a large brocade satin rose ornamented with crystals. The bridal bouquet was a cascade of green throated white orchids surrounded by stephanotis.

Mr. Suedmeyer escorted his daughter to the altar and gave her in marriage. Mrs. James Winter was her sister's honor attendant. She wore a Kelly green sheath with organza overskirt and carried a cascade of white roses.

Little Deborah Kelley was

the flower girl. She wore a Kelly green organza pinafore and her basket of white rose petals was tied with green ribbons.

George Skinner was best man and ushers were James Winter and Harold Walker.

A reception followed at the church. Mrs. Billie Foster was in charge of the guest register. Serving were Mmes. Polly Gitch, Max Kelley, and Norma Royer.

The couple spent a honeymoon in San Francisco and Carmel. Their new address is 14803 Prairie Ave., Lomita.

The bride, a Torrance High graduate, is employed by AirResearch in Torrance. Mr. Garrison, a Gardena High graduate, is employed by Mission Appliance Co. in Hawthorne.



MRS. JIMMIE GARRISON... Married on St. Pat's Day (Portrait by Seeman)