

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



'Tried to Laugh, But It Hurts . . .'

Dear Ann: I have something to say and I want to say it to the widest audience possible. So I'm writing to Ann Landers.

Why are people so thoughtless? I'm a perfectly normal human being who happens to be about four inches shorter than the average American woman. Like any accident of birth I am stuck with my size and can do nothing about it.

Yet every time I enter a dress shop the sales person approaches me with, "You're going to be difficult to fit. You're very short, you know." I know I'm short. How could I not know? A sales person with an ounce of brains would never say to a heavy woman, "You're FAT, you know." Yet they think nothing of reminding short people that they are under-sized.

All my life I've been called "Half-Pint," "Pee-Wee" and "Shrimp." I've tried to laugh it off but it still hurts. And it isn't only the insensitive dolts who make these remarks. I've had them from intelligent people.

Please print my letter for the benefit of all mankind. Like a pebble tossed into a brook one never knows how far the ripples may reach. — WEE BUT MIGHTY

Dear Mighty: Thank you for striking a blow for freedom. I am 5'2" and it's downright boring when people repeatedly say "I expected you to be taller."

When I ask them why they usually come up with some non sequitur, such as "Oh, from the picture of your face I expected a tall woman."

On the other hand, I don't object to that tired but friendly cliché — about good things coming in small packages.

Dear Ann: I used to think this was a family problem but now I see it is something more. I need an outsider's opinion.

We have two teen-age sons Robert is an excellent student. He has distinguished himself academically all through his school years. His younger brother barely gets passing grades.

We have threatened, punished and even tried to shame the young boy into doing as well as Robert. Nothing works. In fact, he is showing signs of bitter resentment toward his older brother. Things are going from bad to worse. What can you suggest — DEEPLY CONCERNED

Dear D. C.: Stop holding up Robert as the shining example. In seeking to persuade the younger boy to compete you are throttling his initiative and making enemies of these brothers.

One reason the younger boy does so poorly is because he never felt he could do as well as his brother, so he withdrew completely. He figured that one who does not even try can scarcely be considered a contestant.

You parents need help from a professional so that you may learn to deal with your children more intelligently. I hope it isn't too late.

Dear Ann: An acquaintance who works in this office has (Continued on Page 18)

Luncheon for Mrs. Morrow

Mrs. W. R. Patterson entertained at a farewell luncheon last Thursday afternoon at her home, 17 Buckskin Lane, honoring Mrs. D.W.C. Morrow, who left Tuesday by jet for Buffalo, N.Y. Mrs. Morrow has made her home here with Mrs. N. O. Patterson on Post Avenue for the past six years.

The honoree was presented with farewell gifts.

Luncheon guests were Mmes. William Diesel, Robert Basher, Phillip Hoffman, R. S. Sleeth, Nelda Crockett, Earl John, Doris Connors, Ralph Robertson; and Miss Mabel Conger.



WELCOME NEW BOARD . . . Mrs. Paul Winn, retiring president of the Torrance Memorial Hospital Auxiliary entertained the members of her board and the new officers at a luncheon Monday at her Palos Verdes home. During a business meeting, the retiring officers explained the duties of their offices to their successors. Among the

new board members, who will be installed in June, are from left, Mmes. James C. Anderson, president; William E. Grubbs, reception desk chairman; James Colella, telephone chairman and Sidney Thompson, hospitality chairman.



JOAN BELKNAP . . . Accepts Ring (Doug Kilgour Photo)

Couple Set June 23 For Nuptial Day Mrs. Lynn President Hope Chapter Elects Officers for 1962-63

Mr. and Mrs. Garth H. Belknap, 17822 Bailey Dr., Torrance, this morning announce the engagement of their daughter, Joan Nance, to Francis Joseph Grasso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Grasso, 18013 Glenburn Ave., Torrance.

June 23 has been chosen by the couple as their wedding day.

The bride-elect was graduated from North High school and El Camino college.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Central Catholic High in Lawrence, Mass., and for three years attended the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va.

He is now employed by the Pittsburgh Glass Co. here.

Houseparty

Mr and Mrs. J. A. Barrington entertained a group of friends at their home at Arrowhead last weekend, where they enjoyed the snow.

Their guests included Mrs. R. D. Bolen and daughter, Mary Lee, and Mrs. W. E. Grubbs and Meredith and Peter. On Sunday they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tolson and Cindy, Bobby and Bill.

Mrs. Bert Lynn has been elected to serve as president of the Torrance Chapter City of Hope for the year 1962-63. Mrs. Lynn succeeds Mrs. Hermon Weston in the office. She is currently serving as second vice president in charge of memberships. Mrs. Lynn is a charter member of the local chapter and was recently awarded the exclusive "500 Club" medallion in recognition of her efforts in raising over \$500 in contribution for the City of Hope in the past year.

Elections were held at the regular monthly meeting Wednesday, March 7, at the home of Mrs. Mack Brown, 1518 W. 152nd St. in Gardena.

Serving with Mrs. Lynn will be Mrs. Fred Ball, first vice president; Mrs. Mathilda Brahin, second vice president; Mrs. Herman Weston, third vice president; Mrs. James Rea, recording secretary.

Others are Mrs. Frank Sclarotta, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Mack Brown, treasurer; Mrs. Walter West, publicity. Mrs. Weston will serve as special advisor.

The new officers will be installed at a dinner dance on Saturday, April 28, in the Crystal room at the Palms Restaurant.

Sam Levy, charter member of the local chapter and holder of a City of Hope life membership pin, will conduct the installation ceremonies.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tolson and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Witt had dinner Saturday evening at the Cockatoo Inn after which they visited the new International Airport.

Mr. and Mrs. David Pace are now at home at 4675 183rd St., Lawndale, following their marriage on March 13, and a honeymoon in San Francisco. Mrs. Pace is the former Lauana Alford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert R. Alford, 17230 Atkison Ave., Torrance. Her husband's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pace, 5108 Mac-Afee Rd., Torrance.

The wedding was solemnized in the early evening at the Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Earl Kuester officiating.

Mr. Alford walked to the altar with his daughter and gave her in marriage. She wore a gown of white satin detailed with a fitted bodice, round neckline and long, pointed sleeves. The bell-shaped skirt was caught in bustle effect at the back. The

full illusion veil fell from a seed pearl crown and the bride carried white glamelias and staphanotis.

Miss Donna Jean Bertrand was the maid of honor and bridesmaids were Misses Jeanette Bishop, Carolyn Sparks and Gloria Cautiero. All wore aqua chiffon dresses and carried pink carnations.

Candles were lighted by Russell Black and Danny Pace. Gary Shrigley stood as best man. Mrs. H. Kuester played the wedding music and accompanied Kay Barford, soloist.

A reception was held at the Torrance Elks lodge. Miss Cindy Pace registered the guests.

Both the bride and her husband are graduates of North High school and El Camino college. Mr. Pace attended Harbor City College.

For Scholarship Fund

Walteria Club's Show on Saturday

Gold Room of the Jump 'n Jack Restaurant will be transformed into a spring garden next Saturday when the Walteria Business Women's Club presents its "Spring Fantasy" luncheon and fashion show at 12:30 p.m.

Mrs. E. Doage, president, has announced that Jean Schields of a Walteria Fashion Shop will co-ordinate 57 current costumes with Mrs. Robert S. Sleeth Jr. serving as commentator.

Mrs. G. Butts is serving as general chairman. Other chairmen are Mmes. J. Nishimine, program; G. Maxwell, ticket sales; A. Mack, posters; C. Sorensen, hospitality, and R. Waegner, publicity.

Accents on makeup will be given by a cosmetic company representative, Mrs. M. Doty.

Models for the show are Terry Taylor, Gladys Hancock, Darleen Doage, Judy Labit, Sue Brown, Bobbi Moton, Susan Thill, Harriet



INSTALLATION LUNCHEON . . . Volunteers, auxiliary to the Harbor General Hospital, install new officers at an "Easter Parade" luncheon at the Pen and Quill on April 12. Planning the event are from left, Mmes. Rollin Ring, president, E. R. Hoppe, first vice president; John de Ryk, second vice president; R. H. March, decorating chairman and H. Shapter, third vice president.

New Orleans Trip

Judge and Mrs. Otto Willett, 221 Via Los Altos, returned last week from a 10-day vacation in New Orleans, La., where they were guests of Judge Willett's sister, Mrs. James Davoval. The couple made the trip by plane. During their visit they made many tours of the historic city.

David Paces, Newlyweds, Now Living in Lawndale

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Easter Parade Theme

Volunteers To Install New Officers April 12

Volunteers, Harbor General Hospital Auxiliary, will install new officers at a luncheon at the Pen and Quill Restaurant on April 12. A social hour will be held at 11 a.m. and luncheon will follow at 12:30.

Mrs. Henry Shapter, hospitality chairman, who is chairman of the program and decorations committees, announced that the theme, "Easter Parade" will be used. Table decorations will be Easter bonnets filled with spring flowers. An Easter parade will be a highlight of the program and there will be prizes for the "prettiest" and "zaniest" hats.

Installation will be conducted by Mrs. Marguerite Broen McAllister, chief of Patients Services at Harbor General Hospital.

Mrs. Rollin Ring will be installed as president. Serving with her will be Mrs. E. Robert Hoppe, first vice president; Mrs. John De Ryk, second vice president; Mrs. Henry Shapter, third vice president; Mrs. Richard Sherry, recording secretary; Mrs. Dolly Buyny, treasurer, and Mrs. Stanley Lewis, corresponding secretary.

Special guests will be A. L. Thomas, administrator, and Mrs. Thomas; Les Smith, assistant administrator and Mrs. Smith; Dr. Dirk Te Groen, medical director; Mrs. Bernadine Clark, director of nurses and honorary members, Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Broen and Mrs. Mildred Hunt.



MRS. D. R. PACE . . . Former Lauana Alford (Portrait by Beeman)



A PREVIEW OF WHAT'S TO COME . . . Mrs. Joseph Anuso models one of spring's new fashions in a preview of the show to be seen by Walteria Business Women and their guests on Saturday at the Jump'n Jack restaurant. Looking on are Jack Rogers, restaurant owner, Mmes. Max Schields, fashion coordinator, Elmer Doage, president and Gerald Butts, general show chairman.