

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



'Thank God This IS Peacetime . . .'

Dear Ann Landers: I'm still burning over the letter from "Experienced." She doesn't see any reason why a husband should be taken away from his family to "play soldier during peacetime."

I sympathize with her because I know she is suffering emotionally, physically and financially. But she should thank God that this IS peacetime, and her husband's training can be considered "playing" since no one is shooting live ammunition at him.

I hope this woman never knows what it's like to be a wartime wife. How well I remember opening a letter, checking the date and sighing—"Well, he was still alive 20 days ago."

Some of my friends were less fortunate. Their husbands were shot down over Germany or died in prison camps. These women had to rear young children alone.

My husband and I are now about to face our seventh forced separation. But I'm not complaining. I'm one of the lucky wives, Ann. He came back to me alive and well after two wars.

—ARMY WIFE.

Dear Ann Landers: Please say something about the bitter competitiveness between in-laws. My parents and my husband's parents are destroying our marriage. They have been social friends for years, well off financially and determined to outdo each other.

When I went to the hospital to have my first child my mother came to be with me although I told her repeatedly I didn't want her to. When my mother-in-law learned my mother was at the hospital, SHE rushed over too. My doctor finally told them both to go home.

The in-laws are forever dropping over to see the grandchildren. If my parents are here (and they usually are) the in-laws are annoyed. Naturally the kids are spoiled rotten. If one brings a \$10 gift the other brings a \$5 gift. Christmas, Easter and birthdays are nightmares. About the only thing our children don't have is a piece of real estate on Fifth Avenue.

My husband and I argue a lot. He defends his folks and I defend mine. Storm clouds are gathering. What can be done?—TWO-WAY STRETCH

Dear Stretch: The ideal solution is a move to another city. It would be well worth it, even at a financial sacrifice.

If this is not possible, you must tell your parents and he must tell his parents to leave you alone, cut out all gifts, and unannounced visits. If I sound hard-boiled it's because the alternative is disaster.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm not a teenager and am well past the giddy stage. For three years I went with a man who is likewise no child and I was certain we were altar-bound.

Three weeks before he was to give me my engagement ring he confessed he was mildly infatuated with a woman who worked in his department. She is a divorcee and good looking. He asked my permission to take her out a few times and "get her out of his system." I was crushed.

Three weeks passed without one word from him. Yesterday I received two dozen (Continued on Page 10)

New Bridge Class Opens

By popular demand the YWCA of Torrance in cooperation with the California Bridge School is opening another beginning bridge class on Wednesday, May 23 at 8 p.m. at the Plush Horse Inn. The class is being taught by Robert Christie, well known in this area as a champion bridge instructor. The class consists of one hour of instruction and one hour of supervised play and runs for 10 consecutive weeks. For any further information call the YWCA.



WIN RECOGNITION . . . Three local high school students were awarded scholarships by the two Torrance Women's clubs at a meeting Wednesday noon. Don Lewis, who captured the art scholarship offered by both clubs, shows a painting to, from left, Mary Duarte and Sharon Bergstrom, who were presented \$200 scholarships, as Mrs. Leondrus Stamps, president of the Torrance Woman's club and Mrs. Jack Dean, president of the Junior Woman's club, look on.

At Luncheon Meeting Local Clubs Award Three Scholarships

The awarding of scholarships highlighted the meeting of the Torrance Woman's club on Wednesday at the clubhouse. The scholarship committee announced the winners of two \$200 scholarships and the Torrance Junior club in conjunction with the Woman's club awarded the annual art scholarship.

Scholarships were won by Sharon Bergstrom, student at South High school and Mary Duarte, student at Torrance High. The art scholarship went to Don Lewis, student at North High school.

Miss Bergstrom is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bergstrom, 5044 Newton St. She has received high scholastic ratings in mathematics and science and expects to teach mathematics in high school upon completion of her education.

Mr. and Mrs. Artemio Duarte, 2222 Del Amo are parents of Miss Duarte. She has taken chemistry and biology to prepare for a career in medicine and will continue her pre-med studies in college.

Don Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lewis, plans to attend El Camino college and study art in Mexico. He plans a career in teaching art and interior decorating. The award was presented by Mrs. D. G. DeHoog, art chairman of the Woman's club and Mrs. Richard Dorothy, Junior Art Chairman.

The students were introduced by Mrs. M. A. Wright, scholarship chairman. On her committee were Mmes. R. E. Moffitt, W. L. Norman and C. K. Albright.

After the luncheon, club members and their guests, of-

ficers and chairmen of the Junior Woman's club, enjoyed a "Fashions of the Past" style show presented by the Goodwill Industries.

Background music was provided by Mrs. James Burchett. Models were Mmes. J. G. Laird, R. D. Focha, E. C. St. Amand, D. E. Moore, R. L. Rudy, L. W. Ballard, L. B. Pulliam, W. C. Moyer, C. M. Wheeler, B. W. Roberts, R. M. Clawson, E. L. Snodgrass, H. H. Pasler and H. W. Bowman.

Club Hostess

Mrs. Jack Rice entertained her club at a dessert-bridge Wednesday evening at her home on Greenmeadow.

In the bridge games following dessert, high score was held by Mrs. Em Fluhr, second by Mrs. Frank Barnes and third by Mrs. Chalmers Strayer.

Mrs. Rice's guests were Mmes. William Starr, Jack Dean, Chalmers Strayer, Em Fluhr, Eugene Lenk, George Booth and Frank Barnes.

Mrs. Starr will be the club's next hostess.

Voter League Slates Meets Next Week

Provisional League of Women Voters of Torrance will continue its "Know Your City" study next week when units study public health, county fire, and county welfare services.

Pros and cons of measures to appear on the June 5 election ballot concerning state measures and the El Camino Junior College measure will be presented.

Discussion leaders will include: Mmes. James Anderson, James Craig, C. K. Howie, William Sandstrom, and Louis Lanser.

Meetings are scheduled as follows: Monday, May 21, 9:45 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Frank Adair, 225 Via La Ciruela and 7:45 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Barton Peters, 2911 W. 168th St.; Tuesday, May 22, 7:45 p.m. at the home of Mrs. C. R. Berwanger, 5617 Andrus Ave.; Wednesday, May 23, 9:45 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Robert Saunders, 5128 Merrill St., and Thursday, May 24, 7:45 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Edwin Slattery, 217 Camino de las Colinas. The public is invited.

At Convention

Attending the South Bay District convention of Lions International in Catalina are Messrs. and Mmes. Fred Boren, Paul Diamond, Milton Isbell, William King, Pete Radisich and A. F. R. Ewalt. The convention got under way Thursday and will close today.



JEAN CLAWSON . . . Arranges Program

B&PW Club Will Hear Dr. Sturgis

Jean Clawson, program coordinator, is bringing the first in a series of outstanding programs for the Torrance Business and Professional Woman's Club.

Dr. Dixie Sturgis, one of California's most dynamic speakers on modern philosophy and author of balanced living for the American way of life, will present the American woman in business today.

Every woman in a business or profession should avail herself of this opportunity to hear and learn how to have greater happiness and success both in business and in her home, and is invited to "come and see yourself as others see you" through Dr. Sturgis' message, stated Mrs. Clawson.

This dinner meeting will be held at the Palms Restaurant Monday evening, May 21, at 7:30 p.m.

New Officers Installed by Gamma Etas

Installation of new officers and initiation of new members was the program at a luncheon meeting of the Gamma Eta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. The luncheon was held May 12 at the Cockatoo Restaurant in Hawthorne.

Installed were Mrs. Terry Chism, president; Miss Lois Frifill, first vice president; Mrs. Hilma Jacobs, second vice president; Miss Edith Waschell, recording secretary; Mrs. Anna Hause, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Pauline Brassfield, parliamentary.

Four new members, Mmes. Gloria Wade, Roma Short, Carol Hayakawa and Virginia Rice were installed following the luncheon.

The next and last meeting until fall, will be a pot luck dinner for members and guests at the home of Mrs. Anna Hause, Mrs. Ellen Booz will be the co-hostess.

Social World

Edna Cloyd, Editor



FASHIONS FOR ALL AGES . . . When the Nativity Mothers club stages its fashion luncheon at the Nativity Annex, new fashions for all ages made by the mothers, will be paraded. Here, Mrs. Gerald Phillips wearing a green silk print which she made, poses with her daughters Donna Sue and Marie, who are wearing yellow check gingham dresses with nylon aprons, which Mrs. Phillips made. At the right is Mrs. Harry Kale, general chairman of the show, taking notes on the fashions.



PATRICIA CLARK . . . Sets Date

Engagement Announced

September 10 has been chosen by Miss Patricia Clark and Charles E. Meyer for their wedding day.

The announcement of their daughter's engagement and wedding plans are made this morning by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clark, 4187 W. 172nd St., Torrance.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Meyer, 17117 Crenshaw Blvd., are parents of the benedict-elect.

The future bride, a senior at North High School, will be graduated in June.

Her fiancé was graduated from North High in 1960. He is now attending El Camino College and is employed at Shoppers Market.

Candidates to Meet Wednesday

Palos Verdes Peninsula League of Women Voters in co-sponsorship with the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Peninsula Moderates will present a candidates meeting at 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, in the auditorium of South High School.

Candidates for the office of superintendent of public instruction will appear. The election is scheduled for June 5.

At Parish Annex

Nativity Mothers Announce Benefit

"Patterns in Profile", featuring the latest in spring and summer styles, will highlight the benefit luncheon at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 26, in the Nativity Annex, Eldorado and Engracia Ave. The affair is sponsored by the Nativity Mothers Club.

Mrs. Harry Kale is general chairman and is being assisted by Irene Miles, fashion coordinator.

Mrs. Robert Moffitt will be in charge of the social hour from 12 to 1 p.m.

All fashions to be featured are made by members of the club. Modeling women's fashions will be Mmes. James Brynes, Robert Dobson, William Hardesty, Frank Kristufek, James McClain, Robert Ruiz, Donald Sanders, Thomas Zarro, Nicholas Zupparde, George Schmid and Lawrence Moeder.

Reservations must be made with Mrs. William McDonald.

Teenagers showing prom styles and casual attire will be Linda Byk, Barbara Rabel and Judy Thomassin.

Small fry togs will be paraded by Donna Sue and Marie Phillips, Irene Sanders, Susan McClain, Sheila, Melinda and Suzanne Moeder.

Other chairmen for the luncheon benefit are Mmes. Paul Leack and Arthur Ley, decorations, Norris Cartensen, luncheon; and Lawrence Moeder, publicity.

University Women To Hear Dr. Joy Carter

Annual dinner meeting of the Palos Verdes-Rolling Hills branch of the American Association of University Women will be held at the Plush Horse restaurant on May 24. Husbands and guests are invited to enjoy the social hour beginning at 6:30, the delicious dinner to follow, and a program of unusual interest.

The guest speaker, who will be introduced by Mass Media Chairman, Mrs. James Heudens, is Dr. Joy Carter, a staff engineer in Space Technology Laboratories' Guidance Sensors Dept.

Dr. Carter, a native of Comanche, Texas, chose music as a career and received her B.A. degree in music from North Texas State College. She taught music in Texas during World War II.

During the war years with the shortage of technical personnel for civilian jobs, Dr. Carter attended a civil serv-

ice course sponsored by Wright Field in Ohio, became interested in engineering and enrolled at Ohio State University. During her 12 years at Ohio U, she married Dr. Carter.

Dr. Carter retains her music as her hobby. In their Rolling Hills home the Carters have an extensive collection of musical instruments.

Reservations for this dinner meeting must be made by Sunday with Mrs. Raymond Oadone, 6 Surrey Lane, Rolling Hills.

In Palm Springs

Mrs. Ruth Richards and Mrs. Pauline Tourtelot spent last weekend in Palm Springs where they were guests of Mrs. Richards' son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers and family.



MOTHERS DAY PICNIC . . . Five generations were present at a Mothers Day picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mann, 3824 W. 171st, where the Manns have lived during their 35 years of married life. Representing their generations were from left, Mrs. Lela F. Gonner of Inglewood, formerly of Torrance; Mrs. Cora Halliburton, 87, of Lawndale; Patricia Flynn, 14, student at Fleming High; Mrs. Lorane Mann of Torrance; and Mrs. Barbara Stanton of Torrance. Mrs. Halliburton, the eldest of the group, has three children, three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.