Kettler Kapers

By LEONA and AL WIMMELL

HI NEIGHBORS! The recent controversy in Los Angeles over whether children are gettting the proper education under the progressive system reminds me of an incident which occurred under the old system. A Board of Education inspector visiting a country school became provoked at the noise the unruly students were making in the next room. Angrily he opened the door and grabbed one of the taller boys who seemed to be doing the most talking, dragged him to the next room, and stood him in the corner.

"Now then, be silent and stand there," he ordered.

A few minutes later a small boy stuck his nead in the room and asked, "Please, sir, may we have our teacher back?"

Although recent tests showed many students were not very good in spelling, we believe they rate very high in native intelligence. When a movie theatre conducted a poll of youngsters on whether the western stars should kiss the girl in the pictures, the "yes" ballots won, although some commented: "No—too mushy and sometimes the girls are not pretty." However, as Bill Henry reports, one boy voted "yes" on the subject of kissing and gave as his reason, "So I can learn how to kiss Susie!"

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A BABY SON named David Leon was brought home from Torrance Memorial Hospital Saturday by the proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hershel L. Huffman, 23121 Huber avenue. The new arrival weighed 8 pounds, 9½ ounces at birth Tuesday, April 18. Mr. Huffman works at the Torrance Refinery of the General Petroleum Corporation. Mrs. Huffman is being assisted by her mother, Mrs. J. E. Huffman of Gardena who is visiting her for a week or two.

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A BARBECUE LUNCHEON for their son, Donald, and the neighborhood children was given by Mrs. and Mrs. Edgar Bell, 23305 Falena avenue, Saturday afternoon, despite the threatening clouds above. The lucky guests were Anita and Johnny Stroub, Clyde Ostler, Jr., Ginny Lee Withycombe, Kenny Holmes and Mark and David Grubbs. A good time was had by all, especially by one small boy who devoured several hot dogs, washed down by Kool-aide, and then insisted upon eating his marshmallows "red hot," commenting to your reporter, "This is the goodest of all!"

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HOLLYWOOD CAME TO KETTLER KNOLLS Friday night with the opening of Rocky's Texaco Service Station at 135th and Western avenue. A gigantic kleig light guided the crowd to the station where they joined in the square dancing festivities. The ladies received gardenias, the men chose cigars and the children were treated to suckers and whistles. The $29,000 station of modern design was planned and built by P. I. Wilsey and Jack Kettler. The owner, R. D. ("Rocky") Moulton, 1421 Madrid avenue, stated that he appreciated the turn-out of the residents of Kettler Knolls and the surrounding area to the opening despite the accompanying drizzle.

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A STORK SHOWER for Mrs. Gerald Headley of Harbor Hills is being given tonight (Thursday) by Mrs. D. F. Vanderpool, 1839 Santa Fe avenue. A program of games followed by refreshments is planned for the 16 guests.

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WELCOME VISITORS of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Williams, 1820 Middlebrook road, were Mrs. Williams' parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Crowther and Teddy of Alexandria, Va. Mr. Crowther, who is a bishop of the L.D.S. Mormon Church, christened his 4-months-old grandson, Robert R. Williams II, last Sunday in the Mormon Church of Long Beach.

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MRS. S. H. RICHARDS, 1947 Middlebrook road, reports that her 83-year-old mother, Mrs. Rosie E. Streight of Oregon City, Ore., who has been visiting her recently, is home from the Torrance Memorial Hospital where she underwent and appendectomy. Although there are very few such operations performed upon a person of her advanced age, Mrs. Streight is recovering rapidly we are happy to learn.

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A BABY SHOWER was given by Mrs. Alice Carlson, 23127 Huber avenue, Friday evening for Mrs. Shirley Moraine, 23204 Huber avenue. The centerpiece was a bassinet and stork with two baby shoes filled with sweet peas. Guests were the Mesdames Betty Clancy, Dea Johnson, Barbara Jackson, H. Moraine, Doris Ridenour, Jane Lockett and Doris Pischel. A number of games were played, the prizes being won by the Mesdames Johnson, Jackson, Moraine, and Lockett.

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NEW MANAGER of the Merle Norman Cosmetics Studio, 1223 El Prado, is Mrs. Mary Jane Richards, 1947 Middlebrook road, who started this week. Complimentary cosmetic demonstrations are being given by the Studio, Mrs. Richards announces.

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A CANASTA PARTY was given Tuesday evening, April 18, by Mrs. Fred Wise, 1726 235th street, for a group of 28 friends and neighbors. The guests greatly enjoyed the popular game and the refreshments which topped off the evening's fun.

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THE MUMPS hit the Jack Crow family of 23309 Huber avenue pretty hard, but we are glad to report they are recovering rapidly. On March 30 Anita and Andrea Crow came down with the disease. Mr. and Mrs. Crow caught the germ the next week—and then Anita had a relapse and Andrea got mumps all over again. Johnny Stroub, 23308 Falena avenue, who hates to be left out of anything, has the mumps, too!

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FRIENDS OF Mrs. Evelyn Coleman, 1908 Middlebrooke road, will find her at Torrance Memorial Hospital. She is scheduled to undergo a major operation this week. We join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

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MRS. KAY VAN DALSEM, 22962 Walnut avenue, and Mrs. Beulah Frederickson, 1965 Reynosa drive, greatly enjoyed two radio shows "Queen for a Day" and "Surprise Package" at the studio last Friday.

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NO, WE DON'T HAVE A DOG. That's me my wife calls "Spot," ever since I decided that cleaners charge too much money and I would show her how to clean my jacket. The nickname was attached immediately when I demonstrated the result of my work. Now, I think that cleaners do not charge enough, and will write free copy for the Chamber of Commerce on the theme of supporting local business.

Speaking of spot, that's just what you neighbors will be on if you don't call us at Lomita 2161-W and give us some news for this column. Now, I'm trying to save shoe leather!

Sensation Strain of Cosmos.

Native Bloom With Ambition Is the Cosmos

Cosmos, pronounced coz-muss, is an ambitious American flower, which has shown the will to improve under the guidance of American plant breeders. Thirty years ago the large 3 to 4-inch flowers which now bloom in northern gardens from July until frost, were so late that plants were often frozen before they bloomed. Only in the deep south could the yellow cosmos be flowered.

Now we have the varieties Orange Flare and Yellow Flare which bloom in midsummer, and the Sensation strain with giant blooms of pink, rose, white and crimson, flowering in midsummer from seed sown in the spring, and increasing in abundance until winter kills the plants.

Cosmos is a background plant. It develops as a loose bush, growing up to four feet tall, with its lovely single flowers terminating stems and branches. The foliage of the Sensation strain is fern-like. In the rear of the border it forms a misty screen of lovely coloring which casts no shadows, and allows free passage for sunshine and fresh air.

Flowers of this strain are excellent for cutting, lasting in good condition for 10 days. It is a tropical flower, from Mexico, but it is no more demanding as to soil and temperature than the good natured marigolds. The seeds germinate in eight days and the plants grow vigorously in average garden soil. They respond with 4-inch flowers to good feeding, but produce abundantly without this stimulation.

Students From Lomita Attend Opera

Eleven students of Lomita Elementary School accompanied by a member of the faculty attended the special matinee of the opera, "The Bartered Bride," at the Shrine Auditorium yesterday.

Transportation was provided by the school bus for the trip.

FACULTY TO ENTERTAIN

Faculty members of Lomita Elementary School will entertain several junior and senior high school girls of Narbonne High School Friday afternoon in an effort to interest students in the field of teaching.

BANK TRIP

As part of the thrift program of the school, a group of sixth grade students will be taken through the Lomita branch of the California Bank Friday, May 5. The various phases of banking will be explained by Bank Manager John Stanton.

Mother's Day Observance Is Planned

The home of Evelyn West at 2313 W. 247th street will be the setting for the annual Mother's Day observance by members of Zeta Chapter, Phi Sigma Phi sorority. Mothers of the chapter members will be guests at the evening party on May 10, for which an interesting program has been planned.

The future events of the group were planned when the chapter met last week at the home of Mrs. William Tretter at 634 McDonald avenue, Wilmington. Included in the coming benefit affairs were plans for a booth at the Lomita Chamber of Commerce-sponsored carnival in June. Mrs. R. P. Kellogg presided.

Attending the meeting were Mesdames W. J. Bryan, R. W. Gerhart, R. L. Hultz, C. W. Opsahl, J. S. Bacon, A. D. Scott, J. R. Jones, J. E. Hixson, Evelyn West, R. P. Kellogg, W. A. Tretter and D. S. Brown.

MRS. LEONA BUTTERS of Denver, Colo., is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Butters, 1768 Marinette street, expecting to stay two to three weeks.

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WEEK-END GUEST of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Coffee, 1964 Reynosa drive, was her mother, Mrs. J. M. Harris of Chula Vista.

SALVAGE WEEK DRIVE UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

Torrance housewives and businessmen joined forces last week to make the Salvation Army's annual Salvage Week an unqualified success.

This was revealed today by Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey, Jr., general chairman of the local drive, when he thanked his committeemen for their part in the campaign. He noted that fleets of Red Shield trucks from the Salvation Army social service center serving this area answered hundreds of calls to make pick-ups of discarded articles.

Tons of salvage material were gathered to be used in the social service center's program of rehabilitation, Mayor Sherfey said. The no-longer-wanted items will be refurbished in Salvation Army shops by needy and handicapped persons.

The general chairman said that a continuous supply of castoff furniture, clothing, shoes, appliances, newspapers, and miscellaneous articles will be needed throughout the year to maintain the self-help program. Red Shield trucks will continue to call at homes and offices, he said, and will make pick-ups of discards. Residents are asked to telephone to Torrance 1563 to request a truck to call.

Field Trip Planned by Adult Class

The consumer education class which meets at the Lomita Elementary School Friday morning will make a tour through a Los Angeles pottery company this week.

Those wishing to go are invited to meet in front of the school at 8:30 a. m. for transportation which will be provided for those who cannot go otherwise.

Board Meets For Luncheon

Plans were outlined for a combined meeting of social agencies of the harbor area to take place at the San Pedro YWCA June 5 by members of the Harbor Family Welfare Board when they met in Lomita Frday. Principal speaker will be W. Schottland, state welfare director.

The new auditorium at Lomita Elementary School was the setting for the luncheon meeting and Rev. Arne P. Kristo, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Wilmington, presided.

Miss Rachel Steward announced that 100 reservations had been made by the harbor group to attend the annual agency meeting in Los Angeles next month.

With Rev. Furgeson in charge of the day's program, the counseling work of the board was presented, several taking part in the discussion.

"Lomita Beautiful" Is Theme for Flower Show

"Lomita Beautiful" is the theme adopted by the Lomita Area Branch of the California Fuchsia Society for the Community Flower Show which will be held June 24 and 25 at Lomita Park.

Co-sponsored by the Fuchsia Society and the Los Angeles County Recreation Department, the show will have several extra features including music by a five-piece Los Angeles County band and the showing of colored slides of the latest varieties of fuchsias.

With Mrs. George Hunt as general chairman the rules and program-planning of the show were outlined at a committee meeting Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Trunnell, 25322 Oak street.

The following chairmen of the various divisions of the show were named: Mrs Roy Trunnell, special blooms; Mrs. Blanche Tempski, cut flowers, Mrs. Gwen Trefethen and Mrs. C. O. Eipper, potted plants; Mrs. William Sheldon, school exhibits; Mrs. Glen Shekell, hanging baskets; and Mrs. Helen Garcia, commercial exhibits.

In charge of publicity will be Mrs. Jack McKinney and ribbons will be awarded by the judges for outstanding exhibits during the show.

Others in attendance at the meeting were Jim Fairclo and Bob Smith of Gardena; Roy Trunnell, Mrs. Raymond Lee, Fuchsia Club President John Ericson and Mrs. Ericson, Mrs. J. Bailey, Jack McKinney and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Winner.

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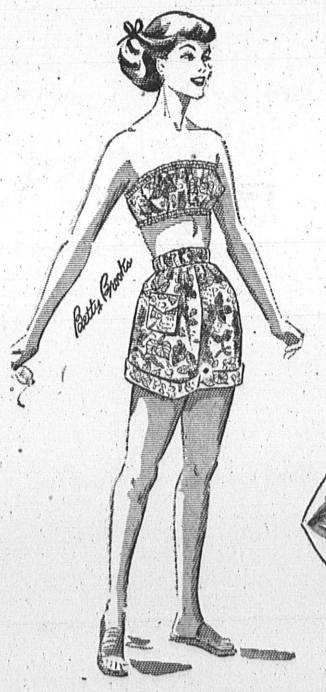

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