

**Kettler Kapers**

**Couple Falls In Love with Knolls, Buys**

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"The minute I saw the homes in Kettler Knolls, I fell in love with the neighborhood and decided that is where I wanted to buy . . . it seemed so homey and friendly." That is what Betty Clark told me when I stopped in to call on her the other morning . . . She and Paul have bought a home at 2043 Reynosa Dr. They have lived in California a little over a year, having come originally from Centerville and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Just prior to buying here in the Knolls, they lived in Compton, but Paul is employed here so they wanted to move to Torrance. Paul likes fishing, while Betty likes the more womanly arts of sewing, knitting, and crocheting, and Buddy, the dog, just likes being friendly and loved.

Speaking of birthdays, the Girl Scouts had a big one last Saturday, and quite a celebration it was with the May Co.'s big party for them at the Pan-Pacific Auditorium. The Brownies were entertained in the morning, while the older girls' program took place in the afternoon. After the colors were saluted and the National Anthem sung, the program was presented. Monty Montana along with his Brownie daughter, Linda, showed some fancy roping, followed by the coast-to-coast broadcast on which Dick Haymes, Lucille Norman, Tex Williams, and the Modernaires participated; Candy and Nancy, and even Webster Webfoot, greeted the girls and wished them a happy birthday. A large cake was presented the audience, but was later sent to Rancho Los Amigos, and each girl was given a box with an individual birthday cake and candle as they left the auditorium.

Intermediate Scouts who attended from the predominantly Kettler Knolls Troop No. 936, were Mimi Cowan, Mary Drakowski, Donna Dunklin, Emilie Greer, Gay Larsen, Judy and Janice Fredrickson, Barbara Hannan, Louise Otterstein, Karen Korth, Joyce Wayt, Kiyoko Takeuchi, Judy Welster, and Nancy Walters. The group was chaperoned by Leaders P. O. Cunningham and Ina Larsen, and mothers Beulah Fredrickson and Betty Otterstein. Even the bus driver was a Kettlerite, our own Paul Drury of Middlebrook Rd.

Enjoying TV, which they don't have much of in Warrensburg, Mo., and enjoying an old-fashioned visit are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bird who are the houseguests of Georgia and Willis Stroub of Palena Ave. Robert is Georgia's "old brother" and has to report for duty in the armed forces March 26, so he and his wife decided on a pleasure trip to see his sister. Nothing special in the way of sightseeing has been planned, as the trip was mainly for "just visiting."

**West Basin in Move for Water Conservation**

The question of forming a water conservation zone as authorized under the 1951 amendments to the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act is being given serious consideration by West Basin Water Assn. It was revealed yesterday by Manager Carl Fossette.

Under the water conservation zone plan, a tax not to exceed five cents may be levied for purchase of water to be spread or injected into the over-drawn basin by County Flood Control District as a means of basin replenishment, Fossette explained.

The plan permits the Flood Control District to use its general funds for spreading grounds, injection wells, and other facilities as well as for operation and maintenance of equipment used in conserving water for the benefit of the area comprising a zone. The water to be conserved, however, must be obtained without cost to the district.

"It has long been recognized that sea water intrusion into the Basin must be stopped. If the Basin is to be preserved as a safe and dependable storage reservoir from which summer peak demands can be supplied," Fossette said.

**Arthritis One of Man's Oldest Diseases, No Quick Cure Known**

Arthritis is one of the oldest diseases known to mankind. Skeletons of prehistoric man, as far back as can be traced, show evidence of rheumatism similar to some of the types found in human joints today by means of the x-ray.

In spite of its venerable age, comparatively little is known about this condition; in fact, it is one of the most neglected of all human afflictions, according to Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, County Health Officer.

It is not just one disease. Arthritis is a term applied to

affects the entire body producing inflammation of the joints and osteoarthritis, a disease of the joints found chiefly in older people.

Arthritic victims in the United States number approximately 8,000,000 or one out of every 20 Americans. The malady afflicts women more than men, and attacks the poor more often than

the rich. It is neither a disease of age nor yet one of youth. Studies made by the United States Public Health Service show that about one-half of the cases occur among persons under 45 years of age, during the most productive period of life. Only 15 per cent of the cases were found in elderly people. Owing to the disabling nature

of rheumatoid arthritis, the economic loss involved is tremendous, since more than 100,000,000 work days are lost each year. Much of this suffering and loss could be avoided if medical attention was sought when the joints first appeared. If allowed to continue unchecked, crippling and deformity may result. Once established there is no quick, easy road to recovery. Many drugs, and more recently hormones, have been tried with varying degrees of success. No

drugs should ever be taken for this disease unless prescribed by a physician. A properly balanced diet and adequate rest are needed by all persons who suffer from any form of arthritis and, in some instances, a mild, dry climate seems to be helpful.

Arthritis is rarely fatal, but sometimes this fact is considered a doubtful blessing so great is the pain and mental depression that must be borne. Many times, however, it can be cured or arrested if prompt medical treatment is received. Quite de-

initely it is not a condition to neglect. A pamphlet on arthritis may be obtained by sending a card of request to the Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12.

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