

Children Never Give Up When It Comes to Having Birthdays

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After reaching a certain age we adults apparently give up the proclivity of celebrating birthdays. At least, no one wishes to be informed of such. Thank goodness, the children never give up.

Michael Fenton, of 920 Cranbrook, entertained at a theater party for a group of his friends on his eighth birthday last Saturday. After enjoying the cake and ice cream at his home, the group of boys under the supervision of Mrs. Ray Otteson, Mrs. J. Anderson and Mrs. Tom Fenton, went to see "A Star Is Born." Those attending were Mark Patton, Barton Otteson, Steve Fuller, Steven and Joe Filkens, Billy Stuckey, and Jerome Gillis.

Curt Harestad also enjoyed a birthday party last week, his twelfth when he invited a group of his friends to attend the Plunge in Long Beach. The boys who accompanied him were Mike Mott, Richard Greene, John Schotanus, and Dion and Dennis Dyer, with Mr. Paul Harestad and Mr. James Mott lending their fatherly advice. After the swim, the boys returned to the Harestad home at 2840 Onrado for supper.

A five-year-old birthday was the limelight of the day at the William Boswell residence, 2842 Onrado, on Saturday until father came home with a brand new red and white Ford. This didn't dim the light in the eyes of young Pamela and her gathered guests. A new method of entertainment was provided with each guest being presented with a color book and paper

dolls. Crayons and scissor were made available. Lunch was served on the patio to Cindy Lou Littleton, Nikki Harestad, Stevie Capps, Pam Klinez, Stevie Dyer, Barbara Proul, Marjo Whitney, and Pamela's cousin, Sharon Habler, Redondo Beach. Prissie Ray was unable to attend because of a scarlet fever relapse. Mrs. Taylor Whitney and Mrs. Clara Cibick assisted. Other callers were Mr. and Mrs. Adam Habler.

A pink baby shower was held at the home of Delayne Cahow, at 804 Maple, on Wednesday night, March 16 in honor of Lois Hughes, who lives at 1122 Felbar. Mrs. Ginny Vanderve, 814 Patronella, and Mrs. Donna Truesdell, 1005 Felbar, were co-hostesses and helped prepare the games and refreshments. The guest list included Mrs. C. Busick and Mrs. Ethel Pope, of El Segundo, Kathy Underwood, Shirley West, Dorothy Sanders, Vivian Lafferty, Doris Smith, Audrey Lundgren of Los Angeles, Eleanor Hoyle of Hollywood, and the honored guests' mother, Mrs. Page Hurley, Mrs. Margaret Evans was unable to attend.

The James Cahows spent Monday and Tuesday in Indio where they and their three children enjoyed the desert heat. But even that was unable to halt the virus that Delayne and one of the children contracted. Jim said he's playing nurse to those down, and nurse-maid to those up!

That fascinating Lou Burrows is to be the next year's president of the Madrona PTA.

The unanimous election was held last week with this slate of officers selected. Joyce Turner as first vice president, Barbara Hardinghaus as second vice president, Pat Cattle as third vice president, Ellen Emma as corresponding secretary, Ruth Patton, who served so well as room mother chairman, will be the recording secretary, Ruth Vaughn as treasurer, Jean Scholatus as historian, and Mr. Forrest, an 8th grade teacher at Madrona is to be auditor of the group.

On March 11 Jackie Amos became 4 years old. His mother, Mrs. Helen Amos, entertained a group of his friends at a morning game period with the birthday lunch following at their home at 1215 Felbar. Those attending were Cheryl and Craig Winters, Ann Hill, Timmy Evans, Mike and Johnnie Belzer, Busick and Debbie Gonzales, Andrew Glass, Judy Osborne, Mrs. Peters, and his cousin, Paul DeMiere, of Culver City, Craig Schmidt and Stevie Petratt were unable to be there. A number of the mothers appreciated Mrs. Amos. These included Lucille Winters, Polly Hall, Dena Gonzales, Beverly Osborne, and two sisters of Mrs. Amos, Mary Jane Brink and Audrey DeMiere.

A lovely baby shower was given for Mrs. Amos on Friday night, March 18, by Mrs. Beverly Osborne at her home at 1208 Maple. Those assisting her were Mrs. Lorraine Berning, of 920 Maple, and Mrs. Doris Hayton of 805 Korblum. The decorations were in pink and green centered around a bassinet heaped high with gifts.

The nut cups were made like bassinets and there was a miniature atop the cake.

The guest list included Mmes. Gordon Cooper of Gardena, Ralph Schmidt, Burt Belzer, Jack Musick, Eugene McElheney, Norlette Church, John Norminton, R. C. Penner, Ed Peters, Rocky Janašik, Michael Gonta, and Helen's mother and sisters, Mrs. Ginny Brink of W. Los Angeles, Mrs. Harry DeMiere and Mrs. John Brink of Culver City, and Mary Jane Brink who is at present living with the Amos family. Those unable to attend were Mrs. Robert Evans, Mrs. Nellie Galyard, Mrs. Clarence Vandenberg, Mrs. Wain Bell, and Mrs. Muriel Brink.

Mr. and Mrs. Wain Bell and children Riana and Randy left their home at 1207 Felbar to spend the week end with Mrs. Bell's parents in Phoenix, Ariz. While there they attended the rodeo.

The Kenny Eldridge family of 809 Cerise and the Loyd Monroe family, of 814 Corise, enjoyed a picnic in Griffith Park on Sunday, Monday was the first day of spring, you know!

Mrs. Helen Amos, who served as a Colonel in this area for the recent Red Cross Drive, would like to thank all of those who so willingly donated their time to the furtherance of this organization.

COOL SPOT
Summer temperatures at Adak in the Aleutian Islands average only about 25 degrees higher than the 30-degree average for the winter.

Modern Writers Suffer By Following Shakespeare

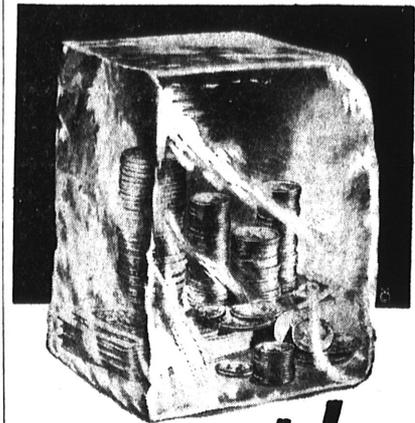
"Modern writers all suffer from having been born after Shakespeare," asserts novelist Leonard Wibberley of Hermosa Beach who spoke to members of Southwest Manuscripters recently at Clark Stadium, Hermosa. Author of the current Little Brown novel "The Mouse that Roared," a successful Saturday Evening Post serial of two months ago, Wibberley urges writers to get their ideas on paper before worrying about grammar and form.

A master of the dry epigram, Wibberley discounts himself as an expert writer. "Experts are people who go to great lengths to prove themselves wrong." Disciplined through his years as newspaperman, he keeps a heavy work schedule, establishing a six hour work period and a minimum word quota daily. His long experience now enables him to turn out a best seller in the record time of two months. How rewarding this schedule is can be judged by

the almost fabulous success of "The Mouse that Roared," which is now under option as a musical comedy.

President Peter Borsch of Manhattan Beach announced the first 1955 all-membership short story contest. Entries are due at the April 15 meeting, submitted under pen names with the author's real name in a sealed envelope. Paid-up members are eligible and may submit in any short story category in which they have made no professional sales during the previous year. Cash prizes will be awarded winners at a later meeting. Manuscripts should be limited to 4000 words or less.

Jay Eanson, El Segundo freelancer who has contributed picture-articles to most of the major magazines in America, announces that his first book, "Arizona Gem Trails," will be off the press in May. A must for "rockhounds," the book surveys mineral deposits "from agate to uranium."



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