WALTERIA NEWS NOTES

Hard Luck Continues to Haunt Andersons As Third Child Hurt

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Heard the expression, "It never rains but it pours"?

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Anderson of Cricklewood St. are willing to agree. Their string of misfortune began the middle of August when their 4-year-old daughter Sue Ellen had her finger caught in the trunk of the family car, mashing it so badly that amputation was necessary.

Then, two weeks ago, the 8-year-old son Mark underwent major surgery at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. He is now nicely recovering.

The third low blow came last week when 6-year-old daughter Jerry Ann fell out of a swing and broke her arm at the elbow. To quote the now worn-out mother of the family —"What's next?"

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The first general meeting of the Walteria PTA was a great success, as moms and dads both turned out to be introduced to the school staff and to listen to guest speaker S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent in charge of school business.

Waldrip's subject was "Override Tax and State Loan" concerned with the issue at stake last Tuesday when voters went to the polls.

The PTA general theme this year is "Our Investment in America - Strengthening Communities." Hostesses for the meeting night were Mrs. R. Schrauben, Mrs. C. Russak and Mrs. R. Lamperth, kindergarten mothers.

Speaking of the PTA reminds us that the annual membership drive is very successful this year. Before last Monday's count was in, the total had already reached 410. Mrs. Russak, membership drive chairman, expressed hope that many more would sign up Monday to raise the grand total another hundred or so.

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It won't be long before that Halloween Carnival time rolls around. General chairman for this event, Glenn Gardcastle, has put in a call for volunteers to work in the booths that evening, or lend a helping hand in the preparations now well under way. If you can help he would like to hear from you at FR 5-4557.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hacker of Neece Ave. returned recently after a month's vacation visiting relatives in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas.

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Another family just back from vacation is the Clifford Streeter family of Adolph St. The Streeters spent their time in the Mammoth Cave area and Yosemite.

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An open house reception was held last Sunday at the Walteria Community Methodist Church in honor of the new minister, Rev. Wendall Hook.

Beginning at 2 p.m. the affair lasted until 4 p.m. with many members and friends of the church coming to pay their respects and meet the new minister. The social committee of the church, with Mrs. William Cunningham as chairman, made arrangements for the event.

Presiding at the refreshment table were Mrs. William Taylor and Mrs. Mary Kifer. The table was beautifully set in crystal and silver on white lace, with a centerpiece of rust and yellow chrysanthemums flanked by tall white tapers. In the receiving line were Mr. Roy Cornell, lay leader, and his wife; Dr. and Mrs. Hook, and Robert Cramer, chairman of the official board, and Mrs. Cramer.

Rev. Hook will be the fourth minister to serve the local church. He has recently returned from Scotland where he took his work for the doctorate. He and his wife have one child, little daugher Beth.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Whitington of Neece Ave. are back home again after spending a pleasant vacation in Missouri.

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More fun than a bucket of monkeys was what several of our teen-age girls had a week ago when Mrs. Clela Parsons took them on a record shopping trip clear over to Music City.

Being surrounded by so many records was a dream come true, and needless to say, their selections took almost all day.

The triumphant shoppers were Dianne and LaDean Lowry, Joy Bebbling, Sandy and Linda Anderson and Janelle DeMott.

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Ten couples enjoyed a delightful evening recently when they joined in the fun of a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cramer, of Las Codona Ave.

Games took the first part of the evening, followed by dancing and a **midnight supper.** The midnight spread of barbecued hamburgers, potato salad, salad, cookies and all the trimmings made a perfect ending to the evening.

Local couples there included the John Chiaudanos, Jerry Andersons, Kenneth Peersons, Bill Taylors, Stewart Roses, Roy Cornells, Hayward Johnsons.

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A joyful moving into a new house was marred by injury for the Winther family who left our town just last week to live on 197th St.

Seems their baby was running across the front room when he fell, in some way twisting his foot, and broke his leg close to the hip. He will be in Gardena Hospital for three weeks.

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The Danaha St. Bunco Club had a "birthday" meeting last month when they celebrated their sixth year with a "secret sister" party.

Each of the members brought their secret sister a gift, and enclosed their name exposing who had been whose secret sister during this past year. Hostess for the evening was Mrs. Robert Munn. The next meeting of the club is slated for the Al Langston home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pemble of Newton St. are back after spending a happy two-week vacation in Oregon. The Pembles visited relatives whom they had not seen for many years, and spent most of their time happily reminiscing.

A luscious fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings was on the order for the day when the Jack Galls entertained dinner guests last Sunday. Enjoying the "good eats and good company" were Mr. and Mrs. Justin O'Brien and their three children, Kevin, Ginny and Debbie.

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Now comes a pause for a serious reminder to all the parents in our town. The recent rate of traffic injuries and fatalities for small children in this area has taken a very sharp upswing.

Try to remember how rapidly a small child can run into the path of an oncoming car and see if we can help prevent injury to some small precious citizen. If we all work together maybe we can stop the toll of injury and death now mounting so much too rapidly.

CIVIC LEADERS ATTEND NTCIA INSTALLATION

Mayor Albert Isen and other leading dignitaries of Torrance were on hand last week at McMaster Park to congratulate the new officers of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn.

Among those present were J. A. Beasley, land use investigator for the city; Kenny Uyeda, past secretary of the NTCIA, and now a member of the Planning Commission; and Ernest J. Robinson, president in '52 and '53 and now treasurer of the Pacific Hills Homeowners Assn.

In an informal discussion period, many ideas were exchanged for uniting and improving the singular efforts of the various homeowners and civic groups, as well as, increasing the effectiveness of individual organizations.

John Kesson, president of the NTCIA, expressed his sincere appreciation for the pledges of assistance and cooperation.

"Due to the tremendous growth of all sections of Torrance in the past few years, it is of utmost importance that the various civic and homeowners groups work more closely together with each other, as well as with the executive, planning, and law making bodies of our city government," Kesson said.

Only through a combined effort can the growth of Torrance be maintained at its present pace and the future well-being of our city be kept secure, according to Kesson.

"We, too, pledge our full support to each and every sectional or city wide project which will improve and enhance our community," he said.

The NTCIA will hold its annual "Get Acquainted" pot luck dinner Sunday, Oct. 14 at 3 p.m. in McMaster Park, 3624 W. 174th St. Everyone is invited to attend with his family. Playground facilities are available for the children.

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