

Kirby's, Leaving for Arizona, Honored at Going-Away Party

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It's home for the holidays and happily ever after for the Kirbys.

Lou Ann Kirby explains to one of her many friends, "We are going home to Arizona for Thanksgiving," and the friend says, "Oh!" in a very commonplace manner.

Then Lou Ann adds "and for good." The friend's "Oh!" changes to mild shock, "Oh!" The John Kirbys came here as honeymooners five years ago with the mutual intention of returning home at the end of a year. Now, with their home for sale and leaving the two Misses Kirby with their grandmother, the popular couple hope to effect the long postponed move.

The sitters coop group to which Lou Ann belongs surprised her with a farewell party. Meses. Elwyn Epstein, Gerald Johnson, Earl Barackman, Herbert Watts, and William Freeman enjoyed seeing the useful little gifts unwrapped. There was canasta playing later.

Some were clever at the game. Mrs. William Parchen, and Mrs. Dan Fields and Mrs. Henry Rix, to name a few. The gathering took place at the home of the hostess, Mrs. Jack Ekberg last Thursday evening.

"When I ask Katie to come over and help me Friday night, Jack, don't expect her back right away," warned Mrs. J. Kenneth Edwin, 19910 Saltee. Thus a pink and blue trap was cunningly set to snare a happy mother, Mrs. Jack Febles to a neighborhood shower. Mrs. Edwin had the assistance of Carol, Elizabeth, and Sharon with the hostess' duties. (We've seen members of the bootie set "help" mother just by being contented during all of the excitement.)

Remarking on the beauty of this gift and the softness of another were Meses. Dave Richey, Tom Meehan, Wayne Wilbur, Ewell Uley, and Mel Raymond. Mrs. Rita Herschler and Mrs. Jean Roberts were convinced that a shower for the "forthcoming" infant is almost as exciting as one for the first.

Holly Febles thought so. All during the party she kept wondering whether she would be inheriting the tiny garments for her doll when the new baby outgrows them. Pleasant possibility.

"For Sale" signs spring up like plants in the park, often unexpectedly. One can't help feeling a little sad, especially when the sign appears where friends once lived.

The Wade Habshey's sold recently in order to return to their home in Alabama. Wade has a job in electrical contracting so they drove back last week.

There's twice as much work involved for the care of twins. One compensation, however is the fact that they celebrate the same birthday.

That day for Pat and Mike Grandpre, 19422 Anza Ave. was Nov. 10.

Gwendia and Debbie Hocking, Wendy Wordley, Rodney Meyer, Tommy Schaffer, Rodney Allen, and Eddie Henning were really wide-eyed when they learned they would celebrate at Redondo Beach Kiddleland. The Sullivan children, Joseph, Barry, and Terry; and Larry, Janice, and Linda Oberhaus unanimously approved topping the entertainment with cake and ice cream.

No one said but we might assume it was "double" chocolate, and twice as good, because it was the twins' party.

Her children's party put Mrs. James Grandpre in a festive mood. Two nights later she and Mrs. Warren Pancake held a toy party.

With pencil and order blank in hand Meses. Charles Schaffer, Mrs. Bob Allen, and Mrs.

Gene Shawgo examined the various small fry fascinators. Meses. Joanne Sengy, Shirley Young, Sybil Smith, Dolores Meyers, and Dorothy Lottemoser made interesting selections while enjoying the coffee and doughnuts that were served.

Seated in a circle on the driveway under that incomparable California sun was Dennis Barackman and his pals who had joined to wish him the best on his sixth birthday.

Jack and Jill Bowles went up the ever so slight hill to Dennis' house at 4707 Narrot St. where Gary Palmer, Paul Ekberg, and Cindy Hatton were about to have lunch. Danny Mockett and Laurann Jones arrived breathless and the party was on.

After lunch the children were delighted with ice cream clowns. These were soon gone and the party goes departed for school where visions of birthday parties danced through their heads.

Teen-age dancers filled the Carl Steele Cafetorium with musical activity Nov. 9 when the sub-teens also attended. Nov. 23 will find the fun repeated, same place.

Robert Weibel has been nominated by the nominating committee of the Southwest Park Civic Assn. for the office of president. For vice-president: Paul Mitchell and Jack Erving; Treasurer: William Freeman and John Ernst; secretary: Mrs. James Cadenhead

and Mrs. Leo Fisher; board members: C. B. Morrison, Tom Taylor, Ed Hill, and Paul Foster. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Members should attend the first Tuesday of the month meetings. A dollar will establish membership for those who have not done so. It's good to live in a community where so many care so much. Invite your neighbors to ride along the next time you attend at Carl Steele School.

Not too long ago we heard all about Kathy Fields birthday party. Now we are happy to report that sister Linda finally arrived, although Linda

was sure it never would. Terri Chamberlin, Claudia Barto, Lynda Anderson, Maryellen Swanson, Paula Graham and Sharon Alden responded promptly to their invitations to the Dan Fields' home. A stuffed dog and some very sweet-smelling bath powder and bath salts spurred the efforts of the contesting guests: Linda Page, Carol Ann Cheatham, and Gretchen Rix. Appreciating the importance of the occasion as much as anyone was little Nancy Fields who filled her little blond curly head with pretty pictures of a happy 10-year-old having a birthday ball.

Blaze in Mattress
A six-year-old boy playing with matches apparently set fire to a mattress at 3702 W. 227th St., Saturday, Torrance firemen reported.
Mrs. Ruby Sturgess told firemen that her son, Jimmy, had set fire to a piece of paper which ignited the mattress. There was no other damage.

Car Damaged in Fire
A car belonging to Robert Sagen, Inglewood, received some damage Monday, as fire broke out in one of the seat cushions. Torrance firemen said the blaze apparently was caused by a cigaret. The car was parked at 226th and Evelyn Ave.

Smoke Not Real Smoke, Torrance Firemen Find
What a passerby thought was smoke turned out to be only vapors from a ventilating system at the Foods Co. Market, 17550 Crenshaw Blvd., early Monday, Torrance firemen reported.
Answering the alarm, fire-fighters could find no trace of fire, but only excessive vapors.

Rivieran Gets Office in L.A. Press Club
Humphrey Owen, 120 Via Sevilla, an editorial writer for the Los Angeles Times, has been elected vice president of the Greater Los Angeles Press Club, it was announced yesterday.

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