



Parents' Problems

By DONALD M. MAYNARD

The Choice of Playmates

Do you think little children should be permitted to play with the same child (or children) day after day—as they usually do—even though the others may not be up to our standard living, hoping that the others may be played in their attitudes and behavior or should we help to choose playmates (my own "adult" voice) who may be more on a level with our own thinking, etc.?

It is more or less inevitable, as you suggest, that children should play day after day with neighborhood children, even though these children may not have the same standards as do we. Fortunately, mothers can have a part in directing the play and building up proper attitudes where perhaps they were not present before.

There is no reason, however, why parents should not also encourage their children to make friends with playmates who seem to them to be more desirable. This may entail the inviting of such friends to your home for a day, as well as permitting your children to visit them.

It would be well to guard against giving your children the impression, however, that you think these particular friends are better for them than the neighborhood children. Children's recent criticism of their friends, and are not likely to be too fond of those whom you consider to be good for them.

The answer to your question, therefore, would seem to be to "do both."

Germans Can't Be Avoided

How can I teach my little three-year-old girl that "cleanliness is next to godliness"? How can germs and sickness from dirty fingers and toys in the mouth be explained without instilling unnecessary fears in the small child's mind?

The answer to your first question is that "you can't!"

Cleanliness is an adult standard, based upon a knowledge of germs and diseases that children do not have, and upon an aesthetic appreciation that is not to be expected of them. Children like to play in the mud, dig in the dirt, and get as dirty as they possibly can, and within limits they should be permitted to do so.

Think for a moment of how unnatural and absurd it would be to bear a three-year-old, tell her playmates that she couldn't play on the floor or in the mud because she might get dirty.

The answer to your second question is much the same as the answer to the first. If a three-year-old got the impression that germs that caused sickness were on his dirty fingers, in the mud, on his toys, etc., he would probably develop fears that would make an emotional cripple of him the rest of his life. We do not want our children to become hypochondriacs, which they may become if we place much emphasis upon germs.

Returned from Month Vacation

Rev. Russell Killman of the Torrance First Baptist Church and family have returned from a month's vacation in Chicago

It is inevitable that children should be exposed to germs. Fortunately, most of them are harmless, especially the germs that may be attained from the child's own toys or hands.

It is well, of course, to encourage children to wash their hands occasionally, but again, parents cannot expect their children to be too clean. It is important, however, that children should be protected from other children or adults who have colds or who are otherwise ill. This can be done without going into an explanation of germs or without creating unnecessary fears.

Fear of Storms

How shall I help my son (age eight) not to be afraid of storms? Lightning struck our home when he was five years old. Before that he wasn't afraid. Now we both are afraid. I've tried to help him overcome his fear by first trying to overcome mine, but I haven't been very successful.

You are correct in recognizing that your first task is to overcome your own fear of lightning.

You can scarcely expect your son to overcome his fear until you overcome yours. At the same time, let us frankly grant that it is not easy to overcome a fear of this kind. If you

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experience when lightning struck your home was unusually vivid or terrifying, it may be that neither you nor your son ever will completely overcome this fear.

Your task, then, will be to admit your fear and learn how to manage it. And strange as it may seem, sometimes the admitting of a fear and the talking about it helps to reduce it.

Let me suggest, therefore, that you and your son talk quite frankly about your fear of storms and of lightning. Consider ways by which you think the fear may be overcome.

It may help, for example, to go to an encyclopedia and to find out all you can about storms and lightning. Note, too, how unlikely it is that either of you will ever again have an experience similar to the one when your house was struck. Talk about how you plan to act when a storm comes again. Suggest that you have a contest to see which one can act the least afraid during the storm.

When the storm is on, be sure to have something interesting to do, something that will help take your minds off it. It may help to visit or have friends in during a storm. Our doesn't like to show fear before others and their presence may help both of you to act as if you were not afraid. Don't expect to overcome your fear completely, but try out these suggestions and see if it is not reduced.

Unit Presidents Discuss Plans For School Year

Mrs. Ralph McBee, president of the North Torrance Elementary P.T.A., attended a luncheon meeting of unit presidents of the Torrance Council at the home of Mrs. A. B. Cowie, Torrance Council president, August 1.

Issues discussed were the luncheon to be served the teachers during Orientation week in September, the Radio and Television Evaluation Program, the contemplated District Welfare Emergency Fund, the P.T.A. booth at the Pomona Fair in September, and unit presidents' meetings.

Monthly meetings of unit presidents were considered important, and it was decided these meetings should be held the next Tuesday after the second Friday of each month.

The next meeting will be September 18 at the home of Mrs. Hartley Carr, president of Torrance Elementary P.T.A.

Silver Crest District Pres. Rebekahs Host

Silver Crest Rebekah Lodge will meet at their hall at 112 North Catalina in Redondo Beach on Monday August 13, at 8:00 p.m. The District Deputy President, Mrs. Cumia Olds and her District Deputy Marshal, Mrs. Mildred Smith of El Segundo and other members will be present from their lodge. This will be the Official Visit of the new District Deputy President, Mrs. Olds.

The Noble Grand, Mrs. Sarah Neukemper and the Vice Grand, Marie Goehring will have charge of the meeting and will welcome the visitors. All Rebekahs from other lodges are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Paper and Rag Drive Planned

In anticipation of the school opening in September, Mrs. Harry Van Bellehem, Finance and Budget Chairman of the North Torrance Elementary P.T.A., wishes to announce there will be a paper and rag drive. Exact date will be announced later.

New Torrance Residents WELCOME!

(Editor's Note The Torrance Press welcomes all newcomers to Torrance in the "WELCOME" column which will appear weekly in this newspaper. The Editor will be pleased to print any items of interest to you and your neighbors in the Torrance Press and cooperate with all Torrance residents in so doing. If anyone wishes to publicize any social items of interest such as trips, weddings, engagements, club news, etc., please contact Edith Pavin at Torrance 1185 or come down to the Torrance Press office, 1628 Grand-arcry avenue.)

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Strayer of 1116 Faysmith ave. The Strayers, formerly of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, have two children, David, 5 years, and Gregory, 2 years. The family has resided in Torrance for the past five years. Strayer, who is employed at Northrup Aircraft, is a registered California Professional Mechanical Engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Rodenberg, of 1103 Faysmith st. Moved into Torrance about two weeks ago, the Rodenbergs have two children, Jeanie, 8 years, and LeRoy, Jr., 14 years. The family is formerly of Brea, California. The husband is employed at North American Aviation, and is a member of the Masonic Lodge. Mrs. Rodenberg is a member of the Junior Women's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Foster, of 1025 Faysmith st. Formerly of Hawthorne, California, the Fosters have three children, Barbara, 17, Carol, 10, and Martha Sue, 3. Foster is employed at the General Petroleum Corp.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cosley, of 911 Faysmith ave. The Cosleys, who are formerly of El Segundo, Calif., have three children, Larry, 11, Phil, 9, and Bill, 6. They have resided here for about three weeks. Cosley is employed in the business office of the school district. He is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Schlerf, of 1116 Faysmith st. Moving to Torrance from Harbor City, the Schlerfs have two children, David, 4½, and Kathy, 5 months. Schlerf is employed at the Douglas plant in El Segundo.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Mainer, of 5523 Sierra st. Formerly of Los Angeles, the Mainers have two children, Manfred, 10, and Robert, 8. Mainer is employed at the Pittsburgh Paint and Plate Glass Corp.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Younger, of 2505 Sierra st. The Youngers have two children, Phillip, and Bonnie. Mrs. Younger is formerly of Washington, D.C. and her husband is formerly of Shawnee, Oklahoma. Mrs. Younger has

lived in Torrance for five years. Younger is employed as a sound and electronics technician at a Hollywood firm.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Briney, of 2537 Sierra st. The Brineys have two children, Marsha Lynn, 3, and Douglas, 1½. Having resided in Torrance for 20 years, the family is formerly of San Pedro. The father is employed at the Douglas Aircraft plant in Culver City.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson, of 2550 Sierra st. Moving into their new home with the Watsons are their two youngsters, David, 1, and Tommy, 4. The family is formerly of Redondo Beach. Watson is a plasterer here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter I. Gross, of 816 Faysmith st. The Gross family includes five children, Toni Ann, 11½, Catherine, 10, Barbara, 9, Virginia, 7, and Kristine, 3. Having lived in Torrance for three weeks now, the family is formerly of Wilmington. Gross is employed at American Standard in Torrance.

Miss Margaret R. Giles, of 902 Cerise ave. Formerly of Manhattan Beach, the new Torrance resident is a nurse by occupation.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McDonald, of 826 Cerise ave. The McDonalds, who are formerly of Los Angeles, have two children, Helen, 3, and Gary, 11 months. The husband is employed at the Pacific Coast Borax Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair W. Johnson, of 914 Cerise ave. Longtime residents of Torrance, the young couple has two children, Diane, 4, and Bart, 1½. They moved into their new home on July 22. Johnson is established in business here, being proprietor of the Richfield Service Station. Both are graduates of Torrance High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Fisher, of 828 Faysmith st. The couple has two children, Gary, 1, and Greg, 1 month. Formerly of Indiana, the family has been here for about one month. The husband is employed as an engi-

Lioness Club Plans Pot Luck

The evening of August 21 has been set aside by the Torrance Lioness Club for a pot luck dinner to be held at the Torrance Park. The event will begin at 6 p.m.

Lioness President Florence Hickox urges that all Lions, Lioness members and their families attend the dinner.

near for the O. and M. Machine Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard F. Kroegel, of 815 Faysmith st. The new residents have two children, Linda, 6, and Lee, 1½. They arrived here from Minnesota about two weeks ago. The husband is employed in Redondo Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond White, of 829 Faysmith st. The Whites have three children, Carol Lynn, 4, James, 16, and Danny, 10. Formerly of Wilmington, the family has just moved into their new residence. The husband is employed at Hughes Aircraft.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pelligra, of 1110 Faysmith st. The Pelligras have three children, Lynn, 4, Dennis, 3, and Dawn, 2 months. Living in Torrance for two weeks now, the family is formerly of Los Angeles. Pelligra is employed by the Angeles Floor Covering Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gargalis, of 1016 Faysmith st. and their 10-month-old son, Mickey. The family has moved into their new residence from a former Torrance address. The husband is employed at American Standard Corp. in Torrance.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Byn, of 1008 Cerise ave. and their daughter, Linda Jane, 4. The Byns, who have lived in their new home for about two weeks, are formerly of Lomita. The husband is employed at a liquor store.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Good, of 1028 Cerise ave. and their three children, Rebecca, 8, Sandra, 5, and Judith, 3. Originally from Columbus, Ohio, the Goods have resided in Torrance for twelve years. The husband is an em-

Walteria P-TA Program Group for Coming Year Appointed

The regular monthly meeting of the executives board of Walteria P.T.A. was held August 2, 1951 with Mrs. Glen Hardcastle presiding.

The following committee was appointed by the president to plan the program for the coming school year: Mrs. A. E. Powell and Mrs. A. E. Powell and Mrs. Elsworth Pfau, hospitality chairman; Mrs. T. K. Fitzpatrick, art chairman; Mrs. E. J. Jansson, publicity chairman; Mrs. William Martz, room representative chairman; D. Boone Kirks, principal, and Mrs. Hardcastle, Thise committee will meet tonight, August 8, at the home of Mrs. Don L. Merrell, 1020 Cease ave. Formerly of Harbor City, the couple moved to their new home on July 28. The husband is employed at American Standard Corp. in Torrance.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ackerman, of 1104 Cerise ave. and their daughter, "eggy", 2. Having resided in Torrance for a year, the family is formerly of Van Nuys, Calif. Ackerman is employed by the Torrance Unified School District.

Those evaluating this program are: Mr. and Mrs. Hardcastle, Mrs. Pfau, Mrs. Carl Cramer and Mrs. Walter Wild. Final reports will go to the council and then to the district. Programs will be evaluated from the standpoint of child or youth welfare, in entertainment, character education, information music, speech and other values. This will be the first of four such evaluations during the school year.

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