

Milk Cartons Mean More in Modern Math

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Thoughts

Teachers Use Them In Class

Milk cartons and straws represent more than merely something to drink out of to kindergarten youngsters at Fern-Greenwood School.

To modern-math-minded youngsters in Mrs. Kay Wray's kindergarten class, four milk cartons plus four straws equals two "sets of four."

What is a single milk carton or a lone straw? Any kindergarten can tell you it's a set of one.

Modern math, which must be taught in first, second, and seventh grade this year, is nothing more than arithmetic with the accent on the "why" and the "what," according to Mrs. Ellen Booz, principal. "Algebra and geometry will come a lot easier to a youngster who understands the reasons behind numerical relationships from the start," Mrs. Booz says.

"WHEN TODAY'S youngster thinks of the numeral four, he is able to visualize the four ones that make up that four," she explained. By seeing this relationship with milk cartons, crayons or kindergarten blocks, he gets the concept at the earliest level of education, in the kindergarten classroom, Mrs. Booz points out.

In kindergarten, youngsters talk out these concepts. Later they will learn to write them. Meanwhile they are learning the names for things, she stated.

How does the teacher start teaching the concepts of sets to kindergarten youngsters? "She starts by getting across the concept of one," Mrs. Booz explained. "She draws the numeral one on the board, and then asks the children to point out sets of one. Once they realize they have only one nose or one mouth, but have a set of two eyes, a set of two ears, and a set of two arms, they have made the first step towards mastering modern math," she said.

THE CHILDREN learn to associate what they hear with what they see. They can point out a point, a straight line, a curved line, a circle, a square, a triangle or a numeral. After they have strung a set of two beads, they are asked to place it on the bulletin board beneath the numeral two. Later they will be able to write the numeral two, she indicated.

Where do relationships between numbers come into the (Continued on C-4)



GOODWILL RECEIVES GOOD TURN . . . Boy Scout Ron Wood of 4823 Halison presents filled Good Turn Day bags to Ray Ball of Goodwill Industries under the watchful eye of Chairman Ernie Ford. Scout Wood is a member of Post 372, sponsored by the PTA, Flavian School, Local Scouts, in conjunction with the entire Los Angeles Scout Council, have distributed empty bags to homes throughout the community. Date to pick up bags filled with used but repairable clothing and household articles is Dec. 5. Trucks from St. Vincent de Paul Society, Goodwill Industries, Volunteers of America and the Salvation Army will pick up all the bags.



SECOND EAGLE SCOUT . . . Steve Lockwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lockwood of 4046 W. 175th St., has become the second Eagle Scout in Troop 785, sponsored by St. Catherine Laboure Church. Shown presenting the Eagle badge to Steve is William Huckabee, district executive for the area. Steve, a student at Bishop Montgomery High School, was one of five members of the troop to attend the National Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., this past summer.

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DRILL TEAM . . . Leaders of the Bishop Montgomery High School drill team, the Knightettes, are Colonel Joanne Wagner (standing), Susan Shields and Edith Weidenkoph (sitting) and Captain Kathy Drumwright. The drill team performs at football games and other school events.

Montgomery Drill Team Adds to School Spirit

By NIKKI BRAJEVICH
Bishop Montgomery High School is proud to announce that the Knightettes are back. BMHS Drill Team, moderated by Mrs. Sharon King, physical education teacher, has marched its way into prominence again this year, earning the respect of all South Bay area schools.

The 52 high-stepping members are headed by Colonel Joanne Wagner, with Captain Kathy Drumwright, second in command. Baton girls, Edie Weidenkoph, Bonnie Brugone, and Kathy Scanlon, add precision and excitement, while flag-twirlers Susan Shield, Lina Palomo, Susan Owens, and Edna Bernal, with their fast-moving black and white flags offering a flash of color. Jane Hoffman and Pat Miller proudly carry the Knightettes' banner.

Every afternoon, Knightettes diligently practice so that they may shine at the football games. And shine they do! Each week they perform precision-timed and extra-precise routines planned by Colonel Joanne Wagner.

In honor of Veterans' Day, Colonel Joanne devised a routine paying homage to the men and women in the armed services. This unique routine

opened with the drill team separating into three divisions, each representing one section of the armed services — Marines, Army and Navy. The first letter of each word was formed on the field; spelling man. Each division then performed routines suited to their particular service. The Marines, carrying the Marine symbol, a world and an anchor, danced to the song "Halls of Montezuma." The Army performed a gun routine to "Caissons Go Rolling Along," while the Navy spelled out Montgomery's motto "Justice, Truth and Honor" with flags. This very special routine ended with a cross being formed by all the members in memory of those who gave their lives for our country.

Football games are not the only times when the drill team marches. Parades and other special activities have seen their skill. Last year the Little League Trophy was awarded them. This year they hope to earn more awards. Knightettes began the extra-curricular season with the Hermosa Beach Parade, Oct. 10, and say it will not end there.

All this information and more on the best drill team in town can be found in the

scrapbook currently being kept by Sergeant Mary Russell. Look up these facts and you'll soon agree that BMHS can justifiably be proud of its Knightettes.

Maynard Toll Elected Head Of Charities

Maynard J. Toll, prominent attorney, civic and welfare leader takes office as president of the Hollywood Turf Club Associated Charities, Inc., for the ensuing year.

Toll was a two-term vice-president of the Charities Foundation which allots all funds raised by Hollywood Park charity days.

Since the inaugural season of thoroughbred racing at Hollywood Park in 1938, \$13 million has been raised for welfare and distributed to a wide variety of charitable organizations in the Southland.

John F. Rafferty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rafferty of 1254 Ritner, graduated from recruit training Oct. 30, at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

Ann Landers Says

Ann's No Lawyer, But You Need One

Dear Ann Landers: Please don't tell me you aren't a lawyer. I know you aren't, but you say you want to help people in trouble and I'm in plenty right now.

My wife and I went to an open-air theater last week and we sat right behind a couple of gabby women. My wife asked them twice if they would please be quiet so we could hear the lines. They said they were there to enjoy themselves and if we didn't like it we could find other seats.

After 20 minutes of listening to those magpies my wife lost her temper and slammed the noisiest one over the head with her pocketbook. The women let out a scream which of course created a disturbance.

The manager rushed over, took our names and asked us to leave. Yesterday my wife received an order to appear in court. The charge is assault and battery. The woman was neither assaulted or battered. Must we go to court on these trumped-up charges?—S.L.

Dear S.L.: Since you already know I am not a lawyer, I don't have to tell you that, I will tell you, however, that you'd better hire one. What you received was a summons and this means no foolin'.

Dear Ann Landers: Please tell me what to do with a 16-year-old high school girl who wants to go with boys, wear lipstick and spends most of her allowance on Beatle records.

My mother didn't let me wear lipstick or go on a date with a boy until I was 18. I didn't resent my mother's strictness. I accepted it because I felt she knew better than I did. Our daughter does NOT accept what I say. She thinks she knows everything. Her grades are excellent and I want them to stay that way. I'm afraid her school work will slip when she starts dating and she'll go crazy like her girl friends. Please say something that will help me keep this child from running wild. Thank you.—B.G.

Dear B.G.: Sorry, I see no evidence that your daughter wants to "run wild." A 16-year-old girl who makes excellent grades should be allowed to date on Friday and Saturday nights AND wear lipstick, if it is not against the rules of the school.

Children reared with too much discipline turn out poorly as those who had too little. The wise parent finds the happy middle-ground and holds a firm rein with a loving hand.

Dear Ann Landers: There

are 10 ladies in our poker club. We are between the ages of 35 and 45 and all married. The winners donate half of their winnings to the kitty and twice a year we treat ourselves to a night on the town — without husbands.

For the past three years we've had the same problem and your advice is going to be read at the next meeting. Three women in our group seem to have built-in radar when it comes to finding unattached men. They start out by exchanging a few phrases. The next thing you know they are dancing with pickups.

The other members of the club feel this is not respectable. The three roamers say we are stuffy and the idea of a night out is to have as much fun as possible. How about a word from you, Ann?—THE SHAMROCKS.

Dear Rocks: Your wandering club sisters are out of order.

Why not have one party a year, instead of two, and take your husbands? This makes more sense than 10 dames going to a night club without escorts.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Serra Senior Wins Optimist Citizens Award

Steve Gunther, a senior at Serra High School and president of the student body, has received the outstanding youth citizenship award at Serra.

The award was presented by the Alondra Optimist Club during a special awards dinner. It was part of the club's youth Appreciation Week.

COUNT MARCO SAYS

Some Memories That Linger On

One of the delightful things about travel is discovering new people and new foods, the commonplace among them drifting into oblivion and the exceptional lingering in memory. Such memories remain from my recent trip to Hawaii.

The first is of my friend Laurie Bachran, who was Mrs. Hawaii of 1963, runner-up to Mrs. America and recipient of the "Snacks for Unexpected Guests" award during the same competition.

Laurie's pride and joy is her new cookbook called simply "Mrs. Hawaii's Cook Book." After reading the copy she sent me, the first thing I did upon debarking from my Pan American gourmet flight was to call Laurie and suggest that she throw a party featuring some of the recipes from the book. Naturally she complied.

For pupus, which is Hawaiian for appetizers, she prepared shrimp tempura, a most difficult

dish as a rule, because it is usually too soggy or too greasy.

Laurie advises that the secret in success is in the temperature of the oil itself. Drop a few drops of batter in the oil before immersing the shrimp. The drops will sink if the oil is too cold and will disperse if the oil is too hot. Thus the oil is at perfect temperature when the batter sinks and comes to the top quickly in one little ball. Like the cocoa ball in fudge-making.

This is the recipe for lacy shrimp tempura: Remove shells from shrimp, leaving the tail attached. Remove black vein, run a sharp knife down the back without cutting through. Spread shrimp and flatten with the side of a wide-bladed knife.

Mix ½ cup Bisquick, ½ cup cornstarch, 1 egg, slightly beaten. Add ½ cup ice water or enough to make a medium thick batter. Divide batter in half. Add

more ice water to half of batter. Sprinkle thin batter on hot oil.

Dip shrimp in thicker batter, holding on to the tail. Lay gently on thin batter. Turn once. Immerse in hot oil until golden brown. Serve with soy sauce and hot mustard sauce.

Her little book is filled with quickie appetizers and such delectable oddities as sashimi (raw fish), drikkis like Mai Tuns, and soups such as Yokohama soup (made with whipped cream and clam juice) or Chinese oxtail and peanut soup, salads with ginger root and the glamorous lotus.

Also included are many ways of preparing spareribs as well as chicken, and even a recipe from the famous Willows' restaurant for their coconut cream pie.

More recipes later including a tip on how to make, of all things, beef goulash as featured at the magnificent Hanalei Plantation on the island of Kauai.

With November drawing to a close the Christmas season is moving into full swing. The Pennies Photographer asked several people in the Torrance business district, "Do you think Christmas is being commercialized too much?"

Carole Kopecek, 2548 Via Carrillo, Palos Verdes Estates:

"Yes, I like the displays in the stores, but I wish they would wait a little longer before putting them up. There is way too much promotion on TV. The toy manufacturers practically brainwash children into wanting certain toys."

Joyce Woodford, 2308 Via LaBrea, Palos Verdes Estates:

"I do. Some stores are putting out their Christmas toy displays even before Halloween. I think this is really going overboard in commercializing Christmas."

Ben Wallace, 22624 Greenwood Ave.:

"Yes, unfortunately. Some businesses are definitely overdoing themselves in this vein. More important, this trend is moving us farther away from the original meaning of Christmas. Christmas is a family affair, not a time to outdo your neighbor in gift giving."

Bob Kastrop, 1626 Gramercy St.:

"Yes, I think the decorations are going up too early. People should at least wait until after Thanksgiving. The season is being pushed too hard."

Barbara Wilson, 2818 Martha St.:

"Indeed it is. More religious emphasis needs to be brought back into what was once an all religious holiday. The salesmen are taking over Christmas."

Local Sea Wall Unit Completed

Completion of an additional unit of the sea barrier project in Torrance and Redondo Beach has been announced by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The \$189,908 unit designed to prevent sea water intrusion in fresh water wells along the coast involved drilling 26 observation wells to check effectiveness of the system.

When completed, the entire barrier program will block further brine intrusion along an 11-mile stretch of coastline from Playa del Rey to the Palos Verdes Hills.

"The importance of this program cannot be over-emphasized," Chace pointed out when recommending acceptance of the project, "if we realize that nearly one-half the county's daily water supply still comes from wells."