

Mom Just Can't Catch a Cold

I finally figured out why I have gained the reputation of being a "Rock of Gibraltar," who is able to withstand attacks of influenza and winter cold which seem to strike down other members of my family one-by-one like ducks in a shooting gallery.

For years I concluded that I was merely healthier than the others. But then I began to wonder. For someone who is supposed to be as full of vim and vitality as "Miss Wheat Germ and Yogurt of 1966" why are there days when I feel more like a Geritol dropout?

The explanation is simple: I catch colds and the flu like everybody else, but nobody recognizes them as such. Instead, my infirmities are thrown aside and diagnosed as "probably nothing—you'll shake it by morning." And I suppose I should be relieved to hear that my watery eyes

and cough are due to my "allergy." Only I must ask, "What allergy?" unless it means that I'm "allergic" to the flu bug like 20 million other Americans.

At least my husband shows solicitude by insisting that I go right back to bed, adding—"After you get a few things done around the house first." (I promise. Right after I plow the north 40.)

But it's just as well that I become convinced that I'm well enough to stagger around the house, because who would be left to serve as the family's built-in Florence Nightingale?

The job not only requires a knowledge of nursing techniques but also demands you act as the "camp counselor" in keeping your children amused with a selection of TV programs, games, and comic books while they're in bed.

What's more, I find that in tending to the needs of a

bedded-down husband I sound like an airline hostess taking orders for "Coffee, tea, or milk." Only in my case I'm offering "Orange juice, consommé, beef broth, chicken noodle soup hot toddies, egg nogs, or a Bloody Mary?" As an appetizer.

Of course, my husband "isn't really hungry." But he informs me that he feels that he should eat to "keep up his strength."

I have learned, too that it is wise to adopt a professional-sounding bedside manner when making my "rounds." That is, when my husband asks me to peer down his throat to look for symptoms, it is best to announce gravely, "Hmmm, just as thought, You have a sore throat." (Because as far as I'm concerned, ALL throats look inflamed.)

It goes over a lot better than shrugging your shoulders and replying, "Honestly, I can't see a darned thing wrong."



CAMPAIGNERS . . . Ex-Councilman Nickolas O. Drale has enlisted the aid of a new campaign worker and reports that it is a real eye-catcher when he makes his rounds in an effort to unseat Mayor Albert Isen at the polls next April 12. Drale is a 16-year veteran of the City Council and the only challenger in the race.

Cancer Crusade

Chairman Named for West Torrance Area

Appointment as the West Torrance chairman of the residential drive for next month's Cancer Crusade has been accepted by Mrs. Gordon (Sandra) Phillips, 20545 Madison St., according to John W. Simpson, Western Air Lines director of law and chairman of the Centinela Valley-South Bay District of the American Cancer Society.

Wife of a Torrance attorney, Mrs. Phillips has long been active in community affairs. She previously served in various capacities for the Cancer Society, and has been appointed a member of the Torrance Beautiful Commission by the city council.

She was chairman of the Torrance committee supporting Pierre Salinger's bid for the U. S. Senate. Mrs. Phillips is also active in the B'nai B'rith and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

A GRADUATE of Downey High School, she attended Los Angeles City College, studying political science and drama.

The Phillipses have daughters in the 4th and 5th grades at Madrona School. Volunteers interested in assisting in the Cancer Crusade are urged to contact Mrs. Phillips through the local Cancer Society, office by calling 370-5684.

South High Drama Class Sets 'Miracle Worker'

"The Miracle Worker," the story of Helen Keller, will be presented April 22 and 23 by South High School students. Curtain time is 8 p.m. each night.

Molly MacLeod will portray the role of the blind Miss Keller, while Barbara Bingham will be her teacher, Anne Sullivan. Others in the cast are Kim Turner and

Robert Atha as Helen's parents, and Doug Urban as Helen's brother, James.

Supporting players include Joy Ingalls, Karen Rasmussen, David Kofahl, Linda Mann, Dennis Sullivan, Linda Garcia, Robert Capon, Jacque Bromm, Donna Baker, Renee Ensen, Cathy Giardenelli, Nancy Craig, Tricia Burdette, Maurine Watkins, and Michele Chiappetta.

Marcy Mendelsohn is the student director for the production. Student producer is Kathi Edwards. They will work under the supervision of drama instructor Roland Childers.

Tickets, which may be purchased at the door, are \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for South High students and children under 12.

Contract Out For Crenshaw Improvement

A \$207,953 contract for improvement of a portion of Crenshaw Boulevard in the Rolling Hills Estates area was awarded to Oswald Brothers Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors.

The firm was low among seven bids submitted for the project in vicinity of Palos Verdes Drive North, reports Chairman Burton W. Chace.

Work will include reconstruction of a 1,900-foot section of Crenshaw and a 1,500-foot section of Palos Verdes Drive North to provide six-lane, divided and curbed highways.

The contract also calls for curbs, gutters, drainage structures and upgrading of traffic signals at the Crenshaw-Palos Verdes Drive intersection.

"This project is the first stage of a proposed four-phase program to improve Crenshaw between Crest Road and Pacific Coast Highway," the supervisor said.

Work is due for completion in August.

John Blandy To Preside At Meeting

Chairman of the 13th conference of the California State Food Services Association is John Blandy, director of food services for Torrance Unified School District.

The three-day event will be held in Los Angeles beginning Sunday. Conferences highlights will include discussions on "Merchandising School Lunch" and "Challenges in Oven Cooking," food service exhibits, and presentation of awards by Boyce Van Osdel, D.D.

Cafeteria employees throughout the state are expected to attend.

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Principals To Attend Conference

Six high school administrators will represent the Torrance Unified School District at the annual conference of the California Association of Secondary School Administrators in San Francisco next week.

Sessions will begin Sunday and end Tuesday.

Four Torrance principals who will attend are Dr. Carl Ahee of Torrance High, Dr. Robert Ford of West High, Dr. Richard Guengerich of North High, and Dr. John A. Lucas of South High. Assistant principals J. W. Morgan of South High and Leonard Lifton of North High also will attend.

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