

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

After weeks of listening to the many advantages of a "Little Miss Easy-Bake Oven," as advertised on television and thus sought by our three youngest daughters, ages 6, 8 and 9, I was almost ready to purchase them one.

Along with a "Little Miss Home Laundry" ensemble that makes Real Suds, a "Little Miss Busy Homemaker Vacuum Cleaner" that collects Real Dirt and a number of other appliances that would be sure to make the Real Equipment in my own kitchen compare with something out of "Tobacco Road." But I hesitated, because I don't know if the bank would allow a Timeplan loan — a "Little Miss Spendthrift" type.

Of course, I always find it rather ironic that though the toy makers try to instill into the hearts of children the joys of work, it doesn't last for long. I know, for we have purchased scores of little mops, brooms, dustpans, ironing boards, stoves, dishes etc., for our older children and there always comes a time when they announce, "Please, Mom, no more pots and pans."

Nor did it work with our son for whom we purchased innumerable little tool chests; the first, I believe, when he was still in the playpen. But the only tool he took to was the hammer and "he'd hammer in the morning and he'd hammer in the evening all over this land," which undoubtedly inspired the late Trini Lopez hit of the same name.

But at least we didn't have to spend the amount of money we do now. Although I must admit that when I have to spend over 88 cents for a toy, I break out in a cold sweat. And, believe me, with the prices of the "Little Miss Homemaker" appliances, my children wouldn't be "Playing House" they'd be living it.

You'd have to figure, too, that with an investment of over \$60 in junior-sized appliances, you'd almost have to send for a repairman should anything go wrong. Although you'd feel a little foolish having a huge repair truck pull up in your driveway to fix a child-size electric mangle.

But what some enterprising toy manufacturer could do is come out with a little Mr. Junior Repairman Kit, although it would have to include some sort of soldering iron to mend the almost ir-reparable plastics of which most toys are composed. (It would help, too, to put some of the toys together.)

Rather than go through this trouble, however, I think a better solution is to let the "Little Busy Homemakers" use their mother's appliances.

No child is too young, in my opinion, to push an adult vacuum cleaner around the house. Nor stand on a chair if she feels the urge to iron. Cookies and muffins can be baked equally well in a regulation-sized oven. And as for the Little Miss Home Laundry... Just a minute, how much is it, sir? The one that Really Works with Real Suds and a Real Spin-dry?



ASSUME LEADERSHIP
Installed recently in impressive ceremonies at the Lomita Masonic Temple were new officers of the Lomita Order of the Eastern Star. In top positions, they are, from left, Wallace Williams, worthy patron; Mrs. Jimmie Nash, worthy matron; Mrs. Jay Gasser, associate matron; and Burton Washburn, associate patron. (Portrait by Sceman)

Church Women Sponsor Yule Parlor Parade

Four homes, all in Palos Verdes Estates, will be decorated for Christmas and "open for inspection" when the Women's Fellowship of Neighborhood Church presents its tenth annual Yule Parlor Parade Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2 and 3 from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Guests will view a setting for Christmas Breakfast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Endenholm, 3808 Palos Verdes Drive North. This contemporary home demonstrates what can be achieved on a narrow lot.

Christmas dinner will be

Entertain at Dinner Party

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Wilkes on Merrill Dr. Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. James Lillie of Manhattan Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fisher of Westchester, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes (Phyne Laughon) who returned early last week from a honeymoon in Las Vegas were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Cook.

on the table at the home of Mrs. Virginia Spenceley, 2976 Via Alvarado. This sea-coast home is of authentic 18th Century design and is a treasure house of antiques.

The hilltop home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Erb, 912 Via Panorama, will be the setting for the Wassail Bowl served in a setting of classic elegance.

Christmas Eve Buffet is the feature at the Foster A. Day home, 944 Via Del Monte, designed to take advantage of a view of the entire Los Angeles area.

Rebekahs to Stage Bazaar, Dinner Dec. 7

Torrance Rebekah lodge will sponsor a bazaar and ham dinner on Wednesday evening, Dec. 7, at the Torrance Masonic Temple, 2326 Cabrillo Ave. The doors will be opened to the public at 2 p.m. Fancy work, baked goods, white elephants and other items will be for sale. The ham dinner will be served from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Lomita OES Seats New Officer Panel

Lomita Chapter 591, Order of the Eastern Star, installed its fourteenth corps of officers on Friday at the Masonic Temple on Bland Place. The ceremonies were conducted by past matrons and patrons. Installing matrons were Mmes. Frank Tenney and Clarence Andrews; installing matrons were Cecil Dowling, Marion Jackman and Jimmie Nash. The installing marshal and chaplain were Mmes. Cecil Dowling and Marion Jackman, respectively. Invocation and benediction was given by Alvin Crawford.

Officers assuming their obligation for the coming year were Mrs. Jimmie Nash, worthy matron; Wal-

Alums Plan Yule Idea Exchange

lace William, worthy patron; Mrs. Jay Gasser, associate matron; Burton Washburn, associate patron; Mrs. Jack Pollock, conductress and Mrs. Earl Ivey.

Dianas Attend Craft Exhibit

Members of the Redondo Beach Dianas Junior Women's Club, who attended the Marina District arts and crafts show on Nov. 28 at the Neptunian Clubhouse in Manhattan Beach were Mmes. Paul Mitchell, William Tolliffe, Gerald Carter, Joe Washko, Peter Kiefer, Gregory Grime, Robert Dunn, Walt O'Brian, Howard Towle, Ron McAlpin, George Easton, Jerry Herbert, Dino Ruffoni, Raymond Williams, Herbert Cooles, and Eric Lindgren.

Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae Association will hold its monthly social meeting on Tuesday evening, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Robert Dunetz, 1431 Second St., Manhattan Beach.

Co-hostesses are Mmes. Arthur Clayton, Manhattan Beach; J. R. Davidson, Rolling Hills Estates; and Jack Parks, Torrance.

The event will be a Holiday idea exchange and members will receive tips on how to make unusual Christmas decorations and gifts.

During the business meeting, plans for annual Day at the Races will be made. The couples bridge group plays every third Saturday evening of the month. Any alumnae may call Mrs. G. R. Fagan, Miraleste.

Arts-Crafts Club Slates Yule Party

Torrance Arts and Crafts Club was entertained last Friday evening by Mrs. Charles Outcalt at her home, 4207 W. 173rd St.

In keeping with the Thanksgiving holiday, the hostess served pumpkin pie and coffee.

During a business meeting, conducted by Mrs. Outcalt, club members planned to help a needy family at Christmas time, and to hold their annual Christmas dinner, gift exchange and revealing of secret pals on Dec. 16. This party, highlight of the club's social season, will be held at the home of Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, 2724 Arlington Ave., with Mrs. E. L. Snodgrass as co-hostess.

After the business session the group spent the evening working on Christmas decorations.

Attending were Mmes. Fred Bever, Maybel Banks, Florence Childs, Vena Hamilton, Helen Carpenter, Ruth Kilgore, Zelma Miller, Virginia Head, Lela Everly and Sybil Moffitt.

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Christmas Engagement Recital Set Announced For Dec. 4

Piano and organ students of Esther Lambrigger will be presented in Christmas recital on Sunday evening, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. at the Harmond Organ studios, 2768 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance. The event is open to the public.

Pianists to be presented are Anne Dandoy, Marianne Meyer, Vivian La Pastora, and Donna Paterson.

Organ students performing will be Danny Ellison, Jimmy Veta, Irene Panama, Carolyn Ashworth and Nam Mix.

Mrs. Lambrigger's musical background includes her own radio show "Esther Presents" over KFOX; and playing professionally with the Stardusters dance band for six years.

She began a musical career as a studio pianist for a Toledo, Ohio, radio station and is now a member of Organ and Piano Teachers of Southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Omohundro of Arlington, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to Thomas Ernest Williams of Washington, D. C. The bride-elect resided in Torrance and attended South High School before moving to the Washington area last year.

Her fiance, an employee of the National War College, is the son of Mrs. Margaret Williams of Toledo, Ohio, where he was educated.

A holiday-season wedding is planned.

Guid to Meet Wednesday, Dec. 14
Women's Guild of the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church will hold a business meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. in guild hall, Marcelina and Arlington.

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