

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

We played "musical beds" again over the weekend. The game in which one of our kids decides to move out of one room into another, causing the greatest chain reaction since the discovery of atomic fission.

I wouldn't mind if it merely meant the moving of a few personal belongings, but what evolves is the wholesale exchange of beds, chests of drawers, bookcases, bulletin boards, and if we would move the walls, I'm sure they'd go, too.

That's because the age differences among members of the family have resulted in some of them feeling too old to have decals on their dressers of Little Bo-Peep and the Three Bears. Including my husband. No does Brian want a pink bedspread and wall decorations of Mary Poppins left there by the previous tenant.

The reason the game is played so often is because of the frequent falling-outs between the kids who share the same room. Like twice a week. The argument being over who is more responsible for the mess. To me it's like trying to decide between an erupting Mt. Vesuvius and a tidal wave.

Of course, it would be nice if each of our kids could have the "ideal roommate." That is, live alone.

Every time I start to work out what I believe are suitable sleeping arrangements and hear the objections, I feel as if I were trying to work out one of those riddles which begin:

"Seven children must share three bedrooms, unless one gets bumped into the rumpus room. "E" cannot share a room with "B" because "B" is a boy. "P" cannot share a room with "E," even if they get up at the same hour, because there is only one mirror. Then there are "D," "S" and "J" to consider, who are somewhat the same age but "D" has homework to do at night and "S" and "J" like to jump on beds and make noise. Not to omit "K" who is away at college but comes home for the weekend."

The trick is to match up the kids according to those closest in age and gender. Of course, this immediately leaves Brian, the only boy, the sole heir to a room of his own. A fact most distressing to his six sisters and their 36 stuffed animals. In fact, they had talked Brian into moving into the rumpus room, but he objected after noticing that a panda had a better bed and more privacy than he had.

I've also tried to match our kids according to temperament and personality similarities with the conclusion being that my best bet was to rent seven rooms at the Hilton Hotel.

Maybe I could turn over the problem to a



MUSIC HATH PARTY CHARM

Music of Christmas sets the party mood for these members of the Torrance Welcome Wagon Club as they discuss their annual Holiday Dinner Dance to be held Saturday evening, Dec. 10, at the Hacienda Hotel in San Pedro. Looking over albums of Christmas music are, from left Mrs. Jess Riley, ticket chair-

man and Mrs. Ronald McAlpine, prize chairman, as Mrs. Kendall Klossner, chairman of the Christmas dinner-dance, puts a record on the player. Mrs. David Sargent, who is in charge of the festive decorations for the dance, consults with Mrs. Thomas Detefsen, ticket chairman, on a table arrangement. (Press-Herald Photo)

Juniors Win First In Craft Show; Give Party

Thirty members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club attended the November Marina District Conference at the Neptunian Clubhouse in Manhattan Beach.

The club placed first in the large club category for their craft display. Mrs. Richard Neal, chairman, was assisted by Mmes. Douglas Hedde, Robert Vroman, and James Burger, who is Fine Arts chairman. Craft items were displayed by 20 members of the club.

computer. Or better yet, a moving company, to squirm, juggle and try to move a box-spring and mattress down a narrow hallway into an impossible-looking small door with chunks of plaster and woodwork falling every which way.

As it stands now, Elaine and Patrice have agreed on an armed truce and are sharing one room, with Kathy having "visitation" rights. Diana, Sharon and Jan are in another bedroom which bears quite a resemblance to the barracks at Fort Dix and Brian is in his own stalla. Frankly, I haven't checked on the panda.

The Torrance Juniors recently held a party at Harbor General Hospital for the 18 patients of a pediatric ward.

Mrs. June Morris, former member of the Juniors, gave a puppet and marionette show for the patients. Cup cakes, ice cream and punch were served by Mrs. William Trommand, health chairman, assisted by Mmes. Tony Borges, James Palmer,

From Mexico City Senior y Senora Francisco Flores and son, Francisco, Jr., left last Friday for their home in Mexico City after spending two weeks here as houseguests of Mrs. Myra Beeman.

Happy Holidays Theme AAUW Party

"Happy Holidays!" will be the theme when the Manhattan Beach Branch of the American Association of University Women entertains husbands at its annual Christmas dinner, on Monday evening, Dec. 12.

Punch will be served at 6:30, followed by a potluck dinner. The Christmas party will be held at the Redondo Beach Women's Club, 406 S. Broadway, Redondo Beach.

The program will feature Los Cancioneros, South Bay Chorale group under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Mabin. The chorale, composed of 50 members will present a Christmas program of Old English Carols, Songs of Hanakkah, Cameo Carols (shore carols sung by small groups of singers), a beautiful anthem by Bach, and some traditional music of the holidays.

Narbonne '47 Class Reunion Set for Summer

A reunion of Narbonne High School summer class of 1947 is being planned for next summer. Information regarding members of this class is needed by the committee planning the event. All 1947 graduates are asked to contact Mrs. Carl Millen (Thelma Mastright), 28 Aurora Dr., Rolling Hills Estates.

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