

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

I just finished reading a book on "How to Be a More Gracious Hostess," and believe me, it's going to take more courage than I have to ever want to throw a party again. For apparently, we have broken every rule in the book and, I would imagine, a few the author didn't think of.

Nowhere in this particular guide does it explain what you're supposed to do with your children or their pets. We try to keep them in the garage—the dog and cat, I mean—but somehow they always manage to get out. Thus our guests are invariably greeted by the lusty barking of our dog, "White Fang, the Hero Dog of the Yukon," who keeps guests at bay by leaping at their jugulars.

And cats. Tell me, why do cats insist on climbing onto the laps of cat haters? And why do cat haters always wear either blue serge suits or black woolen dresses, the better for each cat hair to show up?

The book also explains the proper way to serve hors d'oeuvres — NOT by impaling pitted olives on each finger like our kids do and offering the morsels to guests.

The selection of the guest list is also important and again, apparently, we have goofed. But is it my fault that I don't know any "extra single men" that the book insists you invite. I don't know any "extra men," period, unless you include the mailman and the dry cleaning man.

I'm not sure that I agree with all of the other pointers the book suggested. For example, the rule that the "gracious hostess (and I'm ready to give HER a quick kick in the shins) should always be ready to receive her guests, but, should she be detained, her husband should explain her absence." Frankly, I'd prefer that my husband did NOT announce that I was scrubbing the bathroom floor.

"Keep the conversation light and gay," another rule states. "Never ask a guest what he does for a living." Why? Because he might be part of the Mafia?

Nor can I go along with the tip that the "clever hostess gives each guest the spotlight by pointing out some special attribute, such as, 'Susan, have you mastered the headstand yet?'" One only hopes that Susan is over three years of age.

And, I guess I'm just too bashful to circulate among the male guests, as the book advises, and squeeze their hands affectionately and whisper, "Having fun?" What if it's the mailman?

Party Fetes Couple on Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Fowler, 1703 W. 238th St., Torrance, were guests of honor at a surprise party at Tony's on the Wharf in Redondo on Wednesday, Dec. 14, celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

The party was given by the couple's two daughters, Misses Patti and Carole Fowler.

During the champagne dinner party, Carole Fowler offered the toast to her parents and she and her sister, Patti, presented their mother with an orchid corsage and their father with a carnation boutonniere.

After dinner, the anniversary cake was cut by the honored couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler were married Dec. 14, 1941 in Yuma, Arizona. The first years of their marriage, they lived in San Pedro. For the past 17 years, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have lived at their present address in Torrance.

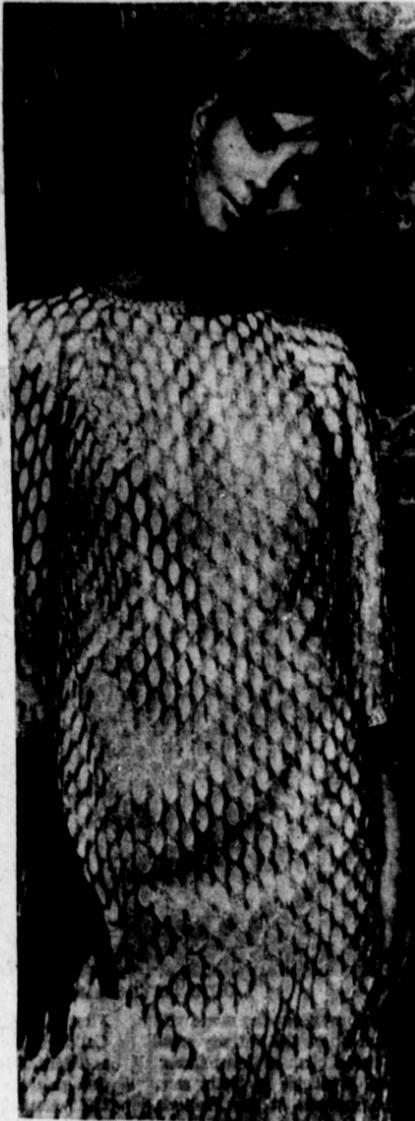
With the Fowlers and their daughters for the anniversary celebration were Mrs. Fowler's mother, Mrs. Jessie McDowell, Messrs. and Mmes. Ray Flagg, Jerry Mosher, Stuart Cook, Jesse Punneo, all of Torrance; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Mosbaugh and Mrs. Nonie Jarmin, Buena Park; and Mr. and Mrs. William Cather, Garden Grove.

Light Up Holiday Night Scene

After dark is the time to shine, and the holiday season provides all manner of justification for indulging in glitter — a little or a lot, as you please.

If you'd like to glow in the dark, try this short dance dress in glistening silver lame, or a sparkling open lattice silver cage over a silver shift, add swinging earrings, nylon stockings with a silvery gleam, and silver cutout sandals.

On the other hand, if your holiday plans include entertaining friends at home, make the evening memorable. Sears Fashion Departments are bursting with sparkling ideas for at home costumes. There's a graceful ankle-length brocade hostess coat in antique gold, party pajamas featuring a pull-over top striped in twinkling black and white sequins and black crepe culottes, silver metallic shirt and pants or a great halter top or sweater with pants. These holiday glitter fashions are available at Sears Stores.



GLITTER IN SILVER CAGE

Old Friends Gather At Yule Party

A Sunday evening Christmas party given by Mr. and Mrs. Dean L. Sears brought together a group of guests whose friendship spans many years.

The Sears' apartment on Merrill Drive was the festive setting for the cocktail party preceding dinner which was served at decorated tables in the recreation room.

Bringing back memories of past Christmases, Mrs. Sears had on display Christmas cards she had received from the guests 15, 20 or more years ago.

Enjoying the holiday event were representatives of some of Torrance's first families, Mr. and Mrs. E. Robert Burns, Mrs. B. T. Whitney, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Bingham, Mrs. Paul Loranger, Mr. and Mrs. George Probert, Mrs. J. W. Post, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Klink, Mrs. Henry Ulbright, Mr. and Mrs. A.F.R. Ewalt, Mrs. Grover Whyte.

Others were Messrs. and Mmes. Baker Smith, C. T. Rippey, J. B. Scotton and J. A. Stavert.

at Lincoln recently. On the program were the third grade pupils of Miss Van Steenberg, who presented a play, "Wake Up Santa," Miss McCowan's second grade class, the Upper Grade Girls and Boys chorus under the direction of Josephine Ray presented appropriate Christmas songs. The Lincoln orchestra under the direction of Mr. Milton Marcus played Christmas Carols and the audience participated with singing.

Mrs. Andrew Foster, hospitality chairman and her committee, served refreshments to children and adults at the close of the program.

Hillelites Club Notes Chanukah

Hillelites Club of El Camino College recently held two most enjoyable activities. The first was a Chanukah party, held on Dec. 13, on campus. Refreshments were served and the significance of the festival was explained both for the present and the past. As members enjoyed themselves, a petition was circulated, calling upon members to protest the policy of persecution and anti-semitism followed by the Soviet Union against its Jewish citizens.

The second activity was a two-hour view of Israel, through slides and lecture. The get-together was held in the home of Sheldon Stern, the club historian, who lived in Israel for one year. Refreshments were served and new members introduced.

The club is open to all Jewish students of El Camino College. Anyone desiring further information may contact the Student Activities Office on the campus. There will be many activities in the immediate future.

Birthday Party At Gmur Home

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gmur entertained at a birthday party at their home on West 177th Street on Sunday, Dec. 18, honoring Mrs. Gmur's mother, Mrs. Irene Chapman.

Guests were another daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Burrus and son, Brock, of Lomita; Mrs. Chapman's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Yunker of Covina; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Atkins of Inglewood; Mr. A. J. Gmur of Wisconsin; Mr. O. L. Chapman, and Bob and Steve Gmur.

Holiday Guest

Mrs. Carrie Rische of Lincoln, Neb. is here spending the holidays with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rische and son, Bruce, at their Carlow Rd. home. Mrs. Rische came especially to see her new grandson, Bruce Andrew, who is celebrating his first Christmas at the Rische home.

Here for Holidays

Miss Susi Ulrich, student at Whittier College, is here spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ulrich, 3805 W. 183rd St.

From Wisconsin

Arthur S. Gmur of New Glarus, Wisconsin has arrived to spend the winter here with his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gmur and family, 2317 W. 177th St.



An old-fashioned greeting from the members of our staff... may the season be joyous for you and yours.

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COUNCIL
Mrs. Robert Hagenbaugh, second vice president of Torrance Council of PTA, announced recently that children of the Torrance Unified School District will be attending the Youth Concert Series at the Los Angeles Music Center.

With the cooperation of the County Superintendent of Schools, and PTA unit music chairmen, a total of fourteen hundred tickets were sold for the seven-week series beginning Saturday, Dec. 3, and extending through Saturday, April 1, 1967. Also purchased through the Torrance Council of PTA were 175 tickets for the Torrance Area Youth Band.

Units of Torrance PTA participating in this project are: Meadow Park, Torrance High, South High, Parkway, Madronna, Howard Wood, Perry and Riviera.

LINCOLN
Twenty-one of the Executive board of Lincoln PTA attended the Christmas luncheon recently at the Push Horse in Torrance. Guests of the board were, Mr. Victor Kilburn, principal, and Mrs. Marlen Elde, school secretary.

"Step Up In Spirit" was the theme for the December association meeting held

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