

# Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

You don't need me to tell you that inflation is here and in full force. You're undoubtedly reminded of it often enough, particularly if you have children who like to spend money as if it were going out of style.

And if you're like me, you won't let them forget that when you were their age kids were lucky to get 15 cents to go to a movie—a dime to get in and a nickel to spend. Whereas today I hand out dollar bills as if I were peeling leaves off a head of lettuce, because 15 cents will just about cover the extra price of having the popcorn buttered.

As a result, I hold in reverence what I believe to be the last hold-out against inflation, this being penny candy.

Yes, Virginia, there still is penny candy, although, as my husband points out, some of it now sells for five cents.

But it's surprising to discover how many confectionary items that sold for a penny 20 years ago can still be purchased at the same price—a stick of gum, licorice, suckers, flavored wax teeth, lips, moustaches, and so forth.

In fact, I think that candy in general, both inexpensive as well as quality brands, has held the price line. For example, "Heath" bars and "Uno-Bar" which you bought when you were loaded because they cost a whole dime, are still 10 cents. Most of the five-cent bars are still the same price, although they're smaller in size.

The big problem in buying penny candy is finding places where it's sold. Old-fashioned candy stores have all but disappeared, or become so fancy that you wouldn't dream of asking to purchase a penny's worth of hearts, six each with "Be Mine" and six with "Sweetheart" imprinted. They've gone the way of yesterday's soda fountains, some of which today think nothing of charging \$1.50 for a banana split and 75 cents for a scoop of ice cream.

Most of the big supermarkets don't want to bother with penny candy either; other than dispensing it from one-cent bubble gum machines. They prefer selling "penny candy" in 39-cent sacks. Thus, the only outlet for penny candy appears to be the smaller, independent grocery, which keeps boxes filled with penny goodies open for sale at the check-stand counter. Hooray for them.

And I for one hope they continue. I would hate to see the day arrive that due to "operating costs, wages, taxes" that a penny would buy nothing, other than to pay for the sales tax. It's enough to make you cry in your glass of ROOTIN TOOTIN RASPBERRY drink. Isn't it? Pass me the jellybeans.



ARABIAN NIGHTS PARTY

Residents of the Bay Village Apartments highlighted their summer activities with a gala Arabian Nights Party on Aug. 19. The decor included a papier mache camel, pigmy slave, colorful tents and Arabian Night scenes, the work of a decorating committee headed by Alexis de La Torre, assistant manager. An oriental gourmet dinner was served as an Aloha band played. The floor show featured Seramis, native belly dancer, and James Coe. Indulging in a bit of camel play, Dorothy McQuoid, left, resident manager and recreation director, who engineered the costumed Arabian event, holds the camel for Lu Russell. (Bob Noble Photo)

## Edith Updegrove Now Mrs. David Van Dyke

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Redondo Beach was the setting for the Aug. 12 wedding in which Miss Edith Ann Updegrove, Redondo Beach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Grant Updegrove, Sr., Lewis, Kansas, became the bride of David Lee Van Dyke, formerly of Redondo Beach. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Milton William Van Dyke of Salt Lake City, Utah.

The formal evening candlelight double-ring ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Paul C. Cox. Music was by the 50-voice chancel choir directed by Jay Tully, who was also soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Eby, organist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an organza gown enhanced with lace appliques and sequins. Long sleeves and a fitted bodice topped off the A line skirt, falling into a cathedral train. A crown of pearls and crystals held her fingertip-tiered veil. She wore a single strand of pearls, a gift from the bridegroom, and she carried a family heirloom lace handkerchief, a gift from her mother. Miniature orchids and stephanotis formed the bridal bouquet.

After a honeymoon in Northern California, the newlyweds will be at home at 500 Clayton, Denver, Colo., where Mr. Van Dyke is associated with the United States Steel Corporation as regional sales representative.

Miss Barbara Alexander of Dallas, Texas, was maid of honor and Mr. David Puhls stood as best man. Bridal attendants were Mrs. George Sayer, Pacific Palisades, Mrs. Kenneth Updegrove, Shreveport, La., Miss Kathy Salem, Wilmington, and Rhonda Marie Updegrove, Lewis, Kans. They wore lime green gowns and carried baskets of green spider chrysanthemums.

Brenda Updegrove of Sacramento was her aunt's flower girl. Serving as ushers were Lawrence W. Updegrove, Arthur Lindman, Robert Knobloch and Lt. Richard H. Van Dyke.

The champagne wedding reception was held in the Devonshire room at the Plush Horse. The 130 guests were entertained with music by the Frank Green Orchestra.

The new Mrs. Van Dyke is a graduate of the Lewis Schools and was formerly an executive secretary in the Los Angeles sales office of Fairchild Instruments, Inc.

The bridegroom, with a BA degree in history from the University of Utah, is affiliated with Phi Alpha Theta, national honorary society.

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## Xi Nu Upsilon Opening Day to Feature Buffet

A collection of favorite summer salads will be the fare for a buffet luncheon to be enjoyed by members of Xi Nu Upsilon Exemplar Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 11:30 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Harry C. Vannatta of Palos Verdes Peninsula. Opening Day ceremonies will be observed that afternoon as they are internationally by all chapters just before the beginning of regular fall cultural and business meetings.

## Sisterhood Announces Kosher Luau

The first social fund raising affair of the year for the Sisterhood of Southwest Temple Beth Torah, 14725 S. Gramercy Place., Gardena, will be a fabulous Kosher Luau Saturday evening, Aug. 26, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Abramson, 9117 Sawyer Ave., Los Angeles.

Swimming, cocktails, dinner and dancing are on the agenda plus entertainment and surprises. Members, relatives and friends are invited to attend in luau or informal attire.

Mrs. Helen Meyerson, Sisterhood president, and Mrs. Anne Feiges, ways and means chairman, announce that reservations may be made with Shirley Rothenberg or Rita Shapiro.

Serving on committees are Mrs. Sarah Abramson, Rose Canter and Helen Meyerson, decorations; Bea Meyers, Florence Siegel, Rita Levy, Rose Cohen, kosher refreshments; and Sarah Golden, publicity.

For further information, Temple Beth Torah, may be called.

A brief outline of the various activities and projects scheduled for the coming year will be presented by the various committee chairmen and the new Chapter Yearbook will be presented to each member by Mrs. Raymond Young of Torrance, president.

Assisting Mrs. Vannatta with the arrangements will be Mrs. John Cronander of Redondo Beach, the Chapter's social chairman. Those attending will include Mrs. Ralph E. Adams, Jr., Allan Felix and Morten Jones of Redondo Beach; Mrs. Mack Johnston and Andrew Pope of Rolling Hills; Mrs. Walter Salla and Delbert Ullsh of Torrance; and Mrs. Edward Morris of San Pedro and Mrs. Alex Hansen of Long Beach, the Chapter's honorary member.

Hosted by Mrs. Felix of Redondo Beach, the regular business and cultural meeting will be held Wednesday evening, Sept. 6, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Johnston, program chairman, will present to the members a dissertation on the title "What Is Life," the first cultural study in the current program book "Life, Learning and Friendship."

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## WSCS Plans Rummage Sale Aug. 25-26

Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Torrance will hold its annual Rummage Sale Friday and Saturday, Aug. 25 and 26. Hours for the sale, which will be held at the church, 1551 El Prado Ave., are 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. both days.

On sale will be good used clothing, household items, toys, furniture and miscellaneous items.

Anyone having articles to donate are asked to call Mrs. John McMullen or Mrs. Maude Price. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the regular work of the Society.

## Localites at Opening Day At the Races

Harness racing got off to a fast pace across the fall social calendar on Friday, Aug. 18, at Hollywood Park for 65 days, the longest period on record.

Harness racing will continue until Sept. 14 when it will be moved to Pomona for the County Fair, returning to Hollywood Park on Monday, Oct. 2, with post time at 1 p.m.

Opening day was Shareholders Day in the Turf Club and fans converged for many reunions of old friends around the luncheon tables.

Box hopping to greet old friends from this area were Messrs. and Mrs. Jordan Olivar, Inglewood; Richard Stephens, Redondo Beach; John A. Oetken, Palos Verdes. Sharing a box were Roger McGee of Rolling Hills and Edward Conto of Portuguese Bend.

Other opening day fans were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pennington of San Pedro.

## CDA Plans Opening Day Benefit Card Party

Camp Teresita Pines, summer camp for girls at Wrightwood, will benefit from the semi-annual card party to be held by Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, tomorrow evening, Aug. 24, at Nativity Parish Annex.

Behind a "County Store" theme, hostesses will greet the guests as the doors open at 7:45 p.m. Bridge, canasta, 500, and pinochle will be played. Table prizes will be awarded.

There will also be door prizes and some guest will take home a "Bucket of Vittles" which is the main door prize for the evening.

Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Robert Klaesges, Paul Labonawski, Ellis Cook, Thomas Murphy and Paul DeCuir.

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## Klaesges Family Returns From Extensive Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klaesges, their son, David, and three daughters, Sue, Jean, and Cathy, have just returned from a three weeks vacation in Minnesota. They were houseguests of Mr. Klaesges' sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Strage in Minneapolis.

A three day trip in northern Minnesota and Canada was enjoyed as well as visits to Custer State Park in South Dakota; Cody, Wyoming; Yellowstone Park, Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Reno, Nev.

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