

# Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

It isn't that I didn't appreciate receiving the newest bank credit card in the mail. By esthetic standards it certainly is a fine-looking card. The design features entwined circles which, I believe, are similar to the Olympic emblem, denoting man's brotherhood to man; although there are those who will say it reminds them more of the circles in front of a pawnshop.

However, I wish the bank had omitted in its letter the phrase, "You now have 70,000 charge accounts . . ." For it caused my husband to comment wryly:

"Try not to use them all."

Actually, he was joshing, because we use credit cards only in dire emergencies. For instance, at times when we don't have cash on hand. Like today, and as a matter of fact, yesterday and the day before as well.

Thus, I'd have to admit that for us to say anything derogatory about credit cards would be comparable to a skin-diver coming out against air.

But the one thing I can't figure out is: How did we get along without them before?

Indeed, I can't remember my "underprivileged" parents owning a single credit card. This, naturally, prevented them from receiving exemplary letters stating that they were "Preferred Charge Customers" on the same day, I might add, with another letter from the credit department demanding they pay up their account or be placed in stocks, in the Village Square.

However, credit cards sometimes do come in handy, because our kids often use them to play a card game, called "Credit Card Rummy" —the idea is to match up sets of different travel, oil company, department store and other bank cards with, I believe, the Diner's Club card, "oid."

Another practical use for surplus credit cards —when they become outdated — is to leave them as calling cards, because where else is your name embossed so impressively, along with your very own, personalized number?

Of course, the bank credit cards emphasize that you pay only one monthly statement, instead of a flock of little bills. This to me compares to worrying about King Kong instead of fighting off mosquitoes.

Also, it eliminates that other fun-packed game, "Credit Card Roulette," in which cards are drawn out of a hat to see which bill gets paid first. After all, if the gasoline companies and everybody else can play games, why not the customers?

# Jean A. Doig Becomes Bride of Larry Baker

In a mid-afternoon ceremony at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Miss Jean A. Doig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Doig, 22224 Vermont Ave., Torrance, became the bride of Larry W. Baker of Gardena. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Baker, Garland, Texas.

Mr. Doig escorted his daughter to the altar. She wore a traditional gown of Alencon lace over white peau de soie. A pearl crown held the bridal veil and she carried a bouquet of white daisies and fern.

Miss Cecelia J. Coffey served as the maid of honor, wearing a poudre blue voile cage. Her bouquet was of yellow daisies.

Jerry G. Baker served his brother as best man. Guests were seated by Tony Belendez.

Rev. Hugh R. Percy, pastor, officiated at the vow exchange. Miss Margaret Baker, sister of the bridegroom, was soloist. Norman Wright was at the organ.

The 75 guests greeted the newlyweds at a reception at the church hall.

Following a honeymoon in San Francisco, the couple is now at home at 1152 W. Compton Blvd., Gardena.

The bride, a graduate of Carson High School, is employed by Pacific Telephone Co. Her husband attended school in Texas and recently completed a four year tour of duty with the United States Navy. He is employed by Douglas Aircraft.



MRS. LARRY BAKER

## Elk Ladies Plan Evening In Chinatown

Torrance Ladies of the Elks have invited their husbands, members of the Torrance Elks Lodge 1948, to join them for an "Evening in Chinatown" on Sept. 22.

A cocktail hour will be held from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Star where their hosts, Wally and Frank Quon have prepared a special menu for the group.

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Mrs. Gene La Husen, president, will give an overview of the year's activities including monthly meetings with guest speakers, several topical study groups and social events.

Women, who hold a bachelor's degree, are eligible to apply for membership and are extended a welcome to attend this event. For further information Mrs. Robert Cook, membership chairman, may be called.

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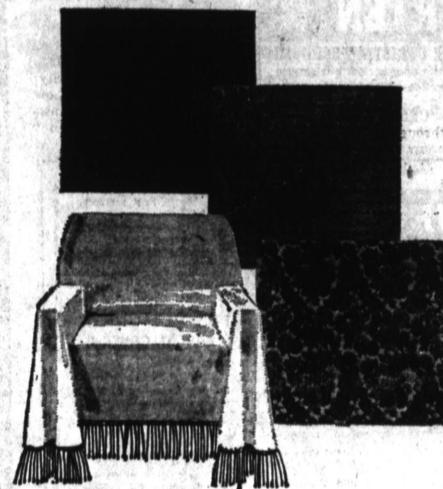
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