

# Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

Although the automobile I drive is not a long, black limousine with bullet-proof windows, it is still referred to as the "getaway car" by my family whenever they see me speeding off, hotly pursued by those of my children on foot, tricycle and bike.

Of course, "Ma Barker" is rarely 100 per cent successful in that at least two kids are usually in the car before she turns the ignition key. And who could be so heartless as to leave any of them behind who weren't fast enough on the draw? Especially when they're tearfully waving good-bye from the curb, singing, "Arrivederci, Mamma."

I wouldn't mind taking all of them with me to the store but often as not, with their tattered play clothes and smudgy faces they look as if they ought to be auditioning for the roles of orphans in "Oliver." Given time I could make them presentable. About two days.

And Jan, our youngest, never likes to be left home either. But her trouble is that she's always barefooted. "At least get shoes on and I'll take you along," I ordered her before our last outing. She did, informing me that she'd put them on in the car. (Sometimes in that back seat, incidentally, there are more quick changes than backstage at the Follies.) When she put them on, however, she was wearing two lefts, which gave the optical illusion that the kid was continually turning a corner.

A more important reason for owning a "getaway car," however, is to enable the driver to leave the premises undetected — before the rest of your family can figure out a long list of purchases and errands they want done.

It matters not that this same automobile has been driven back and forth to the store that same day with the regularity of a commute bus. But why is it that whenever I venture out, you'd think we were living in an Alaskan outpost, with my duty to make a monthly trip to Juneau for supplies?

A typical excursion will include returning books for one kid to the library. With an overdue fine. Another wants letters mailed. With no stamps. And yet in another direction, could I possibly buy a need for a clarinet at the music store?

Somebody else wants me to see if the pictures are ready at the drug store. Or my husband will want to know if I could possibly pick up his suit at the cleaners which has been there since before Thanksgiving.

During that time the three youngest have been conducting a recruiting drive to round up extra passengers amongst their friends to make the trip. But as I keep telling myself, "getting there is half the fun." Once I ever leave, that is.

## 'Inheritance Tax' Topic For Legal Secretaries

Southwest District Legal Secretaries Association has chosen Inglewood Golf Course Restaurant for its Jan. 19 meeting. A social hour will precede the 7:30 p.m. dinner.

Superior Court Probate Attorney Barbara Metcalf will be guest speaker. Her topic will be "Inheritance Tax — An Integral Part of Probate." Attorney Metcalf worked as a legal secretary, and was a member of the Los Angeles association, while earning her law degree. Before transferring to the Probate Department she was with the Inheritance

Tax Department. Legal secretaries, their bosses, and legal secretarial students of the South Bay-Centennial area are invited to hear this talk.

Make reservations with Jessie McIntyre, 204 37th Pl., Manhattan Beach.

Southwest members attending the quarterly Los Angeles County Forum of Legal Secretaries on Jan. 14 at the Hyatt House in the City of Commerce were second vice president Marian Knoblich, parliamentary Doris Portune and publicity chairman Jessie McIntyre.

## Square Dance Club to Celebrate Anniversary

The Swing 'n Whirl Square Dance Club will celebrate its first anniversary Friday evening, Jan. 20, with a two part program at the hall, 1953 1/2 W. Carson St.

From 8 until 11 p.m. there will be a program of singing calls. A special guest will be Miss Bonnie Miles of Bakersfield, who will be assisting Walt Fagan, caller.

The second half of the evening, from 11 to 1 p.m., will be a "Red Hot Hash." Walt Fagan and top callers of the area will call for the dance.

A gourmet dinner will be served during the evening. All square dancers are invited to attend. For more information Thelma Phillips or Walt Fagan may be called.

The Swing 'n Whirl Square Dance club announces a beginners class to open on Thursday, Feb. 9, taught by Walt and Sunny Lee Fagan. A pre-teen beginners class is on the schedule for Thursday, Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m. With this new class, the entire family can enjoy an evening of square dancing, the juniors at 6:30 p.m. and parents at 8:30 p.m.



PLAN COURSE FOR BANKING WOMEN

Since the majority of bank employees are women, the Women's Committee of the American Institute of Banking, has chosen a course most beneficial to women to make up the spring semester to begin Jan. 23. Outlining the course of study were from left, Mmes. E. C. Kirkpatrick of San Pedro, educational chairman; Jack L. Taufer, La Canada, committee chairman; and Allan J. Everley, Torrance, area representative.

## For Women in Banking

# Course Chosen by AIB

Area representative Mrs. Allan J. Everley has announced that for the spring semester beginning Jan. 23, the Los Angeles Chapter Women's Committee of the American Institute of Banking will provide chapter members the widest range of courses in its history.

The committee's program includes instruction in human relations and business psychology, consumer and real estate lending procedures, poise and grooming, bank marketing methods, effective communication, career opportunities for women in bank data processing, techniques of supervision and personnel administration, and recommendations for overcoming accent diffi-

culties for foreign speaking students.

These six-week lecture courses offer opportunities for self-improvement which are enthusiastically received by bank women. Since the majority of bank employees are women, this function has

become increasingly important.

For more information Mmes. E. C. Kirkpatrick of San Pedro; Jack L. Taufer, La Canada or Allan J. Everley, 19344th Ave., Torrance, may be contacted.

## Recreation Dept. Slates Field Trip

Movieland Wax Museum and Knott's Berry Farm are the destinations of those participating in a double-header field trip sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department for Saturday, Jan. 28.

Reservations for the trip may be made on or before Saturday, Jan. 21, at any of the three parks.

Busses will leave from Waleria, Victor and McMaster Parks at 10 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. Participants will visit the museum, with its lifelike portrayal of past and present stars in their famous roles, then proceed to Knott's Berry Farm for a tour of Ghost Town and other points of interest.

For further information, contact any of the three parks, or call Herb Bonnet, at the Torrance Recreation Department.

## Pony League Parents Meet

West Torrance Pony League will hold its first general meeting for the 1967 season on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sepulveda School Cafeteria. This meeting is open to all parents of 13 and 14 year old boys wishing to play baseball in the West Torrance area. Many questions will be answered. All interested parties are urged to attend.

## Progressive Dinner Slated By Alpha Betas

Members of the Preceptor Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will entertain their husbands and guests at a Progressive Dinner, Saturday at 5 p.m.

Guests will gather at the home of Miss Martha Oehlerking, 23028-A Nadine Circle, Torrance, for cocktails. They will then go to the Palos Verdes Estates home of the Robert Nickelsons for the salad course.

The entree will be served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Foster in Gardena and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Millhouse in Hawthorne will host the dessert.

Among those attending will be Messrs. and Mmes. Harold Collins, Andrew Foster, Sidney Lemberger, Dominick Nardelli, Eugene Olson, Gardena; Lester Mayfield, John Wise, Lawndale; Louis Below, Inglewood; Robert Nickelson, Palos Verdes; Raymond Millhouse, Hawthorne; Mrs. Blanche McCallum and Miss Martha Oehlerking, Torrance.

## Surprise Party Honors

# Palmers on Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Arland F. Palmer, 1751 Andree Ave., were honored at a surprise party on Sunday evening, Jan. 1, at the Lobster House celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary.

The party was given by the couple's two sons and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Palmer and another son, Jim Palmer.

The anniversary celebrants were married on Dec. 31, 1931 at the First Methodist Church in Torrance with the Rev. Paul Winkler officiating. Mrs. Palmer is the former Margaret Williams, who came with her parents from Ohio to Torrance 38 years ago. All three of the couple's sons are Torrance High school graduates. Mr. Palmer is an employe of the maintenance department of the Torrance Unified School district.

The couple's four grand-

children were also present at the anniversary party.

The Palmer family and their friends enjoyed dinner followed by dancing. The three sons presented their parents with a crystal chandelier for the dining room in their home.

It was during the party, that the engagement of their

son, Jim, to Miss Sandy Jackson of Hemet was announced.

Friends joining the family for the celebration were Messrs. and Mmes. Oscar Deems, Loren Maddux, David Hogan and Charles Williams.

Also, Marian Ashton, Essa Russell, Sandy Jackson, Jack Parker, Judy Hogan, Bonnie Hogan, Lisa Gilmore and Rex Gilmore.

## Delphians Will Attend District Assembly Jan. 20

Chi Sigma Phi Chapter of the National Delphian Society will attend the Los Angeles District Assembly of Delphian Chapters on Friday, Jan. 20 in the International Ballroom of the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

A social hour at 11 a.m. will begin the General Assembly followed by a luncheon. Guest speaker is Dr. Murray Banks, whose topic is "Just in Case You Think You're Normal."

Dr. Banks is a graduate of New York and Columbia Universities and completed his clinical psycho-pathology at Bellevue Hospital, New York City. He has served for five years as head of the Department of Psychology at Pace College, New York City.

## Serra Mothers To Serve Dinner

Sophomore Mothers' of Serra High School Mothers' Club, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Jerry Conger, will have a ham dinner at the school cafeteria on Sunday, Jan. 22 from 2:30 to 6 p.m. There is a special price for children under 12.

This dinner is being held in conjunction with the Blessing of the new school facilities by Bishop John Ward, and the 150th anniversary of the Marianist Order.

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