

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

Judging from the number of comic books either purchased, traded or borrowed by the children in this family, I've often wondered what the best-seller lists would look like if they included the literary "classics" from Marvel and Action Comics.

Since their circulation is in the millions, I'm afraid that you'd find such titles as "Spider-Man Meets the Avengers" and "Superman's Battle Against the Monsters from Krypton" edging out the works of John Steinbeck and other greats.

It's possible that between my children they possess the "Huntington Library of Comic Books," if you included the collection of those scattered on the floor around the house. Thus, I have unwittingly become somewhat of an expert in appraising such sparkling dialogue as, "Wham," "Zzatt" and "Klout."

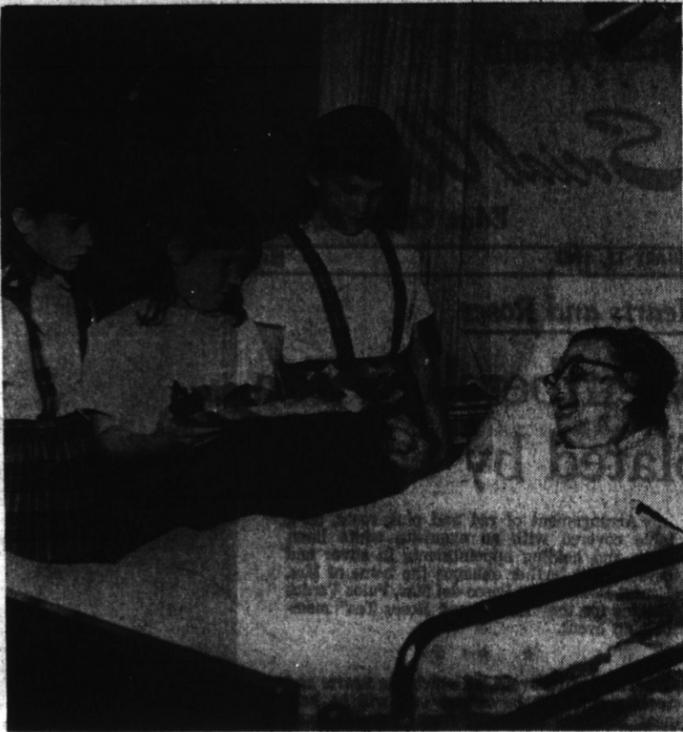
In fact, I have learned to separate the "Ernest Hemingways" from the chaff by their use of sound effects in vanquishing the enemy, an important ingredient in all strips. "Pow," for instance, is old hat. I am much more impressed by "BEWEEIOK!" and "KTHOK!" and "PHTOING!"

Of course, my husband objects to comic books in the house, preferring, as I do, that our younger ones begin reading the works of Robert Louis Stevenson, Mark Twain and U.S. News and World Report.

But I can't go along with the theory that reading comic books, at least those approved by the comic code, contributes to juvenile delinquency. Not when you and I know that Superman would never steal a hub cap. Nor would "Peter Parker," mild-mannered bookworm, who becomes "Spider-Man" after being bitten by a radioactive spider and now possesses the grip and agility of a radioactive spider.

And I feel a little safer just knowing that mild-mannered "Bruce Banner," a scientist who becomes bathed in a mysterious shower of Gamma Rays and who has emerged as super-human "Hulk," is now fighting a never-ending battle against crime and for truth, justice and the American way.

What I keep hoping is that one day a super strong man is hit by radioactive isotopes and becomes a mild-mannered bookworm, but no chance.



REMEMBERING OTHERS

St. Bernadette junior troop of Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters, have been busy the past few weeks making colorful Valentine tray favors to be presented to patients at Royalwood Convalescent Hospital. Making a presentation are, from left, Diane Gage 10, Susan Dellarover 7, and Kathy Klaesges 9, presenting a Valentine favor to Mrs. Lillian Nicol, patient at the hospital. (Press-Herald Photo)

Pilot Club To Attend Joint Meet

Dr. Melvin A. Casberg, one of five physicians and surgeons selected to represent the United States in a recent medical conference in Delhi, India, will be speaker at the Pilot Tri-Club

meeting this evening. The meeting will be held in the Lafayette Hotel, Broadway and Linden Ave., Long Beach, at 7 p.m.

Dr. Casberg, born and educated in India, has been

connected with the Harri-man-Jones Clinic and is now Chief of Staff at the Community Hospital in Long Beach.

Mrs. Loren Yett of Long Beach is chairman for the evening and the Long Beach Pilot Club is hostess.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Hubert Roe, president of the Pilot Club of Torrance.

It's a Boy for the B. J. Hoys

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Joe Hoy announce the birth of their first child, a son, on Feb. 7 at the Ft. MacArthur hospital. The young man has been named Michael Edward. Mrs. Hoy is the former Sue Ann Chisholm.

and Mrs. William Chisholm, 1647 W. 122nd St., Los Angeles.

Mr. Hoy, a native of Torrance, entered the service in December 1965. He is expected to return from Vietnam in October.

Note Birthday

Square Links Square Dance Club will celebrate its sixth anniversary next Saturday evening with a supper-dance at its studio, 1953 1/2 W. Carson St., Torrance. Al Rude will call for dancing which begins at 8 p.m.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hoy, 1572 W. 216th St. and Mr.

Two Organizations Sponsor

I. Magnin Gala Preview

Peninsula Committee for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and the Palos Verdes Community Arts Association will co-sponsor a sparkling benefit preview of I. Magnin & Co., Del Amo, Sunday, March 5 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Mmes. Tom B. Carvey and Peter C. Parfett, presidents of the sponsoring organizations, reveal that many members of both groups have spent countless hours compiling guest lists for the gala affair. Invitations have been completed for mailing.

Mmes. Paul F. Conrad and Herman F. Scheurer, Jr., are co-chairmen, assisted by Mmes. James L. Burke and George M. Babbe. Also assisting are Mmes. Richard W. Park, Carl Fossette, Jason Gale, Alfred Williams and Roger M. Wise, Jr.

More are Mmes. Robert C.

Works, Thomas T. Burger, Richard A. Kramer, F. O. Moreland, Stanley F. Wilson, Stanley D. Owen, Pierson F. Melcher and Robert J. Woods, Jr.

Champagne and hors d'oeuvres will be served against an appropriate background of music and art. Elegant I. Magnin fashions will be modeled during the evening.

In addition, women will receive Lanvin perfumes favors attractively packaged in ivory plastic cigarette boxes with the name of the store and the date stamped in gold on the lids.

All proceeds will go toward the current projects of the two sponsoring groups—the building fund of the Palos Verdes Community Arts Association and the Philharmonic Fund Drive of the Southern California Symphony-Hollywood Bowl Association.

Bethel To Make Melodyland Trip

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They were Mrs. Virgil Koon, matron, Ed Peterson, patron; conductress and as-

sociate conductress were Mrs. Frank Tenney and Mrs. Tec Coggins.

Opening hosts were Mrs. Phyllis Hamilton and Cecil Dowling. A number of grand

officers from the 83rd and 87th district were introduced and escorted.

The baby's father is a specialist 4th class serving with the United States Army in Vietnam. He is attached to the 585th Transportation Co., stationed at Camranh Bay.

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