

# Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

When you spend as much time as I do waiting in lines at the bank, post office and supermarket, you become somewhat of a gambler.

You find yourself playing what I call "Stand-in Line Roulette," a game in which you try to select the line that will move the fastest.

In playing the game, it is wise to bear in mind that the "short" line is not always the best choice, because more often than not, the person ahead of you will turn out to be leaving on a world cruise, and thus purchasing traveler's checks, foreign money orders, plus making out a will to leave in his safety deposit box.

But should you see someone walk to the end of the longer line, you become suspicious. Does he know something? Is his line "rigged" to move faster?

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Often you find yourself shuttling back and forth indecisively between lines, only to hear the cashier inform you that he's leaving for lunch, what hurts is the muffled laughter of those you thought you had outwitted.

And consider the gamble I took last week in abandoning my place in line at the bank to rush to what appeared to be an open teller's cage at the far end of the lobby. Like a weary, thirst-drenched desert traveler, however, who sees water everywhere, the window proved to be a mirage. I had failed to see one of the numerous "See Next Window" placards which banks and post offices use to decorate the premises.

However, usually you have no more than two lines to choose from at the post office, bank or government office. This confuses some people, because they will see a row of 25 or more windows that have never been opened. For no more than two windows are ever in use at one time.

In fact, rumor has it that many counters and cashier windows in banks and post offices are facades, painted on like scenery to give the impression that the bank does a larger volume of business than it does or that the post office is in a higher classification than it actually is.

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Of course, I would appreciate it if a few ground rules were posted. In all fairness, for example, they ought to let you know at the supermarket that the fast checker at the checkstand you've selected will be replaced in midstream by a novice clerk who has to ask the price on each item.

But if all else fails, perhaps the logical conclusion would be to place people of compatible interests in the same line. Some of the dearest people I've met have been those waiting for the mustard in the hot-dog line at baseball games.



MRS. PAUL LABONAWSKI  
... New Grand Regent  
(Press-Herald Photo)

## Represents AAUW Units At Meeting

Mrs. Ralph Hamer, newly installed president of the Palos Verdes-Rolling Hills Branch of the American Association of University Women, will attend the first of such conferences for the South Pacific Region of the National AAUW, to be held June 6, 7, and 8, on the campus of Nevada Southern University in Las Vegas. States represented will be California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, and Guam.

Since, at a recent meeting at the home of Mrs. Hamer, the presidents of the four local branches agreed to combine resources in mutual cooperation, Mrs. Hamer will represent them and make a report on the Las Vegas meeting to the presidents, Mrs. Arthur Wannlund, San Pedro Branch, Mrs. Robert Homan of the Manhattan Beach Branch, and Mrs. Robert Odgers, of the Torrance Branch of AAUW.

## Board Fetes Mrs. Moffitt

The home of Mrs. Richard Dorothy was the scene of a luncheon honoring Mrs. R.E. Moffitt, retiring president of the Torrance Woman's Club, on Wednesday, May 29, with members of the executive board as hostesses.

Guests for the day were the honoree and Mrs. Robert Vroman, Junior Club president; Mmes. J. A. Tweedy, Robert Winship, Fred Sandstrom, F. M. Shaw, Leonard Stamps, William Faulds, James Wilkes, Bruce Marsh, W. C. Moyer, Richard Dorothy, M. M. Diener and Dean L. Sears.

## Houseguests

Mrs. Hazel Ward and her sister, Mrs. Viola Shaw, arrived home Wednesday from a week's visit with Mrs. John Osborne in San Gabriel. Thursday evening, another sister, Mrs. Lucille Gates, arrived from Phoenix, Ariz., to spend the holiday and weekend here.

## Court St. Catherine Elects Officers

Mrs. Paul Labonawski was elected Grand Regent at the May business meeting of the Court St. Catherine 1378, Catholic Daughters of America.

The new Grand Regent has been an active member of the local court for several years, serving as vice regent and financial secretary.

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A member of the St. Margaret Mary parish in Lomita, she is also active with the Altar Society, is prefect of the St. Anthony's Guild and is a member of the Catholic Welfare Advisory Board.

Mrs. Labonawski is also a member of the Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary and has worked on many community projects, such as Community Chest, Heart Fund and Cancer drives.

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Her husband, employed at North American Rockwell Co., Seal Beach, is chancellor of the St. Gerard Council, Knights of Columbus. The Labonawskis have two sons, Stanley at home, and Ronald, who attends the St. Joseph Salesian Seminary.

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Elected to serve with her

## Friendship Theme for Xi Epsilon

Mrs. Harry Vannatta will preside at the business meeting of Xi Nu Upsilon at the home of Mrs. Morton Jones on Wednesday, June 5, at 8 p.m.

Mrs. John Cronander will lead the members and guests in a group program called "Friendships in Beta Sigma Phi." Each member is to recall a special friendship made through the sorority.

Mrs. Morton Jones will give a report on the State Convention and the SCC Breakfast, which she attended to represent the chapter. Mrs. Marvin Scott will report on the South Bay Area Council meeting.

were Mmes. Paul DeCuir, vice-regent; George Rausch, prophetess; Eileen Barnidge, financial secretary; Harvey Lee, treasurer, and Jackie Nelson, historian.

Also, Mmes. Ralph Sullivan, monitor; Oren Davis, sentinel; Thomas Murphy, lecturer; Charles Butterfield, organist; Elles Cook and Wilbur Camp, three-year trustees; and Robert Hammerle, one year trustee. Continuing as trustees are Mmes. Louie Derouin, Laura Kuhn and Gordon Hicks.

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The new officers will be installed in formal ceremonies on Thursday, June 6, at Nativity parish hall.

## Guild To Meet On Wednesday

Women's Guild of the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church will meet Wednesday, June 12, at 10 a.m. in the Guild Hall, Marcelina and Arlington.

Mrs. Walter Stanton, president, will conduct the business meeting which will be followed by a potluck luncheon at 12 noon. Friends are invited.

## Capistrano Party

The new chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Preceptor Beta Gamma will have its first social, Saturday, June 8. This will be a potluck dinner for members and their husbands at the home of Mrs. Winifred Falor, San Juan Capistrano, a member of the sorority.

Attending from Torrance will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lockwood.

## Parish Sets Carnival On Weekend

St. Philomena Parish will stage its annual carnival Saturday and Sunday, June 8 and 9, at 21900 S. Main St., in the city of Carson.

"Mr. Doolittle" will be this year's theme with many booths and attractions decorated with animals.

Co-chairmen of the event are Mrs. John McCarthy, president of the Women's Council, Pat Butler, president of the Men's Council, working with Rev. Frederick Callahan, pastor.

Hours of the carnival are 12 noon until 9 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on Sunday.

A fried chicken dinner will be served on Sunday from 1 until 7 p.m.

Climax of the carnival will be the awarding of the grand prize, a 1968 Chevy II Nova, and a second prize, a portable color television.

Everyone is invited to attend the carnival and dinner for which reservations are not necessary.

## Wine Will Be Topic For Panel

"A Touch of Wine Makes All the Difference" will be the theme of the talk to be given by Mrs. Gloria Miller at the meeting of the Family Panel of America this morning, at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Del Amo Financial Center, Torrance.

Mrs. Miller, customer relations director of Regina Grape Products, will tell of the various ways grape products can be used to enhance the taste of foods, according to Mrs. LuWanna Cormier, national director of the panel.

The Family Panel is a group of women interested in attaining more workable knowledge in managing their homes and especially their budgets. Members share consumer problems and are made aware of the latest bunco practices in their area.

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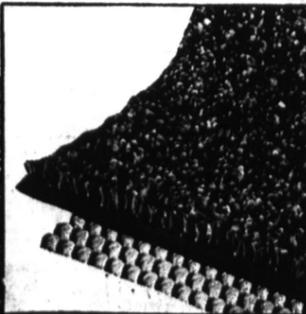
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