

# Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

I don't know who dreams up these types of public opinion polls, but I just read the results of one which supposedly listed the topics which married couples argue about the most: money, in-laws, varying ideas of social obligations, political beliefs, etc.

Thus, I didn't know whether to be puzzled or relieved to discover that some of the liveliest arguments ever touched off in this household have never made the "Top 30."

Furthermore, I can't even find any of our particular marital disagreements discussed in the "Dear Abby" column. Not that I haven't been tempted to write to her several times, but can never remember how the fight started.

The other night we had a lulu of a dispute about flea circuses. I maintained that the fleas were clever little animals that were actually trained and my husband claimed it was all done by trickery. Would Abby know the answer?

Of course, the marriage counselors would have you believe that superficial differences discussed between husband and wife are but a cover-up for the real, inner conflict. In other words, if you tell your husband that you don't think his tie matches his suit, what you're really saying is, "We're through: I'm really in love with Cary Grant."

What I feel is closer to the truth is that most arguments between husband and wife are set off by a particular fire-brand phrase, comparable to "Remember the Alamo." What some Gallop Poll should do is tabulate them.

Heading my list, for example, is the remark: "What did you do all day?"

Which is my cue to reply, "Oh, nothing. Lady Bird Johnson dropped in for tea. Then Princess Grace called—wants us down for the Grand Ball next month, etc."

Next on my list is: "Promise you won't get mad BUT... that dress makes you look 10 pounds fatter."

Third, "How come everybody else's house always looks neater than ours?"

And why do husbands insist on keeping things secret? Just the other night mine announced 15 minutes before dinner, "Did I ever tell you that I don't like ham?" Why has he kept this to himself through 21 years of marriage?

As I say, maybe Abby has the answers.



GRAND OFFICERS HONORED

Making their official visits to the 76th district, Order of the Eastern Star, were seated, front row, Worthy Grand Matron Lura Rae Dales and Worthy Grand Patron Robert M. Lutz, State of California, Order of the Eastern Star. Standing, center, is Ethel Dowling, deputy grand matron, who served as hostess. Assisting her were District Worthy Matrons, from left, Anna Mae Hostetler, Emma Ratzlaff, Shirley McCall, Edith Gardner, Muriel Gasser, Connie Griffin, and Jane Skeene. Back row, from left, are District Worthy Patrons, Sherman McCall, Burton Washburn, Eldon Hostetler, Arnold Ratzlaff, Dudley Griffin and Walter Foster.

## Three Homes Scene For District Flower Show

"Kaleidoscope" will be the theme of the Flower Show by the Los Angeles Bay Harbor District of California Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. tomorrow from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Artistic Division will be at the home of District Director Mrs. Jack Gates, 6403 Monero Drive, Palos Verdes Peninsula.

The Horticulture Division will be at the home of Mrs. Shuki Augustsson, 5215 Blumound Rd., Rolling Hills Estates.

The Silver Tea, Exhibits, and Junior Division will take place at the home of Mrs. Jack C. Newton, 5008 Range Horse Lane, Rolling Hills Estate. Chairman of the Flower

Show will be Mrs. Andrew Antosik of the Long Beach Garden Club. She will be assisted by members from the nine other garden clubs in the South Bay area. All clubs in the district will participate.

This is the third Annual Standard Flower Show. Entries will be for district members only. The show will be open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m.

### Indiana Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hedde of Logansport, Ind., have arrived to spend several weeks here with their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas Hedde, Doug Jr., and Marc, at their home, 1115 Cranbrook Ave.

## Pornography Topic For Parent Group

Parent-Teacher Fellowship of the Western Avenue Baptist School is planning an outstanding program for its March 5 meeting. Guest speaker for the evening will be Ray Gaver, who will show a film and speak on the subject of pornographic literature and point out to the parents what can be done to protect their children.

The meeting, to begin at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the church multi-purpose room. The community is invited to attend.

Plans are also being made for the school's annual Dime-a-Dip dinner and Bazaar to be held April 5.

## Eastern Star Greet

# Grand Officers in Visit

Worthy Grand Matron Lura Rae Dales and Worthy Grand Patron Robert M. Lutz, State of California, Order of the Eastern Star, made their official visits on Feb. 1 at the Torrance Masonic Temple. Hostesses for the evening were Deputy Grand Matron Ethel Dowling, worthy matrons and worthy patrons of the 76th district.

Schwach, Helen Bell DeBeers and Past Grand Patron Logan R. Cotton. Grand Officers on hand were Florence Dunn, Dick Brassell, Vera Graham Blum, Bessie Robinson, Elsie Mitchell, Beth Ramacher, Barbara Pool, Annabelle Van Howton, Boyana K. Brown, Harriette Connell, Ruth Brezniak.

Mrs. Marie Walter, member of the Carnation Chapter, who has been a member of the Eastern Star for 50 years, was presented with her pin by Mrs. Lura Rae Dales.

Torrance Chapter conducted the business meeting after which speeches were made by the two state officials, Thelma Bailey,

right worthy grand trustee of the Grand Chapter; Grace Hoffman, chairman of the Grand Chapter International Temple, Shirley Brohamer, daughter of Burton Washburn, worthy patron of Lomita chapter, sang special songs for the honored guests.

Refreshments were served in the dining room by past matrons of the seven chapters in the district and the hostesses.

Logan R. Cotton, past grand patron, was master of ceremonies. District worthy matrons and patrons present were Edith Gardner and George Seidel, Carnation Chapter; Shirley McCall and Sherman McCall, San Pedro Harbor; Emma Ratzlaff and Arnold Ratzlaff, Torrance; Carolyn Griffin and Dudley Griffin, Playa Linda; Anna Mae Hostetler and Eldon Hostetler, Wilmington.

Others were Jane Skene and Walter Foster, Point Fermin; Muriel Gasser and Walter Foster, Lomita.

With the Carnation Chapter presiding, special escort was given the state officials, with San Pedro Harbor Chapter conducting the escort.

Others given special escort were Thelma Bailey, right worthy grand trustee of the General Grand Chapter and a past grand matron of California; and Grace Hoffman, past grand matron and chairman of General Chapter International Temple.

Also presented were Past Grand Matrons Marian F.

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## Debate Will Spark Beta Alpha Meet

"Man Has Made a Greater Contribution to World Progress Than Women" is the topic for debate in a program titled "Let's Match Wits" to be given by Beta Alpha Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi at their meeting tonight.

Mrs. Robert Gaylord, 26671 Whitehorn Drive, Palos Verdes Peninsula, will be hostess for the 8 p.m. meeting.

Assisting her will be Mrs. Gerald Aldrich. In charge of the program for the evening are Mmes. Gerald Aldrich, Robert Darras, Gary Wires, and E. W. Altstaetter.

### Chapter Meet

Imperial Chapter, City of Hope, will hold its monthly business meeting this evening at 8 o'clock at the Western Avenue Golf Club. The public is invited to attend.

For more information regarding the chapter, Mrs. Alfred Berk may be called.

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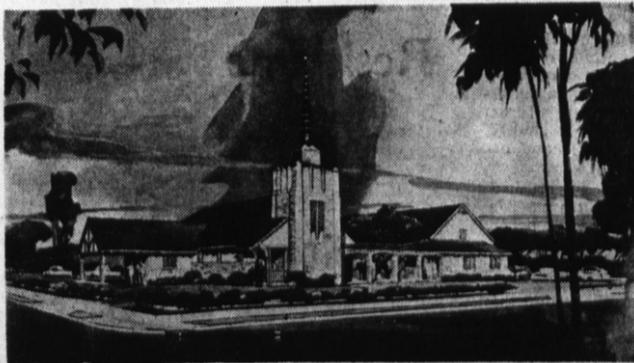


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