

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

I doubt that there are closets in other people's homes which are more overcrowded than ours, because in the ones we have it takes two people to "work" them. For instance, in the hall closet one person to hold back the vacuum cleaner and the other to slide the door shut before the vacuum falls out.

It is wise, too, to be deft of hand but not jar the door too vigorously, because a box of Christmas tree decorations might fall on your head.

Every chest of drawers we own is equally jammed. You could develop whip-lash tugging at one and suddenly finding the drawer come free to send you flying into the middle of the next room with the contents in your lap.

It isn't that we haven't added more storage space throughout the years, but it seems that every nook and cranny is taken up with the possessions everybody keeps accumulating.

I'm convinced that a basic economic principle is involved known as the "Nook and Cranny Law"; no matter how many nooks and crannies you add to your home, the supply of nooks never exceeds the need for more crannies.

It all began shortly after my husband and I were married and lived in an apartment. We kept our worldly goods neatly divided in a "Mr. and Mrs." dresser. That is, until our first child arrived.

Naturally, some of the space on the "Mr." side of the dresser had to be utilized for baby's needs and my husband had difficulty finding a pair of socks amongst what he claimed were 387 pairs of booties.

Then too, our living room, decorated in Period furniture (we had a chair and sofa, period) began to look more like "Early Dr. Spock." Some enchanted evening I would see a stranger across the crowded room who would turn out to be my husband buried behind the crib, bassinet, stroller, play-pen, in-door clothes dryer and stacks of diapers.

It was imperative we buy a home, which we did. Compared to the apartment, we felt we were living in Buckingham Palace until additional "princesses" began to arrive. This meant adding on a wing or two. However, local building codes frowned on homeowners trying to build another Winchester Mystery house so we had to stop adding on a room with the arrival of each additional child.

This meant buying our present home. At the time the garage alone looked as if it could store the Graf Zeppelin. Now we can't even fit a car inside. And the rest of the house seemed to abound with closets. Now we have to keep part of our clothes at the cleaners to make room.

In the meantime, until we can find a home with 58 closets . . . "Timber!"

Far East Is Topic For Preceptors

Preceptor Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will meet March 25 at 8 p.m. at the Los Angeles home of Mrs. Louis Zelanay, 5805 Halm Ave.

Mrs. Zelanay and her co-hostess, Mrs. Louis Below, will present a program on countries of the Far East. They will serve items of food especially prepared which are authentic recipes from these countries.

Mrs. Robert Nickelson, president, will conduct the business meeting.

Members planning to attend are Mmes. Andrew Foster, Harold Collins, Eugene Olson, Gardena; Robert Nickelson, Palos Verdes; Lester Mayfield and John Wise, Lawndale; Raymond Millhouse and Fran Nichols, Hawthorne; Henry Lightenburger, El Segundo; Jackie Pinkney, Palos Verdes; Blanche McCallum, Robert Gunderson and Miss Martha Oehlerking, Torrance.

Moore Family Welcomes Son From Vietnam

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan S. Moore were Mrs. Moore's father, Mr. F. W. Nixon, who recently returned from England, and her sister, Mrs. L. C. Howey of Ottawa, Canada.

Their visits were timed to coincide with the arrival of Spec. 4 David Moore from Vietnam. Part of David's leave was spent at the University of California at Santa Barbara with his brother, Richard, who is in residence as a junior at Francisco Torres.

In addition to visiting the attractions in the Southland, Mrs. Howey was guest of honor at a luncheon given at the Moore home. She also accompanied the Moores to the "Sweetheart Ball" held by the Beta Sight Phi sorority at the Los Verdes Country Club.

Completing his leave, David left Friday for Ft. Hood, Texas, where he is assigned for the balance of his tour of duty.

Home From School

Miss Francine Genta, who attends the University of Santa Clara, is spending this week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Genta, 2720 Martha Ave.

At Wrightwood

Dr. and Mrs. Darrell Lee and sons, Byron and Steven, spent last weekend with friends in Wrightwood.



PRIZE WINNING POETS

In the annual poetry contest sponsored by Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters, for the students of Nativity and St. Margaret Mary Schools, first prizes went to Nancy Long, 11, and Gregory Goetsch, 11, pictured here with Mrs. J. W. Crew, left, CDA poetry chairman, and at right, Sister Mary Dorothy, their teacher. Winners from the Lomita school were Darnell Tipton, 8th grader, and Maureen O'Brien, 7th grader. The poems will be entered in state competition and if chosen will then go to national competition in Cleveland, O., in July. Mrs. Gordon Hicks assisted with the poetry contest. (Press-Herald Photo)

Preceptor Chapter To Honor Miss Oehlerking

Members of Preceptor Alpha Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will honor Miss Martha Oehlerking of Torrance when they confer upon her the Order of the Rose Degree, Wednesday evening, March 20, in the Briarwood Community Center Building, 3500 Manchester Blvd., Inglewood. Dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. preceding the ritual. Special entertainment has been planned for the occasion.

Also, Miss Donna Gausti, Mrs. Paul Ballinger, Gardena; Mrs. Robert Russell, Hawthorne; Mrs. Robert Hollister, Westminster; Mrs. Virginia Grummett, Mrs. Marshall Shirley, Miss Ruth Phelps, Mrs. Edward Porter, Mrs. Frank Pondella, Mrs. Winifred Fallot, Mrs. Edward Rice, Miss Mary Jordan, all of Los Angeles; and members of Preceptor Alpha Beta chapter.

The Order of the Rose Degree, designed to express the gratitude and esteem of other members of Beta Sigma Phi, is given to active members with fifteen years service to the sorority. A member receiving the honor is notable for her fidelity to the ideals of the sorority, her industry and loyal devotion.

Invitations have been sent to: Mmes. Rhea Joy Luckey, Charles Lockwood, Charles Ray, Miss Candance Winquest, Torrance; Mmes. Bernard Tennis, Downey; Marvin Scott, San Pedro; Rodney Trotter, Costa Mesa; James Taylor, Corona del Mar; Alvy Moore, Northridge; Miss Theo Martin, Sherman Oaks; Miss Eleanor Morales, Burbank; Mmes. Virginia Milner, Marian Searle, Hollywood; Miss Marsha Schwab, Wilmington; Mrs. Alan Mol, Miss Juden Houtz, Miss Rosemarie McClister, Lomita.

Lady Lions Stage Party For Husbands

"An Evening in Las Vegas" was the theme of the social event staged by the Torrance Lioness Club Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Chan, 28958 Crestridge Rd., Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Husbands, members of the Torrance Lions Club, were special guests. Decorations and costumes carried out the Las Vegas theme. Serving on the committee for the party were Mmes. A.F.R. Ewalt, Clarence Clark, Louis Assink, Jack Smith and Byron Chan.

Bridge Party

Mrs. Rod Norris was hostess to her club at a bridge luncheon Tuesday at her home, 2324 Spinning Wheel Lane, Rolling Hills Estates.

An afternoon of bridge followed the luncheon. High score was held by Mrs. Jack Day, second by Mrs. Delbert Thomsen, and third, Mrs. H. J. Backlund.

Mrs. Norris' guests were Mmes. J. A. Eisenbrandt, Clyde Anderson, Backlund, Day, Thomsen, Paul Lorange, and Jack Brooks.

Mrs. Thomsen will entertain the club on March 26.

For Mexican Orphans

Third Annual Fiesta Scheduled on April 9

Plans for the third annual fiesta of art and music, "Fiesta Dominguera" sponsored by Peninsula Friends of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos, swung into high gear this week following appointments of committee heads by Dr. Lewis Turchi, Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Co-chairmen are Mrs. Andrew De Paolo, Rolling Hills Estates, and Mrs. Loren Jessup, Palos Verdes Estates. Mrs. Cosimo Occhipinti, San Pedro, will serve as activities coordinator.

Gardens and courtyard of Villa Francesca, home of Mrs. Harry Benedict, in Portuguese Bend, will be the setting for the April 28 afternoon event which will benefit 900 Mexican orphans.

Mrs. Leslie Summerfield, San Pedro, invitations chairman, said some 2,000 bids will be mailed the week of April 1. Aiding her are Mmes. William Cordero and Robert Murphy of San Pedro.

Dan Jeldun, art chairman, assisted by Mmes. Cosimo Occhipinti, both of San Pedro.

dro, and Allan MacAller, Rolling Hills Estates, is now contacting artists and promises a distinguished collection. Mrs. John Lombardi, Rolling Hills, has accepted chairmanship of the petite buffet, which will feature Mexican cuisine. John Bilich, Rolling Hills, is in charge of refreshments.

Patron invitations have been mailed by Mrs. Ronald Heckman, Rolling Hills, patrons chairman. Plans for fiesta decorations are being drawn by Mrs. William Mannatt, San Pedro, assisted by Mmes. T. L. Montgomery, Miralste, and Dan Logan, Palos Verdes Estates.

Mrs. Robert Welsh, Rolling Hills Estates, will handle reservations. Mrs. Robert Haase, Jr., Palos Verdes Estates, in arranging the music and entertainment, while Dr. Loren Jessup, Palos Verdes Estates, is in charge of the boutique. Mrs. Robert Burson, Rolling Hills Estates, is press chairman.

Entertains

Mrs. Dean Sears entertained her club at a bridge luncheon last Thursday at her Merrill Drive home.

Prior to the luncheon, guests greeted Mrs. John Voss of Kansas City, who was here visiting her sister, Mrs. W. C. Boswell. Also dropping in to see the visitor was Mrs. B. T. Whitney of Miraleste.

The Boswells and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Voss, then left for Las Vegas. Club members were served a luncheon followed by an afternoon of bridge.

Attending were Mmes. Delbert Thomsen, M. B. Millar, John Melville, Paul Lorange, M. A. Bauman, Jack Brooks and H. J. Backlund.

Birthday Party

Mrs. W. C. Moyer, 1617 Arlington Ave., who was celebrating a birthday on March 10, was the guest of honor at a dinner at the Century House in Century City. With her for the occasion were her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Koll, and daughters Karen and Kristy, with whom she had spent the day.

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Visiting Parents

Miss Jill O'Hara, student at the University of Santa Clara, is spending this week, a between-quarter break, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle O'Hara. Another daughter, Miss Judy O'Hara, student at the University of San Francisco, spent the weekend here.

VFW Auxiliary Plans Benefit Dinner March 23

Lomita VFW Auxiliary 1622 will stage a Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday evening, March 23, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the VFW Hall, Alliene and Lomita Boulevard.

Proceeds will go to the Cancer Aid and Research program, one of the projects sponsored by the Lomita Auxiliary. Cancer grants are given to members when needed. Mrs. Frank Andrews is cancer chairman for the auxiliary.

Dinner chairmen are Mrs. Bernard King and Mrs. Roy DeRusha, who will be assisted by auxiliary members.

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