

Creative Family Living



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THE ADOLESCENT (last in a series on child growth and development)

More than any other thing the adolescent needs the feeling that you "understand." So often he does not feel this from the adults about him; in this case he will often turn to a friend, which may or may not prove wise.

Very much the adolescent feels the need to prove himself. He needs chances to make the decisions, take the initiative, etc. However, he needs as many chances to talk things over and evaluate too. His real need is for a careful balance of learning to take responsibility and a feeling of freedom and independence as well as to accept guidance and counsel when it is indicated.

It is the wise parent who recognizes when to refrain from giving counsel and sees when it is needed. The teen-ager does vacillate between feeling dependent and helpless (which very often he responds to with a feeling of resentment) and feeling very independent and over-confident (all to which he may respond with a feeling of anxiety).

He can be plagued with fear and doubt over (to the average adult) the most trivial of matters, and can be apparently unconcerned when it comes (to the average adult) to matters of vital importance.

Mainly this arises out of the fact that the adolescent is beginning to develop his own value system, and his first efforts are at times extreme, as well as far too much based on what the other fellow may think, or what the "gang" is doing.

However, this is a normal phase of this growth stage. If mother and dad have well-defined values which are balanced and sensible, the youth will be influenced by them. The healthy personality does not "throw over" all that is wholesome in his life. This does seem to be the fear that many parents have. "I'm so afraid that when he gets out with the others he'll forget everything we ever taught him."

The big thing for mother and dad is to communicate with their adolescent, remain consistent in their values, and be willing to compromise on minor points of disagreement. So often I have had youngsters say to me, "Oh well, there's no use saying anything to 'them' about it; they wouldn't understand anyway."

Communication is something that you build, it doesn't just develop in a flash. True, often we meet a person with whom we feel a strong affinity, so to speak, and have good rapport. However, all too often in family living, good communication is a result of effort, respect, trust, and consideration. It is a bridge of understanding that has been built through the years of meaningful relationships with parents, who have proved themselves to be interested in this youngster as a person and as an individual in his own right.

The adolescent can best find himself in this type of environment. Naturally, it goes without saying, the parent who himself is well-integrated, has a healthy personality, is going to help his adolescent find himself, develop his potentials in life far more adequately than the parent who is still trying to find himself.

There are so many things we can go on to discuss and do not have the space to do so. I hope you will be stimulated to go on into further reading along these lines. I will include a brief reading list at the close of today's column which I hope will be helpful.

- Strain—"Teen Days"—for youth
- Strain—"But You Don't Understand"—for parents
- Crawford—"Better Ways of Growing Up"—for parents and youth
- Crawford—"Teens, How to Meet Your Problems"—for parents and youth
- Fisher—"Our Young Folks"—for parents
- Taylor—"Understanding and Guiding the Adolescent"—for parents
- Duval—"Facts of Life and Love for Teen-Agers"—for parents and youth
- Baruch—"Parents Can Be People"—for parents
- Landis—"Adolescence and Youth"—for parents.

259th PTA TO INSTALL

Installation of next year's officers will highlight the last 1953-54 meeting of 259th PTA. To be held next Thursday, June 10, at 2 p. m. at the school auditorium.

Mrs. William Russell, president of Lomita-San Pedro Council PTA, will preside at the installation ceremonies. Mrs. C. R. Chitwood, press chairman, reported.

The A-6 class, under the direction of Mrs. Esther Morrison and Mrs. Caroline Blake will take the program spotlight. Also appearing during the afternoon will be E. Barnett, principal, and Miss Elizabeth Parks, girls vice-principal, both of Narbonne High School, who will give pointers for the A-6 graduating class.

DANCEPADS' ON CALENDAR JUNE 11

"Dancepads," the first revue to be presented by Melvin Kaiser's dance studio, will be staged at the Civic Auditorium June 11, beginning at 8:15 p. m.

Approximately 30 pupils from five to 15 years old will display their talents during the event. The "Songdusters" of Lomita also will entertain.

Tickets are now on sale at the studio, 1961 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Brownies Take Fireboat Tour

Taking a tour of the fire boat for the Harbor Area recently was Brownie Troop 768, led by Mmes. R. W. Gerhart and F. Deek of 259th PTA.

Firemen J. W. Creager and R. D. Seelen led the group of 16 girls through the fire boat and fire house. The Brownies saw the 12 hose connections on each side of the boat and five mounted nozzles. Pumps are capable of pumping 12,000 gallons of water per minute, they learned and there are three separate propellers making the boat highly maneuverable.

Enjoying the tour were Pamela Burke, Judy Campbell, Lynne Cole, Connie and Cathy Chitwood; Ellen, Ellen, and Elaine Deek; Peggy Gerhart, Kristin Hatch, Linda Holloway, Beverly Kopley, Dona Kinannon, Celia Sawyer, Ruth Scott, and Shiela Weirich. Mrs. C. R. Chitwood accompanied the group.

The previous morning, Brownie mothers met at the home of Mrs. W. N. Kerby Jr. to chart plans to send the girls to day camps at Torrance Park in June. Mothers volunteered to relieve troop leaders on camp days.

New committee leaders chosen were Mmes. Chitwood, chairman; D. Weirich, transportation; T. B. Kinannon, telephone; C. S. Barnett, finance; J. B. Flagg, troop advisor; R. H. Cole, Kopley Jr., bookies.

The Social World

AGNES BOLTER, Editor



GOT A MATCH . . . Paul Comi looks over the situation (LoRay Campbell and Dolly Wilson in the El Camino College production of the musical "Carousel" which opens for a three-night run tonight at Redondo Union High School auditorium. Curtain time is 8:30 p. m. and tickets may be obtained at the box office prior to the show or by calling the college.

Installation Set By Junior Club

Mrs. C. Albert (Louise) Smith will accept the presidency of the Junior Woman's Club next Wednesday evening, June 9, at 8 o'clock installation ceremonies at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave.

The new leader succeeds Mrs. J. A. (Joyce) Barrington who, assisted by executive board members of 1953-54, is in charge of arrangements.

Rites will follow a dinner and a talk, "Life in Hollywood," presented by Rosemary DeCamp (Mrs. John Shidler). Table decor will carry out the vacation theme, with menus in the form of travel folders and small matchbox covers in the shape of suitcases at each place setting.

Sisterhood to Enjoy 'Trip' To Mexico

Temple Menorah Sisterhood members will go on "A Vacation in Mexico" when they hold their final meeting of the current year next Thursday evening, June 3, 8 o'clock, at 200 N. Catalina Ave.

Guide for the "trip" will be Mrs. Albert Fields, who will give anecdotes and show slides of her recent travels south of the border.

The Santa Ynez Inn in Santa Monica provided the setting for a luncheon and fashion show given last week by the Sisterhood to honor members who had earned their donors for the year.

Honored were Mmes. Sydney Siegel, Stan Weller, Anthony Marano, William Sloan, T. F. Dail, Sam Katz, Phil Markel, Harry Larman, Charles Davis, Paul Scheer, Abraham Hurl, Herb Schakne, Mark Bennett, Arnold Cowan, Rubs Drabin, Al Kurz, Ben Wallace, Alan Silver, Sidney Held, Marvin Ross, Paul Mandel, and Ada Yettra.

PRESENTS RECITAL

Sister St. Margaret, C.S.J., the former Miss Margaret Anne Vonderah, presented 19 piano pupils in recital at Transfiguration School, Lelmer Park, last week, her parents, the Paul F. Vonderahs, 1452 Engracia Ave., revealed this week.

The Sister also instructs 48 pupils in the fourth grade at the school, Mrs. Vonderah said.

'Carousel' To Open Tonight, SRO Seen

"Prospects of a sellout for Friday and Saturday night performances of "Carousel" are indicated by the thundering response of students for tickets." Hamilton Maddaford, assistant director of student personnel at El Camino College said this week concerning the annual spring musical.

"Some tickets are still available for tonight's performance," he indicated. Curtain time for the Rodgers and Hammerstein production is 8:30 p. m. The show to be staged in the auditorium of Redondo Union High School, 500 Diamond St., Redondo Beach. Tickets may be obtained at the box office, or by calling the school. All seats are reserved at \$1.25 and 85 cents.

Maddaford stated: "All indications are that this will be the finest spring musical in the history of the college." The administrator doubles as orchestra director for the performances.

Orchestra Creates Mood
The role of the orchestra in "Carousel" is more pronounced than in the average musical play, for it is used to create mood throughout the entire performance. For this reason, according to Maddaford, great care was taken in selecting members of the musical group. The orchestra is composed of 30 persons with wide ranges of experience in professional and amateur musical programs presented by the college.

Maddaford, directing the orchestra for the seventh time in a spring musical, has been a member of the El Camino faculty since 1947. A graduate of USC with BA and MA degrees in music, he served the college music department from 1947 to 1951, at which time he assumed his present duties as assistant director of student personnel. Prior to joining the El Camino faculty, Maddaford had been a professional musician, playing trombone and piano. During the war, he arranged and directed musical programs for special services camp shows.

Called Musical Play
Maddaford emphasizes that "Carousel" is a musical play rather than a musical comedy, with the accent on dramatic ability required of its principals. He continues to explain that "the orchestra underscores and highlights the dramatic interplay among the principals, and it is for this reason that we have assembled the best available talent for our orchestra."

From an original try-out list of 94 aspirants, a chorus of 19 women and 14 men was selected to rehearse under the direction of Dr. R. Gordon Orms, who has also coached the seven principals in their singing roles. Dramatic coaching is under the direction of Burnett Ferguson.

Leading roles are portrayed by Paul Comi, Manhattan Beach; LoRay Campbell, Gardena; Robert Hill, Manhattan Beach; Dolly Wilson, Redondo Beach; Larry Heun, Torrance; Marge Burnett, Inglewood; and Nora Osborn, Gardena.

Chorus Line Used

Of equal interest to local theater patrons is the fact that "Carousel" is the first musical presented by El Camino in which a dancing chorus has been utilized. A group of seven girls and seven men has been in rehearsal for several weeks under the guidance of Dr. Barbara Kidd of the college women's athletic department.

June Nuptials Planned by Headley-Rugg

Miss Lenore Helen Rugg will become Mrs. Donald Headley at 2 p. m. ceremonies at the Latter Day Saints Church here on June 26, her parents, the Minot F. Ruggs, 1506 W. 214th St., announced this week.

The attractive bride-elect is a 1953 graduate of Narbonne High School, where she was active in the Daubers Club, Girls' Athletic Association, and Philharmonic Society.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles E. Headley, 25344 Walnut St., Lomita, also is a graduate of NHS, where he was affiliated with the Vigilantes and Tri-Y. He served two years in Korea and Germany as a private first class with the U. S. Army and is currently employed at Douglas Aircraft Co.

Initiation will spark the evening next Wednesday, June 9, when Trio Rebekah Lodge No. 240 meets at 8 o'clock at the California Hall, 1932 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita. Ruth Jacobs, publicity chairman, revealed this week.

The Lodge also took in two new members, Mesdames Lillian Tolliver and Edna Ferrin, both of Lomita, at the final May session. A memorial service held for deceased members and loved ones also highlighted the evening.

During the rites, Miss Erlene Anderson sang "The Lord's Prayer" accompanied at the piano by Betty Deems. Hattie Schroeder served as general chairman for the evening.

Council Gives \$10 to AFSIS

Voting of an additional \$10 to the Torrance Chapter, American Field Service International Scholarship sparked the afternoon Tuesday when Torrance Council PTA's executive board held its final meeting of the 1953-54 year.

Year-end reports by officers and "vacation" also highlighted the luncheon session, held at picturesque Iron's Cottage by the Sea.

Board members presented a gift to Mrs. H. E. Carr, outgoing president, in appreciation of her leadership during the year. The leader in turn honored all members with certificates of recognition for their co-operation during her term of office.

ENJOY SKATING PARTY

Approximately 25 boys and girls of the Baptist Youth Fellowship enjoyed an ice-skating party at Paramount Ice-land in Lake wood Sunday of last week. High school and college co-eds shared in fun.

Vandalism to Schools Hit By PTA Chief

"Vandalism to our public schools has been costing the taxpayers considerable amounts of money, according to Mrs. J. O. Powers, president of 259th PTA.

In an information bulletin received by Mrs. Powers from 10th District PTA headquarters this week, it was stated that when children are loitering around the school, some of the destruction could be eliminated. If a car is involved the license number should be taken and any description of the person or persons will help the police.

"Each parent must do what he can to help keep our schools free from such mischief."

In another notice received by Mrs. Powers, it was announced that PTAs will receive less aid from Community Chest because the goal was not met this year.

"During the year," Mrs. Powers said, "10th District PTA has spent \$21,800 on milk and lunches for needy children. Each local Association will have to work harder in the future to meet the needs of our children."

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LECTURE ON GEMS SLATED TONIGHT

A lecture on "Gemology," accompanied by colored slides, will feature tonight's 8 o'clock meeting of "The Aquarians" to be held at the Neptunian Club, 920 Highland Ave., Manhattan Beach.

Lecturer will be Art Terry, charter member and past president of the Gem Cutters' Guild, who will show colored slides on gems, photomicrographs of gem and mineral inclusions and the evolution of the mineral kingdom. He also will display the gems and minerals which were brought to the meeting.

Student sponsoring the lecture are under the direction of Helen Johnson. No admission is charged, and further information may be obtained by calling FT 6701 or FT 6702-2-9849.

To Visit Family

Leaving last evening on the Sunset Limited for Lake Charles, La., to visit her son and daughter-in-law and a new grandson was Mrs. Bessie Myrick, of 1454 W. 216th St.

Mrs. Myrick will visit her son, Carl's family and get her first glimpse of seven-months-old Raymond.

Friends of Mrs. Myrick honored her at a luncheon in Compton yesterday before her departure for the month long visit.



Dorothy Downing and Fashion

For a fashion that was once predicted a fad by those "in the know," the bouffant silhouette has well-managed to hold its own in this ever-changing world of style . . .

The baby-doll dress or the look of the diminishing midriff has officially withstood the supreme test of time . . .

The American woman has taken this delightfully feminine fashion to her heart and refuses to give it up, even though it is now in its third year of acceptance, which is a mighty pretty feat for any trend-minded hat . . .

From coast to coast, swank lingerie departments are literally laden with every type of petticoat imaginable. There are taffetas, swisses, and horsehair of nylon . . . and ever so many frivolous can-can skirts of yards 'n' yards of crisp organdy.

Especially wonderful is this fashion, for it knows no age. Young, yes, but only at heart, for it is not one of those style ideas that must be measured by a birthday calendar.

Almost without exception, every woman can wear this highly endorsed trend. Only the figure decides the type that is best . . .

For the short, we recommend the petticoat that has its fullness shirred into a three or four-inch yoke. This will give the body a longer, thus leaner look.

For the tall, you as ever can exaggerate by selecting the extreme. We like you in the very full blown type that features fullness right at the waist . . .

As in every known fashion, there is always one type of figure that is not too well-suited. In this particular one . . . we do not believe it the most flattering line for the woman who carries excessive inches at the waistline.

Evelyn Carr PTA Plans 'Pink Tea' Tomorrow p.m.

A "Pink Tea," scheduled for tomorrow afternoon, 1 to 3 o'clock in garden setting at the 17088 Glenburn Ave. home of Mrs. J. R. Allison, will be the first money-making venture of the new Evelyn Carr PTA. Mrs. Gerald Cunerty, temporary press chairman, announced this week.

Each member attending the functions will be asked to bring a "white elephant" item for sale. Mrs. Cunerty said. Proceeds are earmarked for the purchase of a coffee urn.

Officers and chairman charted plans for the affair when they met last Thursday at the school. Special guest at the session was Mrs. A. L. MacKenzie, president of Perry PTA, who presented the newly-elected president of Carr PTA, Mrs. Eldon Morgan, with a check for \$25 on behalf of the Perry unit.

Standing committee chairman raffled at a previous meeting at the home of Mrs. J. A. Jensen are the following: Mesdames Allison and William Sale, ways and means; C. E. DeCamp, room representative; Paul Hoffman, membership; R. R. Gastelum, student welfare; O. O. Rapier Jr.; L. W. Dorsey, emblem and publications; C. R. Ross, parent education; J. H. Cortez, courtesy; C. M. Leichtweis, Richard Hubert, hospitality; Cunerty, publicity chairman.

Other dignitaries attending were De Arvy, past grand master; W. E. Jackson, life membership; J. R. Sanders, community relations; and W. A. Burts, dental health.

District Chief Visits IOOF

Newly formed Trio IOOF Lodge No. 496 was honored by the official visit of District Deputy Grand Master Charles Sorenson of District 98 Monday evening last week, Robert Jacobs, publicity chairman, reported.

Other dignitaries attending were De Arvy, past grand master; W. E. Jackson, life membership; J. R. Sanders, community relations; and W. A. Burts, dental health.

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Your Kitchen Counsellor

by MARGIE SWEN

Southern California Gas Co. Home Service Representative

KEEP CANNED SALMON HANDY FOR QUICK MEALS

Smart homemakers keep a few cans of salmon on hand. They come in handy for quick meals when other activities cut into shopping and cooking time. They fill in on meatless menus, too.

Canned salmon, served cold and dressed with lemon juice and a generous sprinkle of minced parsley makes the "meat" for an excellent supper. Add a bowl of fluffy mashed potatoes, hot buttered broccoli and a simple salad of sliced tomatoes and cucumbers. You'll enjoy a mighty fine meal.

Recipes to go delicious canned salmon will come in handy for making more menu plans.

SALMON LOAF

1 tall can salmon
1 cup milk
1/2 C. soft bread crumbs
2 Tbsp. chopped sweet pickle
2 tsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 egg, slightly beaten

Drain liquid from salmon into a 1 cup measure. Add milk to make 1 cup liquid. Flake salmon. Combine all ingredients and put into small oiled loaf pan. Bake at 375° for 25 to 30 min. or until nicely browned. Serve with creamed peas or egg sauce.

QUICK SCALLOPED SALMON

1 1/2 in. can crackers
1 tall can salmon

2 Tbsp. butter
1/2 tsp. paprika
1 egg, slightly beaten
1/2 C. milk
1/2 C. creamed peas
1/2 C. sliced salmon
1 C. cooked peas
1 C. sliced mushrooms, flaked
1/2 C. sliced stuffed olives

Heat butter in a saucepan. Stir in flour and seasonings. Gradually stir in milk. Cook stirring constantly, over medium flame until mixture thickens. Turn flame low and cook 5 min. Add salmon and peas. Heat for serving. Serve over toast or rice.

SALMON-RIKE CASSEEROLE

1 C. milk
1/2 lb. American cheese, cut in small pieces
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
2 C. cooked rice
1 tall can salmon, flaked
1/2 C. sliced stuffed olives

Combine milk, cheese and seasonings in a small saucepan. Heat, stirring constantly, over a very low flame just until cheese melts. Put rice, salmon, olives and cheese sauce in alternate layers in an oiled casserole, topping with sauce. Bake at 350° for 30 min.