

Creative Family Living

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YOUR CHILD'S TEMPERAMENT IS A COMPOSITE PICTURE OF NUMEROUS TRAITS, ALL OF WHICH AFFECT HIS DISPOSITION. THIS PICTURE IS ONE THAT GROWS THROUGH THE FORMATIVE YEARS.

Among factors involved in your child's temperament are disposition, ego type, and personality patterns. It is the result in action of the interplay of all of these dynamics.

Naturally, his temperament is in part also conditioned by his environment as well; thus the persons caring for the child are going to play an important role in its development. A neurotic mother's influence upon the growth and development of her child is going to be vastly different than the one of a balanced and integrated mother.

TEMPERAMENT FLUCTUATES

Hereditarily plays a role here, too. Some babies appear to be more placid than others, their frustration level a little higher, just as other babies respond very quickly to frustration, seem to be more tense.

Very often the former infant was one grandma labeled "good." Actually, this has very little to do with whether the child is good or bad. One infant simply has a lower frustration level than the other, that's all.

Many mothers make the same evaluation today regarding their baby; how much it influences their later thinking toward the child may never be known, perhaps. In a few cases with which I have worked, I found this naturally tended to produce an emotional bias on the part of the mother.

As one mother put it, "he was such a good baby, I can't understand what's come over him." Well, actually nothing had come over him at all except perhaps he was in a growth stage in which his naturally higher frustration level was lowered somewhat, and of course his temperament was affected by this. Her mistake was in equating his frustration level with a moralistic judgment of good or bad.

JUDGE ACT, NOT CHILD

Generally speaking, what the child DOES can be either good or bad; however, this is behavior, not his person or beingness so to speak. We so often confuse the two. "Separate the child from the act" should be the basic axiom of child psychology.

From all of this you can see that your child's temperament is going to fluctuate through the years because external as well as internal influence will from time to time exert pressure upon him.

Perhaps if we can study the temperament itself more closely as well as examine the possible pressure that can develop through the years we can arrive at a greater understanding of ways to guide the child into a more or less even temperament, help him to develop the traits which will make him more well-liked and able to function in a creative way.

TEMPERAMENT CAN BE MEASURED

There are several means today of measuring the various traits that go to make up the temperament. Naturally, most of these are for adult use rather than for children.

With the very young child, the use of what are referred to as projective techniques are most often used—means by which the child is helped to put his feeling and desires on paper or some other external object, such as a doll, clay, etc. In this way a skilled person can discover and interpret some of the factors which may be adversely influencing the trend of the child's disposition.

I'll continue discussion of this topic next week.



(Herald Photo) AFTER INSTALLATION . . . Aurora (Mrs. Laurence) Derouin, vice-regent, passes candy mints to the new grand regent of Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, Muriel (Mrs. Frank) Gately. Also at the refreshment table, centered with a bouquet of daisies, philodendrum, and glads, are Miss Helene Thompson, left, district deputy from Redondo Beach, who conducted the installation, and Eileen (Mrs. William) Hardesty, new prophetess.

New Grand Regent

Mrs. Gately, Board to Plan CDA Agenda Monday

Presiding at her first board meeting as grand regent of Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, next Monday night, June 21, will be Mrs. Frank A. Gately, who succeeds Mrs. John F. Gitschier as the chief club official.

Mrs. Gately and her officers, installed at ceremonies in the

Halldale PTA Paper Drive Nets \$107

Halldale Ave. PTA raised a total of \$107 from its paper, rag and fat drive, the last project of the year, according to Mrs. E. R. Martin, ways and means chairman. She explained that half of the proceeds from the project will go to the student fund, the other half to be used to meet the PTA's expenses for the coming year.

Assisting Mrs. Martin were Mrs. W. L. Harvey, co-chairman; R. Eakin, J. Bowers, W. Cowdry, J. Andrade, T. C. Myrom, R. M. Rhoads, D. Goolsby, E. E. Salcido, M. S. Condon, W. Wnuick, M. Andrews, W. H. McGuire, J. Gordinlear, S. Kirkwood and C. Bohannan.

Today, June 17, the A-6 graduating class of Halldale Ave. School will be honored at a picnic lunch held at Torrance Park. PTA members will be in charge of this event, with Mrs. Edward Holloway as hostess chairman.

Don J. Pepes (Nee Potthast) Reside Here

Home from a honeymoon at Yosemite, San Francisco and Nevada are Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Pepe, who are living at 1755 Greenwood Ave. in Torrance.

Pepe is the collection manager of the Santa Monica Public Loan office, and his bride (nee Viola Potthast) will continue her job as cashier of the Torrance Public Loan office.

The newlyweds were married in a simple ceremony at the Greenwood Ave. home by Judge Otto B. Willett.

Mrs. Pepe wore a beaded pink silk ballerina-length dress with matching pink orchid corsage.

Her only attendant, Mrs. Elizabeth Longo, who is a teacher in Hollywood Riviera, complemented her gown with a rose corsage. Elijah Owens of San Pedro was the best man, and the bride's mother, Mrs. Susan Stezzoni of Omaha, Neb., attended the wedding.

About 50 guests attended a reception held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Greenwood Ave. residence. The groom's parents are the Nick Pepes of Philadelphia, Pa.

PTA to Fete Grads Today

A-6 graduating class of Harbor City Elementary School will be honored at party today in the school auditorium, Mrs. James Triffon, publicity chairman, said.

Preceding the dancing and other festivities, the class will participate in a baseball game against an all-star team picked from the rest of the school. The PTA, under the supervision of Mrs. James Alexander, will serve refreshments to the honored guests.

Nativity parish hall last Monday evening, will outline the year's program, giving special emphasis to the next business session calendared for June 28. Session will be held at the 1216 Greenwood Ave. home of Mrs. Joseph Terkmanny, who took the post of financial secretary at Monday's rites.

Others assuming Court leadership were Mmes. Laurence Derouin, vice-regent; William Hardesty, prophetess; Gerald Leow, historian; Frank Cavanagh, monitor; LeRoy Armstrong, sentinel; William J. Garrity, lecturer; John V. Murray, organist.

Two new officers, Mrs. Raymond Rogers Jr. and the outgoing grand regent, Mrs. Gitschier, were seated by proxy. Mrs. J. J. MacDonald acted for Mrs. Rogers, treasurer, who is convalescing at home after recent surgery, while Mrs. T. T. Babbitt stood in for Mrs. Gitschier, trustee, who also was absent due to illness.

Miss Helene Thompson, district deputy of Redondo Beach, conducted the ceremonies with the assistance of Mrs. John F. MacDonald of Redondo Beach as installing monitor and Mrs. Gertrude O'Neill of Los Angeles as installing organist.

Brief remarks by the new grand regent, Court Chaplain Father P. J. McGuinness, and the district deputy, followed the rites.

The Court presented gifts to the installing officers and will present a past grand regent's ring and press book of her year in office to Mrs. Gitschier at the next business meeting. Officers, who received religious plaques from their leader Monday, also will make a presentation to the past grand regent.

Purple and gold, the Court colors, were employed in refreshment table decor, and Miss Thompson and Miss Gately poured. Arrangements were handled by Mmes. Thomas Richter and Andrew Rabel, co-chairmen, with the assistance of Mmes. Terkmanny, Anna McIntier, Lawrence Jordan, Phillip P. Halloran, and Joseph Lucas.

Starts Monday

150 Scouts to Participate In Day Camp at Local Park

One hundred fifty Brownies under the direction of Mrs. Adam Krauszer last Thursday attend Girl Scout Day Camp at the Fern Ave. cafeteria. Mrs. the Torrance Park beginning Monday, June 21, and continuing through June 23, 24, 28, 30 and July 1, according to Mrs. P. M. Crossman, publicity chairman.

Due to an over-registration, Mrs. Ed Eggers will take 80 Brownies to the Lomita Park, where on a rotating basis they will experience outdoor skills. An effort will be made to secure more counselors for next year so the overcrowded circumstances will not re-occur, Mrs. Crossman said.

Adult training for the program was completed at a workshop

OES to Hold B'day Night

Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold its regular meeting tonight, June 17, at 8 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, 1321 1/2 Sartori Ave. Honored at the meeting will be Worthy Matron Florence Viellenave and Worthy Patron Vincent Viellenave, in their Birthday Party Night.

To Wed June 26

Plan Pre-nuptial Shower Tonight for Lenore Rugg

About 40 friends will gather at the 22030 Harvard Blvd. home of Miss Norma Newland tonight to compliment Miss Lenore Rugg with a pre-nuptial miscellaneous shower. The bride-elect, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Minot Rugg, 1506 W. 214th St., will exchange vows with Donald Headley, son of the Miles Headleys, 25344 Walnut St., Lomita, Saturday afternoon, June 26. Ceremonies will be held at 2 o'clock at the Latter Day Saints Church here with Bishop Edwin Wheat officiating. Ralph Wy-



Miss Lenore Helen Rugg, daughter of the Minot Ruggs, 1506 W. 214th St., will become a Mrs. at 2 p.m. ceremonies in the Latter Day Saints Church here June 26. Benedict-elect is Don Headley, son of the Miles Headleys, 25344 Walnut St., Lomita.

NEW-WED ROBERT W. STRANDS ... Expected Home Today

Friday-wed Pair Cuts Honeymoon Short to Continue Classes Today

Cutting their honeymoon short to be back in classes at El Camino College today are the new Mr. and Mrs. Robert William Strand, nee Miss Carol Joan Goff, who exchanged vows in a quiet ceremony at picturesque Wayfarer's Chapel Friday evening.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Goff, 1876 Lincoln Ave., is taking a liberal arts course at the college and also is employed at National Supply Co. Her husband, son of the A. W. Strands, 1935 W. 220th St., studies for a degree in business administration and is associated with his father, a painting and decorating contractor in the Harbor area.

TO LIVE HERE The pair honeymooned at an undisclosed destination and plan to make their home in the Harbor area.

Traditional orange blossoms decorated the pleated nylon netting, holding the former Miss Goff's bridal veil of delicate nylon lace in place. Her gown was a ball-length white nylon and she carried white carnations en bouquet centered with a white orchid.

Gowned in harmonizing shades of pale blue and rose-pink were the bridesmaids, Misses Judith Ann Goff, sister of the bride, and Miss Diane Douglas, niece

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(Herald Photo) CONFERENCE IS CALLING . . . Four Y-Teen presidents make plans to attend the Asilomar Leadership Training Conference, to be held from June 21 to 27. Diane Larson (on the far left), 1720 Gramercy Ave., and president of the Torrettes, talks with Scottie President Faye Mallehan, 1916 Andrea Ave.; Diane Bledsoe, 3637 Hickman Dr. Coquettes' president; and Jeannette Pearson, 1682 Anaheim, Harbor City, president of Beta Tri-Y. Mrs. Helen Benton, Scotties' advisor and Dana Cecil, 2214 Cabrillo Ave., president of the Debs, will also attend the meeting.



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MR. AND MRS. D. J. PEPE ... Now Living at 1755 Greenwood Ave