

# Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

Every time I hear the lyrics, "It's so nice to have a man around the house," however touching, I figure the songwriter couldn't have meant, "during the day, too," if he was concerned with the sanity of housewives.

For, as far as I'm concerned, having a husband home all day is carrying "togetherness" to the point of ridiculousness. I've known women in similar circumstances who have rebelled to the extent of having separate copies of McCall's magazine delivered. Nor do I think it's anything to sing about, unless you write new lyrics and hum them to the tune of the "Volga Boatmen," or other appropriate dirges.

I am thinking in particular of the husband who works the "other side of the clock" quite often and leaves when everybody else is arriving home for dinner. Thus, he is seldom seen at social functions and such by the general public which, in my case, gives the general impression that I should be called (and probably am) "That Old Widder Daley."

If you think I'm kidding, I need only remind you that total strangers who have seen me out with my seven kids partaking of a lonely hamburger, have comforted me by commenting, "God love you, dearie. Carry On."

This however, has nothing to do with the pure confusion of having a husband home during the day, who throws you completely off schedule. Because who wants to watch a soap opera or chat with a friend on the phone and ruin your image of a busy housewife? But what's worse, is trying to get started on chores with the sight of a reclining husband on a couch.

He will be a ready accomplice to your loafing by asking, "You're not going to work around the house today, are you?" Because he would prefer me to be a conversationalist and bon vivant.

A lot of conversation, in fact, is concerned with me taking it easy. For instance, about lunch, he will insist that I "make it easy on myself" and confine lunch to soup, a grilled ham and cheese sandwich, French fries, salad and a piece of pie and coffee "should do it." But my next question is, what is this strange term "lunch" I hear only when he's home?

Maybe it's just as well that I prepare the meals, however, as opposed to his taking over the kitchen.

Sometimes I wonder if the government isn't rushing everybody into retirement, as I anticipate that day. Perhaps they should raise the retirement age to something more feasible -- like 80, especially when there doesn't seem to be any retirement plan for housework.

Of course, I have tried to encourage him to pursue a hobby during that 9 to 5 shift. For instance, just yesterday I suggested he work on his stamp collection. "What stamp collection?" he asked. "Start one," I replied.

## Mrs. Olivier Named to New State Position

Mrs. Arthur Olivier (Peggy Sprout) was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sprout, 1327 Beech Ave., last Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Olivier is now headquartered in Oakland where she recently accepted the position of regional supervisor with the Bureau of Homemaking Education for the State of California. She was in the southland to attend meetings at the Marina Del Mar Hotel in conjunction with her position. Mr. and Mrs. Olivier recently purchased a new home at Pleasanton, near Hayward.

## Dinner Party

"Doll Convention" was the theme of the Mother-Daughter potluck dinner held by the WWSW of the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church on Friday May 12. On display were many dolls, some 50 years old.

Elvia Scoville, president, opened the festivities with a welcome address.

After the dinner a program of youthful fashions was presented under the direction of Joan Huber.

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### IT'S GOING TO BE A "SPRING BASH"

Baseball is in the air and the Auxiliary to the Knothole Pony League is in there pitching to raise money for equipment for their league. Next Saturday evening, they will stage a benefit "Spring Bash" at Higgins Brickyard, 2217 W. Artesia, with dancing to band music from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. There will be door prizes and refreshments. Team mothers in the mood, are Mmes. Ward Hamblin, president, takes a swing knocking a pop fly; while Mmes. William Mitchell and John Johnson, make an attempt to catch it.

(Press-Herald Photo)

### Y-Wives to Hear Talk on Europe

Dr. William Forrest will be the guest speaker at the Wednesday, May 31, meeting of the Torrance Y-Wives at the YWCA on Carson. The group meets at 9:30 a.m. for an hour of exercise followed by the program and refreshments. Dr. Forrest will speak on "My Impressions of Europe."

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## Bridge Party Legal Secretaries To Install at Dinner-Meet

Mrs. J. G. Louvier entertained her club at a dessert bridge Thursday evening at her home, 4840 Browdeer Lane, Rolling Hills.

The hostess served a dessert followed by an evening of bridge. High score was held by Mrs. Robert Davis with Mrs. William Rogers, second.

Mrs. Louvier's guests were Mmes. Lee Clotworthy, Clifford Trezise, L. W. Bass, Robert Davis, Robert Emma, William Rogers and Jack Brown.

Southwest District Legal Secretaries Association has chosen the Cockatoo Inn, Hawthorne Blvd. at Imperial, Hawthorne, for installation of its 1967-68 officers on Thursday, May 25. A no-host social hour will precede the 7:30 p.m. filet mignon dinner.

Attorney William J. Mc

Cabe will install his secretary as president. Attorney Richard Trethaway, "Boss of the Year," will be master of ceremonies, and Judge Burch Donahue of the Inglewood courts will be the guest speaker.

Incoming officers are Mrs. Glenn Hammond, Hawthorne, president; Miss Marian Knoblich, Inglewood, first vice president; Miss Patricia Chapman, Inglewood, second vice president; Miss Judy Nelson, Los Angeles, recording secretary; Mrs. William Rice, Gardena, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Bernard Rosenstein, Hawthorne, treasurer; Mrs. Vincent McGuckin, Westchester, governor and NALS representative.

Jessie McIntyre, 204 37th Place, Manhattan Beach, may be called for reservations.

## District Officer Will Visit Alpha Chi Alums

Board members of the South Bay Alumnae Club of Alpha Chi Omega will honor the District Alumnae Chairman, Mrs. Donald W. Hutton of Phoenix, Ariz. at a dinner meeting May 24, at the Latitude 20. Mrs. Hutton is chairman of District Nineteen which includes Alpha Chi alumnae groups in Arizona, Southern California and Hawaii.

John E. Thayer of Torrance, president; F. Edward Chappelear, first vice-president; Arthur Dlott, second vice-president; Lee H. Andersen, recording secretary; Neal Patterson, corresponding secretary; Robert K. Stanford, treasurer; Rex S. Hungerford, Panhellenic representative, and Dale Vandenberg, Southern California Executive Board representative.

Installation of new officers will be at the general meeting at the home of Mrs. Barr Ruston, 5752 Capewood Drive, Palos Verdes Peninsula at 8 p.m. Mrs. Lester G. Heilman, a founder of the Alpha Chi South Bay Club will install the new board.

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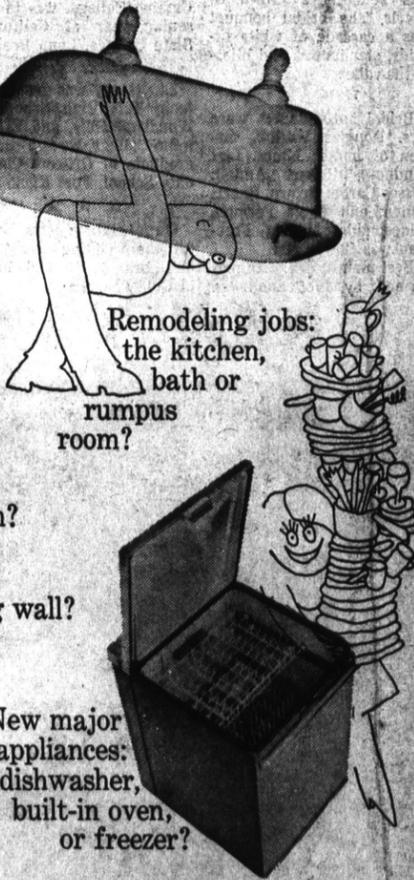
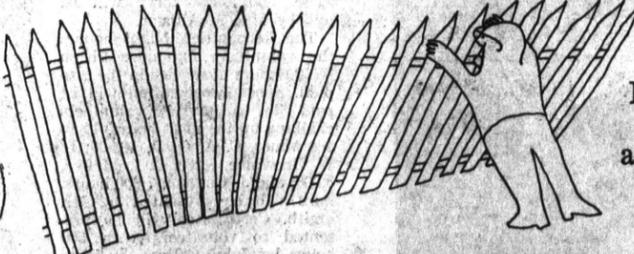


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