

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

Although it may appear somewhat irreverent for my kids to bring it up, they continue to ask when my husband and I are going to select our silverware and china — just like all of their June bride friends are doing.

I can only reply that I don't know whether Emily Post would approve of us leaving our name and choices at several stores so that our friends could complete the place settings, being that I'm a "bride" of some 20 years.

However, it's just as well that we never started collecting Lenox or Wedgwood china, because this household is capable of breaking more dishes in a week than any other family would break in a lifetime. What the dishwasher doesn't grind up, everybody manages to drop. Moreover, the silverware manages to get caught in the garbage disposal.

All totaled, I figure we've gone through 20 sets of dishes, give or break a few. With the amount of money we've spent I'm sure we could have purchased the Buckingham Palace service. However, I should point out that at least one was of the ever-popular Quaker Oats pattern, which is relatively inexpensive if you happen to like oatmeal.

Glasses seem to have the highest mortality rate of all. This varies according to price. The more expensive ones are broken faster than the type which are about as thick — and attractive — as Mason jars, or have pictures of Bozo the clown on the outside.

Moreover, we never seem to have a complete set of anything when company is due. Subsequently, I'm compelled to phone my husband at work to remind him to pick up a few items. I'm out of — a pound of butter, a head of lettuce and a set of dishes.

I've tried to hide our better dishes on the top shelves, but this only seems to provide inspiration for the younger ones to stand on chairs and telephone books in order to get down the Martini pitcher when they want to make Kool Aid.

They also feel obliged to serve it in the new wine glasses you bought in a moment of amnesia — when you forgot you had seven kids.

One advantage of glassware, however, is once it's broken you can throw it away. But not so with cups, which either chip or crack before they break.

Plastics, of course, might be the solution if you didn't mind sand-blasting them clean, particularly when they're used to serve a beverage known as "Goofy Grape." Six weeks later you still feel as if you were drinking "Goofy Grape," which must actually be an indeleble dye instead of a drink.

Should anyone be in doubt as to my choice of china, however, I think I've made up my mind: paper plates and Dixie cups.



DERBY ENTRANT WEARS SPECIAL DESIGN

Powder Puff Derby entrant Lois Miles smiles her approval of the Leslie James original she will wear while piloting her "Bathe 'n Glow" Comanche Special July 8-11 on the transcontinental hop from Atlantic City, N. J. to Torrance. Here, Los Angeles designer James adds a personal touch to his creation which he has dubbed the "Lois Miles" number in his fall line.

Willetts Tour British Isles, Continent

Judge and Mrs. Otto B. Willett have returned from a 28-day vacation in Europe. The couple flew to London where they spent nine days visiting London, Devonshire and Cornwall. They then went to Ireland for a 10-day tour of the south and central sections of the Emerald Isle.

Next stop on their itinerary was Berlin to see the Berlin Wall and to make a tour of East Berlin. After several days in West Berlin, the travelers visited Cologne, Frankfurt and Heidelberg. They then went to Paris for several days before boarding the plane for the return home.

Entertain for Illinois Guest

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll McLaughlin of San Pedro have as their houseguests Mr. and Mrs. William Duvall and four children of Bensonville, Ill.

On Thursday evening, the McLaughlins' daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Myers entertained the visitors at a barbecue at their Ridgeland Road home in Torrance.

Dianas Given Four Heart Fund Awards

The Redondo Beach Dianas, who are affiliated with the California Federation of Women's Clubs, Marina District, Junior Membership, received four awards from the Los Angeles County Heart Association at a luncheon held at the Cockatoo Inn. Recipients of the awards were Mmes. Raymond Williams, Dino Ruffoni and Herbert Cooles, who volunteered their assistance as Area Chairman for Palos Verdes Peninsula, Torrance and Redondo Beach.

The Diana Junior Women's Club received an award for an organization working over 60 hours to aid with the Heart Fund Drive. The members participated 100% in addressing, stuffing and mailing 10,000 Heart envelopes to the Palos Verdes Peninsula area.

Nine Children CAN Keep Secret

Surprise Parents at Party

When nine children decide to give a party for their parents, and more important, to keep it a secret, it can be done.

This is exactly what happened to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore last Sunday. Friends, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford None had been duly instructed to call for the Moores and take them on a sightseeing drive.

The minute they drove off, the Moore home at 2904 W. 229th St., was transformed into a festive silver wedding anniversary setting. White floral arrangements were brought out and the party table held a huge white and silver anniversary cake topped by two white lovebirds standing against a silver heart.

The young Moores, having a hand in the surprise, were Richard, Jr., 23; Russell, 20, Kelly, 13, Kirstine, 11, Scott, 10, Shannon, 9, Tracy, 7, Tara, 3, with one-year-old Corey watching.

Also, Messrs. Bill Cochran, Jim Harr, Bill Stiles, Steve Drake; Mmes. Rose Marlow, mother of Mrs. Moore; Lois Dittmar, Gertrude Mendick; Misses Ginger Stoddard, Irene Honen; Barry and Jerry Ruben, David and Mark Bruggeman, Kelly, Diane and Jana Saulie.

Arriving, to be on hand when the Moores returned, were Messrs. and Mmes. Sid Gans, Luther Mittendorf, Wilfred Oglesby, Robert Morgan, Robert Scotti, Robert Agnew, Paul Robinson, Warren Saulie, Wilson Jordan, H. Bruggemann, R. Fraser, Semon Vincent, Jack Salling, R. Morris, R. Corwin, P. Falk and Wesley Dotts.

Dianas Will Assist At Rabies Clinic

Redondo Beach Dianas will assist at the Rabies Clinic on Thursday, July 13 at Redondo City Park from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Striving onward with their Safety Program, Mrs. Phillip MacBride, chairman, and members of her committee which include: Mmes. Wayne Smith, Gregory Grime, Anthony Credico, Paul Mitchell, Ray Shortridge, Ray Williams will assist with registrations for dogs to be inoculated.

Two Graduates Enjoy Holiday In The Islands

Arriving home tomorrow from a two weeks holiday in Hawaii will be two South High graduates, Michael Crane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crane, 4912 Paseo de Paven and Jerry Johnson, son of the Jim Johnsons of Ellinwood Dr. The two weeks of fun in the islands, attending luaus, enjoying the beach and other attractions, were graduation gifts from their parents.

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