

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

How does that song go again — "It's so nice to be travelin', but it's so much nicer to get home."

I'd agree, if it weren't for the fact that while we were away for two weeks those sneaky people from the National Weed Show did it again. Without asking, they made plans for their annual show to be held in our front and back lawns, because why else would we be confronted with gigantic weeds that seemed to have appeared from out of nowhere?

What's more, how did all of our spoilsport creditors find out we were away, spending all of "their" money instead of paying bills? Surely, they could think of a more friendly welcome than, "Please call Miss Scrooge on Extension 276." And she didn't even ask about the trip or how the weather was.

Moreover, now I know what Napoleon said when he returned to Paris with his troops after retreating from Moscow: "Who's going to unpack?"

Of course, BEFORE we leave, everybody is willing to load the car. To the extent we have so much paraphernalia tied to side and top that gas station attendants inquire whether we're a float left over from the Rose Bowl parade.

Teen-agers can't travel without an electric hair-dryer, two foot-lockers or rollers and an Audrey Hepburn wardrobe. All cabins, I might add, are not equipped with a large number of electrical outlets so families like us have to choose between toast for breakfast or a daughter with a Twiggy hairdo.

And why is it that you always seem to have about twice as much stuff as what you left with? A lot of extra tonnage is dirt, of course, for I know few kids whose clothes manage to resemble those of a Pennsylvania coal miner faster than ours; thus requiring an around-the-clock vigil at the automatic washer.

In fact, several people had wondered whether I had returned, because they hadn't seen me outside of the house. Finally, I felt obligated to send out a message that "Mrs. Daley is alive and well and living in the laundry room."

Perhaps paper clothes would be the solution, although I realize not your entire wardrobe. Oh, how well I realize it, because as it must to all swimming suits, particularly those dating back to the Esther Williams era, mine finally began to disintegrate in the water.

I'd prefer not to say where, but I CAN tell you that I have mastered my backstroke and can swim underwater longer than a James Bond, because I was forced to spend the goodly part of an afternoon in the pool, waiting for everybody to leave.

Lastly, the crowning blow to every returning vacationer is to sport a deep tan, be filled with renewed vigor as he approaches a friend whose hand he grasps in eager anticipation, inquiring about his state of health, family, etc., only to have some friend respond,

"Oh, I didn't know you were gone."

Specks Return To Mexico City

Mr. and Mrs. William Speck, former residents, have returned to their home in Mexico City where Mr. Speck is with American Standards.

The Specks visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dean and other relatives and friends in Torrance for six weeks prior to going to Hawaii where they were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Wilma Hein, who was teaching at the Church College in Hawaii. Mrs. Hein returned to the States last week.

Host Guests From San Francisco

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Seward, 1418 Madrid Ave., had as their houseguests last week, Mr. Seward's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Seward of San Francisco.

The visitors were taken on trips to Mission Inn, Disneyland, Marineland, and Olvera Street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Seward also entertained the San Franciscans with pictures, movies and art pieces, secured on their recent vacation in Peru.

Delta Zetas Entertains Slate Rose Luncheon

South Bay Delta Zetas will attend the annual Rose Luncheon given by the Delta Zeta Alumnae chapter of Long Beach, on Saturday, July 29, at the Golden Sails Inn, Long Beach.

"Facts and Fads in American Fashion" will be featured at the luncheon. Helen F. Hohl will show replicas of gowns worn by First Ladies over the years. The South Bay Alumnae chapter is making table decorations for the event, under the direction of Mrs. Norman DeWitt, Harbor City. A past president of the South Bay group, Mrs. J. L. Miller, Los Alamitos, is chairman of the luncheon for Delta Zetas and friends.

Attending from the South Bay area will be Mrs. Norman DeWitt, Harbor City; Mrs. John Thomas, El Segundo; Mrs. J. Richard White, Rolling Hills; Mrs. Gordon Anderson, Torrance; Mrs. Jess Sevy, Mrs. E. W. Altstaetter, and Mrs. John M. Moore, Palos Verdes Peninsula; and Mrs. W. R. Wallner and Mrs. Richard Davis, Palos Verdes Estates.

Further details about the luncheon may be obtained by calling Mrs. Jess Sevy, or Mrs. Gordon Anderson.

Dual Incentive For Party at Faulds Home

Mr. and Mrs. William Faulds entertained at a party at their home, 22916 Juniper, last Friday evening to honor their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ludlow and three children, Linda, Jeffrey and Kevin of Vancouver, and their daughter, Deryle Faulds and Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neal of Torrance, who left by plane Saturday evening for Hawaii.

A buffet dinner was enjoyed by a large number of guests invited to meet the guests and to bid farewell to the island vacationers.

The O'Neals and Miss Faulds flew to Honolulu to join Michael O'Neal, who is on a five-day leave in Honolulu. Michael is serving with the 73rd Airborne Paratroopers in Vietnam.

Miss Faulds will return tomorrow but the O'Neals plan a longer stay. The houseguests from Vancouver, who had spent five days with the Faulds family, left Saturday for their home.

Houseguests

Leaving Monday morning for their home in Portland, Oregon, were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brandt Jr., and children, who had spent a week here with Mr. Brandt's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Brandt and family, 221913 Fonthill. The two couples and their children spent the weekend at Big Bear.

Teenage Dance At Local YW Friday Evening

Mrs. Jerry Hanlon was hostess to her club at a dessert-bridge recently at her home, 2137 W. 183rd St.

As the hostesses served the dessert, she presented each of her guests with a lei, which she brought from her recent vacation in Hawaii.

Enjoying the evening of bridge were Mmes. H. J. Hull, Albert Smith, Kenneth Boulter, Howard Huizing, Ralph Broms, Al Posner and Cecil Shaver.

Victor Club Will Plan Annual Party

Next regular meeting of the Victor Women's Club will be held Tuesday, Aug. 1, at the Queen's Kitchen, 1332 Sartori, Torrance, at 8 p.m.

After dessert and coffee, Mrs. William Drale, president, will preside over the business meeting. Under discussion will be a progress report on plans for the Victor Park Pavilion, and final plans will be made for the annual steak barbecue to be held on Aug. 26, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sayer, 4822 Sara Dr., Torrance.

Program for the evening and practical demonstration will be conducted by representatives of the Torrance Fire Department. A film on mouth-to-mouth resuscitation will be shown.

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