Kettler Kapers

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Have you received your Valentine today? If you haven't, then here is one from us! "From both of us to all of you, These Valentine greetings come so true, We hope you have a happy day, with flowers and candy paving the way!"

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The Children, at least, are upholding the tradition by exchanging Valentines and celebrating the day with parties in their respective classrooms. A special tribute is due the teachers and room mothers who give their time and energy to our offspring so they will have pleasant memories of the school-days.

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Leaving this week for their home in Milwaukee are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brandt, who have been visiting the Cunninghams. They plan to visit around Southern California for another couple of weeks before facing the spring thaws.

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Which reminds us of the Candlelite Ball which borrowed its theme from St. Valentine's day. It was a lovely affair held at the Palos Verdes Country Club last Saturday night. Dr. and Mrs. Allen Pycatt of Santa Fe St. entertained with a pre-dance party at their home. Guests enjoying themselves were Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Winklebauer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodcock, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Isaacs and Dr. and Mrs. Jack Roberts. The dance was sponsored by the Torrance Hospital Auxiliary with proceeds going to the hospital. Mrs. June Grubbs, who was on the committee, reported the affair not only enjoyable but successful. She and Dr. Grubbs also were among the many who had fun.

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Now is a good time for California to live up to its reputation for we have so many visitors from out-of-state. Among those trying to escape the cold wintry blasts are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wichman of Pierce, Neb., who have been visiting since Christmas with Mrs. Wichman's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fitch, of 1935 Reynosa Dr.

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Also soaking up our sunshine are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitsel from Chadron, Neb. They're here for a month's visit with the Melvin Wagers, of 1971 Reynosa Dr., who are also from Chadron. Mr. and Mrs. Wagers are new to the Knolls so we'd like to say, "Hi, neighbor" to them. They have a Marine son who was recently wounded for the second time in Korea. Between the time they got the telegram from the government and the letter from him they spent some pretty anxious hours. He writes that every pint of blood should be twelve pints, it's so badly needed . . . so how about all of us here at home helping all we can by giving ours when the next bloodmobile comes to Torrance. It won't be long—it's Monday, March 3, to be exact, in the afternoon and evening, 3 to 8 p.m. Phone Torrance 3447 for your appointment.

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Mrs. Rose Schaefer spent a busy day last Friday, Feb. 8 when she honored son Larry with a birthday luncheon. He's three now, and guests who helped celebrate were Danny and Steven Pearson and Mrs. Pearson, Donna and Tommy Dougan and Mrs. Dougan, Danny Whitcomb, Jeff and Keith Eyrich and Mrs. Ruth Eyrich of Lakewood; Mrs. Eyrich's mother, Mrs. Rose Dimerio of New York; Mrs. Claire Bourget of San Pedro, Larry's brother, John, and his father, Walt. That evening another birthday celebration took place in the form of a surprise party for Walt Schaefer. Greeting him were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jordon of Lomita, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bourget of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holdens, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bourget, all of San Pedro, Mr. H. H. Schaefer, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dougan, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Pearson of Kettler. The evening was spent in playing cards.

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Mrs. Mildred West is in Oakland this week joining husband Walt for a few days and visiting with friends. Walt, who is with the Navy and usually based at San Diego, sailed from there on the repair ship "Laertes" for a short cruise.

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Lincoln and Jorie Cunningham have something in common—their birthdays! Jorie celebrated her fifth with a party. Carrying out the hearts and flowers theme she played hostess at at lunch to 10 of her playmates. Those attending were Linda Walker, Kathleen Allen, Judy Clutter, Linda Croly, Gail Scott, Diane Waltemeyer, Andrea Stiles, Mary Margaret Bennett, Adria Summerville, and Sharon Langenrud. Jill Eckersley was unable to attend because of illness. Brother Dan was tickled at the opportunity to have his lunch with grandmother Cunningham.

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Are you saving those papers for the Torrance Elementary PTA paper drive? Remember, it's to be Feb. 28 so get them all together and do your bit to get the dental clinic started.

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Mentioning the PTA reminds us of the next meeting which will be Thursday, Feb. 21, at 1:30 p.m. at the school auditorium. Plan to be there as Mrs. Carr, president, promises a most interesting meeting.

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Who said Kettler Knolls was immune to the mumps? It seems we aren't for there are numerous cases—in fact too numerous to mention. Mumps has spread by leaps and bounds and we all hope everyone will be fine very soon.

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