

Creative Family Living



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THE PRE-ADOLESCENT (Part of a series on patterns of child growth and development).

INTEREST IN HOBBIES

Pre-adolescents are much interested in games of skill and hobbies such as leather work, shell jewelry, flocking, etc. Watch out or you will be investing a small fortune in supplies and equipment to do the job "properly." Their interests, though much more constant, are still not completely focused (as those of many adults are not).

An interest in cooking usually begins to assert itself about now; not necessarily, however. It is at this time that a talent for painting or music, drama, etc., may crystallize. Pre-adolescents are able to apply themselves to formal instruction along any of these lines fairly well.

NEED HELP WITH BODY HYGIENE

Girls begin to take an interest in hair-styling and body care, and please mother! Your pre-adolescent is beginning to develop body odor, girls perhaps more so than boys, so please instruct them in proper use of a good deodorant (rather than an anti-perspirant) and see that they are supplied with their own jar.

Girls begin to show interest in cologne, perfumes, etc., and enjoy receiving the like as gifts from now on.

GIRLS HAVE GREATER SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS

Of the two sexes, the girls have the broader social consciousness. This is not to be confused with good manners, however. The two are not the same.

I have met people with excellent manners who had absolutely no social consciousness whatsoever. Manners are surface, social consciousness is an awareness of group responsibility, team feeling, interest in others, compatibility, warmth, and expression. It also includes cultural perception and background, some of which can be intui-tional.

It is difficult to describe, so let's put it this way:

Don't you know a couple who would be absolutely tickled pink if you called them and suggested you drop in with potluck under your arm? Do you also know another couple for which this would be the last thing you would ever consider?

INTEREST IN OTHERS

We like people who have this high social consciousness and do you know, we can even excuse them if they are not exactly "Emily Postish." A warm, friendly "hello" is much more meaningful than a stiff and proper "how do you do."

Help your child develop his social consciousness (really being interested in others' ideas, liking people, enthusiasm for living), then add the manners, and you've got something.

RESPECT CHILD'S NEEDS

Emotionally, your pre-adolescent is apt to be pretty much identified with his own sex (friends and parents). Boys can remain close in feeling to mother, however, and still be masculine in their identification if they have a good healthy relationship to their father. They are beginning to exhibit the wide range of emotional expression that will be intensified in the next few years—much grunting and moaning one minute and acceptance of the idea the next.

If at all possible, boys and girls of this age should not share the same room. They need to be separated by this time at the latest, preferably before this. Girls who are beginning to develop do NOT like to be kidded about this by their parents or brothers or sisters (we can excuse the brothers and sisters, however). Becoming a woman is a pretty important thing; it deserves respect.

Naturally, we have only hit the highlights along the way thus far. I do hope you will be stimulated to read further on all of these stages of growth. Next week I'll discuss the adolescent.

QUESTION FROM A READER

My little girl is three years old. I have used the technique of sending her to her room when she disobeys. After an hour or so she begs and cries so I end up letting her come out before her time is up. Is there some other way I can handle this situation?—Mrs. M. G.

ANSWER

Your technique is actually all right; isolation from the group can be an effective way of helping the child to learn acceptable behavior in a group. Of course, we should know what you mean by "disobeys."

May I suggest that the difficulty may lie in the time element in this situation. You see, the small child has a most different time sense than the older child or the adult. Actually, at three the "hour" you refer to is a very, very long time to your child.

TRY SHORTER PERIOD

Try confining the young child (under seven) for periods of 10 or 15 minutes instead of hours. It is far better to do this than to say: "now you stay in for the rest of the day" and then be goaded (almost at the end of the day) to change your mind and let the child go out and play.

In reality you have accomplished nothing in the way of discipline . . . for the mother of a pre-schooler to say: "now you play on this side of the street for two weeks." I feel sorry. She actually will have to discipline herself instead of the child. Two weeks is an eternity at four.

CUB MOMS SEW TODAY

Scissors and pins will be ad-mission tickets at the home of Mrs. J. P. Leininger, 4303 W. 179th St., today when the mothers of Cub Pack 858-C, sponsored by Perry PTA, gather to sew.

A second sewing session will be held on the evening of May 26 at the home of Mrs. Isabelle Wagner, 16226 Thornburg Ave. Mrs. Wagner was hostess at the last meeting of the Cub Mothers Club, held May 12, when plans were made for members to sell identification tags and chains.



BIRTHDAY TABLE . . . Mrs. May Harris, 2117 Torrance Blvd., Apt. J, seated next to her son, J. Leonard Harris of Mapleton, Utah, prepares to cut the first piece of her birthday cake. Sons and daughters looking on are, left to right, Mrs. William (Zona) Pierpoint of San Pedro; John M. Harris, 4010 W. 176th St.; and Mrs. Clyde H. (La Preal) Bodley of San Luis Obispo; and Mrs. Minot (Virginia) Rugg, 1506 W. 214th St.



MISS BETTY BRANUM
Announces Engagement

Miss Branum Bride in June

Choosing the traditional month of June for nuptial ceremonies, Miss Betty Branum will wed Jerry C. Heidt on Saturday, the 19th.

Engagement of the young pair was revealed this week by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lin W. Branum, 1803 Gramercy Ave. Parents of the benedict-elect are the C. W. Heidts of Lafayette, Ind.

Miss Branum is a graduate of THS she held office as Tartar Lady queen and Girls Athletic Association president, and at college she was president of Gamma Delta sorority.

Her fiancé, who attended Purdue University in Indiana, is now stationed with the U. S. Navy at Long Beach.

Carnival Set At Nativity

Nativity's annual spring carnival will open at noon, May 26, with a hot dog lunch and will be in full swing shortly thereafter at the school grounds, 2371 W. Carson St.

Game and food booths galore will spark the event. A wishing well, ring toss, balloon and dart game, white elephant sale, spike and hammer contest, baseball pitch, and fish bowl will be featured, and tacos, chili beans, hot dogs, coffee, soft drinks, home-made cake and pie will be on sale.

An all-cartoon movie will be shown continuously throughout the afternoon and evening, and the affair will be climaxed with the crowning of the King and Queen about 8 p.m.

There is no admission charge for the event, which is being arranged by the Nativity School Mothers Club.

'You Earn Life by What You Give,' PV College Prexy Tells Harbor YW

"You can earn a living by what you get, you earn a life by what you give."

This was the message of John Howard, president of Palos Verdes College, when he spoke at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Harbor Young Women's Christian Association last week.

"We need to help young people to be optimistic about the future and to raise the level of their aims," he said. "We need to develop in young people almost an automatic reaction of 'what can I do to help' and 'how will the other fellow feel about it.' Maybe we can bring about a world of hopeful youngsters."

In recognition of their service to the youth of the community, Y-teen advisors were presented with sterling silver YWCA pins. Advisors who have served during the year are the following: Mmes. Henry Haynes, Aline McGaffrey, Betty Jo Mosley, Terry Newburg, Ed Gorman, Harry Reese, Laila Schulten, Ben Agnew, John Beeman, Helen Benton, Alice Chambers, H. W. Crosby, Daniel Desmond, Robert Hammons, Merle M. Maddy, Val Gene Mott, Florence Smith, Nancy Fudekum, Frank Walker, J. G. Yarbrough, Jim Hardin, W. M. Jones, W. G. Woodworth.

DAUGHTER BORN TO WILLIAM J. CLARYS

Announcing the arrival of their third daughter are William J. Clary, teacher at Carr Elementary School, and his wife, 4828 Highgrove St.

The little miss, born at 8:32 p.m. May 12, weighed 9 lbs. 3 1/2 oz. and has been named Susan Marie. Other girls in the family are Diane Michele and Patricia Anna.

100 HONOR MRS. HARRIS ON BIRTHDAY

Over 100 relatives and friends dropped in at the 2117 Torrance Blvd. apartment of Mrs. May Harris during the afternoon and evening Saturday to honor her on her 85th birthday.

Joining her in the receiving line were her four children, Mrs. Minot (Virginia) Rugg, 1506 W. 214th St.; J. Leonard Harris of Mapleton, Utah; Mrs. William (Zona) Pierpoint of San Pedro; John M. Harris, 4010 W. 176th St.; and Mrs. Clyde H. (La Preal) Bodley of San Luis Obispo.

Guest list included many residents of this city as well as visitors from San Bernardino, Compton, Long Beach, San Pedro, Inglewood, Gardena and Redondo Beach.

A white sheet decorated with pink roses and inscribed in pink with "Happy Birthday, Mother," took the center of attraction at the refreshment table. Complementing the confectionary was matching pink punch in a silver bowl.

Also adding color to the table was a manzanita money tree, one of the many gifts presented to the honoree.

The following Sunday, Mrs. Harris, her children, and their families gathered at Torrance Park for a picnic lunch.

The Social World

AGNES BOLTER, Editor



SIX DOZEN SANDWICHES . . . are what these members of Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, will be making tomorrow night when they gather at the 1308 Acacia Ave. home of the chairman, Mrs. Lawrence A. Gitschier (pictured at right). The sandwiches, plus cakes, cookies, doughnuts, coffee, and milk will be served by the local Court at the Catholic USO in Los Angeles Saturday. Assisting Mrs. Gitschier are, left to right, Mesdames Frank H. Forester, Regina Cunningham, and Joseph Turkmany. (Herald photo)

TONIGHT Grand Officer To Visit OES

Frances Weston, deputy grand matron of Grand Chapter, State of California, will make her official visit to Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star tonight at 8 o'clock at the Masonic Temple, 1321 1/2 Sartori Ave.

Florence Viellenave, worthy matron, and Vincent Viellenave, worthy patron, will preside, while Hazel Fossum will be in charge of the social hour. All members of the Chapter and visiting members of the Order are invited to attend.

Catholic Daughters Slate Day at USO

Recipes for sandwich fillings, coffee, cookies and doughnuts are being multiplied by the half-dozen by members of Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, these days as they prepare for the Court's annual day at the Catholic USO in Los Angeles next Saturday, May 22.

Under the direction of the chairman, Mrs. Lawrence A. Gitschier, they will complete food preparations at the Gitschier home, 1308 Acacia Ave. tomorrow night in order to ensure that all will be ready by the time the Center opens Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Assisting Mrs. Gitschier in the

kitchen will be Mesdames Frank H. Forester, Regina Cunningham, Joseph Turkmany, and Anna McIntyre. The task at hand includes the making of six dozen sandwiches, an equal number of cookies, five dozen doughnuts and enough cakes to make 100 cuts. When the coffee pot goes on the stove Saturday morning, it will contain a half-dozen lbs.

Then the women will discard cover-all work aprons for frilly hostess ones, dispensing refreshments to men and women at the USO from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mesdames Gitschier, Cunningham, McIntyre, and Cecil Moore are taking over the first shift from 9 o'clock to noon. Relieving them until the 3 o'clock mark will be Mesdames John Melville, Thomas Babbitt, and Murray Rudnick.

At 3, Mesdames Frank Weston, J. F. Hardesty, and Frank Rabble will take over, being relieved at 6 by Mesdames Lawrence Moeder, Jack Forgie, and F. C. Rick. The chairman and her original committee will be back on the job from 9 to 11 and expect to do a record "business" during those hours, for Saturday is the night of the USO's May Festival Dance.

"It's a big job, but these women are looking forward to it. 'It's an opportunity to do something for the men and women who are serving us by saving their country,'" the chairman said.

Bride-to-be Lists Retinue

Announcement of her bridal entourage is being made this week by Miss Charlene St. Martin, who will exchange vows with Ralph Harold Bezanon Jr. at 4 p.m. ceremonies Sunday, June 27, at St. Andrews' Episcopal Church.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. St. Martin, 1408 Beech Ave., the bride-elect has selected her sister, Diane St. Martin, as maid of honor, Misses Sally Sprout, Mike Silver, and Barbara Whitley will attend as bridesmaids, while little Miss Patty Johnson will be the flower girl.

Miss St. Martin's wedding will follow almost on the heels of her graduation from Torrance High School, where she is a Tartar Lady and president of the Tri-Hi-Y.

The benedict-elect is the son of Mrs. Gladys Kessler of Seattle, Wash., and Ralph Harold Bezanon Sr., 2233 W. 231st St., Lomita. Discharged from the Marine Corps last June, he is currently a student at El Camino College.



MISS CHARLENE ST. MARTIN
Reveals Bridal Attendants

AFSIS Students Address Torrance High School PTA

Their experiences in this country, their changed ideas, and their future plans to return to their respective countries and spread the knowledge gained, highlighted talks given by two foreign students at Torrance High School PTA's meeting Tuesday.

Speakers were Marie Anne Picard of France and Roland Mohrmann of Germany, both of whom are completing their senior year at Redondo High School under the auspices of the American Field Service International Scholarship.

Also highlighting the session was installation of officers, con-

ducted by Mrs. Victor Benard. Taking office were Mrs. John Hinds, president; Mrs. J. R. Patrick, first vice-president; Dale Harter, second vice-president; and Mesdames L. M. Nash, recording secretary; Lee Flanagan, corresponding secretary; W. M. Wood, treasurer; Hugh Bowman, auditor; and Edward Rhone, historian.

Mesdames Hinds, Patrick, and K. R. Ruffell, health and welfare chairman, represented the Association at high school first series conferences held by District PTA at the Mona Park Recreation Center in Compton last week.