

SOUTHWOOD HOMES

New Homeowners Find 'It's A Small World' in Southwood

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My greatest disappointment is that my mother didn't name me Marilyn or Zsa Zsa instead of Wilma. From now on I am sending her a copy of The Torrance HERALD instead of my weekly letter. Nevertheless, the reception my first column received was most gratifying for a recruit such as I. I scarcely know where to begin this week, for you might say I have dropped a miniature atomic bomb in our growing development. Before the print was dry on our beloved paper, I received a call from an English lass, Mrs. Keith Frink, who lives at 5522 Beran St. She was so enthused about the new column, and was primarily interested in meeting Mrs. Ray Acker, whose father was visiting from England. She couldn't have called on them at a more opportune moment as the certainly made the goodbyes a little less tearful, because she told Jan of an English Girls' Club they have formed and now have about 24 members. Needless to say the consumption of tea and cakes has increased this past week.

The Frinks were among the pioneer couples in Southwood and have many interesting stories to tell of the washouts, etc., they experienced last January. Mr. Frink's mother was visiting from South Dakota at the time of the deluge. There were about 100 men on duty, so a little green shed was erected in front of their house. The mother would watch the men at work, transporting the children to and from the school bus, cleaning up the new lawns, replacing the driveways, etc., but she wondered why the men kept going in that little building all day long. They would come out with nothing. We all know, don't we? Mr. Frink spends his spare moments working with the Sea Scout Ship Porpoise. This group includes boys between the ages of 14 and 18. They have many interesting projects and I'm sure he would welcome a call from anyone interested, at FRontier 9-2264. They are having Mrs. Elizabeth Brown from Guildford, Surrey, England, as their dinner guest tonight. She has come to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Dorcen Fairbanks, of Redondo Beach. Another member for the club, I betcha.

By the time I finished talking to Mrs. Frink, I was wishing I, too, was from England, but she also told me of two German war brides in her neighborhood who would be more than happy to meet other girls from Germany. Mrs. Robert Hall, from Wiesbaden, at FR 2-2008, and Mrs. Joan Barid, at FR 9-0054. And as the Miss Universe Pageant is still

fresh in our minds I am sure we have many more Miss "Foreign Dolls" in our own community. It really is a very small world after all, and if I don't get a few choice recipes out of all this, I'll be sadly disappointed.

Sunday afternoon when we along with our week-end Mrs. Clark, Sgt. and Mrs. A. B. Clark, went to visit the neighbors across the way, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ritchie, of 5210 Ruby, we met James C. White, their neighbor of 5214, who had come over to discuss fences. Your nosy reporter came back with quite a story. In keeping with this week's theme, Mrs. White, Susanne, is anxiously awaiting the arrival of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ideler from Hamburg, Germany, in about two weeks. They are also coming to see their other daughter, Esther Norris, but best of all they will be on hand for the arrival of their first grandchild, sex unknown, when Susanne decides to produce same. Mr. White was stationed in Germany and brought back with him man's best friend, his dog Hexel, which in German means "Little Witch." Guess he liked his dog so well he decided to return three years later to get his sweetheart. He brought the dog over in a duffel bag, but Susanne was not G.I. approved, so he was strictly on his own as a civilian. Mr. Ideler is a professor of art at Kunstschule, Hamburg, and Susanne said that he will be more than happy to chat with all of us while he is visiting here for two months.

I know that there were many more week-end guests in our community, and I have always been told that "no news is good news," but that saying does not hold true with your amateur reporter, so if you don't call and tell me, our new column may very shortly come to a screeching halt. However, I knew all about Dick Wright's open house which was staged Saturday night, because Frances, my next door neighbor, was busy all week, cleaning, waxing, and hanging curtains. I jokingly told her I was going to call in the local gendarmes, but they didn't scare easily. About 30 well-wishers came laden with homemade cakes, candy, coffee and punch. They are all members of the Alliance Church in Hawthorne. The Wrights were surprised with two new bar stools for their L-guns style home.

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