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Mrs. America Tells How She Organized Household

by Count Marco

"Saying 'I'm sorry' is the secret to ending an argument," claims beautiful Mrs. Hawaii, runner-up in the Mrs. America contest.

It was indeed a pleasure to interview Mrs. Hawaii in Honolulu this week, because she happens also to be a good friend of mine.

Laurie Chang Bachran is not only beautiful and talented but she also is the mother of six amazing well-behaved children.

They are quite unlike the little monsters I've tripped over throughout the rest of America. As an example, when I telephoned Laurie's home a small voice announced politely, "This is the Bachran residence, one moment please, I will call mother."

When I asked Laurie which of the brood that was, you can imagine my surprise and delight when I was informed it was Gregory, who is all of 3 years of age.

Laurie feels that a happy family is one in which everyone is organized and has some responsibility.

Celia, for example, supervises the kitchen operation entirely. In addition to preparing and packing all lunches, Celia cooks whatever dishes her mother does not. She prepares all the vegetables. Celia is 10.

Mari has the job of setting the table each meal, which she does with thoroughness and originality. Mari is 6.

Tim clears the table after each meal—he is 9. Even little Greg has a specific job. He empties wastebaskets.

There is no quibbling about each other's job, nor is there an exchange. As Laurie says "It works well, and we intend to keep it that way."

Bill Bachran, who is public relations director for Hawaiian Airlines, evolved a system that saves unnecessary arguments with the children when a breach of family discipline occurs.

"When they do something wrong," he says, "they go to

their rooms and write what happened and what the consequences were. That way they really have to think about it instead of just sitting there doing nothing."

"We believe in a lot of discipline," added Laurie. "The children know when they're wrong, and they're quick to apologize."

Besides giving her children close attention Laurie Bachran does all the major meal preparation, washing, ironing, family budgeting and marketing and has household help only half a day a week.

She also illustrates books, has cheated a Byzantine misaie to be used in a new church building and is preparing a cookbook on Oriental dishes that can be prepared easily.

A requirement for Mrs. America entrants was a recipe from each contestant. If you would like Laurie's recipe for Chicken Wings Oriental, which won her the Mrs. America nomination, drop me a line in care of The Torrance Herald.

Between that and learning a little about disciplining your children you might discover your beast coming home more often, and sober.

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Palos Verdes Players Rehearse for 'Picnic'

Palos Verdes Players, who are about to present the William Inge play, "Picnic," at Montemalaga Auditorium, Oct. 25-26 and Nov. 1-2, have gone into full rehearsal, under the direction of Rosemary Buell.

In February, 1953, Inge's second play to reach Broadway, "Picnic" was produced. Also, that spring the motion picture version of his "Come Back, Little Sheba," became a tremendous success.

Following "Picnic," Mr. Inge's next play was "Bus Stop," which was later filmed, as was "Picnic." Then came "Dark At The Top of the Stairs," the movie rights of

which were sold before the production had even reached New York.

THE ORIGINAL title of "Picnic" was "Women in Summer." Inge wanted this play to take place in the open air, as in contrast to his gloomier play, "Come Back, Little Sheba," which takes place in a gloomy kitchen.

ROSEMARY, the school teacher who lives with the family, is a very frustrated woman, approaching middle age, who never paid any attention to the demands of her

heart and feelings until abject loneliness caught up with her.

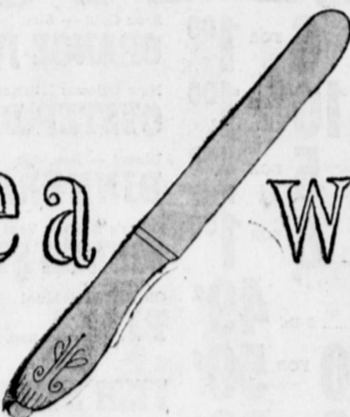

Howard, a small-town merchant, probably never would have married if a woman had not taken such initiative with his affairs. Thus, Rosemary, with her deep affection for him, after six months of married life, made him feel, at the age of 42, that he has never lived any other way.

"I haven't moralized," states Mr. Inge, "nor have I even garnered from their lives anything that might rightly be called a theme, unless it possibly is that love and romance cannot always be dictated by one's ideals. What I have

wanted most to do is present the lives in "Picnic" with all the warmth and humor and fondness and dismay that attended me when I recalled them."

Michael B. Wilbite, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilbite of 3729 171st St., and **Ronald F. Gagnon**, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Gagnon of 2302 W. 169th Place, recently served aboard the destroyer USS Colshan, a Pacific Fleet Naval Reserve training ship, during antisubmarine training maneuvers near Hawaii.

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