

ADELINE DALEY

Care and Feeding of a Pet Virus

How many families, I ask you, can have a virus of their very own, one so exclusive that it never leaves the premises, once it settles in for the long winter?

At least one of our kids is home from school each week because they keep handing back and forth our friendly, "live-in" virus whom I have come to think of as one of the family.

Just today, for instance, as Brian returned to school, his place in the "infirmary" (the sofa in front of the TV set) was taken by Patrice.

I'm grateful that our exclusive virus (I think it's unlisted in the medical journals, as a matter of fact) hasn't made them feel too uncomfortable. What it has amounted to is that they're too ill to be sent to school, because they've a cough which sounds like a trained circus

seal, but they're still well enough to chase each other around the house should two or more "patients" be confined at home simultaneously.

Of course, my husband can't figure out why I haven't been able to come up with a cure for the common cold as he keeps renewing his demands: "What are you going to do about that kid's (a) runny nose or (b) cough?"

All I can promise him is that I'll return to the laboratory this afternoon and try to accomplish what has baffled the Pasteurs and Listers for generations.

Actually, about the best advice to follow as far as I'm concerned is the label on the back of the cough syrup bottle: (1) Rest in bed. (But for whom?) (2) Drink fluids. (Plenty of soft drinks, naturally) and (3) Call your doctor should the cough persist.

However, it's discouraging to telephone your doctor and hear him, too, hacking in the background as he tells you, "I just can't seem to shake this cold I've had for the past six weeks."

I can never remember, either, whether you're supposed to feed a cold or starve a fever, but in our kids' case it definitely is "feed" a cold — or any other malady as far as that goes.

But did I say something about our virus being relatively mild? Not when it attacks an adult, I'm afraid. I can't go along with that television commercial, "Would you believe it, I have a cold?"

Yes, I'll believe it — what with those watery eyes, 102 temperature and sa-chooo! Which reminds me, I've just thought of the perfect nickname for our family virus. Gesundheit.

Preschool Class Planned For Retarded Children

A preschool class for mentally retarded children is presently being organized by the Southwest Association for Retarded Children.

The class will serve those children of the South Bay area who can benefit from early training and who are in need of recreational stimulation for public school experience. It may also serve those children who are de-

layed in entering the public schools for various reasons.

"We feel that there is a growing need for such a learning experience in the early years as very often the mentally retarded child is excluded from normal play activities with his peers in the home environment. We hope to fulfill this need by offering a pre-school opportunity," said Charles Spiegel, training and activity chairman for SARC.

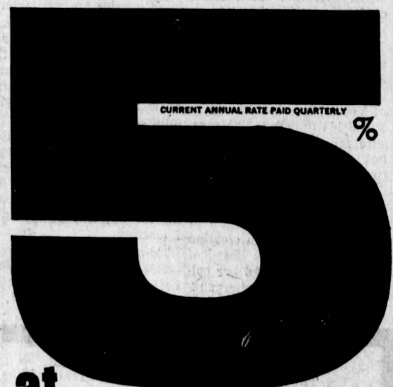
Spiegel may be reached after 4 p.m. at FR 8-3748.

My Neighbors



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Girl Scouts Continue Supplies to Viet Nam

Members of Girl Scout Troop 2000 will continue their program of helping the people of Viet Nam by using the profits from the current cookie sale, which ends March 19, to purchase first aid supplies and soap to send to the Vietnamese.

The following letter was received by the Mrs. Marty Lehr, troop leader, in response to the initial shipment. "Dear Mrs. Lehr,

First I must thank the girls for all of the goodies that

came at Christmas time. I didn't eat much of it, but I assure you that the troops enjoyed it thoroughly.

While I was gone, our unit started to give a hand to a village that was in a pretty bad way. I have been to this village and have seen what they are living like. It is not very good. We have distributed the soap that the girls sent, but we need much more, plus clothes and medical supplies of all kinds.

Our village is small (300 pop.), but the people are trying to help themselves, so we are trying our best to help them. The school in the village is about the size of an ordinary living room and has 80 students of all grades. They have no pencils, paper or anything. About the only thing

they do have is the will to learn.

We need nothing for ourselves, however we don't have enough supplies available to conduct combat operations and help the village also. If you and your girls could give us a hand in this, I know it would be warmly appreciated."

AN EIGHTH birthday and court of awards will be held by the troop at Normandale Auditorium, April 7 at 6 p.m. A foreign buffet supper is planned for the girls and their families, with an investiture and fly-up ceremony and presentation of pins and badges highlighting the event.

Other activities planned by the troop include the cleaning of the Scout Center grounds for a rummage sale

to be held March 25 and 26, and participating in Girl Scout Day at Disneyland in April.

Girls participating in these events are: seniors — Dianna Brannon, Peggy Brannon; cadets — Denise Bentley, Beverly Brannon, Kitty Thompson; juniors — Anne Cafarchia, Arline Howard, Debby Kanishiro, Debby Shamlian, Joanne Trygstad, Robbin Berish, Connie Cooper, Kim Helm, Ronette Bedard, Barbara Murphy, Darrylin O'dell, Gall Robbins and Lois Fritz. Brownies are Tami Berish, Robin Reynolds, Rosalie Lopez, Brenda Farley, and Cathy Rine.

Leaders of the troop are Marty Lehr and Lynne Farley. Sponsoring the troop is Harbor Lite Dog Obedience Club of Peck Park, San Pedro.

Festival Slated by Spartans

Music students from the southern section of Torrance will appear in a music festival at the South High School gymnasium Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Participants will represent Arnold, Calle Mayor, Hillside, Meadow Park, Newton, Parkway, Seaside, and Walteria elementary schools and South High School.

The festival will feature an elementary band, an elementary orchestra, and a combined elementary and high school band.

Directors will be: Robert Simon, festival chairman; Miss Merlyn Anderson, John Ducar, Leland Eloe, William Eads, and Glenn Welshon.

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