

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

I've got to stop reading those articles which have fetching titles like, "Short-Cuts to Happy Homemaking" and "101 Kitchen Wife-savers" before I get more behind in my housework than I am now. (At last count, I figured that I'm about six months behind schedule, not including the ironing.)

What I'm looking for are a few articles entitled, "What's Wrong with a Tattle-Tale Gray Wash? And, "Simplify Your Spring Cleaning — Move." Plus such relaxing advice as, "Let Sleeping Stains Lie."

It isn't that I don't welcome most time-saving ideas, but why did I have to find out that the best way to make yellowed piano keys turn white again is to wash them in a solution of alcohol? Before reading this, I was reconciled to living with a piano whose keys were no longer ivory-colored, figuring that our upright would never see a concert stage anyway.

Yet, after adding this chore to my long list of other household duties, I then had to discover that there IS a way to remove soot from the fireplace. Even 999 layers which have been accumulating for the past ten years. To clean the interior (I hope you have your pencils ready), wipe off the excess soot with a mixture of three parts of water to one part of vinegar, depending on how dry... or is that a recipe for something else?

Of course, the book doesn't add that when you're through you look as grimy as one of the chimney sweeps in "Mary Poppins."

And call me ungrateful, but I was content in NOT knowing that the proper way to restore a brass lamp to its original finish is by rubbing half a lemon with salt over the surface. Oh, I could go on and on. For instance, how will I find time to make the beds when I'm still applying a coat of lard to remove mustard stains from last night's tablecloth?

For a time I thought I could avoid these "kitchen short-cuts" by simply not buying the commercial products which allegedly restore the luster to everything from blackened andirons to tarnished picture frames, but as you notice, the manuals suggest using staples found on most household shelves, such as, soda, salt, lemon juice, and vinegar. In fact, so much in the latter case that if you're not careful, your home will take on the aroma of a pickle factory.

However, I'm not the only member of the family who isn't thrilled by handy household hints. Just yesterday I told my husband that a "coating of wax applied to shovels and other garden equipment prevents clods of dirt from sticking."

Do you know that he didn't even thank me?

"Show Biz" Theme For Eta Kappas

"Lights, Camera, Action," with their members as stars, is the theme chosen by the Eta Kappa Chapter of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority for their 1966-67 program.

First educational program, "Reviewing the Script" was held at the home of Mrs. James O'Donnell in Torrance. Mrs. Pearl Gardner, mother in a foster home, was the guest speaker for the evening.

"Playing the Circuit" was the theme of the first social meeting with husbands as guests and the philanthropic program "action" was carried out with members spending many hours in the chapter's fireworks booth.

The Lomita home of Mrs. Ralph Engstrom was the scene of the "Briefing the Cast" business meeting. Another education program was called "On Location" and was conducted by Mrs. O'Donnell.

Continuing the rush season, the chapter will hold a social meeting "Lights," a family picnic on Aug. 28 at Torrance Park.

Auxiliary Board Plans Future Events

Mrs. James E. Kimble, president of the Torrance Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, conducted a meeting of the auxiliary board held in the staff room at the hospital on July 11, to plan future activities for the group.

First social event on the club calendar will be a Fashion Show and Brunch slated for October at the Palos Verdes Country Club. A Membership Luncheon is also being planned for September and discussions were also held for the presentation of a benefit "Follies" in the fall of 1967.

Family Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Larmon and daughters, Mary Ann, Rhonda, and Barbara, 1514 Amapola, have returned from a two weeks vacation in Tennessee. They visited Mr. Larmon's family in Etawah.

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Delta Zeta Alums Entertain

South Bay Alumnae Chapter of Delta Zeta Sorority will hold a benefit Bridge Luncheon on Wednesday, July 27, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. John M. Moore on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Mrs. J. Richard White of Rolling Hills and Mrs. Walter R. Wallner, Sr. of Palos Verdes Estates, will be co-hostesses for the party. Proceeds will go to the South Bay Speech and Hearing Center in Torrance.

Mrs. R. E. Owen of Manhattan Beach, delegate from the local chapter, to the Delta Zeta National Convention held at Grand Bahama Island in the West Indies, returned with the national Delta Zeta Alumnae Achievement Award.

This is the sixth consecutive year that the South Bay Alumnae Chapter of Delta Zeta sorority has received this award.

Mrs. Owen, who serves as treasurer to the local group as well as their national delegate, was recently appointed College Chapter Director to Delta Zeta's active chapter at UCLA.

Emblem Club State Meet July 22, 23

First quarterly meeting of the California State Association of Emblem Clubs and the Nevada Clubs will be held at the Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica, July 22 and 23. The South Central District State President, Mrs. Harold Ely; State Second Vice President Mrs. B. M. Camron; and all members of Culver City Emblem Club No. 254 and Santa Monica Emblem Club No. 154, invite all members of the affiliated clubs to attend the meetings.

Saturday's program includes conferences on parliamentary procedure, community service, history book, press, and public relations, and indoctrination. The State Banquet will be held in the Satellite Room, East at 6 p.m.

The Gardena Emblem Club 257 will honor the State President, Mrs. Ely, her State Marshal, Mrs. R. M. Watts and other state officers at the regular monthly meeting on Aug. 4. President Ely will initiate a new class of members into the club.

Torrance Eastern Star Grooms Deputy Grand Matron

Mrs. Vivian Cook of Torrance, deputy grand matron of the 80th District, Order of the Eastern Star, made her official visit to the Torrance OES chapter, of which she is a member, on Thursday evening July 7.

Carrying a large handmade fan, ornamented with a pink figurine and entwined with white phalaenopsis and a shower of pink ribbons, the Deputy Grand Matron was escorted to the East and presented by Ruth Hardin, worthy matron, and Homer Morgan, worthy patron. She was given Grand Honors by the membership.

On this visit, Mrs. Cook represented Marian Schwach, worthy grand matron, who is unable to visit all chapters.

The visiting dignitary addressed the assemblage after which a business meeting was held. Roberta Butler, associate matron, made the officers' presentation, a silver pitcher and a monetary gift.

The presentation, a silver sugar bowl and monetary gift from the Torrance Chapter, was made by Ruth Hardin, worthy matron. All officers were in attendance and exemplified their work.

The decorated fan, carried by Mrs. Cook and made by Mrs. Florence Vielle-nave, chairman for the evening, provided the decorative theme for the reception which followed. Colorful fans, entwined with the inscription "Hearts United for 1966" decorated the tables.

Junior Club Busy With Philanthropy

Philanthropy rates high with Torrance Junior Woman's Club, whose members explained the "whys" and "wherefores" of their charities to prospective members at a coffee-dessert party in the J. D. Hedde home.

Torrance Juniors' help is vital to support of the Torrance Scout Center, the Torrance YWCA, the city recreation and parks department puppet theater, and pediatrics ward at Harbor General Hospital.

Fun and friendship among the young matrons is manifested by plans for a luau, progressive luncheon and a fall fashion show.

On Tuesday, July 12, members and provisionals of the Torrance Junior

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MRS. VIVIAN COOK
... Makes Official Visit

Students in Language Get Awards

South Bay Armenian Language School closed its year with a program at the Walteria Recreation Hall on Friday, July 8. Each student received a Certificate of Achievement.

Parents and friends of the students, who range in age from 5 to 17 years, attended to hear recitations, songs, group and individual readings, climaxed with the diploma presentation.

Der Hair Altounian, Mrs. Y. Mooshian, the school's teacher, and Mr. Armenak Yarijian, president of the school board, spoke on plans for the coming year. Paklava and coffee were served at the end of the program.

The language school has been in progress for three months with an enrollment of 31. Classes are held at the St. Katharine Greek Church in Redondo Beach.

School will resume in September and anyone interested in attending may contact Mr. Jack Davitian.

Barbershop Singers To Meet July 23

Sweet Adelines, Inc., a women's organization specializing in barbershop quartet singing, will convene at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, to hold their Summer Regional Council meeting and Officers' Seminar at Pomona Valley Inn in Pomona.

The afternoon will be spent with the Officers' Seminar beginning at 2 p.m., at which time the President of L. A. South Towns Chapter, Mrs. Renee Fernandez, will present a Craft Class on Promotions - Contact Chairman, Mrs. Dave Brown, assistant director of the L. A. South Towns Chapter, is the newly-elected vice-regent.

On Sunday, July 24, at Redondo City Park, L. A. South Towns Chapter, in conjunction with South Bay Men's Chapter, SPEBSQSA (Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America) will perform as part of a summer concert series featuring musical groups from the South Bay

Altoona Picnic Scheduled July 31

Annual picnic for former residents of Altoona, Pa., will be held Sunday, July 31, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the North Hollywood Park. Site for the picnic will be section 4, between the library and the Hollywood Freeway.

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