

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

Since we seem to be living in an age in which bulldozers seldom leave a tree standing or a blade of grass to mar today's landscape, you can imagine my elation the other day when my three youngest children came home with blackberries, plucked, they reported, from a patch on the hill behind our home.

"There's lots more where these came from," Diane added as I was hastily computing in my mind that even though they barely had picked enough to pour on everybody's cereal, yet, with today's prices they had brought home about \$2.50 worth of fruit.

Shades of my own childhood flashed before me, as I recalled entire summers spent first in picking wild strawberries from meadows, followed by the raspberry season and eventually, the elusive blueberry, which were located in our particular section of northern Minnesota in areas so inaccessible that in tracking them down we made Lewis and Clark look like a couple of city folk.

"Wonderful kids, wonderful!" I exclaimed as I then recounted for the 300th time the above saga of how my brothers and sisters braved swamps, fought mosquitoes and malaria, to pick berries which my mother canned or made into jellies and jams to "tide us over the winter."

But pails . . . My kids needed pails if they were to go about picking berries on a more professional level. But I couldn't seem to find any among the pots and pans. I then recalled that the berry pails we had used were made from empty lard containers.

But lard? Who buys lard anymore in an era in which everybody is also indoctrinated against cholesterol found in animal fat? And poly-unsaturated vegetable shortenings are not sold in pails. Indeed, I don't know if lard is sold in pails anymore, and even if it were, I was darned if I was going to purchase some in order to get a free pail.

We finally settled in coffee cans. In successive days they returned with enough berries for blackberry pies, blackberry muffins, blackberry pancakes, and, of course, I made jars of blackberry jam to tide us over the winter — or, at least, until the middle of next week.

But the blow finally came. One morning Diane announced that they couldn't go berry-picking that day. "I think the people are back," she reported.

I don't know what the penalty is for a mother who sends her kids out to pick some-

On 25th Anniversary Day of Festivities For Louie Derouins

Renewal of their wedding vows at a 10 o'clock mass at Nativity Catholic Church, at which Rev. De La Cerna officiated, highlighted the 25th Wedding Anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Louie Derouin, 23701 South Western Ave. D-119 on Aug. 23.

Following the mass, a luncheon was served at the Derouin home for family and friends. Father de La Cerna, a special guest, blessed the home.

In the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Derouin were honored at a reception given by Mrs. Robert Aguilar and Mrs. Ralph Sullivan at the Sullivan home, 3510 W. 238th St.

A white and silver theme was used in decorating and the refreshment table was centered by a white and silver anniversary cake. An arrangement of red roses and white carnations was also on the table. Champagne was served. Among the guests was Mrs. Derouin's

maid of honor, Mrs. Lawrence Derouin.

The Silver Wedding Anniversary celebrants were married Aug. 23, 1942 at the Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Los Angeles. Mrs. Derouin is immediate past grand regent of the Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America. Mr. Derouin is employed by Derouin Bros. furniture manufacturing in Wilmington.

Attending the reception were Messrs. and Mmes. Robert Aguilar, Michael O'Dodd, Lloyd Landerville, Gordon Hicks, Paul McDonald, Ralph Sullivan, Marcel Derouin, Gilbert Derouin, Lawrence Derouin, Don Schwab of Oklahoma, formerly of Torrance.

Others were Mmes. Jennie Beck, Paul DeCuir, Robert Crane, Elles Cook, Paul Labonowski, Ella Derouin, Hazel Ward, and Miss Kathy Derouin.

Volunteers Needed for Mail Project

The annual appeal for funds that support community agencies and projects will soon begin and thousands of letters must be mailed to business and professional people in the area.

Volunteers are needed to help with this mailing program and are asked to call the Volunteer Bureau, South Bay Harbor, 2008 West Carson St., Torrance.

In Switzerland Local Teacher

Miss Doralee Howell, kindergarten teacher at the Calvary Baptist Elementary School in Torrance, is currently in Berne, Switzerland enjoying the Alps. Miss Howell went first to Morocco where she visited a missionary family. She had planned to take the missionaries to Spain for a vacation, but according to her letters, since the Israeli-Arab war, missionaries in Morocco have not been allowed to return after once leaving the country.

body else's berries, even though they grew on branches which supposedly hung over the fence. An attorney, obviously quoting from the case of Farmer Brown vs. Brer Rabbit, states that it depends on who owns the property on the other side of the fence.

I don't intend to find out. But all I ask is that when I'm put behind bars, someone send me a file. Perhaps they could hide one inside a blackberry pie.

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