

Tour South Dakota Plan Joint Meeting

Mc. and Mrs. Waino Anasama of Melton road have returned from a two weeks trip to South Dakota. They visited Mt. Rushmore and the Black Hills. The couple saw Josef Meier as Christus in a passion play at Spearfish, S.D. They toured the gold mine in Deadwood. They also visited Mrs. Anasama's mother, Mrs. John Lakti, in Ashabula, Ohio.

A joint meeting of the Detroit and Birmingham units of the Christ Child society will have a luncheon at room, Aug. 11, in the Bloomfield Hills Country club.

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Mothers Are Anxious For School to Open

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Today is Aug. 5, and all around Birmingham mothers are joyously marking off the days until the opening of school and the relief from having the children under foot all day. Now don't misunderstand! These Birmingham mothers love their youngsters dearly, and will do anything they can for them, but . . .

By now the novelty of "no school" has worn off. They, the children, have used up most of their animal energy and all of their imagination. Now it is up to mother to think of things for them to do.

The bitter part of that is, no matter what she suggests, the kids have already tried it. They have played all the old-fashioned games that were popular in mother's day. They have had long sessions of being cops and robbers or cowboys and Indians.

Along with this, they have gotten countless ideas from television and the town has been teeming with shrouded figures making like Superman. Space helmets have been everything from

the manufactured kind to shopping bags and mother's largest glass mixing bowl.

opening of school sometimes earn that respite the hard way.

Now, how about the kids?

ONE MOTHER explained that so much dry weather had kept the youngsters outside all summer and they had used up all those activities without ever having a chance at quieter, indoor affairs.

As she says more or less gloated about the proximity of the opening date for school, a shadow crossed over her face.

"But, speaking of school, there are dresses to buy. Did you ever try to outfit five little girls for the first day of school?"

"The youngest is starting her first year. She's a smart little character, though, and informed me that she could not wear her sister's outgrown dresses because she would have the same teacher that Merlan had last year and she would remember them. How you like that from the 'baby'?"

She went on to explain that buying clothes for little girls involves a great deal more than getting the money together.

TWO OF HER'S like clothes, one doesn't care much one way or the other, the second one just hates the whole idea. All are addicted to wriggles during fittings and a tendency toward flash, sometimes in their own clothes, sometimes in a garment being tried on and sometimes without any dress at all.

The two who like clothes are fussy, she says, and like party dresses. Sturdy skirts and warm sweaters find them totally unresponsive. Will's flash because mother cannot see a school year full of the washings and ironings of frilly, pastel dresses. Tears flow from the two and they leave the store determined not to like what they have and with the feeling that mother is a very mean woman.

The one who doesn't care accepts anything the saleslady shows her and, if mother were not around, would agree to a size 14 although she is only nine years old.

THE OTHER two, usually the best behaved, turn out to be ordeals for both mother and saleslady. They squirm and struggle to get away; they shriek and scream like souls in torment during fittings. One will even lie on the floor and kick.

By the time they are outfitted everyone is worn down to a nubbin and the other three have vanished into thin air—or the toy department.

Mothers seeking relief from bored youngsters through the



PHILIP TORREY made his 11th television performance last week when he appeared with Jean Leach, who was substituting for Auntie Dee. Phil is attired in his western garb for his presentation of "Female Kind of Gal." Jean Leach has a daily TV show on WXYZ, "My Life," and was recently featured at the Sapphire room of the Wardell. Phil is the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Torrey of Pierce street. He attends the Monte Carlo studios and will be a second grader at Baldwin.

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