

**Craftnotes**

By **BETTY RIGSBY**

**Plenty of action for kids**

School's out — For the first little while its fun for both you and the children to be free from the daily grind of school — getting their clothes ready, lunches made, homework done and checked etc. etc., but then this begins to pall and you look ahead to days of "I've got nothing to do!"

Here's where the Guild comes to the rescue. We've got fun classes going all summer, two hours a day in which the children can learn handcrafts they will continue to do the rest of the summer. The Guild building is air conditioned and the teachers enjoy teaching. The atmosphere is set for fun-time learning.

Would you like your small person to learn to knit? There are still a few places left in this class, and the Guild has an excellent teacher. Would pottery interest your youngster? We have potters' wheels and ovens as well as an excellent pottery teacher.

How about porcelain dolls? There is a class in this specialized art which has always been well received by the children. Or do you think your child would like to learn the Oriental art of paper folding called Origami? These and more are offered to relieve the cry of "I've got nothing to do!"

The Guild is going to be jumping with children this summer, and all the classes were advertised in the Parks & Recreation brochure for the summer. If you did not receive a copy, or if you have misplaced it you may call the Guild at 294-7421. On Monday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 and Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 someone will be on hand to answer your questions and give you further information.

Do you remember mention in this column of a gift of a large amount of stuffing the Guild received last year? The mountain has now dwindled to a mound. The Guild members have been using it to stuff the Teddies they've been knitting for the Abused Child center at the Sick Children's Hospital. Once again we thank the donor. More about the Teddy Bears in a later column.

**CRAFTY TIPS**

Are you forever replacing buttons on your clothing or that of the children? If you touch the centre of the thread on each button with clear nail polish you will find they will stay on indefinitely. Do this when the item is new or after you have replaced the button yourself.

The plastic trays you get from the grocery with vegetables or fruit make great boats for the pool, and are disposable of because they didn't cost money. Quote "Conserve today to preserve tomorrow".

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