

A TARTARETTE
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 Her Clothing Needs Are Few and Simple



HAT—No!
 MAKEUP—Moderate.
 NECKWEAR—Seldom.
 SWEATER—The Vogue.
 BLOUSE—Always White.
 BELT—Optional.
 SKIRT—Blue, Black, Brown, or Gray.
 HOSE—Silk or Bobby Sox.
 SHOES—Flats Preferred.

SUGAR 'N SPICE . . . and everything nice, like Ann Miller, above, wears the ensemble the Torrance High School Girls' League say is as fitting as a boogie-beat at a live concert.

Buttons and Bows Banished by Campus Belles

How strange are the ways of women. They travel miles to buy a hat "that's different." To be seen in company wearing the same creation worn by another guest is as welcome a prospect as a sink full of dishes. And yet—

On the Torrance High School campus, where the germ of fashion consciousness is born, the girls—every mother's daughter of them—wear the same clothes—by their own choice.

This year, because Torrance High includes five grades, more girls than ever before will be affected by the resolution, 398, to be exact.

It was the girls themselves who laid down the rules of good grooming which again go into effect next week. Back in 1947 the Girls' League voted in its "uniform of the day."

TAILORED BLOUSE BEST

They agreed that tailored white blouses looked best on the average Miss Torrance High. Skirts should be black or dark blue the girls decided two years ago. Since then they relaxed their self-imposed restrictions to include brown and gray.

The "new look" had only a modifying influence on the local Tartarettes. No exact limits on the skirt length was set.

"Skirts should be down to about here," said Ann Miller a senior at Torrance High indicating a point a few inches below the knee. "About 12 to 14 inches is about right," Ann claims.

SWEATERS!

Sweaters, definitely the mode, are worn for two reasons. For warmth and style. Class sweaters of course top the list in appropriate dress, although any slipover or coat sweater will help the wearer overcome that "square" look—a fate ostensibly worse than a warm quilt.

"It's okay," say the girls, "to wear the 'steady's' letterman sweater."

"Silk stockings? Sure," say the teensters, "if you want to—but they're not practical."

Most girls, the election disclosed, preferred bobby sox or no sox at all.

High heels complicate navigation, especially across grassy slopes and pebble-strewn walkways. Among the undergraduates the flat heeled shoes—saddle oxfords, loafers, and wedge-heeled Joyces, are most popular.

In adopting a standard of dress for themselves the girls seemed to have followed one theme:

SCHOOL IS JOB

"School is your job. Dress as sensibly, as you would for work."

Facial makeup was left to the individual with the issuance of a warning word to the wise. Be moderate. Use good taste. Artificial eyelashes, eye shadow, or heavy makeup of any kind is not forbidden but, looked upon as showing "icky" taste. Lip stick, rouge, mascara, and eyebrow pencil were noted on many of the sweater and skirts but generally in moderation.

To avoid that "uniform" look the girls encourage the use of dickies, collars, neckwear, or ornamental belts. "These accessories," asserted one of the younger set, "challenge the girl to show her individuality and personality."

HATS TABOO

Hats and turbans (used to hide coiffures done-up in curlers and pins) is "verboten," say the girls. In fact hair done up at all is, taboo.

Even undies were given consideration. They should be sensible and comfortable. Fancy and lacey things such as those that adorn the Esquire Girls have little place in a high school dressing room, the girls stated frankly.

Little restrictions on what Miss High School Girl can or cannot wear are laid down by faculty advisors. One however, is slacks. Not for normal school wear, say the advisors, but okay for stage crew work and other extra-curricular activity.

But come Friday and all is forgotten! Friday is "Free Day." Hair-dos in preparation for Friday night dates can be covered with bandannas. Other must-nots of good grooming are, lifted. The girls can wear "most anything they wish. And what do they wear—yep, sweaters and skirts.

Judge Shidler Accepts School Post

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POLICE TRAP SNARES 8 IN WILD HOT ROD RACE

Thatcher's Unexpired Term to be Filled by Well-Known Judge



JUDGE SHIDLER . . . Accepts School Post

* Judge John A. Shidler, currently sitting in the Municipal court in Los Angeles, yesterday accepted temporary appointment to the Torrance Board of Education.

The 58-year-old World War II veteran, a resident of Hollywood-Riviera, was appointed by the Board at a special meeting Tuesday to fill the vacancy left by George Thatcher who has moved from the district.

Judge Shidler will serve until the next regular school election in May. At that time, the position will be filled by a school candidate who will serve out Thatcher's unexpired term of office. His term expires in 1952.

Asked if he would consider running for the post in May Judge Shidler said:

"Consider, yes! But before I will say definitely that I will run I would have to know more about the requirements of the office."

Upon receiving notification of his appointment Shidler said: "To be appointed to the Torrance School Board is a great honor. I shall try to live up to the expectations of those who appointed me and particularly to the expectations of the parents and people of Torrance whom I shall serve."

"Having served the people of Torrance before in other capacities I know they expect the most of their public servants and have a way of getting it."

"While I am inexperienced in School Board work I hope my legal background will be of help at particular times."

"The goal of obtaining the best possible education for our children will be always uppermost in my mind."

Shidler formerly served the city of Torrance as its City Attorney and later as City Judge. His permanent judicial assignment is as Judge of the Gardena Justice Court. However, he is currently serving as Municipal Court Judge, Division 25, in Los Angeles. He was appointed by State Supreme Court Justice Phil Gibson to the bench to handle an over-loaded calendar.

At least two other persons were recommended to fill the post left vacant by Thatcher. Endorsed by the homeowners of Hollywood Riviera and Seal Side Ranchos was Ray Hole, an engineer.

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Bids to Widen Western Avenue To Be Opened

Final prerequisite to the creation of a Harbor Area-Hollywood direct highway link via Western avenue, will be hurried Wednesday.

Bids will be opened for the project of widening Western avenue to a four-lane divided highway between 182nd street and Torrance boulevard, the Los Angeles City Engineering Department, yesterday revealed.

With Torrance serving as a theoretical hub, Western avenue will extend in an uninterrupted direct route between the Palms Verdes Hills and the hills north of Hollywood.

Work has already been started on a break-through of Western avenue between Torrance and Lomita boulevards. Like the new road-widening project, the undertaking is being financed jointly by the City of Torrance, Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles.

Money for widening of Western avenue to four lanes north of Torrance boulevard—it is now just a two-lane road—was made available from city and county gasoline tax funds, Los Angeles Engineering Office declared.

City and county officials indicated that chances "looked good" for the project's completion by the first of the year. This would include not only the installation of new road bed, but the resurfacing of deteriorated sections of Western avenue in this area.

BATTERIES STOLEN FROM ROAD GEAR

Three batteries were reported stolen Monday morning from road equipment being used on the Western avenue project near Sepulveda boulevard and Western avenue.

The discovery was made by R. A. Cook, of 10302 Hawthorne boulevard, a worker on the road project who reported the theft to Torrance Police.



INJURIES BY THE YARD . . . Officers Larry Benton (standing) and Don Hamilton use mechanical measuring device which revealed that smashed hot-rod racer skidded 150 feet before turning over three times—pinning youthful driver under car. Racers terrorized motorists along Sepulveda boulevard late Tuesday night.—Herald photo.

Mayor Leaving On Month-long Eastern Trip

While Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey is on a month-long trip to the east, Councilman George C. Powell will act as Mayor pro tem, it was voted at last Tuesday's meeting of the city fathers.

The Mayor and Mrs. Sherfey are due to leave tomorrow for Poland Springs, Maine, where the head of Torrance's official family will attend the five-day convention of the National Selected Morticians.

The Sherfey's will spend the remaining time touring the northeastern part of the United States and adjoining country in Canada.

Postal Take Steady

Gross receipts at the Torrance Post Office for last month totaled \$10,587.35. This is compared with \$10,928 in July and \$10,392 in August.



SHUNS OWN WARNING . . . Sergeant Swayne Johnson reads "DANGER" sign found in overturned car of Lomita youth injured in crash trying to escape police crack-down on racing hot-rodgers Tuesday night.—Herald Photo.

Two Hurt Escaping Capture

Two youths from this area were injured and six more of their hot rod driving buddies were nabbed Tuesday night as Torrance police tightened their crackdown on illicit hot rod racing on highways here.

Police in a surprise raid at 10:30 p.m., interrupted and routed an estimated 150 who roared four abreast, down heavily traveled Sepulveda boulevard, between Hawthorne boulevard and the Redondo city line. Police Chief John H. Stroh estimated their speed at more than 80 miles per hour.

It was while attempting escape from six pursuing police cars that the two youths were injured. Richard Reinberger, 19, driver, who lives at 251st street and Cypress avenue in Lomita, rammed his car off the road in a get-away attempt across vacant fields bordering Sepulveda, police said. His souped-up jalopy struck a rut, cartwheeled three times back onto the road and skidded 150 feet to a stop pinning him underneath. Kenneth Trombly, 17, of 2325 25th street, Lomita, a passenger, received minor cuts and bruises.

In the road-blocking confusion which followed, police snared six other youthful throttle jockeys. Those cited to appear before City Judge Otto B. Willett a week from today are:

John Wendell Clark, 21, of Wilmington.

Lester Craig French, 17, of 2338 25th street, Lomita.

Robert Donald Smith, 19, of Los Angeles.

Harry Carl Johnson, 21, of Wilmington.

Joseph Cunningham, 19, of San Pedro.

Johnson, French and the injured Trombly have all been cited previously for the same offense which led to their capture Tuesday night.

In making the pickups Tuesday night, police hoped to ease the terrorist tactics employed by hot rodgers in the area. Motorists have reported being forced off the road by onrushing speeders, who race four or five abreast.

In fact, one Torrance police car narrowly avoided collision Tuesday night when one hot-rodger swerved to avoid arrest, missing the official car by inches.

Residents near Hawthorne and Sepulveda boulevards have in recent weeks reported race meets involving as many as 200 cars. Trombly and Reinberger, latest race victims, were treated at Harbor General Hospital. Trombly was released with minor scalp and internal injuries.

Attendants at Harbor General Hospital where Reinberger was taken reported his condition at a late hour last night was still "serious." He is suffering from a possible fractured skull.

Tract Church Groups Slate Swim Party

Members of the Hammerton Tract Community Church Sunday School will join with members of the Boys' Club to go swimming this week-end at the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club, announced Leo Wagner, director of the boys group.

Recall of 'Recaller' Sought

Action to recall George Downing, said to be active in the slumbering recall campaign, died late last evening for the lack of the necessary four-fifths vote of the City Council.

Original motion asking for the resignation of Downing was made by Councilman Bob Haggard at Tuesday's meeting of the Council. The motion did not carry, claimed City Attorney C. Douglass Smith when two members of the council, Nick Drake and George Powell, refused to

vote on the motion.

At that time the council adjourned to Wednesday afternoon to reconsider the motion and consider appointments to fill vacancies already existing in the Civil Service Commission as well as in the Recreation and Planning Commissions.

Appointed to the Planning Commission was Beverly Smith, 1218 El Prado, purchasing agent for the National Supply Company.

Receiving the nod to fill the vacancy on the Recreation Commission was H. Frank Lush, 2715

West 174th street, Morris Freeman, 1720 Watson, was appointed to fill a vacant spot on the Civil Service Commission.

Haggard said he was seeking the recall of Downing because of "his activities in the recall campaign."

Haggard, Powell, Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey, and Councilman A. L. Jackson were the targets of members of the Torrance Civic Betterment Committee who are seeking the recall of the four named above.

Mayor Sherfey commented

that "Downing was criticizing the very commission he was serving" which he felt itself was grounds for asking for his resignation.

Downing, questioned after last evening's meeting of the council said:

"This is nothing but spite work. When it comes to pass that in this democratic country of ours a man is prosecuted for speaking his mind—it is a pretty bad community."