

Round the Riviera

First Principal's Job No Easy Task

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Mrs. Bruce Boyer, 202 Via Alameda, was honored with a baby shower Sunday, Feb. 15, at the home of Mrs. Reg Roberts who was lured to the affair by Mr. Boyer who expressed a wish to "just drop in" on the Roberts. Their arrival found the Roberts home filled to capacity with friends and fellow members of Los Caneconeros and the Hampton Players.

The shower came as a complete surprise for Mrs. Boyer, home filled to capacity with friends and fellow members of Los Caneconeros and the Hampton Players. Centerpiece for the festive table was composed of pink carnations and drift wood. Being shaped into booties and storks thru Lytle, Ray Hole, Bill Beck-

blue candles, which was served with ice cream. Paul Bennett entertained with a tape recording of musical numbers and games after Mrs. Boyer was conducted on a treasure hunt to find most of her gifts. Guests at the shower included Miss Caroline Polhemus and Mesdames Tom, Mabin, H. L. Goltman, Bill MacLeod, Victor Kilburn, Me Groven, Thorsten Burman, Jack MacDonald, Claude Ferrel, Richard Blakeley, Juan Matute, Richard Caldwell, O. C. Lundstrom, James Woodson, Clifford Tunis, Victor Kilburn, Walter Holloway, Stanley Taylor, and W. J. Jacob.

**LATE FLASH:** As this week's column is written, word comes that on Saturday morning last, at 6 o'clock, a daughter was born to the Bruce Boyers at the Santa Monica City Hospital. The little girl weighed into this world at 7 lbs., 8 oz., and was promptly named Dana Catherine. She was about two weeks premature.

Recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel was Rivieran Clyde Maddox, 123 Via Segó. Lt. Col Maddox is stationed at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., during his current active duty tour. He is an instructor in the special associate course of the command and general staff college (whatever that is!) and an alumnus of the University of Southern California.

Los Caneconeros, mixed chorus from Hollywood Riviera and twice winner of the Venice State-wide Choral contest, have agreed to compete with the contest's sweepstake winner this year, in a special competition, Mrs. Barbara Mabin, director of the chorus, reports. Contest preliminaries are scheduled for May 17, finals for May 22. There will be no admission charge at any of the competitions this year, which will be held at the Venice High School.

Note for your memo pad:

Tomorrow is the date of the Las Vecinas fashion show at the Potrero House, Inglewood Country Club, at 1 p.m. The ticket charge of \$2.75 includes a door prize of the winner's choice of any gown modeled, and three flower arrangements. And, oh, yes! the luncheon. Fashions will be modeled by six Las Vecinas members: Eleanor Conant, Nora Brunning, Jane Webb, Laura Sturgill, Jane Manfrass and Grace Koch. Members planning to attend are urged to contact Jack Webb, Frontier 5-1687 for reservations.

Well, sir, it was the gayest little group you ever laid your tired eyes on. It was at the Founders' Day general meeting of the Riviera PTA held at Riviera School last week, and it was composed of PTA members all decked out in the proper fashions of various periods from 1897 till today. With Mrs. Glen Grimley as MC and Mrs. Paul Bennett supplying accompanying piano music, the fashions started with bathing beauty styles and afternoon dress styles of the Gay Nineties. The years flashed by as illustriously as the ladies who paraded the fashions. Particularly memorable were the Roaring Twenties style portrayed in roaring style by Mrs. J. D. Smilie and Mrs. Will Zens in slinky, carefree silhouettes.

The 43rd anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America was celebrated Feb. 24. In honor of the occasion, Pack 718 and Pack 877, Cub Scouts, prepared a display of handicraft which was shown through the week in a store window on the Pacific Coast Hwy., and subsequently won the blue ribbon award presented by local B'nai B'rith. Pack 718 den mothers who helped prepare the award winning display are Binnie Conway, Virginia Warren, Yvonne Linmeier and Lee O'Malley. Den mothers of Pack 877 who assisted were Helen Savage, Catherine Treacy, and Frances Dowling. Pack 718 Cubmaster is Garrett

Stone, while Pack 877 Cubmaster is Jack Starletie. Mrs. Don Gillis and William King showed fashions of the 1897 period, while Mrs. John Kinsey modeled a bathing suit of the same era. Jane Baker modeled 1908's better fashions, while Mrs. Claude Ferrel showed the prim shirtmaker style of 1911. Pauline Ferry and Janice Zens modeled styles of 1914 and 1918 respectively, while 1921's finer fashions were shown by Mrs. Max Rothman. Then came Mrs. J. D. Smith in 1924's better pencil silhouette followed by Virginia Baird showing 1929 dress. Lila Steffan and Margie Cummings showed 1934 and 1937 in that order, followed by Mrs. John Strater in an Army nurse uniform of 1942.

The fashion show par excellence was preceded by the regular PTA business meeting, wherein Judge Otto B. Willett presented two life memberships to Mrs. Ray Hole and Mrs. Morrison Hornbeck respectively. An unused amount of money, laid aside as a welfare fund for this PTA, was voted to be given to the District fund to help the care of needy children in other PTA areas.

Cookie Schneider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Schneider, 636 Calle Miramar, celebrated her second birthday on Feb. 10 with a party for friends in the neighborhood. Attending a birthday party filled with cake and brand new parent-teacher association for the better education of our children. As your old Navy admirals put it, "Well done, Principal Dexter."

THUMBNAIL BIOGRAPHY:

Important to every parent in Riviera is the principal of Riviera Elementary School. Most of you have been introduced at one time or another and perhaps had the privilege of visiting a bit with Robert Dexter, who has headed our school since its beginning. His background in education and environment shows him to be a particular asset to our community. Dexter was born in Yamhill, Ore., near Portland, in 1915 and completed high school at Irigoin, Ore., in 1933. He graduated from Eastern Oregon Normal School in LaGrande, Ore. in 1936, and achieved his BS in elementary education at Oregon College of Education in Monmouth in 1946. His master's degree was conferred upon him at the University of Southern California in 1949. He brings some 20 years of education to his task as principal of our Riviera school. Mr. Dexter has served at many schools preparatory to his present position as principal. Over a period of seven years stretching from 1936 through 1943, he taught in various positions at three elementary schools in Oregon, with the last year as vice principal of Vanport City School, Vanport, Ore. Following World War II, the Dexters moved to California, where he served as seventh grade teacher at Carlsbad, Calif. in 1946-48. From 1948 to 1950, he was seventh and eighth grade teacher at Torrance and then until 1951, vice principal at Torrance Elementary. From 1951 to date, Mr. Dexter has been principal in the Torrance district, first with Crenshaw-El Niido and then with us here in Riviera.

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As we swing into the second semester of this, our first year at Riviera School, our hats are off to Principal Robert Dexter, who has had the tough job of welding together a new school, a new group of teachers and a brand new parent-teacher association for the better education of our children. As your old Navy admirals put it, "Well done, Principal Dexter."

LIGHT DISTANCE

The northern lights are 60 or more miles above the surface of the earth.

ANNEXATION DATE

Puerto Rico was annexed by the United States in 1899.

Winners Receive Prizes, Ribbons

Prize winners in the recent Safety Poster contest sponsored by the Riviera PTA, were awarded members of the Riviera Jr. Bicycle Club at its meeting in El Retiro Park last Saturday. John Kinsey, a member of the bicycle committee, handed out prizes to:

First to third grade group: Kathy Weller, first, flashlight; Bruce Ferrel, second, key holder; Philip Dowling, third, flashlight clip.  
Fourth and fifth grades: David Warren, first, rear view mirror; Carol Lee Kendal, second, bike lock; Tim Conway, third, flashlight clip.  
Sixth grade: Steven Willett, first, horn.

Judging the contest was Mrs. Carl Paul, who looked for neatness and idea. Age and grade were considered.

Honorable mention awards went to Billy Willett, Caroline Coal, Chris Kinsey, Skippy Paul, Phillip Shaw, Billy McKnight,

Sherril Smith, David Fox, John Dowling, Ann Farwer, Frank Brennan, and Danby Coal.

Hand-painted blue ribbons were awarded poster winners by Fred Mueller, father of Mrs. Douglas Farwer, a member of the bicycle committee.

The club is open to new members who may obtain test papers, a member of the Riviera School.

Next meeting of the club will be held on March 21 on the school grounds. Planned for the meeting is a Field Day, according to Mrs. John Dowling, chairman of the safety committee.

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NATIVE CROP

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