



FOLLOWING Fashion

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IN YOUR EASTER BONNET . . .

With all the frills, etc., you can either be a picture of complete harmony . . . or total confusion. Every feminine head should be in the clouds after donning its newest spring chapeau.

1. AVOID THE CLUTTERED LOOK

If your dress is complicated in either design, pattern or fabric, select a simple hat . . . one that will serve only to complete the costume . . . On the other hand, if your ensemble is basic, go in for an attention-getter. In this case, the hat is the key point . . . the dress merely background.

2. KEEP IT BALANCED

The idea is to be well-distributed. If your costume is narrow here, it should be wide there. NEVER repeat the same line more than twice.

3. CONSIDER THE COIFFURE

For the majority of women who are wearing the still-popular shorter bob, hat-hunting is a real pleasure, for the millinery creators are designing their numbers with only this style in mind.

4. IF YOUR FACE IS LONG AND THIN

Avoid any interest "on top." Call attention, instead, to the around-the-cheekbones. A wide-brimmed hat, or one that has a side-dipping profile is your best bet.

5. IF YOUR FACE IS ROUND . . .

Avoid back-of-the-head hats with wide brims. This only tends to emphasize the circle of your face. Try a pillbox with perhaps a perky red rose on top, or similar styles that will draw the eye up.

6. IF YOU WEAR GLASSES . . .

Remember, again, rule number one. Avoid the cluttered look. This is of prime importance to you, especially. Simplicity about the face is the rule. You should always wear a neat, smooth hair-do escorted by an equally neat hat.

BPW Gets Word Picture Of Journey through India

Story of a trip down-river from a modern, up-to-date city in India to native villages featured last Monday night's meeting of the Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club, held at Chalons Restaurant.

The journey, made by Lester McNelly, famed world-traveler, was only 200 miles long, he told BPW members, but traveling by open cart, it took seven days.

Business highlights of the evening included selection of Herma Tillin to represent the club at the YWCA capital funds dinner and a report on the forming of the new Redondo Beach BPW by Virginia Beck, president.

Decorations for the event centered around the Valentine theme, with miniature hearts at each place setting and a bouquet of red carnations backed with lacy doilies and built around a huge red heart centering the table.

Hostesses for the evening were Gladys Lynn, Gladys Bostick, Sally Kirsch, Nell Colburn, and Lela Smith.

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Founders Day Celebrations End; New City Council PTA Leaders Revealed

Mrs. W. Wright Named City Council PTA Prexy

Election of officers added another highlight to Torrance Council PTA's Founders Day program, which also featured presentation of honorary life memberships, honoring of past presidents, and a question-box type of discussion of teacher training opportunities.

Mrs. W. A. Wright, who has served Council as recording secretary this past year and who is a past president of Perry PTA, heads the roster of 1954-55 Council leaders. She will be assisted by the following:

Mesdames E. W. Ingram, first vice-president; Bruce Howey, second vice-president; Ralph Eysen, third vice-president; W. W. Jackson, fourth vice-president; Dana Houston, recording secretary; Lee M. Pollek, corresponding secretary; G. Runstead, financial secretary; W. L. Steinwachs, treasurer; J. H. Cortez, auditor; and A. B. Cowie, historian.

Receiving honorary life memberships for their outstanding service to Torrance schools were Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, city librarian, and R. I. Plomert Jr., past president of the Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Industries Tax Commission. Past presidents honored were Mesdames A. C. Turner, Cowie and Victor Benard.

The shortage of teachers is a national one, but it is more acute in California due to the rapid increase in population by immigration and the high birth rate, Ted Bass, California Teachers Association field representative, reported during the question and answer period.

The general age level of people now in service is around 46 years of age, he said. With most districts retiring teachers at the age of 65 and many eligible for retirement if they choose at 55, more young people must be directed into the teaching profession to solve the problem, he continued.

"There are 80,000 teachers in service in the state today," he said, "and there are 200,000 eligible to teach who are no longer in service. Something must be done to get them to return to teaching," he concluded.

The honorary life membership plan was adopted in 1927 and operated originally as an interest-free student loan fund in the elementary field, Mrs. J. Stanley Brode, CCPTA international relations chairman, said in answering a question concerning CCPTA scholarships.

As the money accumulated, she continued, a scholarship plan was set up for people preparing to teach in California. Scholarships also are available in

the fields of counseling and guidance, school librarian, and in special education fields such as the teaching of the deaf, blind, spastics, and others in that category, she added.

Mrs. C. F. Rees, First District program chairman, answered the question "How are student loans available?" this way: "Deserving high school seniors may apply to the CCPTA office in Los Angeles for application blank. If the loan is approved, it could amount to \$300 a year and up to \$1200 in four years with yearly re-application."

Mrs. Rees added that such loans are interest-free and are given with the promise to teach in the state and to repay over a four-year period when the earning power is established.

Other sources of scholarships available through various colleges and universities throughout the state were told by Mrs. Grace Wright, member of the local Board of Education.

Most high schools have counselors who can advise parents concerning these, she said, urging them to aid their children in locating such financial assistance long before their senior year.

All participants agreed that parents should try to interest their children in the profession while they are young, pointing out that many children make the decision to become a teacher as early as the fifth grade. They said that such factors as the vital part of the teacher in the community, the satisfaction of doing a good job, and the service ideal should be emphasized as well as salary in helping to make this decision.

The great need for new schools and additions to existing schools was pointed out by R. C. Morton, director of education in the Torrance schools, when he spoke on the coming school bond issue.

"With 9591 children enrolled in the elementary schools to-day in 194 classrooms, with many on double sessions, there will be a need of 396 classrooms in 1956 to accommodate an anticipated enrollment of 12,165," he said.

Participating in the traditional candlelighting ceremony in honor of Founders Day were Mesdames Rees and Evar Jansson.



THINGS WERE DIFFERENT . . . in my day, Mrs. Frances Clark, oldest living president of Torrance Elementary PTA, oldest association in the Torrance District, tells Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, this year's president and winner of the honorary life membership. (Herald photo)

School Clerk Selected by Madrona PTA

About 85 Madrona Ave. PTA members and guests watched as Mrs. S. R. (Irene) Hopkins, school clerk, received an honorary life membership during Founders Day ceremonies at the school's new lunch patio last Wednesday evening.

Also honored was Mrs. Thomas Smiley, only past president of the two-year-old association. A talk on "Good Books for Children" by Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, Torrance librarian, featured the program. Also heard was a talk on "Reading Readiness."

Named to serve on the nominating committee were George



SCHOOL SERVICE . . . both through PTA and the administrative office won Mrs. S. R. (Irene) Hopkins, 1548 Post Ave., an honorary life membership when Madrona PTA held Founders Day ceremonies Wednesday evening. Now chief clerk at Madrona Ave. School, she previously served as clerk for Torrance Elementary School and was active in PTA both on that and Torrance High School levels. She is the mother of two children, Mrs. James (Beverly) Post, who teaches at Riviera School, and Bob Hopkins, a senior at THS. (Herald photo)

Other past presidents honored were Elmer Moon and Mrs. Mel Mellar.

A special Founders Day talk gave the story of what each president did during her term in office while Mrs. Nell Hopper furnished background music of "Happy Birthday" "Memories," and other old favorites. Members closed the program by singing in unison, "Auld Lang Syne."

Third grade mothers were hostesses for the social hour which followed.

1897-1954 Style Parade Sparks Riviera Meet

"I Remember When," said "Grandma" Mrs. Glen Grimsley as she went to sleep Wednesday during Riviera PTA's Founders Day program, and through the medium of her "dream" the audience got a glimpse of Association fashions, fancy, and facts from the year 1897 up to the present day.

First to take the stage spotlight as Los Canclones sang appropriate background music was Mrs. Jack Satterlee, showing

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Creative Family Living



By Dorothy L. Law

COUNSELOR, LECTURER, INSTRUCTOR IN FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

Recently I gave a series of lectures entitled "Families Can Be Fun." In a talk with a young mother, she had this to say, "You know, until lately I'd been trying so hard to do all the 'right' things I didn't realize that families can be fun. I don't believe I have really enjoyed my children."

This is a more common thing than we realize.

LEARN FROM CHILDREN Family living can be fun, as well as a learning experience for all. Yes, mother and dad are learning too . . . recall how much you have learned since the first baby arrived . . . how much more equipped you were to handle the second.

Often when parents ask: "How can I help my first-born when he sees how differently we handle his little sister, because we are trying to use some of the newer ideas?" I usually give this in addition to other suggestions:

Let him know this, because mother and daddy have learned so much about children through having him they are able to handle situations differently now. You know, there isn't a book in print (and I doubt there ever will be) which could teach you the lessons you have learned in the daily living experiences with this child. Let him know that you recognize this and are looking for better and better ways of being a parent. Oh, and try some of the new ideas on him too.

DO THINGS WITH CHILDREN Families should have fun together; every family needs recreation designed to meet its interest and needs. There are many fine activities available free of cost except perhaps for transportation costs.

Visit points of interest in your community . . . when you go for a drive make it a learning experience . . . some children's first reading vocabulary consists of stop and go! You actually can help your child in his school experience by exposing him to new experiences.

VARY PATTERN FOR LIVING No one likes getting into a rut. Doing the same old thing over and over again makes for stagnation. We all need new experiences from time to time to keep our mind stimulated and alert, child and parent alike. When is the last time you did something new and different?

One mother said: "Last Christmas Eve I allowed the children to take their dinner trays in to watch the tree lights. You know, the first thing they asked when tree time came this year was: 'Can we eat by the tree again?'"

Mother was amazed that the children had remembered such a small thing, and also realized eating at the dining room table was getting to be ritual at their home. Vary your home activities from time to time to avoid stereotyped patterns.

ONE FAMILY'S SOLUTION One family I know whose father arrived home quite early was in the habit of having dinner right at that time. Daughter joined a club activity after school and as a result was several hours later than father in arriving home one night a week. Since the dinner hour was a sharing time for all, mother, father, and the two younger children had fruit juice or tea with crackers and cheese as appetizers, and when daughter arrived, dinner was served.

Father recognized that he was more relaxed and enjoyed his two younger children more that evening. Mother too had a greater feeling of freedom from a fixed pattern.

Patterns for living are necessary, but keep them flexible and adaptable; keep room for a new idea.

Letters may be addressed to Mrs. Law, care of the Torrance Herald, 1619 Gramercy Ave.

Schweitzer Wins Award 259th Pl. PTA Names Active Scout Worker

Mrs. Bruce Schweitzer, 2467 W. 26th St., won Narbonne High School PTA's honorary life membership when the Association observed Founders Day at the school last Tuesday.

One of the principals on the original committee organizing the all-night party for Narbonne graduates, Mrs. Schweitzer has been active in PTA on both the elementary and high school levels. She has held numerous offices, including vice-president, treasurer, and auditor.

Honoring of nine past presidents and history of PTA presented by Mrs. Don Wolf, District Founders Day chairman, also highlighted the program.

er—and the first woman driver—a few years later. Appearing as "grandma's" friend who was on her way to a PTA tea in a costume of the early 1900's was Mrs. O. G. Lundstrom, while showing bathing suit fashions of the same period was Mrs. Frank Bowman.

Victor Kilburn appeared as the school principal of 1917, Mrs. Frank Bowman modeled the PTA's creation of 1929, and Mrs. Dorothy O'Conner portrayed a mother of the depression years. Cast in the role of a World War II mother was Mrs. Cecil Jones, while showing the New Look of '48 was Mrs. Eugene Byrd. Others in the cast were Mrs. Lloyd J. Money, a present-day mother, and Mrs. Arlis Wyatt.

The honorary life membership, presented by Mrs. Otto Willett, went to Jack Satterlee.

Card Party on Junior Slate Wednesday

Homes throughout the Torrance community will be opened to card players next Wednesday evening, Feb. 24, when the Junior Woman's Club holds its annual dessert card party for members and guests.

Following the session with the decks, to begin at 8 o'clock, everyone will adjourn to the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Ingracia Ave., for awarding of prizes and refreshments.

Four Torrance Blvd. homes, the 2368 address of Mrs. J. A. Barrington, president; the 2224 residence of Mrs. Howard Percy, the 2406 household of Mrs. Thurlow Weir; and the 3026 home of Mrs. H. J. Osborne, member of the Senior Woman's Club, will be settings for card parties.

The welcome mat also will be out at the 1614 Beech Ave. home of another Senior, Mrs. E. L. Snodgrass, and many other residences of Junior clubwomen. Included on the hostess list are the following:

Mesdames Robert Waddell, 1226 Cranbrook St.; Douglas Baldwin, 2870 Sonoma Ave.; Clair Johnson, 914 Corise; R. C. Moore, 1625 Juniper Ave.; J. V. Asapito, 2230 Marjorie Ave.; Robert Mowry, 1615 Juniper Ave.; and P. Winn, 4028 Hawthorne Ave.

Mrs. Warren Perry heads the committee planning refreshments. Assisting her are Mesdames Lee Allen, James Halle, J. M. Weir, Robert G. Leach, Robert L. Kerber, and K. L. McBrean.

Play Recalls Days of '97 For Perry PTA

"We Knew Them When," a one-act play written by Mrs. Kenneth McVey, chairman of the event, highlighted Perry PTA's celebration of Founders Day last Thursday evening.

The drama contrasting the PTA of 1897 to the Association of the present day was narrated by Mrs. D. D. Kern and Mrs. Maralin Niska. Appearing with Mrs. Eugene Phillips, 97 president, were Jim Williams and Mesdames G. L. Thompson, E. A. Shuster, E. T. Nelson and John Arnsmeier.

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CAR OR SITTER? RIVIERA HAS 'EM!

In an effort to draw out the vote in the coming school bond election, Riviera PTA is offering a car pool and baby sitting service. Mrs. Donald Hauser reported this week. Anyone wishing a ride to the polls, or anyone wishing a "sitter" while they go to vote may call her at FRontier 5-3707.

how "grandma" looked back in 1897. Mrs. Henry A. Graef then made her entrance as a teach-