

# The Social World

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## Dorothy Downing and Fashion

**NEW YORK CITY . . . May 15**  
Fifth Avenue, world-famous by-way . . . street of dreams on a make-believe island. Yesterday it played well its role of being the world's largest fashion center, while all America focused attention on the renowned Easter parade . . . Almost every day it's romantically cast as the fabulous boulevard of enchantment . . . light-hearted and gay . . . brilliant but brittle . . . always ever so chic . . . sophisticated beyond compare . . . Today is Armed Forces Day . . . and today at 2 p.m., Fifth Avenue was different . . .

It was not a street just of dreams . . . where all attention is directed at the art of finesse and finery . . . Fifth Avenue this day was a thoroughfare of stone and of steel . . . It was indeed a somber street, serious as it re-echoed the mighty roar of 250 planes and the thunder of thousands of marching feet . . . the roar and the thunder that meant hope and faith . . . that meant security to a city, a country, and to a world . . .

One of the many "firsts" New York can point to with pride is its garment center—the largest and most influential in the world. Well within its scope, the power to turn fad into fashion . . . to make or to break . . . to endorse or reject any given trend . . . And as New York goes so goes the fashion-conscious world . . .

### WHAT THEY WEAR

**Manhattan: a.m. to dusk**  
The silhouette is sleek and slim, the keynote is simplicity . . . Here, there and everywhere, the convertible dress and jacket or coat ensemble . . . We see silks and textured cottons, smartest when collared 'n' cuffed in velvet . . . The flame-colored velvet chapeau-top fashion . . . The new broad-brimmed mannish trend in millinery, of rough straw, unexpectedly banded in airy chiffon . . . The New Yorker is endorsing the narrow-skirted shirtwaist dress—she's experimenting with a new silhouette, an adaptation of the Chinese sheath, completely equipped with mandarin collar, slit skirt and all . . . Supposed to be very good on the long-stemmed American beauty, but then, what isn't?

### SLATE CARD PARTY

Bridge, pinochle, and canasta will be on the agenda next Tuesday night, May 25, when the American Legion Auxiliary sponsors a card party at 8 o'clock at the Legion Hall on Border Ave. Prizes will be awarded for top scores in each game, and refreshments will be served, according to Mrs. Robert Sleeth, press chairman.

## Four Women Say: Girl Scout Leaders Have Trying Task—But It's Worth It!

Being a Girl Scout Leader may be a bit trying at times, but it's a wonderful experience! At least, that's the consensus of four local women who have tried it, Mesdames Don Barnard and Kenneth Clutter who lead Brownie Troop No. 631 (sponsored by Fern Ave.-Greenwood PTA) and Don Menger and Robert Waegner, leaders of WALTERIA PTA's Junior High Troop No. 398.

Take Mrs. Barnard for instance. She lives at 1219 Fern Ave., has three children, Roxanne, 10, Penny, 8, and Nancy, 7, and became a leader "so I could get my daughter in a troop." (Because of the scarcity of trained leaders, there is a long list of girls waiting to become Scouts, and preference is given to those whose parents are interested enough to take an active part.)

"I've been in Scout work for a year and a half now," Mrs.



**ROCK-A-BYE-BABY . . .** Mesdames Don Barnard, seated, and Kenneth Clutter show off a doll's cradle which is part of the craft work of their Brownie troop, No. 631, sponsored by Fern Ave.-Greenwood PTA.

### Miss Heger to Wed This Fall

When leaves begin turning scarlet and gold this fall, Miss Barbara Heger will be as busy making changes as Mother Nature; she will exchange her single status for the life of a housewife.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Heger, 5142 Carol Dr., she will marry Ray Morine of LeRoy, Minnesota, just a few months after her graduation from Torrance High School this June.

At THS she is active in the Thespians and the Rally Club. Her fiancé, a draftsman third class with the U. S. Navy at Miramar, was educated at Ohio schools.

Barnard said, "and I've enjoyed it very much. It gives me a feeling that I am doing something, helping other girls in addition to my own to become better citizens and better adjusted personalities."

Mrs. Clutter, who's been in Scouting about the same length of time, has the same feeling about it. "Being a leader involves you with many children," she said, "and through this experience you can better understand your own youngsters." (She has two, David, 11, and Cathy, 8, and lives at 812 Acacia Ave.)

Both these women still have time left over from household duties and Scout work to be active in the YWCA. The same is true of Mrs. Menger, who in addition to her Junior High leadership is a neighborhood chairman for WALTERIA, is taking a Brownie leadership training, is active in the Pacific Hills Home Owners Association, belongs to the parent-teacher congress at the Christian Church, and still has time for the husband and daughter, seven-year-old Ginger, at their 3353 Cricklewood St. home.

Mrs. Menger started her work in Girl Scouts three years ago when a neighbor's daughter requested that she start a troop for junior-high age girls (seventh and eighth graders). The scarcity of leaders is even greater for this age group, and at that time there was only one other leader in the area, Mrs. Waegner.

Mrs. Waegner also has a host of other activities. In addition to being housewife at 24730 Winlock Dr., mothering five-year-old Robert, Jr., and three-year-old Sharon, and chairing the recreation program for WALTERIA PTA, she is active in the WALTERIA Businesswomen's Club and the Pacific Hills Home Owners Association.

This may sound like a finger in too many pies, so that little energy is left for the Scout work, but, says Mrs. Waegner, "work with a junior high group averages around 17 hours a month, ranging from more to less depending upon the program at each time." Leading a

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**GILDING THE SEASHELL . . .** rather than the proverbial lily are these members of the Junior Woman's Club, who compose the decorating committee for next Wednesday night's 8 o'clock show of swim styles, to be held at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia. Painting the shells and sea plants in pastel shades preparatory to sprinkling them with sparkle dust are, left to right, Mesdames Norbert Fahey, Royal Penner, Howard Percy, James Halle, and V. T. Lovelady. Other club members will display the "Gems of the Sea," Rosemarie Reid bathing suits, during the show. (Herald photo)

## Juvenile Hall Bond Issue Endorsed Here

### 'Imperative for Welfare Of Youth,' PTA Chiefs Say

All PTA members in Torrance have been alerted to the urgent need of a "yes" vote on the Juvenile Hall Bond issue, appearing on the June 8 ballot, according to Mrs. H. E. Carr, 1953-54 president of Torrance Council PTA.

"PTA members have been asked to spread the importance of voting for the passage of this issue among their friends and neighbors," she said.

Mrs. Carr added that in a communication from Mrs. Walter E. Smith, First District PTA president, Mrs. Smith stated, "The 1954 Grand Jury has demanded that boys under the age of 18 be kept out of jail in accordance with the state law, which provides that no minor under that age may be held in jail or prison unless the judge of the juvenile court advises that there is no suitable facility for them.

"Hence the additional facilities are urgently needed in order to eliminate the deplorable practice of detaining 16 to 18 year-old boys in the county jail, which has unfortunately been unavoidable up to this time due to the lack of sufficient space for this age group at Juvenile Hall," she continued.

Mrs. Smith added that though the present building program will greatly increase facilities, it will not give sufficient capacity to handle the entire load, due to the tremendous increase in population in Los Angeles County in recent years.

In closing, she stated that a two-thirds majority of all votes cast is necessary to ensure its passage and that a "yes" vote of all members in First District PTA "is imperative for the welfare of youth in all the communities of Los Angeles County."

### Co-ordinating Council to Give Issue Active Support

On motion made by Herma Tillim, candidate in the recent City Council election, the Co-ordinating Council of Torrance went on record Tuesday evening favoring active participation in support of Proposition A—the Juvenile Hall bond issue which will appear on the June 8 ballot.

Vote followed a report on a recent visit to the Hall by Ross Dorsett, federation delegate, who pointed out the vital necessity of additional facilities.

According to Sergeant D. C. Cook, many juveniles in the 16 to 18 year-old age group receive an "excellent" education in crime because they are lodged in the county jail with adult offenders, due to the lack of sufficient facilities at Juvenile Hall.

Other highlights of the agenda, conducted by Mrs. Patricia Elliott, president, included discussions of youth car clubs and jobs for high school students.

Both Warren Hamilton, case conference chairman, and Sgt. Bill Evans, safety chairman, reported that a drag strip is being sought within a short distance of Torrance for the youth car clubs in this area. They agreed that these car clubs are essential and worthwhile to the youth of the community, for they teach young people the proper care of cars, responsibility, and better driving habits.

Reporting during the meeting for Jobs for Juniors was William Harlicker, student at Torrance High School. Seventy-five high school students were placed last summer, and 700 applications are on file at the present time, making a need of 700 jobs this summer, he said. He urged the cooperation of the entire community in meeting this need.

## Legion Auxiliary to Sell Poppies Honoring Dead, Serving Living Saturday

Poppies linking honor to the dead with service for the living victims of three wars will be distributed here on Poppy Day next Saturday, May 29, Mrs. George Thompson, the local American Legion Auxiliary's poppy chairman, announced this week.

Memories of those who died and those who came back doomed to years of hardship and suffering from World War I and II and the Korean War will assume tangible form as the tiny red flowers sprout on laps of people all over the city and the nation as well, she said.

But the poppies will be more than posies of remembrance, Mrs. Thompson continued, for the coins which buy them will raise funds for relief work among suffering ex-service men and their families.

Volunteers from the Auxiliary will endeavor to sell 4500 poppies, made at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Long Beach, on downtown streets during the one-day sale.

The disabled men have been at work throughout the winter and spring, with material supplied by the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary also pays the wages of the men weekly throughout the manufacturing period.

The poppy making gives them something interesting to do and is considered valuable as occupational therapy," Mrs. Thompson said. "For many of the veterans who have spent long periods in the hospitals, the work gives the encouraging experience of being able to earn money once again."

Mrs. Thompson's hospital committee consisted of Mesdames Floyd Boyle and Alfred Grabowski. All three will join other "Legion ladies" in selling the poppies on the streets.

Among those already signing up to aid are Mesdames Tom Watson, Blaine Staker, John Fess, Robert Sleeth, Mabel Williams, Clara A. Connor, James Parks, Vern Babcock, Clarence Youngken, Ruby Backstrom, William B. Lee, James Burchett, Carl Ross, and Regina Cunningham.



**Plans for a fall wedding are being announced this week by Miss Barbara Heger, daughter of the Elmo Hegers, 5142 Carol Dr. She will marry U.S. Navyman Ray Morine of LeRoy, Minnesota.**



**INFORMAL CHAT . . .** Congratulating each other on new executive positions are 1954-55 board members of the Sobadas, the Gil Derouins, president (seated at right); the Frank Cavanaghs, secretary (front and center); and the Frank Farrells. Officers will take posts formally at a dinner-dance and will be in charge of planning the July social. (Herald photo)

## Council PTA Chiefs Install Perry Leaders

Torrance Council PTA officials presided at installation rites seating Perry PTA leaders for 1954-55 at last Thursday's Association meeting at the school auditorium.

Conducting the ceremonies were Mesdames W. A. Wright, president; Emmett Collier, 51-52 president; Glenn Blake, incoming third vice-president; and Glenn Runstead, incoming recording secretary.

Corsages picked from a large bar of music while the school orchestra provided a harmonious background were presented to Mesdames Kenneth McVey, president; R. F. Dohner, vice-president; T. R. Jackson, secretary; D. D. Kern, treasurer; Isabelle Wagner, auditor; G. L. Ware, historian; and John Ahrensmeier, parliamentarian.

Session opened with a flag salute led by Cub Pack 953-C and an inspirational message delivered by Mrs. Janet Weldon. Guests introduced by Mrs. A. L. MacKenzie, past president, included Mesdames Collier; A. C. Turner, First District financial secretary, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Meyers; and Mrs. John Hinds, Torrance High School PTA president.

A bouquet of spring flowers centered the refreshment table, which also was highlighted by a large cake decorated with a bar of music, yellow roses, and blue edging.

**Deafness Prevention Clinic Open Wednesday**  
All children of Torrance and other cities in the Harbor area are eligible for treatment at the Deafness Prevention Clinic, to be open in the Assistance League clinic rooms next Wednesday, May 26, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Parents may bring the children to the clinic or make appointments with Mrs. G. A. Robinson or Mrs. Fred Briggs, Mrs. J. V. Johnson, press chairman of the sponsoring Assistance League, said.

**LAMP SHADE DISPLAY SLATED WEDNESDAY**  
Lampshades made by men and women in the South Bay area will be on exhibit next Wednesday, May 26, at Redondo Union High School, Room 11, Viola Boas, class instructor, announced this week. Display will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.