

FOLLOWING Fashion

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FORECAST... Fall, 1953

FABRICS - More than ever before, the fabrics for this fall are truly magnificent.

Soft fluid fabrics like jersey for day—chiffon for evening—assume new importance in the fashion story.

COLORS - Browns, browns and more browns—from camel, beige and taupe to chestnut, chocolate and the popular newer peacocks.

THE SILHOUETTE - For fall '53 has a very definite shape—slender, so slender and shapely.

ACCESSORIES - Dramatic—newly important—a must for every costume.

HATS - There is an important new trend in millinery for this autumn.

GLOVES - are longer and more colorful. A leading trend is the decidedly longer glove for daytime wear.

SHOES - The opera pump is still the shoe. It will be seen, not only in its usual basic style, but newly treated with a delicate trim.

Mrs. Millstead Honored With Stork Shower

Combining their talents as hostesses, Dilla Kinnaman and Dolores Martin honored Mrs. K. Millstead, whose husband is now serving with the U.S. Navy in Hong Kong, China, with a baby shower last week.

Gifts for the anticipated heir were placed around a huge stork which was centered in front of the fireplace. Bouquets of yellow mums added color to the living room and echoed green and yellow motif of the decorated cake and ice cream served to 18 friends who gathered at the 2112 Gramercy Ave. Millstead home for the event.

Joining in presenting gifts and best wishes to the mother-to-be were Mesdames Lee Turrentine, Vita Paxton, Ruth Axelheim, Gertrude Davis, Estel Link, Hilda Findley, Barbara Moody, Lulu Tunke, Barbara H. Husband, Judy Morris, June Pedernoch, Boots Anaisis, Joe Pedernoch, Corlita Reeve, all of Torrance; Mrs. Lou Russell and Carol Alexander of San Pedro; Meses R. Russell and J. Russell of Lomita.

Invited but unable to attend the event were Mesdames H. Taylor, Eleanor Corning, Helen Harris, W. L. Reeves, Dorothy Mattis, F. Mannino, and Muriel Whiting.

Class Stated For Bluebird Leaders

A training course for Bluebird leaders will begin with a meeting next Wednesday morning, Oct. 7, from 9 o'clock to 12 noon at McMaster Park, Cynthia Keyes, Harbor District executive for Camp Fire Girls announced this week.

Succeeding classes will be held at the same time and place on each of the four Wednesdays in October, she said.

Woman's Status Feature Talks at WSCS Meet

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Church, will hear "The Status of Women" next Thursday, Oct. 8, when the monthly general meeting is held at the church.

Mrs. Charlotte Lukes, executive director of Torrance Branch YWCA, will speak on that subject following a 10:30 a.m. business session. Luncheon will be served by Mrs. Sara Rogue, Sarah Circle chairman, with the assistance of members of her group.

Individual Circle meetings, during both afternoon and evening, are scheduled for the preceding Tuesday.

Members of Ruth Circle will meet for a 12:30 p.m. dessert luncheon at the 3333 Palos Verdes Dr. home of Mrs. Earl Robinson, with Mrs. John Almond sharing hostess honors. Esther Circle women will meet at the same hour, also for dessert luncheon, at the 1229 Arlington Ave. home of Mrs. Ralph Berkshire. Mrs. V. Brooks will assist with hostess duties.

Mrs. Melrose Sawyer will assist Mrs. Marvin Rebert when the latter opens her 2768 Eldorado St. home, for a 7:30 p.m. meeting of Rebekah Circle, while Mrs. A. H. Littleton, 2884 Colorado St., will entertain members of Naomi Circle at 8 p.m.

DOLORES JANES SET FOR TV APPEARANCE

Dolores Janes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Janes, 917 Acadia Ave., will appear on the "Crosby's Calling" TV show next week, her dance instructor, Ann Olson, revealed this week.

The talented miss will do two numbers, "Lovely Hula Hands" and "Little Brown Gal." She also will be one of the featured performers in "Calendar Capers," a dance revue to be staged by Ann Olson at the Torrance High School Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. Oct. 10.

CRENSHAW PTA TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Mrs. William H. Skiles, president, will conduct her first meeting of the year next Wednesday when Crenshaw Elementary PTA convenes at 7:30 p.m. at the school with "get acquainted" as its theme.

Refreshments will be served by the executive board following the business session.

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Common Goals In Child Care PTA Theme

"Opportunities Unlimited to Determine Common Goals for the Care and Protection of Children and Youth" is the topic chosen by 18th St. PTA for its second meeting, to be held at the school, at 2 p.m. next Thursday, Oct. 8.

Principal speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs. John Serdinsky, Tenth District magazine chairman, who will discuss the history and function of the clinic which is maintained by the district in the Health Center Building in Los Angeles.

To illustrate her talk, Mrs. Serdinsky will display a model of the Health Center. A skit representing Campfire Girl laws will be presented by the Tandakowi (Indian for love, honor, respect, and faithful friend) group as another program highlight.

3-D Takes Over In Fall Fashion Picture From Dawn to Dusk

Fashions for fall are three-dimensional—distinguished, dramatic, and dignified, Roselle Raimo told a crowd of over 200 people who gathered at the Gardena Community Center Wednesday night for the fourth annual fashion show sponsored by the South Bay B'nai Brith Women.

Nearly every costume, from the casual separates set worn by the college coed to the rich cocktail gown worn by the sophisticated emphasizes elegance combined with a rare simplicity.

Casuals get a touch of drama from the use of bold colors, novelty fabrics, perky pique or saucy fringe trim, or exciting new "madcaps" high peaked hats with a plexy look. Among fabrics featured are suede cloth, kid, and the popular wrinkle-

proof orlon with the maid-service build in. Touches of fur, velvet, and jewels add drama to more dressy wear, while dull satin gives a distinguished look.

Important color notes this season are mauve, seafoam green, copper, and the ever-popular red. Extreme décolletage is out, with the "covered look" over the shoulders taking its place.

Outstanding in this line was a walnut brown velvet sheath with ashes-of-roses cummerbund and matching trim at the neckline. Also new is the "portrait neckline," standing up in wide ruff at the back of the head and sloping into modified décolletage in front. Pearls studded the neckline and pockets of a brown crepe gown fashioned in this style and shown at the Wednesday event.

Dull satin was shown in two attention-getting costumes, a simple black faille sheath and a red duster and sheath dress ensemble. The black gown featured the new neckline, decollete in front and rounding off to barely cover the shoulders, while the red frock was highlighted with halter neckline and folds at the bustling.

Both costumes carried out the "after-five dangerous" look decreed by Dame Fashion. Other "after-five" outfits had a demure or can-can look.

In the demure line was a blue-violet taffeta covered with fine lace which had its own matching wisp of a bolero. A dashing red taffeta frock piped with black velvet and styled with wide flaring skirt emphasized the can-can look.

Fur fashions to top these evening costumes were many from wide, rich brown mink coats, silver-blue mink jackets, marten capelets for the shorter woman, and an elegant cream-colored mink with soft brown stripe.

Full-length, all-fur coats and toppers trimmed with mink were favorites for afternoon wear.

Long Beach furriers and Comp-ton and Long Beach dress shops provided costumes for the show. During an intermission, Miss Sue La'Mothe, TV starlet, sang several numbers to her own guitar accompaniment.



WHITE FROSTED WITH GOLD... is the color note of this formal gown modeled by Sandra Lea Constance, Miss Torrance of 1953, at the South Bay B'nai Brith Women's fashion show Wednesday night. The blonde young beauty opened the fall style parade wearing a filmy white peignoir and nightgown and brought the show to a climax in this elegant gown which has the fall fashion keynote of elegance blended with simplicity. (Herald photo).



Mrs. Ethel Long, 1417 W. 216th St., was among a class of 24 students from all parts of the world who recently graduated from the International Child Evangelism Institute at Pacific Palisades and currently is conducting a Bible class in this area.

Local Woman Holds Weekly Bible Class

Mrs. Ethel Long, 1417 W. 216th St., recent graduate of the International Child Evangelism Institute at Pacific Palisades and director of child evangelism in the South Bay Area, currently is conducting a weekly training program for all persons interested in teaching the Bible to children.

The class is held each Tuesday at 10 a.m. at North Redondo Chapel, 2108 Vall Ave., in Redondo Beach. Though Mrs. Long is a member of the local First Baptist Church, her course is interdenominational.

All interested persons are invited to contact her at FAIRfax 8-0401.

Clown Adds to Fun at Third Birthday Fete

Chucko the Clown delighted a host of small children last week when they gathered at the 2724 Arlington Ave. home of Mrs. Robert Moffitt to help little Debbie Agapito, daughter of the John V. Agapitos, 2036 1/2 Santa Fe Ave., celebrate her third birthday.

The funny-faced man from the circus performed many of his antics for the tots as well as giving them balloons and rides on his merry-go-round.

After the fun, the children enjoyed a birthday cake decorated with circus motif.

Joining in the fun were the little honoree, her brother, Agapito; Carol and Shirley Johnson, Dick Marshall, Tommy and Bobby Montgomery, Mary Kay Kline, Leslie and Claudia Barrington, Timmy Stewart, Doug and Karrie Crawford, Denny Lockman, Cindy and Bobby Tolson, Nancy and Candy Denman, Greg Paul and Robin Moffitt.

Debbie's aunt, Miss Karen Dean, and her mother Mrs. Agapito assisted Mrs. Moffitt with arrangements for the festivities.

Mrs. Agapito and children are currently spending a few days at the Long Beach home of Mrs. Tom Denman while their respective husbands and Bill Evans are on a hunting trip at Quincy.

Guests Invited Oil, Middle East Topic Of Opening AAUW Meet

Women university grads and their guests will hear the story of "Oil and the Middle East" when the San Pedro branch, American Association of University Women, holds its opening meeting next Wednesday, Oct. 7, 6 p.m., at the Assistance League in San Pedro.

"Because of the timeliness of the topic, guests are invited," E. M. Flake, publicity chairman, said. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Paul E. Truesdell, 3235 Danaha St., or Mrs. W. Madison Taylor of San Pedro, president of the branch.

Jay P. Gould, general manager for an oil tool manufacturing company, will be the speaker.

As chief engineer of drilling and production for the Iraq Petroleum Co. Ltd., Gould spent several years in the Middle and Far East following the war. The area under his supervision covered from India on the east to Egypt on the west, and from Russia on the north to lower Arabia on the south.

He also had charge of the engineering work for the wells that were drilled in Palestine during the partition and subsequent troubles.

Among other college women expected to hear his talk are Miss Ann M. Armstrong, Miss Margery H. Sloan, and Miss Elizabeth B. Parks of Torrance, who were included in the guest list at a membership tea given by the Association last Sunday.

Autumn colors, brown and gold, were used in all appointments at the affair, and each guest received an autumn leaf upon which her name was inscribed. An arrangement of driftwood, clusters of grapes, and golden apples made by Mrs. O. R. C. Crow centered the tea table.

Arthur C. Lytle, flutist, accompanied on the piano by Roger Bushnell, entertained during the afternoon. Bushnell also played several piano solos to add to the program.

Miss Wanda Holmes, chairman, was assisted by Mrs. Joseph Ferderber of Palos Verdes Estates, Miss Kathleen McGuire of Redondo Beach, Miss Ruth Wesson of Wilmington, and Mrs. M. D. Hussenius.

Misses Linda Moudy, and Elizabeth Halfpenny of San Pedro.

ALL EYES AND EARS... as they watch Chucko the Clown are these happy youngsters and their moms who gathered at the Arlington Ave. home of Mrs. Robert Moffitt to share birthday fun with three-year-old Debbie Agapito, second from left. Chucko performed many funny antics for the tots, and gave them all rides on his merry-go-round.

October Is PTA Membership Month; Three Local Units Begin Campaigns Tomorrow

Parents throughout the Torrance schools will be invited to enroll as members in their local PTA units this month. John R. Patrick, Torrance Council PTA membership chairman, announced this week.

The California Congress of Parents and Teachers has selected October as Parent-Teacher Membership Month, she said, and one week, Oct. 11 through 17.

"Health" will continue through Oct. 9; Walteria will end its campaign Oct. 12; and Fern Ave.-Greenwood's drive will extend through Oct. 19.

Madrona Ave. PTA will conduct a drive for new members from Oct. 12 through 16, while Torrance High School will seek new names for its PTA roster from Oct. 12 through 26. North Torrance Elementary PTA will hold its campaign from Oct. 12 through Oct. 23 with the theme "Opportunity Unlimited."

Twenty cents of the membership fee for those in the new Evelyn Carr District will be contributed by the North Torrance Association to finance a PTA in that district when the new school, expected to be completed within two months, opens its doors. Mrs. Lois Rogers, publicity chairman, said.

GIRL SCOUTS GO ON TV

Ten Seaside girls of Intermediate Girl Scout Troop 1055 got a head start on other troops in the Harbor area last Saturday when they appeared on the KECA television show, "Campus Farmers."

This was the first time a Girl Scout troop in this area appeared on video. The girls explained how they earned each of several badges in agricultural and homemaking fields, what earning of the badges means to a Girl Scout, and why they chose individual badges.

Participating in the show with their leader, Mrs. Helen English, and co-leader, Mrs. Esther Steele, were Carolyn Bledsoe, Karen Courtney, Sheila English, Bette Lou Mahon, Elaine Malan, Carolyn Roettger, Susan Slover, Carol White, Jean Woodard, and Seaside's drive, with a goal of Gloria Zervantian.