



Once Over Lightly

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FASHION FOR '54. Can You Wear It?

Now that another "New Look" is officially here to stay (at least for a season or two), we are faced with that hazardous stage of experimentation.

By "New Look," I am referring, actually, to the three distinct silhouettes that are considered vogue for Fall 1954. Fashionwise, the season can be broken into the following:

- (1) The Strait Look of Chanel and Dior...
- (2) The Middy Look...
- (3) The Tulp...

When each of these trends were introduced, they were exaggerated by the famous hand of their designers, obviously in order to make a memorable first impression. We will all admit, they did!... Now that we are into the season, it is apparent that the extreme lines are becoming softer and more wearable, yet retaining a smartness that labels them new season merchandise.

It is a known fact that in the history of costuming there have been very few fashions that could be worn well by every type of figure. The current mode is no exception... it is not one that can be worn by the majority.

If you are in doubt as to whether or not the current line is for you, consider the following before buying: CAN YOU WEAR THE CHANEL LINE?... Yes, IF you are slim. A de-emphasized bustline (not to be confused with the highly publicized flat or straight interpretation) and a trim hip measurement are most important. With a figure such as this, height is not necessary.

CAN YOU WEAR THE MIDDY LINE?... Yes, IF you are average to tall, and not heavy. For those of you who have the hourglass figure, look long at this style before you buy. In the crinolines, you were perfect fashion. You could always depend on a cinching midriff to prove to the world that under all those petticoats you were "really" just well proportioned. But should you adopt the middie line, you will actually be covering the waist, by drawing a straight line from the bust to the hips. CAN YOU WEAR THE TULIP?... Yes, if you are over 5'4" and are not heavy. This style that features the slim skirt, nipped waistline and oversized collar (often away from the neck) is a delight to behold on the proper figure. Easier to wear than the Chanel or Middie, it is especially recommended for the long-stemmed American beauty. As a taller girl can carry a bigger bag, larger jewelry and bulkier fabrics, so it takes the tall to carry the Puritan collar.

So, this winter of 1954 we find ourselves up to our highest rope of beads in the Chaneles, Diors and their middie and tulip silhouettes. It is, indeed, the most exciting fashion season we've seen in many a moon. But, as refreshing as it is, take time out for study before you enter into costly experiments. And, if by chance, the very latest is not the very best on you, pass it up. You'll be smarter because of it!

The Social World

...for and About Women

Methodist Units Meet

Circles of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church will meet this week at the following homes:

Rebecas with Mrs. Kenneth Biers, 1807 Gramercy Ave., Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Ellisabeth with Mrs. W. L. Wilson, 21115 Hobart Ave., Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Priscilla members will meet at the church Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. to set up booths for the bazaar. A business meeting will also be held.

Esther will meet at the church Wednesday to set up a bazaar booth and hold a business meeting. A sack lunch will be served.

Ruth, Martha and Miriam circles will meet at the church Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. for pot luck lunch. After a business meeting, members will work on bazaar booths.

Sara, at the church Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., for a business meeting and to work on booths.

Deborah members will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Inman, 3223 W. 188th St. at 8 p.m., Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, the Rachel Circle will be entertained by Mrs. Eric Morgan at her home, 23216 Palens Ave. and the Mary Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. J. W. Croly, 24228 Cabrillo Ave., for an 8 p.m. meeting.

GATEWAY PTA COUNCIL MEETS

The Gateway Council PTA met at the Narbonne High School, Little Theatre, today.

Mrs. Francis B. Wood, Tenth Dist. child welfare bureau manager, spoke on the topic, "Student Welfare on Secondary Level." They are featuring youth services and student welfare this month, according to Mrs. D. W. Ten Eyck, council president.

At a recent meeting of the local presidents at the home of Mrs. Louis Higginbotham, it was decided to have a poster exhibit at the Nov. meeting. There will be a display of posters used by the various associations this year, such as membership, milk bowl, magazines and carnivals.

Those attending were Meses, E. M. Bernardin, Narbonne; E. B. Snow, San Pedro; Robert Schultz, Dana; Junior High; Kenneth Scott, Wilmington Junior High; L. Higginbotham, Banning; Mrs. Robert Straughn, represented Mrs. Warren Taylor, Gardena; and Mrs. D. W. Ten Eyck, Gateway Council president.

AFRICAN VIOLETS

Blooming African violets, in many varieties will be on sale at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bazaar Saturday Nov. 6. Enthusiasts will be delighted with the choice of sizes and the variety of color as well as the collection of unusual plants. Among them will be Lady Geneva, Amazon Red, Star Girl, Fantasy and Black Prince.

The bazaar which will have a "Country Fair" theme this year opens at 2 p. m.

Six New Firemen's Wives Feted at Auxiliary Tea

A beautifully appointed tea was given by the Ladies auxiliary of the Torrance Fire Department last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ray Flagg, 1620 Hickory, honoring the wives of six new Torrance firemen. Honor guests were Meses Vernon Langford, Albert Salcido, Gordon Clark, Leo J. Palumbo, Dick De Armitt, and Paul Smith.

FIRST COMMUNITY SING ON NOV. 13

A community sing to be held Nov. 13 at 18512 Ashley Ave. was planned at a meeting of the board of North Torrance Voters recently.

Adult supervision and activities of the teen age North Torrance Vallants were also discussed and the group pledged their full support and cooperation in the Community Chest Drive.

A membership drive is also being planned. General meeting of the North Torrance Voters will be held at 7:30 p. m. Nov. 12 at 18512 Ashley Ave.

Sisterhood Plans Varied Activities

Temple Menorah Sisterhood met in regular session at which time Mrs. Albert Kurz, religious school chairman, stressed the need for the donation of a record player for the use of students during religious holidays and special assemblies.

Sisterhood meetings were also changed to the third Tuesday of each month and board meetings will be held on the first Thursday of month.

Plans were also discussed for the Saturday afternoon outing to be held for the Religious school children and their mothers. The outing will include a visit to Marineland and a picnic lunch which each family will bring. Reservations are being taken by Mrs. Abraham Fiul.

The Halloween party for members and friends held Oct. 30 was planned.

During a program, Mrs. Jack Lockyer, pianist, presented a program of popular selections. Mrs. Lockyer and her family, who came here from Vancouver have formed an orchestra and have appeared on several radio shows in Canada and locally.

Mrs. Sydney Siegel concludes the program with a reading "Pictorial History of the Jewish People."

Information concerning Sisterhood activities may be secured from Mrs. Sam Katz.

SOROPTIMISTS

The last regular meeting of the Soroptimist Club was a potluck dinner and card party held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Smith, 1018 W. 164th St.

Students Visit Berry Farm

Knott's Berry Farm was visited by approximately 50 students from the Bettie Thomas Studio recently. They spent the day seeing the sights, after which they attended the "Streets of New York" presented in the third stage theatre. Tom Owens, 16-year-old teacher at the studio and former student, is now playing the accordion at the theatre.

SQUARE DANCE

Thirty-six advanced students of the Bettie Thomas Dance Studio entertained with a Halloween square dance Saturday evening at the studio. Appropos costumes were jeans and cottons. After the dance, refreshments were served by hostesses Mrs. Calvin Clark and Mrs. Louis Collins.

CHURCH BAZAAR ON THURSDAY

Women's Society of the First Methodist church will hold its annual bazaar at the church Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Featured in many of the booths will be home-made cakes, pies, candy, mince meat and fruit cake. Other items will include African violets, kitchen gadgets, novelties and handwork.

From a lunch counter hot food will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. and sandwiches and coffee will be available throughout the day.

This year the group plans to inaugurate an annual Firemen's Benefit Ball to be staged in conjunction with the firemen.

The group's yearly calendar has included basket socials, Easter egg hunt at the Torrance Park, a fashion show with members modeling, support of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce Community Fair, a Christmas box for a needy family, and other community improvement projects.



TEA HONOREE... Ladies Auxiliary of the Torrance Fire Department entertained at tea honoring wives of new firemen. Pictured in the mirror from left, are Meses Helen Langford, Frances Clarke, Loraine Palumbo, and Arline Dial, and facing them is Mrs. Lawrence Sellers, all honor guests. The tea was held at the home of Mrs. Ray Flagg, 1620 Hickory.

Woman's Club Fashion Show Attracts Over 300 Guests

Approximately 300 Torrance Woman's Club members and their guests gathered at the civic auditorium Thursday afternoon for the club's luncheon and fall fashion show, "Winter Fashions to California Living."

Under the direction of Cleo Lambo of the California Club members who modeled men's styles.

The fashion parade included the latest in fashions from coats, casuals, daytime dresses, a winter suit, sport clothes, children's fashions, and concluded with an elegant array of cocktail and evening gowns and the latest in fur coats and stoles.

Mrs. Claude Ferrel served as commentator for the fashion show and a musical background was provided by Mrs. Mrs. Bryndin at the piano, and Mrs. Alvin B. Chandler, cellist.

Luncheon tables had been effectively decorated with arrangements of flowers, and colorfully decorated with new fall jewelry. Coasters by the decorating committee composed of Mrs. J. A. Eisenbrandt, Mrs. A. R. Piccilli, and Mrs. J. P. Montague. Guests were greeted by Mrs. Ray Rogers, president; Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, and Mrs. W. I. Laughon.

Mrs. R. A. Bingham was chairman of the luncheon committee and Mrs. K. D. Higgins was in charge of the dining room committee.

Publicity for the affair was handled by Mrs. W. C. Boswell. Assisting the club were members of the Junior Woman's Club, under the supervision of Mrs. James Weir.

Mrs. Victor Benard, ways and means chairman, introduced the commentator. She was assisted in distributing door prizes by Mrs. R. Rogers and Mrs. W. I. Laughon.

Fuchsia Unit Gives Party

Lomita Fuchsia society entertained with a Halloween party Thursday evening in the VFV hall which was gaily decorated with Jack o'lanterns and other Halloween motifs.

Jack Koebig introduced the guest speaker, J. Harley Yant, who showed a film and made a talk on all kinds of fall gardening, and landscaping.

Commander David E. Fay, 4rd, became a new member and won the new member door prize. The guest door prize went to Miss Lois Shurgot. Birthday plants were awarded to Jack Slaughter, and Mrs. Albert Kannasto.

On Nov. 18 the Fuchsia society will entertain with an all-day festival at the VFV hall at which time plants, household items and homemade foods and handicraft will be offered for sale.

At 8 p. m. an open meeting will be held and an authority on holiday decorations will be the speaker. In charge of the festival will be Mrs. A. Elorriaga and Mrs. Ed Shurgot.

PAYING TRIBUTE... to Mrs. Thomas H. Kuchel, wife of United States Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, who honored Torrance with a visit Wednesday, is Miss Ella Mae McLeod, Torrance hostess, presenting a bouquet of flowers to the visitor on behalf of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The presentation was made at a coffee hour held at the home of Mrs. John W. Beaman, 1518 El Prado. Seventy persons attended the reception to meet the wife of the visiting dignitary.

Club Observes Husband's Nite

Torrance Junior Women's Club observed "Husband's Night" last Wednesday with a potluck supper at the Woman's clubhouse.

A red and white color theme was carried out. Red and white table cloths covered the tables and centerpieces were red and white chrysanthemums.

A spaghetti dinner was served under the direction of Mrs. Richard M. Kojo.

The ways and means project, "Penny an Inch," added entertainment. Husbands' waistlines were measured and they were charged a penny an inch. Proceeds went to the local YWCA.

Louis Zamperini, former Torrance athlete and Olympic champion, was the guest speaker and was presented by Mrs. J. Helpand, program chairman.

October district conference at the Glendale Tuesday Afternoon Club was attended by three members of the local club. Mrs. John Kemp, federation director; Mrs. Richard Heath, and Mrs. George Blahnik.

Committee chairman, Mrs. K. L. McBreen, American Home and Mrs. Don Moore, comic books, attended panel discussions on these phases at the District Headquarters in Los Angeles Tuesday.

BURK HOME IS SCENE OF PARTY

Mrs. Frank Burk entertained with a Halloween surprise birthday party complimenting her husband, Frank Burk, at their home 5104 Zalon Rd. Monday evening. The guests who had been invited to a "Tacky Party" came in costume. Prizes for the best costumes went to Mrs. Laura Thompson and Frank Renz.

The home was cleverly decorated in the Halloween decor. Refreshments were served with a punch known as "Witches Brew."

Guests enjoying the affair were Meses, and Meses: Jasper Fennell, Jim McClune, Howard Smith, Frank Renz, Meses Irene Breedlove, Laura Thompson; Miss Irene Hodges and Dick Fennell.

Y Issue to be Assembly Topic

Electoral members of the YWCA will have an opportunity to discuss issues facing the association at the electoral assembly to be held in November, according to Mrs. Arnold Ecklund, president of the Harbor District Board.

The assembly will be held in two sections, one on Nov. 17 at the headquarters building, 437 West Ninth St., San Pedro and the other Thursday Nov. 18 at the Torrance YWCA, 2320 Carson. Both meetings will be held at 8 p. m. and refreshments will be served.

visions, the "core of the agenda" will be the same at both meetings. On the agenda planning committee are: Meses Paul Koryegay, chairman; Rufus Sandstrom, E. G. Croom, Gerald Griffith, Louis Ladra, Ecklund, Elisa Morris and Otis S. Blackstone.

At the first meeting of this group a general outline was made of all of the issues to be brought before the members this year. At this first of three Electors' Assemblies for the year, the most immediate issues will be considered, namely, the reorganization of the Harbor District YWCA structure, the forthcoming Centennial, and the 1955 Convention.

Torrance Elementary School PTA Goes Over the Top

For the first time in the history of the Torrance Elementary School PTA, 100 per cent was reached in the recent membership drive. This year the PTA, organized in 1923, reached 100 per cent in parent memberships and 100 per cent for the teachers.

Almost 100 prizes were awarded to students who secured five or more memberships. The prizes

came from the PTA's Treasury Chest.

The first prize of \$5 went to William Clemenger's fifth grade, whose percentage was 313. Second prize, also \$5, was awarded to Sam Williams' fifth grade, which had a percentage of 285. Third prize of \$3 went to the third grade taught by Mrs. Janice Hampson. The third grade's percentage was 281.

From Korea

Cpl. Bernard E. Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Francis has returned home from Korea. He is on a thirty day leave and will report to Fort Huachuca Nov. 8. Mr. Francis, father of the corporal, is president of the North Torrance Voters.

At OES Meet

Attending Eastern Star Grand Chapter in Oakland last week were, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wells, Mrs. Fred Cook, and Phyllis Pevely. Wells is the associate patron of the Torrance Chapter, and Miss Pevely is the associate matron.



CELEBRATE VICTORY... Jubilant over the outcome of their membership drive, when 100 per cent was reached for the first time in the history of the Torrance Elementary School PTA, members gathered at the school to make awards. From left, D. Boone Kirk, principal, Mrs. H. F. Heinlein, PTA president; Marty Nakazawa, of the first grade who won first for having brought in 12 memberships, and Mrs. M. A. Bauman, membership chairman.