



FIRST DAY . . . This is what the three Harestad children will wear when they return to school September 14. Daughter Nikki chooses a charcoal gray cotton trimmed in red and concealing a red candy-stripe petticoat, ever popular with the younger set. Kurt, 12, wears a pink and gray plaid shirt matched with gray peggers; and Greg, 7, has on his favorite green and white check shirt and beige peggers. Wearing a black and white check cotton, set off with white collar and cuffs and a rose at the throat, a perfect dress for busy mothers, is Mrs. Paul Harestad of 2849 Onrado.

First School Day Fashion Show Slated
By NORALEE BENEDICT

We are about to see one of the amazing changes in our existence. After months of lazy summer days filled with the ever present questions, demands, needs, cries, and chatter of children, there comes an abrupt silence and emptiness. In one day, the entire routine of life is changed. That's the day the children return to school.

Preparations for this day of days is now in progress, and conversations are filled with talk of lunch boxes, pencils, books, going to bed early, and just how many things have to be bought and how many can be let out to fit for one more year.

The outfit to be worn on the first day of school suddenly becomes a thing of vital importance. Mrs. Paul Harestad 2849

Sir William Honored by Local Group

The Lomita Court of Amaranth 61 held a reception recently for their grand officer, Sir Knight William Sykes, the grand representative to England from the state of California.

His mother, Mrs. Phoebe Sykes, was mistress of ceremonies. She and the grand royal patron, Charles Barnes, were escorted into the court room by Ada Andersen, the honored marshal, and Ann Long, past royal matron.

Supreme officers present were May McCormick and Abigail Dennis.

Among the grand officers present were Marjorie Colburn, grand conductress; Lela Land, honored lady; and the lecturer of the court.

Onrado, mother of two sons, Kurt, 12, and Greg, 7, and a daughter, Nikki, 5, stressed the importance of sturdy trousers for boys, leaving the less practical and more decorative side of dressing to brightly colored shirts. She chooses cotton frocks for her daughter, who will be in the first grade this year, striking the balance between that which is easily washable and that which pleases the fashion-conscious Nikki.

Pamela's First Year
Mrs. William Boswell, Jr., 2842 Onrado, will allow her daughter a certain degree of personal preference over her own sense of practicality, because this will be Pamela's first year in school. Mrs. Boswell is well aware of the psychological importance of making school as much a matter of choice and pleasure as possible.

No Dyer Problem
Mrs. Louise Dyer, 2838 Onrado, has no problem with choosing an outfit for her son, Denny, who is 9, always decides to wear his best trousers, white shirt, and tie on that day. This, he feels, takes care of his obligation to the demands of society and he can then relax and not be bothered with formal dress for a good many months.

Deirdre, Mrs. Dyer's daughter, prefers bright colors for her first grade cottons, and with her vivid coloring wears them well. The three mothers all active in the Madrona P.T.A. are particularly interested in having that important first day go smoothly, for they realize that an entire year of happy days may rest on those first few hours.

Future Wedding Belles



MISS MAUREEN MCGARRY . . . July bride.



MISS JOAN RUTH EVANS . . . January bride. Photo Arts Photo.



MISS MARY HELEN SKIPPER . . . June bride.

Plan June Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. McGarry of 1551 West 215th street are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Maureen, to Larry Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paulus A. Stone of 144 Genoa, Arcadia.

The wedding is planned for July of next year.

The couple became engaged in Europe when Miss McGarry spent two weeks in Paris on a guided tour. Stone, who is serving with the United States Army in Europe, joined her there.

The bride-elect was graduated from Narbonne high school in 1950. She attended Harbor Junior college and was a member of Rho Delta Psi sorority and two national honorary societies; Alpha Mu Gamma and Alpha Gamma Sigma.

In 1954 she graduated from Whittier college and is now a kindergarten teacher at Crenshaw school.

Stone graduated from El Monte high school and attended California State Polytechnic college before entering the service.

Rebekahs To Meet

The Torrance Rebekah club will begin its meetings on Wednesday, September 14, at the Torrance Masonic Temple, 1321 1/2 Sartori, at 8 p.m.

The meetings will be held every second and fourth Wednesday for the rest of the year.

Information may be obtained by calling Mrs. F. A. Isbell, FAirfax 8-3615, or Mrs. W. G. Powers, DAVenport 6-4505.

Joan Evans Betrothed

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Evans of 18401 South Western avenue have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joan Ruth, to John Amsberry, son of Loren Amsberry of Compton.

The wedding will take place in January after the return of Sgt. Harry Kemp Evans, brother of the bride-to-be, who is away in service.

Miss Evans is a graduate of Torrance high school. Both Miss Evans and Amsberry were students at Compton Junior college.

The future bride is a member of the GAA and the Junior Business Women.

Amsberry is a former navy man.

High Holiday Services Set

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services for the high holidays will be held for the first time this year in the new home of the Gardena Valley Jewish Center at 14725 Gramercy place in Gardena.

Rabbi Moïshe S. Amine will conduct the services, and a choir will also be in attendance.

For information call DA. 4-6748, DA. 4-2613 or DA. 4-6175.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Skipper of 916 Beech avenue are formally announcing the engagement of their daughter, Mary Helen, to Joseph Paul Netter of Lomita.

The wedding will take place after graduation in June.

Miss Skipper is a senior at Torrance high school and Netter is a senior at Narbonne high school, and a member of the Delta sorority.

Fete Board Members

Mrs. W. L. Wilson entertained at her home, 21115 South Hobart last Monday evening.

The guest list included the Halldale P.T.A. board members.

Attending were: Mrs. William Brock, Mrs. Louis Funk, Mrs. Earl Malone, Mrs. George Winters, Mrs. W. H. McGuire, Mrs. Frank Bowling, Mrs. D. K. Mitchell, Mrs. Irving Caultkins, and Mrs. Wayne H. Vinson.

Games were played and Mrs. Winters won a flower pot, salt and pepper shaker.

The hostess served home-made cream-puffs and coffee.

"Mrs. P-TA" Dresses To Suit the Office

The Perry school "Mrs. P-TA" fashion show and tea was held on the lawn of the school yesterday afternoon.

The theme of the fashion show was based on the Miss Universe contest. Each member of the board for the coming year was attired in an outfit which aptly reflected the office she holds.

California Club Elects Donna Wolf

Donna Pat Wolf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don B. Wolf, 21804 Halldale ave., has been honored with a membership in the California club at the University of California, Santa Barbara College.

The organization is composed of 20 members on each campus of the University who are selected by president Robert Gordon Sproul from the outstanding student leaders on each campus, it was explained by Dr. Stephen Goodspeed, associate professor of political science and faculty adviser for the Santa Barbara chapter.

Continuity and commentary for the fashion parade were done by Mrs. Kenneth W. McVey.

Contestants and the offices represented were: Mrs. R. F. Dohner, Mrs. President; Mrs. T. R. Jackson, Mrs. Vice-president; Mrs. R. E. Nelson, Mrs. Secretary; Mrs. Frances Fox, Mrs. Auditor; Mrs. E. Carlstrom, Mrs. Historian; Mrs. Kenneth McVey, Mrs. Parliamentarian; Mrs. Eugene Phillips, Mrs. Parent Education; Mrs. H. D. Watkins, Mrs. Room Representative; and Mrs. Eleanor Jones, Mrs. Co-room Representative.

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Myrtle Barter New Nursery Director

Mrs. Myrtle Barter has been named the new director of the Torrance co-operative nursery school. Mrs. Barter comes to the school from the Olympic co-operative nursery in Los Angeles.

She served there as director for three years and was instrumental in initiating and developing the policies that led to the construction and completion of the school building.

Previous to this, Mrs. Barter helped to organize the Gloria Homes nursery school, a recent development of the Crenshaw center.

While attending Oregon State university during the summer of 1954, she did special work with Katherine Read, head of "Family Life Program," and author of a number of books on nursery school technique.

Her background also includes a study of social welfare work at Oregon State.

Under her direction, the Torrance school will begin its fourth year in operation. The school is sponsored by the Torrance Unified School district.

Each week the parents meet at the high school to discuss problems they have in common and the proper guidance of their children. The nursery



Mrs. Myrtle Barter

school is the actual workshop to supplement this course.

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