

Here at Home

By Maude Miller

Spring Is Here . . . Almost!

There's an old song that goes: "Spring is here, why doesn't my heart go dancing?"

Can't answer that one. It's probably the lament of a bachelor for whom the wife of life has gone sour. Like the bachelor who had been trying to advise his married friend about his marital troubles. Married man finally got impatient and cried, "What makes you so cynical? You don't know anything about it. You're not even married."

"That's quite true," agreed the bachelor. "But then, I'm no hen either, and I consider myself a far better judge of a good egg than any hen in the country."

Don't know what started us on this tack . . . except our heart has been dancing, feeling quite giddy in fact . . . and fully expect all of you to come up with the same reaction. How come? Well . . . just saw the darndest collection of bathing suits at the SAM LEVY DEPT. STORE! They're the new CATALINA line . . . and if you doubt that mere bathing suits can cause such a reaction, here's a sample of their names and (partial) descriptions: "Floral-adorable," a mad cotton print in ombre and lime; "Best Bean," classic latex in pearly pink or so smooth black; "Pagan Girl," a latex print with what is called a "boy leg" (haven't figured out why, but it is figure enhancing); "Heart Throb" (wow!) black outlined in white lace trim, or white with black lace overlay. Sound pretty good? Poor bachelors . . . they haven't got a chance. And this is Leap Year too!

Woman Side

Thought our bathing suit revelations were earth-shaking enough. But we've got some more delightful news. Sam Levy's has become sort of famous for their fabulous cashmere sweaters with perfectly dyed-to-match flannel skirts. The first batch got sold out . . . but more, and brand-new ones, await you. Heavenly Spring colors too . . . turquoise, raspberry, lavender, blonde, and Easter yellow. Superb they are, and that's how you'll look in them. (Thrill tip: they're not nearly as expensive as they look, and they'll last practically forever.)

One more quick hint: if you've never bought shoes at Sam Levy's you're in for a wonderful surprise. Shoes, shoes, shoes . . . feminine, lovely, perfect underpinnings for your perfect Spring wardrobe. Colorful ones in woven pink, blue or white straw. Plastics? Of course . . . combined with pink, blue or nude leather. And flats that can best be described as "doll babies." Gee, we've got everything!

Man Side

Honest, fellas, there's something new in Men's Wear! You've been hearing about coordinated look for women? It's now yours . . . and man, it's good looking! Sam Levy's now has matching slacks and short-sleeved shirts in a rayon gabardine fleck. For a mere \$16.95 (for both crease-resistant masterpieces) you can look real pulled together. Neat, cool and handsome.

Our Side

Congratulations to all the splendid people who worked on the M.C.A. drive, under the chairmanship of Sam Levy! They went over the top . . . which means the boys of our town will have care, recreation, fun, summer day camp. All the good things of life that makes a boy into a good man! It's nice living in a town that cares for the folks right here at home . . . and where it's fun and easy to shop. Especially at 1311 Sartori. SAM LEVY DEPT. STORE. Naturally!

AIRCRAFT BIDS

An association to bid on 12 government executive twin engine aircraft has been formed consisting of O. C. Field, Charles Giles, and Bob Jahn. Bids have been sent to Clearfield, Utah.

Now you Know!

The answers to everyday insurance problems* By Les King

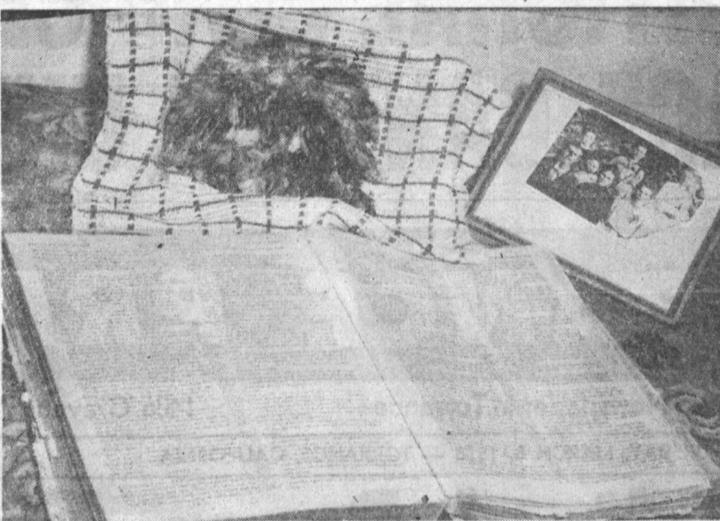


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BIBLE, PICTURE, AND FEATHER CROWN. They found the feather crown in the pillow. —Press Photo

Family Finds Feather Crown in Death Pillow

The story of how a feather crown was found on a death bed 22 years ago was brought to light here this week.

According to a belief prevalent among southern and mid-western states, a feather crown may be found in the pillow of a saintly person at the time of death.

Possessing such a crown is Mrs. Tom McDonald of 23123 Arlington. The crown was

allegedly found in her mother's pillow at the time of her death. "I wanted someone to know about this," Mrs. McDonald explained. "It only happens once in a hundred years."

Hardly a day goes by that Mrs. McDonald said that her sister, Mrs. Dave Greenan, and their father noticed something "hard" in the pillow following the death of the mother, Mrs. D. A. Francis.

"Don't disturb it," the father cautioned, "it's a crown. Upon opening the pillow, they discovered the feather crown which is now in Mrs. McDonald's possession."

The feather crown is a solid whorl of uniformly overlapping feathers. The feathers are small, colored, and almost exactly the same size. They are fitted so perfectly one over the other that it is difficult to dislodge them. The crown is about 4" in diameter with a small hole in the middle. It can be dropped on the floor without coming apart.

Mrs. McDonald explained that her mother was born in 1854 in Clinton, Tennessee. She died in Greenwood, Arkansas in 1933.

'Good People' "My mother was 27 years old when she married. She had five daughters. Mother has always been a good Christian woman. She tried to raise her children right."

The father, who died four years later, was "just as good a man," Mrs. McDonald said, al-

though they did not find a crown in his pillow.

"My father was known as one of the best Christian men—he and mother were just poor folks like us, but they were good people."

Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. McDonald have lived in Torrance since 1933, coming here from Arkansas. They have two sons and a daughter.

They will be glad to show the feather crown to interested individuals.

"Some people don't believe in feather crowns," Mrs. McDonald concluded. "But we know it's true."

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Why It's Necessary to Report Crime News on the Front Page

"Stop splashing crime news all over the front page!" Sooner or later every newspaperman hears that comment made in public or in private. It was made again only recently during public discussions of juvenile delinquency. There are good reasons why newspapers persist in placing bad news on their front page.

To begin with, a newspaper is committed strictly to reporting nothing but the facts.

It is too bad that we must carry crime news. But we do not make the news. People make the news. We only report it.

When a small crime is committed, it must be reported as a small crime. But when a big crime is committed, it must be bannered across the front page.

Wouldn't it be better if newspapers played down the bad news and shifted the emphasis to good news which is so much more prevalent?

We do not think so. A newspaper must print both the good news and the bad news, letting the event dictate the prominence that it will be given.

Anything less would result in the distortion of the Truth. A free press is one of the most powerful and effective instruments in the hands of a free people.

A free press is dedicated to only one thing . . . to be the mirror and the conscience of a community.

A community, like an individual, must be permitted to take pride in its accomplishments and virtues. But it must also be willing to see its flaws and shortcomings so that it might correct them.

Strife, evil and corruption would like nothing better than to work in silence and in darkness, hiding from the public gaze and conscience.

A community will want to know the hard, unglamorous facts and will not be afraid to face them. Only in this way can a community avoid a false spirit of complacency and pursue the path of self-improvement and perfection.

Bright Future Ahead as 'Y' Drive Goes Over Top

Torrance's YMCA fund-raising drive soared sky-high above any previous achievement, emerging with \$18,229, thus even topping its bold \$17,000 goal.

Every one of the four divisions went over the top, with the following figures reported: Industrial section leader, C. C. Morgan; goal, \$10,000, secured \$10,228. Commercial section leader, Ed Raphael and Paul Diamond; goal \$3000, secured \$3804. Professional section leader, Dr. John Beeman; goal \$3000, secured \$3037. Field section leader, Mrs. Ella Schwartz; goal \$1000, secured \$1230. Totals: Goal \$17,000, secured \$18,229.

The money will be used to hire a full-time manager, part-time program director, and a full-time stenographer, as well as to carry on an active YMCA program. Torrance's YMCA had been on a wobbly footing lately, and community leaders decided to shake an all-out effort to restore the 'Y' program to the prominence it deserves. "It is certainly gratifying to see all divisions of the campaign go over the top," Sam Levy, general chairman, stated. "I would like to thank all the volunteers who worked on the 1956 campaign."

Jahn Opens Headquarters Bob Jahn, candidate for City Council, opened headquarters this week at 3808 Pacific Coast highway. The office will be open all day Saturday and every Sunday morning starting at 9 a.m. Jahn invites individuals to come in for information, questions and to get acquainted.

Candidates To Address Demos

An invitation was issued this week to candidates running for City Council to express their views on local issues at a meeting of the Torrance Democrats.

The group will meet March 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Rene Dean, 1443 Post ave., according to T. D. Fleetwood, chairman.

Orchestra And Band Win Ratings

The North high band and orchestra tooted, fluted, and fiddled their way up to a superior and excellent rating, respectively, at the South Los Angeles County Music Festival held at Inglewood high school March 3.

Soloists receiving a "superior" rating were: Bob Wyatt, trumpet; Lee Lussing, Jim Peel, drums; and Alan Certik, French Horn. Mike Henderson and Rod Collins, tenor sax were rated "excellent" as was a clarinet trio composed of Suzanne Mosher, Kay Groves, and Joan McKinnon. Two brass ensembles won a superior rating also, a trumpet trio with Ruben Fillon, John Dubois, and David Klemp, and a brass sextet with Dick Powell, Kim Browning, Alan Certik, Phyllis Kemp, Dick Bybee, and Ken Cook.

North high band and orchestra director, J. M. Baum, stated that 58 of the 70 band members have never played at a festival before and that 29 of the 35 members of the orchestra were likewise playing for their first festival.

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