



Make It a Date

April 11 is the deadline for returning the nominating entry blank found on this page for the "Outstanding Women of the Year" contest sponsored by the Torrance Press. Final entries describing the candidates and reasons for selection should be returned before May 15.—Press Photo.

'Outstanding Women of The Year' Entry Blank

We intend to enter a candidate in the First Annual "Women of the Year" contest sponsored by the Torrance Press.

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CONTEST DEADLINE May 15

Women . . .

Club News Society News

DURFEE PARKINS, Women's Editor

Contest Open To All Women In Torrance

All women of Torrance are invited to participate in the first annual "Women of the Year" contest sponsored by the Torrance Press.

Five separate awards will be made at an invitational luncheon, May 23, for outstanding women leaders in five fields: PTA, Social and Philanthropic, Business and Professional, Civic and Cultural, and Church activities.

One important factor to keep in mind is that winners will not be restricted to contributions made during the year, but outstanding work at any time will be considered. Sponsoring clubs will necessarily be limited to one entry. However, women not affiliated with any club may be recommended by individuals provided their contributions fall into one of the five categories.

Final judging in the contest will be made by prominent women in the community whose identity will remain undisclosed.

In a community the size of Torrance there are naturally many outstanding personalities. It is our purpose to recognize and honor these individuals through this award search.

If there are any questions regarding the divisions, or rules of the contest, contact the Society Editor of the Torrance Press at FA 8-2345.

PERRY SCHOOL PTA OFFICERS ELECTED

At the March meeting of Perry School PTA Mrs. Kenneth Judd was elected president for 1957-58 to succeed Mrs. T. R. Jackson.

Other officers elected include Mrs. Frank Solis, vice-president; Eugene Phillips, secretary; Jerome Lemberger, treasurer; Barba Watwood, auditor; and James Reynolds, historian.

Mrs. Roscoe Anthony, room representative, announced that she and her co-room representative, Mrs. Dorothy Morgan, planned to honor this year's room mothers and their helpers at a reception in the school cafeteria Thursday, March 28.

In appreciation of the fact that these mothers have co-operated so loyally and willingly with PTA projects during the year, the executive board for the year 1956-57 will host the event. Perry teachers have also been invited.

MRS. AMERICA CONTEST

Torrance Woman to Represent South Bay in Statewide Finals



On First Plateau

Mrs. Virginia May Levanas, regional winner of the Mrs. America contest, is congratulated by Southern California Gas co., division manager, Carl Shupp.

Mrs. Virginia May Levanas, 5514 Via del Valle, was selected to represent the South Bay area in the Mrs. America contest sponsored by the California Gas co.

As regional winner, Mrs. Levanas will compete with the other regional finalists April 1-3 at the Beverly Hilton hotel for the Mrs. California title. If she is successful, she will vie for the national title at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and \$15,000 in prizes.

A registered nurse, mother of four children, and wife of a Shell Oil co., chemist, Mrs. Levanas was selected after a thorough screening on her skill in baking a cake, sewing, and ironing. The Mrs. California selection will be based on her ability as a cook, homemaker, family "pillar", and active community member.

Mrs. Levanas won, as regional winner, many valuable prizes including an RCA Whirlpool gas dryer, a tender-made ham from Wilson and co., a cake 'n camister set, and a three-day all-expense paid stay at the Beverly Hilton hotel with her husband, Leo, during the statewide finals.

Judges for the regional finals were Dick Fitzgerald of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Jerry Greene, President of the Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Doris Welton, of Palos Verdes, and winner of the 1956 regional finals; and Mrs. Marion Herzog, Home Economist from Monroe Junior High school, Inglewood.

SEPULVEDA SCHOOL PTA HEARS CARUTH, L. A. CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST

Clifton J. Caruth, Acting Chief Psychologist of the Los Angeles Mental Hygiene clinic, spoke on "Child Psychology vs. the Child" at the Sepulveda PTA meeting March 21.

Active Trend

"Although the trend toward better mental health for the past fifty years has been good," Caruth stated, "there is the unfortunate effect of parent losing confidence in his own child as a result of the widespread number of books, theories and talks on the subject of child psychology."

"The child finds himself battling child psychology and the parents end up not knowing their own children," he said.

Emphasizing the radical change in the handling of children, Caruth stressed the fact that "in the '20's a prominent psychologist named Watson recommended conditioning children with rigid schedules and a repeat routine. This was known as the "potty chair" type of psychology. After a few years the swing was entirely in the opposite direction: Children were allowed to express themselves. No rigid rules were emphasized and freedom of expression was largely the basis for child training."

Caruth drew particular attention to the fact that there is no disturbed child without a disturbed home element. Sometimes even the parent is not

aware of this reflection upon the child's behavior.

Treatment for Parents

Unless the parent admits that perhaps there is something wrong at home with the family's home life, no child is accepted at the clinic for treatment. The parents themselves undergo treatment at the same time with the child in order to get at the root of the difficulty.

The school can contribute beneficial knowledge about the child. By working more closely with schools and contacting parents about problems it is possible to "nip a problem in the bud," Caruth stated.

In the past few years, a San Pedro branch clinic has been established. There is a minimum fee of fifty cents for those who cannot afford private psychiatric help. The clinics operating for mental hygiene are eager to cooperate with parents and schools, Caruth continued.

Caruth noted that "comic books do much less damage than people think. Too much blame is placed on comic books and television for acts of juvenile delinquency. The child who potentially is going to act in some aggressive manner will merely gather ideas from them."

Officers Selected

Preceding his talk, an election of officers for next year was held. Those elected to office were: president, Mrs. Ben Holden; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Paul Halbach; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Robert Dexter; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. John Cariveau; auditor, John Merrin; treasurer, Charles Bennen; historian, Mrs. Edward Ogdon; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. Craig; and recording secretary, Mrs. Allan Hosman.

During the business meeting President Mrs. Albert Yackie, reported that Mrs. A. Craig, Bill Abernathy, John Cariveau, Robert Whitney, John Regan, and Albert Yackie would attend the PTA District Convention, April 11.

Mrs. Jean DeGutes, 3rd vice-president, reported that on March 30 there will be a "second cup of coffee" get together.

at El Retiro park between 9 and 11 a.m.

Robert Dexter, principal, introduced the following teachers who have been added to the teaching staff in January: Mrs. Nita Pascal, Miss Mary Larkins and Mrs. Ruth McDougal.

Entertainment was provided by the Riviera Mothers Singers.

Neighbors To Host Convention

Saturday, March 30, will be a big day for Royal Neighbors. Torrance Camp number 8908 will host the Southern California District assn.'s 46th annual meeting. Forty camps will be represented, and about 400 Neighbors are expected to register.

The school of instruction will be held during the afternoon session at 1:30 p.m.

The evening session is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. An interesting program has been arranged, and the Ever-Ready Degree staff of Los Angeles will initiate a group of candidates. Dinner will be served for the Neighbors by the Jobs Daughters Mothers club in the dining room of the Masonic Temple where the convention will be held.

All Royal Neighbors in the vicinity are invited.

LIONESS CLUB WILL MEET

On Monday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Tijuana Cafe, 1035 Redondo Beach Blvd. Maxine Holt will preside at the North Torrance Lioness business meeting. Mrs. Olive Hunter will be hostess for the evening.

All ladies whose husbands are members of the North Torrance Lion's club are eligible and invited to join the Lioness club. For information call vice-president Thelma Chambers.

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More information can be obtained by contacting Marilyn Jensen at the Torrance Recreation department, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

Other sports programs that are available include coed badminton on Monday evenings in the Girls' Gym and coed volleyball on Thursday evenings in the Boys' Gym at Torrance High school.

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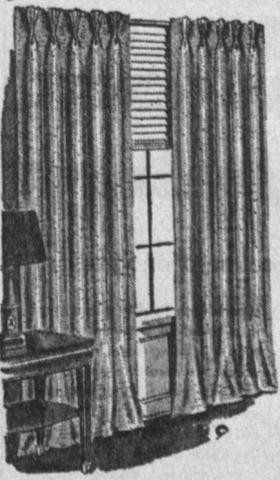
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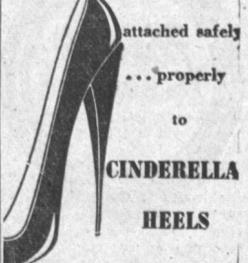
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