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WOMAN OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE

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## Mrs. Leon Maxey First Candidate for Torrance Woman of the Year

By Janice Coe

"I never get bored . . . and I don't understand why anyone in our city should. There's so much to do, so much to learn. I just wish I had more time!"

A smile lighted the eloquent face and dark eyes of Ruth Maxey as she talked over an early morning cup of coffee. Ruth is amazed and delighted at being the first week's winner in the Torrance Press Woman of the Year Award.

It was 9 a.m. . . yet the charming living room with its well filled book case and seascape paintings was completely in order. Not a dish was in sight in the compact kitchen open to view from the living-dining room of the comfortable bungalow. Five people, including three children had gone through the usual morning scramble of getting clothed, fed and out of the house. Yet Mother was groomed, dressed simply but well in a dress she had made herself, and as gracious and cheerful as if it were tea-time.

"What's your secret?" we asked Mrs. Maxey, who had been nominated as Woman of the Year by a friend and neighbor . . . "Have you a formula?"

The ready, soft laugh came again, laughter at herself. "Maybe I just know how to live in the midst of confusion. But seriously, the children all have definite responsibilities, and they do them with little supervision or forcing. They each have a room, and take complete charge of it. They make their beds, and on Saturday morning change the bedding and clean their rooms thoroughly."

"Janice, who is thirteen," she continued, "is especially helpful, making lunches and even helping me with the rest of the house when she has time. Richard, 12, has the special job of taking out the trash, and Judy, 10, cleans one bathroom. The yard work is divided among all of us. The children feel needed and they really are needed." The Maxeys have lived in Tor-

## WINNING LETTER

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My nomination for Torrance Woman of the Year is Mrs. Leon Maxey.

Mrs. Maxey is an attractive, brown-eyed brunette, with a ready smile and gentle voice. She has charm, kindness, and wit for all with whom she comes in contact, and in spite of her many and varied activities; and limited time is pleasant and helpful to all.

Mrs. Maxey is a homemaker, president of the Meadow Park PTA and attends El Camino College two days a week, in order to obtain a teacher's degree in home economics, become a teacher, and enable her children to acquire a college education.

She has done more than her share of work in organizing PTA offices, meetings, school activities, errands, and working at school and with other mothers to help out wherever needed.

Her home is the meeting place for many of her children's friends. Her three children — Janice, 13, Richard, 12, and Judy, 10 — are happy, well cared for, and well dressed. Mrs. Maxey keeps her family dressed well by doing her sewing for her self, Mr. Maxey, and children. This she accomplishes by staying up late at night after her many other duties and chores for the day are accomplished.

Mrs. Maxey also baby-sits for her neighbors and takes time to visit those who are ill or are in financial distress.

Mrs. Maxey does her own house cleaning, laundry, cooking, beauty care, shopping, sewing, driving, and typing for herself and school activities.

She is truly a service and a joy to her family, friends, her community, and mankind. This generous, warm-hearted woman deserves to be the Woman of the Year For Torrance.

Mrs. D. R. Kallenberger

rance for only 2½ years, having come here from Paducah, Texas, population 2500. Now Ruth is president of the PTA, attends El Camino College for a degree in teaching Home Economics, and keeps a household of rugged individualists going and happy. She insists that her activity is due entirely to her chil-

dren, who are always volunteering her services at school. If there was a cake to be baked, costumes to be sewed, special events to be serviced, Janice or Richard or little Judy would assure the teacher that their Mom would be happy to do it. And so she rose from helper, to room mother, to committee chairman, to president of Meadow Park PTA.

"The children are born leaders, I'm not," she confides. "They've pushed me into all I've done. Basically I'm very shy, and I still get weak-kneed at an As-

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## Youth Symphony to Present Yule Concert Tuesday

The Harbor Area Youth Symphony will present its annual Christmas concert Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Narbonne High School, 24300 S. Western Ave.

The group is sponsored by the Harbor City-Lomita Lions Club. Under the direction of founder-conductor, Eugene Minor, the orchestra will play The Magic Flute Overture, Mozart; selections from the King and I, Rodgers; Concertino in G Flat for Clarinet and Orchestra, Weber; Scene from Swan Lake, Tchaikovsky; excerpts from Handel's Messiah; Marche Slave, Tchaikovsky; and Merry Christmas, Frankliser.

Featured as clarinetist for the evening will be Robert Hoeven, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hoeven of 789 W. 29th St., San Pedro.

Piano soloist will be Lucy Harris. She will play Rondo from Sonata in D Major by Beethoven and Ballade in G Minor by Brahms.

Also appearing will be the St. Matthews Lutheran Choir of Harbor City.

Irene Kinsey, artist and actress, will be mistress of ceremonies.

This concert is open to the public without charge.

## Lincoln School to View Drama

Lincoln Elementary PTA will view a Christmas drama entitled "Why the Chimes Rang" at its holiday meeting this evening, 7:30 p.m., in the school cafeteria.

The play directed by Jane Shelley, will be presented by seventh and eighth grade students.

Included in the cast are Kathy McLaughlin, Richard Orr, Karen Avery, Bruce Cole, Ronald Gerisch, and Donna Allidis.

Other items scheduled on the program are a chalk talk on the Christmas story by Rose Mary Ulland and a musical recital by the kindergarten.

Walter Buettgenbach, principal, will receive a painting of Abraham Lincoln from artist Bud Thomas presented on behalf of the Lions' Club of North Torrance.

## Arlington PTA Slates Yule Party

"The Christmas Party" will be the theme of the program presented by Doris Croser today at the PTA association meeting.

Those included in the program will be the Mothersingers, directed by Mrs. Jerry Leonard and the Arlington band under the direction of Neil Short.

Angie Comomre will lead the chorus in a group of Christmas songs. Carol Anderson's group will do a choral reading.

At the short business meeting preceding the program, Mrs. Floyd Quattrini, president, will report the approval of a donation of \$50 each, to be given to the milk and lunch fund, dental fund, and scholarship fund from the PTA unit.

## Tri-Deltas Plan Holiday Party

South Bay Tri Deltas will celebrate the holiday season at a party in the residence of Mrs. Carl Stoffers Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Hostesses are Mmes. Henry P. Sullivan, Rolling Hills Estates; R. Curtis Johnson, Palos Verdes Estates; and Ronald D. Holt, Torrance.

A special holiday dessert has been planned for the event.

## RED CROSS BLOOD UNIT HERE TODAY

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be in Torrance today at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border St., from 2:30 to 7 p.m.

Because space is limited, and the number of volunteer assistants and nurses restricted, donors are being urged to make reservations so that there will be no delay. Mrs. Robert Orsini, FA 8-0647, is in charge.

## Tip to Toe

By Sylvia Miller  
Fashion Editor

**MEN, TAKE TO THE BARRICADES!**  
I'd hate to be a bachelor this up-coming holiday season. Women's clothes are too gay, glamorous and exciting for even the wildest wolf to resist.

Take, for instance, the separates-that-mate, duo we've found at Pic-Wic Fashion Shop, that charmingly decorated den on El Prado in downtown Torrance. "Sportivo of California," which boasts a miniature map of Italy on its label comes up with the dashing continental look in a spectacular go-together shirt and skirt.

The classic silk shirt in electric peacock blue has a notched collar, roll-up sleeves, self-covered buttons . . . and three swirling circles of shocking pink, blue and bottle green.

Pure silk print fashions the full, full skirt on which the circles spin gaily in the same three burstingly bright colors. The skirt is twist-proof because it hangs even and secure from a two-button, wide waistband, and is stiffened by its own taffeta petticoat.

And what will they think of next? On a shocking pink, burlap skirt, fully pelon lined . . . demurely grazes the gayest green giraffe you ever hope to see!

Hand-made by Ethel of Beverly Hills, the full-circle skirt is delightfully decorated with an applied felt giraffe amidst hand-painted desert foliage. To complement this conversation piece which is guaranteed to get any party going . . . a quiet black cardigan sweater in a reverse, flat shaker knit and the hand made look of self covered buttons. We particularly love this sweater, with its new-look raglan sleeves, flat collar, wrists and waist band, and a winter green silk rose perched below the shoulder.

And if you've given up bachelorhood, Men, or are about to . . . we can't think of more heart warming gifts than these.

### Top Tips

Holiday hostesses find handsome go-together capri sets more and more comfortable for company wear. Pic-Wic Fashions' features a wide variety of these complete outfits from \$7.98 and on up.

Two for tea . . . or spirits . . . are both in white, that best of all winter color. One outfit consists of white all wool flannel capris, fully lined, and a decid-



**LUCKY HOSTESS**—Holiday fun is guaranteed by this shocking-pink burlap skirt decorated with hand-applied giraffe and hand-painted foliage. Handsome black cardigan features raglan sleeves. Available at Pic-Wic. Sweater, \$25; skirt, \$49.98. Press Photo

edly Italianly easy putover top of interesting waffle knit. Top has a bateau neck, distinctive rounded yoke line, three jeweled buttons and is fully taffeta lined.

The other outfit is of frosty white lace in a rib-tickler, back buttoned, bateau necked, short sleeved top; and long, slim capris which are back-zipped and fully lined as is the top. And a bright red cummerbund, and you'll be as prettily wrapped as anything under the Christmas tree . . . from tip to toe!

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