

Torrance Woman of the Year Named Today at Award Luncheon in Honor of Candidates

for and about Women

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VALENTINE BENEFIT—Mmes. John Barrington (left), Jack E. Long and Leonard Ensminger of Memorial Hospital Auxiliary admire decorations for club's Valentine ball.

Winning Plaque to be Presented by Mayor Isen

The Torrance Woman of the Year campaign will culminate today at a gala luncheon in the Konya Room of the Palms with Mayor Albert Isen presenting the winning plaque to the city's outstanding woman of 1959.

Mmes. Leon Maxey, Louis Bisou, Robert Orsini, Gordon Goodwin, Kenneth McVey, Rose Craig, and Bert Lynn, the seven candidates deemed worthy of the award by readers of the PRESS, will be guests of honor.

On hand to congratulate them will be their sponsors, Rabbi Henri Front of Temple Menorah, Dick Fitzgerald, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mmes. Alexander Majack, Edward Schwartz, William Klawoon, Roger Hogue, and D. R. Kallenberger.

Sylvia Miller, Press Fashion Editor, is luncheon chairman.

The campaign was instituted by The Press in recognition and appreciation of the Torrance women who serve beyond the call of duty in their homes, in the PTA, and in civic organizations.

"All candidates are highly qualified. It will be a difficult choice," William Zappas, publisher of the press, noted. A group of leading Torrance citizens will assist Zappas in making the selection.



SPEED FASHIONS—White Stag of California matches reversible cotton twill in high-fashion colors and plaid check other-side, to slim-line Southampton length twill pants.



OLYMPIC ENSEMBLE — Ideal for Olympic games viewing, or casual wear anywhere. Tapers of Botany wool flannel with matching vest and cotton shirt. By Stephanie Koret.

Survey Shows Teenage Marriages Precarious

Forty-seven percent of all first brides in the United States today are under nineteen.

Twenty-six percent are under eighteen. According to the Census Bureau, teenage marriages are three times more liable to end in divorce than marriages involving brides in their twenties.

Then why do high school students continue to rush into quick marriages, regardless of the risk involved?

Primarily to seek escape from their parents, satisfaction of physical desire, security, or a sense of belonging to the crowd, according to a report in the February issue of Seventeen Magazine entitled, "What Love is Not."

To probe the modern phenomenon of the rapidly rising teen marriage merry-go-round, Seventeen consulted prominent authorities in the fields of marriage and guidance counseling.

According to Dr. Rebecca Liswood, executive director of the Marriage Counseling Service of Greater New York, the immaturity of teenagers underlies their inability to cope with the demands of marriage. "Marriage is for grownups," said Dr. Liswood. "Teenagers literally have not lived long enough to develop the basic maturity that marriage demands."

Or the teen girl may seek love "as a convenient outlet for other needs." Dr. Esther Lloyd-Jones, head of the Department of Guidance and Personnel Administration at Teachers College, Columbia University, believes that today there exists "an easy acceptance of next steps without necessarily weighing them in terms of foresight, caution, a long view of life. This permits and encourages young people to take the line of least resistance."

Still another explanation for the rapid rise in the number of teenage marriages comes from Dr. Nathan Ackerman, director of research for the Psychiatric Clinic of the Jewish Family Service in New York.

"In many cases . . . the couple is not looking for sexual thrills, but for a secure niche in society . . . they want a nice steady job, a regular income, a little home with gadgets. And there is the contagious fright. Kids are frightened because they live in a world without certainty and they don't know what lies ahead."

Sometimes the practice of steady dating can lead into a too-early marriage. Dr. Carolyn Hewson, psychologist and guidance consultant for the Pelham, New York, public schools, reports that teens tell her they prefer going steady because it's "the easy way." She recommends that teenagers who think they are in love try spending an evening together without touching each other and see how it affects their relationship. Many teens, she adds, "may just have a feeling of something in common, but the common bond may be no more than a desire to get away

Tip to Toe

By Sylvia Miller
Fashion Editor

That giant of newspaper columnists, Heywood Broun, who was as much a part of the 20's and early 30's as Winchell, speak-easies and Capone, once made a statement that belongs in a literary hall of fame.

"Whenever I feel the urge to exercise," said the portly Broun, "I lie down until it passes over."

This inspired remark has been credited since to many other famous people. But take my word for it . . . the drily witty Broun was the originator.

And if he hadn't said it first . . . I would have!

While leisure hours grow, and Americans use every moment of them for unceasing activity which they call play or sport . . . I sit on the sidelines, eternally dedicated to the proposition that a woman looks far better in repose than in frenetic action.

A woman's role, as I see it, should be one of serene support for her man . . . cheering, encouraging, but not participating.

For this important function a girl must have the right clothes . . . clothes that set the mood, mark her as an indispensable part of the scene. And for this purpose California designers are thinking up, and California manufacturers are making up, Charmingly chic outfits for sports viewing.

Of course, grandma's opinion to the contrary, you may well be an outdoor type girl! The ski slopes are your beat, the golf course your refuge, the swimming pool your grotto. Frankly, this might be smart. There are no statistics to prove it, but I'm sure many a male has been captured by a shapely Diana who was hunting for bigger game than deer.

If so, the same outfits described above . . . colorful, comfortable, delightfully durable, are yours for the buying. Lovable by White Stag, famous name in the field of feminine sportswear are, for instance, sleek but never-too-tight stretch pants with matching vest in most every color; or go-together car coat in solid colors of cotton twill that reverses to a small plaid check, and slim line twill pants. The coat, styled with new-look raglan sleeves, large Eton collar and slant openings to oversized envelope pockets, has a go-over anything, high fashion air.

So, as they light the Olympic torch in Oslo and fly it to Squaw Valley, California where the flame will burn all through the Olympic Games this month . . . be assured that skiing and skating, or sitting and waiting, you can be pretty on the winter sports scene . . . from tip to toe!



GALA OCCASION — Mrs. Robert Leech (center) poses as St. Valentine in anticipation of auxiliary's dance benefit. Pictured with her are Mmes. L. A. McCoy (left) and W. E. Gruffs.

Memorial Auxiliary Slates Valentine Ball

Six hundred of the South Bay's top socialites are expected to be on hand Feb. 13 in the Starlight Ballroom of the Thunderbird Hotel, El Segundo for the Torrance Memorial Hospital Auxiliary's ninth annual Valentine Ball.

The event will open with a social hour at 7 p.m., followed by dinner at 8 p.m. Background music will be provided by The West Side Trio. Keith Williams and his Orchestra will play for dancing after the banquet.

Winner of the Treasure Chest Prize drawing at 12:45 a.m. will be awarded a portable television set. Other prizes will include bottles of champagne and Keith Williams record albums. The strains of "Goodnight Sweetheart" will conclude the evening at 1 a.m.

Cupid's Caper Scheduled by City's Y-Teens

The Torrance Y-Teens will celebrate the feast of St. Valentine Saturday at a Cupid's Caper dance, at the Y, 2320 Carson St., starting at 8 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Silhouettes. Judy Rayner is dance chairman. Admission is 50 cents per person.

PTA News

Graduating Students Feted at 259th School

Class A6 pupils at 259th Place School were guests of the PTA and A6 mothers at a graduation luncheon in their honor last Thursday.

Following the repast, students presented a program entitled "An Episode from the Life of Crotz." Starring in the skit were Billy Monge as Cortez; Jeffrey Chase, as Ortiz; Tom Whitlock portraying the Governor of Cuba; Rickey Hall as Montezuma; and David Wilson as Captain Garcia.

Others in the cast were Lois Frazier, Mary Ann Merisola, James Ash, Leonard Bautista, Billy Church, Jon Clements, James De Vries, Pat Ewing, Jon Fernandez, Barbara Freick, Earl Hall, Carol Haller, Karen Haller, Stephen Hogan, Richard Hathaway, and Paul Hart.

Also Boby Pflieger, David and Stephen Shorr, Cinda Shreanan, Aaron Smith, Sharon Wade, and Michael Thomas. Tammy Hess, Jane Hellerund, Gwen Chapman, Jackie Chaddock, Christine Wulbern, Chandelle Sandry, and Marguerite Marincovich were announcers.

Child Psychologist Talks

"Why the Child Does What He Does" was the topic of Dr. Donald Wilson, professor of psychology at USC in a speech Jan. 26 before members of the Evelyn Carr PTA.

Theme for the meeting was "New Frontiers with Needles and Hammers." The Webelos of Scout Pack 761C led the salute to the flag.

Mmes. Robert Kretschmer, magazine chairman; and Glen Seriver, parent-education chairman, were in charge of the program.

Mmes. James Carlson, Gerald Cunerty, Charles Straube, Richard Hansen, and Eldon Morgan were elected to the nominating committee.

New Teacher Welcomed

The Sepulveda PTA welcomed Miss Patsy Francis, new member of the school's faculty, at a meeting Jan. 21.

Miss Francis, who was introduced by Robert Dexter, principal, will teach on the seventh and eighth grade level.

At a brief business session the association elected Mmes. Richard Fairleigh, F. A. Overholtz, Robert Ringe, and Richard Gibson to serve on the nominating committee.

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Teachers to Hear Creativity Talk

Torrance teachers and administrators will hear a lecture on creativity tomorrow at 4 p.m. in Torrance High School auditorium.

Dr. Kimball Wiles, University of Florida professor and author will discuss "Contributing to Children's Creativity." Earlier in the afternoon, he will speak to administrators on "Releasing Creativity through Educational Leadership."

A teacher and professor for the past 25 years, Wiles is a former director of the school and college division of the National Safety Council and training coordinator for the Sperry Gyroscope Co.

Population Topic at Guild Confab

The Women's Guild of Seaside Community Church will meet at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, in the new educational unit of the church, 2307th and Ocean Ave.

"The Population Explosion" will be the topic for a round-table discussion, with the Rev. William K. Schatz, as moderator. Program chairman is Mrs. Andrew Dolan, of the Christian Social Action Department.

Refreshments will be served by Mmes. Ted Costa and Penny Bourne.

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MAVERICKS SCHEDULE SQUARE DANCE

The Maverick Square Dance Club of Torrance will sponsor a Patriotic Dance Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. in the Woman's Club, 1422 Engracia Ave.

Vera Baerg will be guest caller Nobel Spees will MC the event. Admission is \$1.50 per couple.

Moosehaven Committee Slates Rummage Sale

The Moosehaven Committee, Women of the Moose, will sponsor a rummage sale today, tomorrow, and Saturday at 1342 El Prado Ave.

Persons wishing to donate items are being requested to contact Meggy Licht, FA 8-1873.