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**Fashion Expert, Wilma Hastings Is A Lovely Example of Graciousness**

"The road to self-improvement is an endless one," stated Wilma Hastings, lovely owner of the Wilma Hastings Finishing and Fashion Modeling School.

"Our basic aim at the school has always been finishing school training," she continued. "And during this training we endeavor to teach girls and women to help themselves by making the most of what they have to work with and we try to give them a keener understanding and appreciation of their potentials," she concluded.

**FOUNDED SCHOOL**  
 Mrs. Hastings founded her school in Long Beach in 1945 with her late husband Glen, and has seen the school grow from a two-man operation to a school of 350 students and 12 instructors. Recently she added a book which is sent out to all parts of the world to assist those who cannot avail themselves of her teaching personally.

Her models are almost as famed as she, and no up-to-date designer or merchant would contemplate doing a fashion show without these lovely models.

Long a prominent figure on the southland fashion scene, Mrs. Hastings started the Long Beach Red Cross Fashion Show in 1952 and produced and directed it for the first four years bringing it from a sparsely attended affair to a capacity house event.

**PRESENTS FASHIONS**  
 Currently Mrs. Hastings presents about 500 fashions a year. She has produced the Miss Universe, which is now the International Beauty Congress, Fashion Show each year of the pageant.

Her school headquarters at 430 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, is a busy place with constant demands of women and girls for admission to her classes and the incessant scheduling of fashion shows.

Making trips to Europe to further study fashions and fashion modeling techniques as well as an annual trip to the New York fashion market, keeps Mrs. Hastings up to



WILMA HASTINGS  
 ... lovely model expert

—Photo by Brooks

date on the latest in fashion.

**SPECIALIZED**  
 Long Beach product. Wilma Hastings was one of the first students to attend City College when it first opened and continued her college education in Oregon. She specialized in the fine arts and psychology. Later she taught Personality Development at the Long Beach City College.

A very popular speaker for various organizations is Wilma Hastings, because the subject material she chooses involves self-improvement mentally, physically, emotionally, spiritually and socially.

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**Theater Party Planned by Rho Xi Sorority**

"The Verdict Is You" was the title of the skit presented to the rushees at the February meeting of Rho Xi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi which met at the home of Mrs. Maggie Truscott.

Mrs. Thomas Pendergrass, president, presided at the business meeting. Mrs. Jay Echelberger, ways and means chairman, announced that advanced ticket sales for the theater party, "Dark at Top of the Stairs" presented by the Hampton Players February 26 were going very well. For tickets contact either Mrs. Jay Echelberger at DA 4-0285, or Mrs. Thomas Pendergrass at FR 6-2360.

Mrs. Harry Vannatta reported that plans for a St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance to be held at the Pacific Coast Club in Long Beach for members and their guests were completed.

Members of Rho Xi attending included Mesdames Barbara Pendergrass, Ethel Echelberger, Pat Dawson, Betsy Klasno, Charlotte Mitchell, Ellen Vannatta, Francella Smith, Maggie Truscott and Mickey Palmer.

Guests were Mesdames Lois Dodd of Redondo Beach, Shirley Jones of Hollywood Riviera, Jody Zolar of San Pedro, Rosita Koda of Gardena and Marlene Quinn and Betty Goldberg of Hawthorne.

Mrs. Harry Vannatta will be hostess for the next regular meeting, February 22.



**IMPORTANT DATE**—Members of the women's committee, Harbor District Chapter, American Institute of Banking, have happily set aside all business matters for the evening of Feb. 27. On this important date, they will be entertaining their bosses at "Bosses' Night" in the Ballarina Ballroom of the Lafayette Hotel, Long Beach. Looking forward to dinner at 7 p. m. are V. L. Hughes, manager of the Hawthorne-Sepulveda branch of the Bank of America, Torrance, and Sylvia Melvin, pro assistant cashier. Majel Dick, vice-chairman, will be in charge of the program.

**Recent Bride Is Shower Honoree**

Mrs. Jack Knibb of 22307 Kent Ave., Torrance, was honored with a luncheon bridal shower at the Terrace Room of the Broadway Del Amo recently by members of the staff of the Educational Materials Building.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Knibb were married at the Little Church of the West in Las Vegas, Nevada last December 31.

Dorothy Knibb is affiliated with the Inglewood chapter of Xi Alpha Nu of Beta Sigma Phi.

Among those who wished her happiness at the luncheon were Mesdames James Shidler, Fred Mill, Dwight L. Gunn, Ted Bradley, L. Wand, F. Henderson, James Long, James Phinney, Helen Ellis and Raymond Peterson.

Jack Knibb is a teacher in the Wiseburn School District.

**Lesley Smith Honored at Birthday Party**

For her thirteenth birthday Lesley Jeanne Smith was honored with a party given recently by her mother Charlotte Smith at their home, 1005 Fonthill Ave., Torrance.

Among the guests who attended was Chief Petty Officer Robert V. Smith, Lesley's Father.

Others were Susan Roberts, Lorraine Smith, Judy Carstenson, Lorraine Keltz, Jeannine Coast, Ronnie Rilen, Glenn Reasebeck, Timmy McComb, Donald Carrington, Mario Ayala and Mike Hodges.

Dancing and games were the entertainment for the evening. Refreshments served were hot dogs, cokes and chips.



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