



AUTUMN is rapidly approaching and with this thought in mind members of the Victor Woman's Club are rehearsing for their fall fashion show, Thursday, Sept. 14. The show will include styles for women and girls. In addition a demonstration on make up and hair styles will be included. The show will be at the Redondo Beach Elk's Club.

### Victor Woman's Club to Present Mother-Daughter Fashion Show

Fall fashions will be ushered in by the Victor Woman's Club when the present their Mother-Daughter Fashion Show, Thursday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elk's Club, Redondo Beach.

Mrs. Mills Spangberg, vice-president and a professional fashion coordinator, is general chairman. Assisting her are Mes. W. A. Pollock, Dale Wood and Ivar Lundeen.

Tamara's of Del Amo will present the women's clothes. Children's Fair of South Bay Center will show apparel for the younger set.

James Lazzaro, hair stylist consultant of Broadway Stores, is creating special hair styles and make-up for the models. He will also speak on make up tips and hair styles.

Commentator will be Miss Jeanne Barnhart, fashion columnist and owner of a local modeling school.

Many door prizes have been donated by South Bay area merchants. Club members who will model are Mar-



MRS. JACK C. DEAN, president of the Torrance Junior Women's Club, presents a check for \$134 to Meryle Korpi (left) and Larry Grasinger, both of the Torrance Youth Employment Service. The women earned the money at a recent carnival sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

### BUSY LADY ...

## Elyse Aehle Devotes Her Time to Charity

There is a secret few people know about "Maestro Elyse" Aehle, of Palos Verdes, director of the South Bay-Torrance Symphony Orchestra, a chairman of the County-wide Symphony League's youth project, and president of the Pacific Bowl Association. She devotes much of her time and energy to the development of musical enjoyment, talent and appreciation in the South Bay area. However, it is not strange that she should do so. Music has been Elyse Aehle's life since she held her first violin at the age of nine.

What was it that brought Elyse Aehle here in 1945 and why, every August, does this busy woman take on an additional load of volunteer work as community chairman of the Multiple Sclerosis March for the Palos Verdes Peninsula?

The answer to both questions is one which lies very close to Maestro Elyse's heart. It goes back many years and thousands of miles—to Czechoslovakia in the late 1920's.

Elyse Aehle, young American concert violinist, with plaudits from European and American tours while still in her teens, was selected as one of the six talented young artists to study with Otokar Sevcik, one of the world's greatest masters of the violin. She became concert-meister with the Smetana Symphony in Pisek.

At the same time Mana (pronounced Ma-na) Houskova, a young dancer also in her late teens, British-born of French and Czech parentage, returned with her ailing father to his native Pisek where he wanted to spend his last days.

Blonde Elyse and brunette Mana met and became friends. When Mana's father died, she decided to remain in Pisek, and the two girls spent two years there. They became like twin sisters, and when it was time for Elyse to return to her native St. Louis, Mana came with her.

There Mana met Elyse's brother Charles—and before long the two young women became actual sisters-in-law. A Missouri gentleman of the old school, Charles Aehle did not want his wife to work, so Mana curtailed her dancing activities to a few private pupils. She took pride in Elyse, who became one of the first women in the musical world to serve as regular conductor of a civic symphony, in Alton, Ill. The whole family celebrated when Mana's and Charles' baby arrived, a little girl, christened Elise Aehle II.

Then tragedy struck. When baby 'Lise was almost two years old, dancer Mana suddenly developed a loss of equilibrium and double vision. Fortunately, there was a neurologist in St. Louis,

who made the correct diagnosis of multiple sclerosis, a disease not widely known at that time. Since then MS has not necessarily become more prevalent, but more readily recognized.

It is a progressively disabling disease of the central nervous system, about which a great deal has been learned since the founding of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in 1945, but whose cause and cure are still being sought today by medical science.

Characteristically, in Mana's case, the first symptoms soon disappeared—only to return with unexpected suddenness. When she was out walking, an exercise which Mana enjoyed next to dancing, she would suddenly start swaying on her feet. As she would stumbly try to regain her balance, other pedestrians would shy away from her, thinking that she was drunk. When she asked for help, they scurried away even faster. Disconcerted as she was by these episodes, Mana's sense of humor invariably came to the rescue.

It could not rescue her physically, however, from the inevitable course of the disease. Her hands also became affected, as well as her eyes. Her physician recommended a warm dry climate, such as Southern California.

Charles soon found a position in the South Bay area. After disposing of her 14-room studio in St. Louis, Elyse followed with Mana

and the baby. "I never went into music to make money," said Elyse Aehle, "but fortunately I was able to help out in this crisis."

Even in a wheelchair, Mana Houskova Aehle continued to teach dancing. "It helps my morale," she declared, and Charles, who had to be away much of the time on business, ceased to argue about it. Mana's speech did not become affected until the very last, and she was able to instruct her pupils so clearly that they could follow the steps. She presented her pupils in delightfully original programs, and worked individually with those who showed special talent.

Young 'Lise Aehle grew into a graceful dancer under her mother's tutelage—and so like her mother in her teens that often felt herself swept back through the years. "Mana and I always shared everything without question, so we enjoyed bring up 'Lise together," said Maestro Elyse. "We shared ideas, too. I remember when she helped me plan to showcase talent in this area of all types—musicians, singers, composers, artists and painters, sculptors, dancers, actors—and at the same time bring them the inspiration of the greatest professional talent we could obtain. These festivals have become famous now, but Mana deserves as much credit for that as I do.

Mana attended as many of these affairs as she could. Yet slowly but steadily, multiple

sclerosis debilitated the nerves and body—although not the morale—of the dancing teacher. During her last ten years, Mana was unable to get herself in and out of bed or chair, or even to turn herself in bed. Elyse had a buzzer installed between the two bedrooms, and often got up at night to assist Mana.

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### So. Bay Flower Carnival Coming

Carnival sounds and decorations formed a background for the last minute preparations of the South Bay Garden Club for its Midsummer Flower Carnival to be held at the Redondo Beach Women's Club, Broadway at Pearl sts., Monday, Aug. 28. Items entered in competition must be in place by 10 a.m. as judging will start promptly. Doors open at noon and tea will be served from 1 to 3:30 p.m. with Mrs. Robert Evans, Redondo Beach, as hostess.

Mrs. Arthur Evans, of Redondo Beach, carnival chairman, said the public is invited to exhibit as well as come and enjoy the carnival. There is no admission charge. Cash prizes will be awarded. Additional information may be had by calling Mrs. Evers at FRontier 2-9795 or Mrs. Lawrence Vernand, Manhattan Beach, FRontier 4-1458.

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FAMILY VISIT — Maestro Elyse Aehle, at the piano in her Palos Verdes home with grandniece Cindy Ann, reminisces with her niece Elise Aehle Schoebinger of Redondo Beach, while Bobby listens seriously. Portrait above piano is of Lise (Mrs. Schoebinger), Mana's daughter, in her teens.

# Women

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## Junior Women Aid Employment Service

The Torrance Youth Employment Service is \$134 richer thanks to the Torrance Junior Women's Club, Marina District. The group recently presented a check for that amount.

The Torrance club earned the money by staffing a bean bag throw booth at the recent Junior Chamber of Commerce Community Fair.

Members staffing the booth were: Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan, Ronald Forestal, Jerry Saladin, William Faulds, John Stokley, and Mmes. Edward Aiken, Lee Clotworthy, Jack Dean, Richard Oliver, Donald French, Gerson Jacobsen, Joseph Boylan, Richard Dorothy, J. A. Perry, Peter Rentz, J. P. Bay, Robert West, Russell Sorensen, T. P. Black, B. R. McRee.

Torrance Youth Employment service is housed at the state Department of Employment office and is staffed by the youth on a volunteer basis. Torrance boys and girls, ages 14 to 18 are available for many jobs, including domestic help, yard work, car washing, and ushering in theaters. It is hoped that the employment service will continue to operate throughout the year enabling the students to attend school and help support themselves financially. Anyone interested in employing these boys and girls are asked to telephone the Youth Employment service, FAirfax 0-1361.

The Junior Woman's Club also held a dessert sampling get-acquainted social at the home of Mrs. Jack Dean, president. Members of the board served as hostesses, bringing their favorite dessert for the guests to sample. Yellow flowers and yellow candles were table decorations.

An executive board meeting of Gateway Council of Parent-Teacher Associations will be held Tuesday, August 29, at Scott Park 23410 Cat-skill Ave., Wilmington, with a pot luck luncheon at noon. On the day's agenda will be a discussion of the year's work. Mrs. George Weeks, council program chairman, will present 1961-62 program for approval. Mrs. E. Gambrell Croom, harbor regional director, will discuss the Tenth District School of Information to be held for officers and chairmen in the Harbor Area on September 21.

### Women of Moose Hold 'Dime Dip'

A "Dime-A-Dip" is to be held at the Torrance Moose Hall 1744 West Carson, Torrance, August 30. Women will start serving at 6:30 p.m.

The Dime-A-Dip is sponsored by the ways and means committee of the Women of the Moose Torrance Chapter 44.

Mrs. Douglas Dixon, junior graduate regent of the Torrance chapter and the chairman of the ways and means committee, said each serving will cost only one dime and there will be a great variety of dishes. The public is invited.

Guests attending were Mmes. Jack Bahn, William Burchfield, Milton Kirkpatrick, Byron Jutovski, Peter Rentz, William Weyant, Thomas Black, James Morgan, Russell Sorensen, Robert Ross, and the Senior Womens Club President, Mrs. Lee Stamps.

Members of the board present were: Mmes. Edward Aiken, philanthropy; Jack Dean, president, Richard Dorothy,

publicity; B. R. McRee, treasurer; Richard Oliver, parliamentarian; John Stokley, recording secretary; Ronald Forestal, federation; Gerson Jacobsen, first vice president, Clayton Lilley, second vice president; Thomas Burchfield, corresponding secretary, Joseph Boylan, junior-senior co-ordinator; J. P. Bay and R. Sandstorm senior membership co-ordinators.

A unique "Workshop" is scheduled by the Marina District 18, California Federation of Women's Clubs and the UCLA Extension Department, at the UCLA campus, Sept. 8.

Mrs. Cecil L. Davis, community improvement chairman of Marina District has arranged for an all-day workshop to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in room 1439 of the music building on the campus. There will be a minimum all-inclusive charge covering parking and luncheon. The workshop speakers will be Dr. Abbot Kaplan, dean of University Extension,

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### Auxiliary Plans Horse Show

"Hay Day", annual event staged by 250 women who make up the Long Beach Community Hospital's Auxiliary, will be Sept. 9 and 10. The two day gala benefit horse show will be at the Los Alamitos Race Course, 4961 Katella Ave., Long Beach.

Arrangements for the event, the only major money raising project of the auxiliary, are rapidly being completed report the organization's officers, headed by Mrs. Steve Wetmore, president, and Mrs. D. J. Daniels, chairman.

The show, includes 49 class events in riding, jumping and other performances by champion and prize horses from all parts of the Southland with their riders and owners.

All money raised will go for needed equipment at Community Hospital and its children's epileptic clinic, only one in this region. Donations are \$1 per person for both days and tickets are now available at the Community Hospital Gift Shop, which the Auxiliary operates and Mrs. B. W. Newmaier, FRontier 5-2093. Entry blanks are available until Sept. 1 in Rolling Hills at Hill's Feed Store and Tight Cinch, and King's Western Store, Manhattan Beach. Children under 14 will be admitted free.

Top TV and movie stars, including John Wayne and Clint Walker, together with other entertainment, will highlight the benefit show. Wayne will present the Ward Bond Memorial Trophy, sponsored by the Calendar Quarter Horse Foundation, to the winner of the Jr. Western Pleasure Horse Championship. Walker, star of TV's "Cheyenne" Show, will present another trophy on Saturday.

In the various riding and other class events there will be youngsters, teenagers and adults all competing for top awards in such events as Hunter Hack, English Tack, Senior Bit Reining, A.G.H.A. Youth Pleasure Horse, Stock Addle Seat Equitation, Trail Horses and Hunting Seal Equitation.

### Special Luncheon

The Anna Grancell chapter of the Cedars-Sinai Mt. Sinai Hospital will hold a home cooked luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 6, at the Harbor Savings Bank, 1613 S. Pacific Coast Hwy., Redondo Beach.

The event, beginning at noon, is open to the public. Door prizes will be awarded. Donations are \$1.50 a person.

### Take Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. William Davis and family are on a two-week camping trip to Yosemite and Clear Lake. Mrs. Davis is a Senior Regent's Guide for the Women of the Moose Torrance Chapter No. 44.

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