

## WOMAN IN WHITE

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When taking oral (mouth) temperature be sure to tell the patient to close the lips, not the teeth to avoid breakage of thermometer. Do not take a mouth temperature if a condition exists that would prevent cooperation or if the patient is a young child.

If there has been smoking, eating or drinking of anything hot or cold wait at least 10 minutes before taking temperature.

Rinse thermometer with cold water, shake mercury down to 95 deg. F or lower, and place thermometer under the tongue. Leave three minutes. Average normal mouth temperature is 98.6 deg. F.

Lubricate the bulb end of a rectal thermometer before taking a rectal temperature. Insert the thermometer one inch into rectum — bulb only for small infants, hold thermometer three minutes and do not leave patient. Turning over could cause thermometer to break. Use this method for infants, young children, and anyone unable to hold a thermometer in the mouth. Rectal temperature is approximately one degree higher than oral. Write R after temperature when recording.

If restlessness or some other condition exists that

could cause the above methods to be unsafe, take the temperature in the armpit or groin. Dry the area, and hold thermometer in armpit or groin for 10 minutes; bring arm or thigh into position to close area — holding if necessary. Temperature is about one degree lower than oral temperature. Write A or G after temperature when recording.

Never leave a thermometer at the bedside. Cleanse with soap and cold water, wiping thoroughly from the glass end downward once, before placing in disinfectant solution. Sterilize and store rectal thermometer in separate solution and label containers. Keep thermometers and disinfectant solution in a locked cabinet away from children.

## Discussion Leaders Trained

As part of its summer activities the Torrance League of Women Voters is conducting a four week training program for members who act as discussion moderators at their regular meetings during the year.

Purpose of the league is to promote informed and active participation of citizens in government.

The training program is intended to enable discussion moderators to help the membership formulate thoughts on items under study in order to extract valid representation of majority thinking.

Conducting the training program are Mmes. Albert Nadel, James Anderson and Donald Brink.

Members attending the series are: Mmes. J. W. Craig, Bernard Dubrow, Howard Foote, C. K. Howey, Barton Peters, Emery Reeves, Marvin Rosenberg and James Van Oppen.

## MEXICAN HORS D'OEUVRES

For your next outdoor or indoor party, pass a tray of Mexican - style hors d'oeuvres. Prepare crisp frozen cocktail tacos according to directions. Arrange around a bowl of zippy California avocado dip. Mash or sieve avocado; season with onion, a touch of garlic, Tabasco and lemon juice. Serve with vegetable sticks. Garnish tray with radishes and ripe olives.

## Stylemaking Contest Deadline Approaches

Deadline in the Young Stylemaker Contest for would-be seamstresses with a yen to see Paris is Friday. Sponsored by Singer Sewing Machine Co., the contest is open to young ladies from ten through twenty-one.

Each contestant is given an eight - lesson sewing course wherein she will make the garment which becomes her entry in the contest. Prizes and glamour galore are in store for winners. Exciting climax is the crowning of three Queens of Sewing at a gala fashion show in New York City.

Jet trips to Paris reward top winners in two age categories — the 14-17 group and the 18-21 bracket — for themselves and a companion.

The national winner in the 10-13 year old category receives a trip to interesting places in the United States for herself and parents. The awards list, which totals more than 4,000 prizes valued at \$130,000, include handsome Singer Portable typewriters and brand new Singer Slant-Needle Sewing Machines as well as cash prizes.

To assure equal chance for all, three age groups will compete separately. The Tween Division is for girls 10 through 13; the Teen Division for those 14 through 17; and the Miss and Mrs. Division for girls 18 through 21. A winner — one in each age group — will be selected in each local judging and

prizes of beautiful sewing cases awarded. The winning garments in each age group will then be sent to Singer area headquarters for further judging. There are 35 such areas in the United States and Canada. The 105 winners at this level will each receive a brand-new Singer Slant-Needle Sewing Machine.

In New York the 105 area winners will be judged and the five best entries in each age group selected. These 15 regional winners will be invited, along with their mothers or a family-approved companion, to New York on an all-expense paid trip as guests of the Singer Sewing Machine Company. After a whirlwind of theaters, sightseeing and parties, the 15 girls will participate in a fashion show before a discriminating audience of fashion sewing experts at which time the Grand Prize winner in each of the three age categories will be announced.

In the Tween Division, \$400 will be awarded to all five winners. The top winner will also enjoy a one-week tour of historic U.S. cities for herself and her parents.

In the Teen Division, all five winners will receive \$600. In addition the 1963 top winner will receive a jet trip to Paris for herself and one companion, to visit some of the world's leading fashion houses — members of the Chambre Syndicale De La Couture Parisienne.

In the Miss and Mrs. Division, four winners will receive \$800. The top winner will receive \$1000, plus a similar summer jet trip to Paris for herself and one companion.

In addition, all 15 national finalists will be given Singer Portable typewriters.

Judging on the various levels will take place in late August and September, with the final judging and fashion show in New York planned for mid-autumn.

Entry blanks and complete rules may be obtained at most local Singer Sewing Centers.

# Women

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CROWNED as "Queen for a Day" on yesterday's telecast was Mrs. Beverly Likes, who is spending the summer at

14329 St. Andrew's Place with Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Sorter. The queen's crown is put in place by Jack Smith.

## Radio 'Queen' Spends Summer in Torrance

Mrs. Beverly Likes of Idaho Falls, who is spending the summer at 14329 St. Andrews Place was elected Queen for a Day in a program nationally televised on the ABC Television Network yesterday.

Mrs. Likes was one of the four ladies selected from the studio audience at the Moulin Rouge in Hollywood to be interviewed on the show by MC Jack Smith, who is substituting for vacationing Jack Bailey. She was elected queen by audience applause.

During her interview, Mrs. Likes, who is a widow, told the audience that if she were queen her wish would be for transportation from California to Idaho Falls for her sister-in-law, Mrs. Evelyn Whitman, and Mrs. Whitman's five children.

Mrs. Likes explained that Mrs. Whitman's husband had died of a heart attack recently and that she had come to California to be with other relatives in the Torrance area. Now, however, Mrs. Whitman has decided that she would like to return to Idaho Falls and once again live in more familiar surroundings.

Queen Beverly, who has two children of her own, has been living in Torrance during the summer months and will also return to her own home in Idaho Falls later in the year.

## Winter Wedding Date Set

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson of 1840 Reynosa Drive have announced the engagement of their daughter, Trudy, to Richard Coburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Coburn of 1908 Arlington Ave.

A 1962 Torrance High School graduate, the bride is employed as assistant manager of the Misses sportswear department of Broadway Del Amo.

Her fiancé was graduated from Big Bear High School in 1960 and is employed by R. C. Mahan Co. as shipping clerk.

The wedding date has been set for Feb. 15.



TRUDY JOHNSON  
... bride-elect

## Sewing Circles

For those with growing children, elastic in clothing is an ideal money saver. It can go in pants, jumper sides, or dresses. For ten or fifteen cents, you can get enough quarter-inch elastic to stretch the backs of

four dresses (even in size ten) and enough one inch elastic to do the whole top of two pairs of boxers.

Different seamstresses recommend different methods of applying elastic. I prefer to avoid bulk, so I buy the softer pajama webbing and cut off the casing allowance to leave only about a one half inch turnunder. Using a regular waistband in front, it is simple to conceal ends under the edges of the band, and stitch elastic right to the material.

To apply any width of elastic, set your machine at the longest stitch (six or eight per inch) and pinning elastic at both ends and the middle, stretch it while your are sewing to match the length of the material. Use about two thirds as much elastic as material. For example, for a tot's boxers measuring ten inches across the back you would use about seven inches of elastic.

For little school or play dresses, omit the bodice back darts, measure the elastic to one half the waist measure and apply as described to the back waist

seam. When applying wide elastic in jumper sides or boxers, make several lines of stitching about 3/16 of an inch apart. It is not necessary to cut the thread, — just take about two stitches vertically as you reach the end and go back the other way.

**TODAY'S HINTS:** When hemming a tiny sleeve or pantleg, have the garment right side out. Then slip that edge under the needle. It is easier to set in a tiny sleeve if the whole sleeve, cuff and all, is completely assembled first.

Don't try to make fell seams or even regular closed French seams on tiny armholes. It's easier (and sturdier) to bind them with bias tape or machine overcasting.

If you want fell seams in little boxer pants, make them only on the front, back and inside leg seams. The simple side seams will open easily when you want to insert patches for the baby when he starts to crawl.

For those of you who have zigzag machines, it's lots of fun to applique. (It's fun even if you do it by hand). Draw your own funny cat or puppy, and stuff the big, fat nose with a piece of old nylon stocking. A pair of pants and a popover in solid color, with blouse and "calico cat" of the same print is adorable, and baby will love it. For little brother, padded knee patches with elephants or pups is cute and practical. Old nylons are springy and dry fast. Economy? I have made many little sets for our Jellybean for \$1.25 each!

## Juniors to Enjoy 'Family Day' Sunday

Torrance Junior Womens Club will hold its annual "Family Day" Sunday. Meeting place will be Cabrillo Beach.

Events will start at 8 a.m. with water skiing and water ski lessons, according to Mrs. Paul Messmer, program chairman. Other activities will include games, races and picnic lunch.

Concluding festivities will be singing round the fire.

Juniors recently ratified chairmen for the 1963-64 club year.

Federation Chairmen are: Mmes. Robert Vroman, B. R. McRee, David Wade, Fred G. Smith, Frank Ashford, R. A. Newlun, Vernon Nicles, William Weyant, G. G. Gmur, Donald Wise, Jack Dean, William Butth.

of It All."

Mrs. Likes is employed in the winter as a receptionist by the Hatch Medical Clinic in Idaho. During the summer months a replacement is hired by the clinic and Mrs. Likes and her two children, Vickie, 10, and Bruce, 9, live in Torrance with Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Corter.



**BETROTHAL** of Miss Diane Fitzgerald to Carey Hubert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hubert of Torrance, was announced this week by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fitzgerald of Redondo Beach. Miss Fitzgerald and her fiancé both attended North High School. She is employed by the Redondo Beach Chamber and the bridegroom-elect will attend the University of California at Berkeley this fall. No date has been set for the wedding.



**PACKING PICNIC BASKET** for the Family Day picnic to be conducted by Torrance Juniors at Cabrillo Beach Sunday are members of the Frank Ash-

ford family. Pictured are (l-r) Blaine, Todd, Mrs. Ashford, and Terri. Events will include water skiing, games and races.

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