



# Hannah Has a Hankering for Harness Hospitality

By HANNAH SAMPSON

Dear Trudy,  
You keep asking me what goes on in what you call the "workaday world," and I get the feeling you think life is just another lemon squash these days. I hate to give you the feeling that I'm living it up, but the truth must out. As a "News Hen" I am getting around a bit and I am coming to find out how the other half lives, and boy! DO they!

Take last Tuesday. That was opening day of Harness Racing at Hollywood Park. Well, I had this invitation to luncheon in the clubhouse. What do I know from clubhouses? (The last clubhouse I had anything to do with was in Brownies and the only way you could get in was by giving the Indian handshake.)  
Well, To get into the Hollywood clubhouse you only have to show a ticket . . . to the guard right at the chainlink fence that surrounds the park, and from then on you move along leisurely as if you were on a conveyer belt made of velvet, floating on whipped cream. "That's alright. Everything is taken care of." (Except the 10 cents tax, he adds apologetically.)  
This was the Sulky Racing Silks and Pony Prints "do" sponsored by the Shu-Mak-Up manufacturers and it was fancy indeed. (Shu-Mak-Up is a coloring mater-

ial for shoes and accessories that the younger set will take to its heart come Fall. They can dye their shoes school colors, paint "Mabel Digs Joe" on their purses and really swing. And soon they will market a do-it-yourself kit for making smooth leather into suede!)  
The sky was the limit: preferred tables, jockey caps in gorgeous colors for souvenir, samples of the product to take home and try, darling fashions modeled by beautiful young things, no looking on the right side of the menu for the food prices and/or the drinks. And, to top it off, just like in the Stork Club, a corsage of exquisite flowers to wear after lunch, while sitting in a box on the 50-yard line!

We got out to the box in time to make a selection in the third race. As you are aware, what I know about Harness Racing could be engraved on the head of a pin. So I went upstairs and asked the first settled-looking man I could find how to go about making my bet. Taking in the two dollars bills I had waving from my tight little fist, he kindly asked me whether I could afford to bet. With airy disdain I told him that I expected to lose the money.

What I really wanted was for him to make a suggestion. (But Steve says that's really not allowed.) Anyway, he grinned a really delicious grin and said, "We intelligent betters bet on the favorites in the first and second races. The long shots came in each time. So YOU make your selection. Just go Eenie, Meenie, Miney, Moe,

close your eyes, and you, too will be an expert. . . IF your horse comes in!"

So that's what I did, Trudy. It came out number three. So I went to the two-dollar bet window (first I went to the two-dollar PAY window, but the man said kindly, "Better wait 'til after the race, honey.") and gave them my money and he punched a gadget and out came this little ticket—a little bigger than the kind you get at the PTA carnival—and it said: Three, in a big black numeral, and also "two dollars."

Well then I went back to the box and looked around a bit. It is a very restful-looking place, greens well-kept and tanbark in the circle where the winning horse comes to be patted on the back. In all, it has the look of a cheerful Forest Lawn. All of a sudden the little sulkeys were running around the track to get on the far side where they could get into position to begin the race. I kept my eyes just glued on that number three. He had a big, green satin number on the side, and his driver was wearing orange and white silks.

Soon the six sulkeys were lined up right in front of us. The barrier shot away and they were racing. I kept straining my eyes for that

green number and pretty soon I forgot that it was only the number that was green and began to root for the driver who was in green silks, and for the rest of the race I kept yelling for the green silks to win, only of course, he didn't.

It wasn't until the winner came to be congratulated by the West Coast editor of Vogue magazine, and have the wealth of flowers put around his neck that I realized that he was MY horse, and that I had won! I had won!

I cashed my ticket at that same window where I had tried to buy it. The teller grinned broadly and said, "Well, I see you waited 'til after the race" Four dollars and sixty cents. How ABOUT that?

Well, Trudy, this is how the other half lives. But if you have a notion that I could do this more than once a year . . . you are absolutely right!

Affectionately,  
Hannah

**WOMAN**  
A good and true woman is said to resemble a Cremona fiddle — age but increases its worth and sweetness its tone.  
—Oliver Wendell Holmes



"MODERN WOMAN—New Wine and New Bottle" will be discussed by Alice C. Thompson, Ph.D., above, at a dinner meeting of Airborne Chapter, National Secretaries Assn.; to be held tomorrow at Fox Hills Country Club. Founder and executive director of Escalon, Inc., non-profit corporation operating clinic schools for children with learning and behavior problems, Dr. Thompson is on the faculty of Los Angeles State College and a member of the American Psychological Assn., Western Psychological Assn., and Council for Exceptional Children.

EVERSOLE the Magician will appear Saturday at Sepulveda Elementary School under PTA sponsorship. Morning show will be at 11 a.m. and afternoon show at 1:30 p.m. Admission will be 50 cents. Popcorn will be available between shows, according to Mrs. Walter Allingham, president. Tickets will be sold half an hour before show time at the school gate, 4600 Merrill St.

## District PTA Conference To Be Held in Torrance

Thirty-Third District, C.P.T. will sponsor its first legislative conference in a series of five at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2706 W. 182nd Street.

Mrs. Doyle Hoffman, Legislation chairman for Education of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers will give the inside story of the accomplishments and disappointments of the 1963 legislative sessions from the PTA viewpoint and indicate the areas of legislative need for study at the local level.

Mrs. Hoffman has served as one of the legislative ad-

vocates of the California Congress during the recent regular sessions and the special session called by Governor Brown in July. She has followed closely all the bills which the PTA took a stand and will give the complete story of her experiences in Sacramento.

Every PTA member interested in legislation is invited. Mrs. Still points out that this conference will be especially helpful to presidents, legislation chairmen, school education chairmen, and chairmen in the Health and Welfare fields.

She further stated that this is the beginning of the

important "Year Between" regular sessions of the Legislature and that now is the time to be alert to the educational and child welfare needs in the communities. She urges local units to initiate objective studies. These studies, forwarded to the C.P.T. Board of Managers, provide valuable background for support or opposition to proposed legislation, she pointed out, effective action in 1965.

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## PTA News

### ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The faculty and staff of Lincoln Elementary School were welcomed back to "The Little Red School House" by the PTA president, Mrs. Andrew Foster, at the fourth annual luncheon in the school cafeteria. Table decorations of little red school houses were arranged by the hospitality committee under the leadership of Mrs. Harold Erickson, chairman. Chow mein was prepared by Mrs. Ray Takigowa and Frank Masunaka. Guests were provided with chopsticks for the occasion.

These 11m, principal, introduced the faculty and staff and welcomed the five new teachers: Mrs. Ellen Burns, Miss Marie Harmel, Miss Kay Johnson, Joe Springer and Neal Pirolo.

Mrs. Foster introduced 27 members of the executive board and hospitality committee who were hostesses for the luncheon. Honored were Mrs. Gaynette Hall, Mrs. Nelouise Gragg, James Latimer and Mrs. Barbara Booth, teachers, and Mrs. Marian Eide, school secretary, who had attended all four luncheons. A get-acquainted session followed dessert and coffee.

### DRIVE BEGINS

A 200 per cent membership is being urged by the Membership Committee of Fleming Junior High Parent Teacher Association for their drive Sept. 30 through Oct. 8. To attain 200 percent, each student will have to bring in two memberships at fifty cents each. The first three homerooms to reach the 200 percent

mark will receive a special award from the PTA. Every student bringing in one or more memberships will receive a ticket to a special Show.

Those serving on the membership committee are: Mrs. Robert Rohl, Mrs. Ralph Robertson, Miss Ada Luedke with Mrs. John Blencowe and Mrs. Frank Samson as co-chairmen.

### Cordial Invitation

The long-established Palms in central Torrance is well known to residents of the area and extends a very cordial invitation to those many persons who are newcomers to the area to come in and to get acquainted.

The Palms and host Ray Bell specialize in parties or banquets or dances in the Crystal Room, offering expert assistance and help in planning and taking care of the many details involved in ensuring a pleasant and successful event.



"A TREASURE—A PLEASURE" will be theme of the North High PTA membership drive. Poster, made by the art department at North High School, is displayed by, from left, Bruce Cole, Associated Student Body president; Mrs. Robert Brigham, and Mrs. William Cassida, PTA president. Student, parents and school personnel are cooperating in their efforts to reach the 100 percent mark.



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