

# TODAY'S TEENAGERS

By SHARON MONDSCHEN

High-rolled collars, stacked heels, cranberry red and pink, and blue and green color combinations, pastel lipsticks, and harem bracelets are making the scene with teenagers this fall.

School apparel for the girls include suits, jumpers, "A" line skirts worn with the striped high collar shirt, and shoes and purse dyed to match.

Styles for the winter formals, which will soon be upon us, are the bell skirts with velvet or satin bodices, cocktail and lame sheaths, and floor length chiffon gowns worn with long gloves and shoes to match. Tierras are also in fashion.

The male sect will be wearing tuxedos, dark slacks with a white dinner jacket, and dark suits with narrow ties, and the continental shoes which are the current rage.

On campus, boys are wearing the plaid pendleton shirts, white levis, suits (many with the collar-less jackets which are very popular), and the continental shoes.

The Spanish influence is prominent in styles as shown by the stretch slacks with the stirrups which girls have been seen wearing around town. Ball fringe is being used for sweater and skirt decoration also.

Mohair has come out in full force. Skirts, and suits especially are sold in an assortment of colors made of mohair.

Plaid skirts and jumpers are very popular this fall. They are being worn with the mannish tailored shirts which came out last year. They appeared again this year in a larger variety of colors and prints.

It appears that the boys are wearing the brighter colors such as orange, yellow, and bright green, while the girls are wearing brown, green, purple, and red. An exception to this is the selection of sweaters this year which are being offered in beautiful pastel colors.

Styles of speech and different expressions are fads. Expressions include "man" and "cool it." Some past expressions were "it's tough" and "boss." Expressions come and go just as hairdo and clothing styles do. Before an expression becomes a cliché a new one is drafted into its place.

Going to drive-in movies, dances, and parties are the most popular forms of entertainment. Teenage night-clubs attract a large group of teenagers also.

Last year the emphasis was on the "beatnik look." This year it has changed to the natural look. People are acting like themselves instead of pretending as they have in the past.

All in all, teenagers are becoming more critical of their appearance. The puffed out, ratted-up hairdos, the sick-looking white lipstick, the short skirts of the girls and the long hair for the boys, and wearing of shirt tails out have all made their exit.

Styles of clothing, jewelry, speech and dance are all fads. Fads come and go. The twist, mash potatoes, the hula hoop, short skirts and the expression "boss" are some fads of the past. Fads are enjoyed by all groups. Adults have their's just as teenagers have their own.

Anyone can start a fad. Well, what are you waiting for?

## West Students To Attend Conference

Fifteen members of the Future Teachers' Club at West High School will attend the Eleventh Annual Future Teachers' Conference at the University of Southern California on Saturday, Nov. 23.

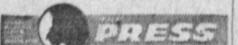
Miss Cathryn Chisholm, sponsor of the club, will accompany the students.

The guest speaker at the conference will be Dr. Paul Saltman, Professor of Bio-Chemistry at U.S.C. Following the address by Dr. Saltman, students will attend one of the thirty-five panel group discussions.

Students attending from West are Gloria Anderson, Susan Burgeson, Diane Chambers, Catherine Condon, Susan Curtis, Geraldine Deane, June Evans, Patricia Hannon, Peggy Hasegawa, Toni Jones, Carol Mead, Ann Patterson, Karen Renz, Betty Lou Fickter, and Linda Zesch.

### LARGEST BULBS

When planting spring-blooming bulbs in pots or other containers, take a tip from the California Association of Nurserymen and plant the largest bulbs you can find. This insures that you get the maximum number of blooms in the minimum space afforded them by pot culture.



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## Interesting Plants for Fall Garden

One always looks for new and interesting shrubs for the garden, and in Southern California, one is seldom disappointed. Because of the near-tropical climate we enjoy, the choice of exotic and unusual shrubs is abundant.

For late fall and winter months, especially, the discovery of new garden bloom affords us pleasure, and the following pair qualify in this respect. They were suggested by the California Association of Nurserymen as shrubs which not everyone grows.

The first is Blake's Bauhinia otherwise known as the Hong Kong Orchid Tree, and when you've said, the common name, you've pretty well described it. Envision a large shrub or modest size tree which is completely covered with large orchid like flowers from December into spring. An arresting sight, to say the least.

This Orchid Tree is at its best in Southern California and happiest here away from the coast. It is sensitive to frost, but will tolerate temperatures in the low twenties, which is hardy enough for most of us. Plant it in a prominent spot where you can take full advantage of its unusual purple blooms and handsome split-leaf foliage. Keep dead wood pruned out, as years pass.

The second of our unusual pair is the yellow Oleander, which is not an oleander at all, though it looks like one. This tropical treat has the same narrow leaves as the oleander and from a distance can easily be mistaken for one during late summer and fall when its yellow, funnel-shaped flowers are borne in profusion. The leaves are light green and handsome in themselves.

Like the Orchid Tree, Yellow Oleander is sensitive to hard frost, but it does well in Southern California, and is quite happy in near-desert areas despite the winter frost threat. You'll find it altogether satisfactory.

### SCIENCE

Works on science are profitable: for science is not human. It is spiritual, and not material.

—Mary Baker Eddy

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## DIET, CIGARETTES An Interim Report

BY BECKY SCHAEFFER

Since the article concerning a friend who had lost 112 pounds, and my own renunciation of tobacco, appeared in the Press a few weeks ago, many acquaintances have inquired how the battle was going. My friend, Mrs. Dan Young of Torrance, is now in a size 14 dress, down from a 52; and my nerves are still holding out.

Of the more than 112 pounds Mrs. Young has lost, I've found about eight. Fortunately, that is not much of a disaster. But it is fair warning for those brave souls who want to give up the cigarette habit. While my six weeks' abstinence have demonstrated the possibility of success, they have also outlined the pitfalls. It would seem that no given period of time is the hardest. After six weeks of determination, there are still many moments of weakness when a cigarette seems almost as necessary as air. But, one obviously lives on, fatter, perhaps, but able to sleep better and with fingers

unstained. To all those who want to quit smoking, on your doctor's advice or simply by your own intelligence, be of good cheer. It can be done. But don't let anyone tell you it's easy. How much courage do you have?

If there are any determined souls here in Torrance who want to start a club, and if there is a physician who will offer his assistance and advice in a concerted and cooperative attempt to conquer the tobacco weed, why don't you write to me care of the Torrance Press? This has been done in other cities with measurable success, so why not here in Torrance, America's most wide awake and up-to-date city?

Is there a doctor in Torrance who would like to show interested citizens the results that can come of smoking? Is there a health official who would like to have something to say about this? If so, let's hear from you. The name is Schaeffer, and the address is The Press, 3238 Sepulveda, Torrance.

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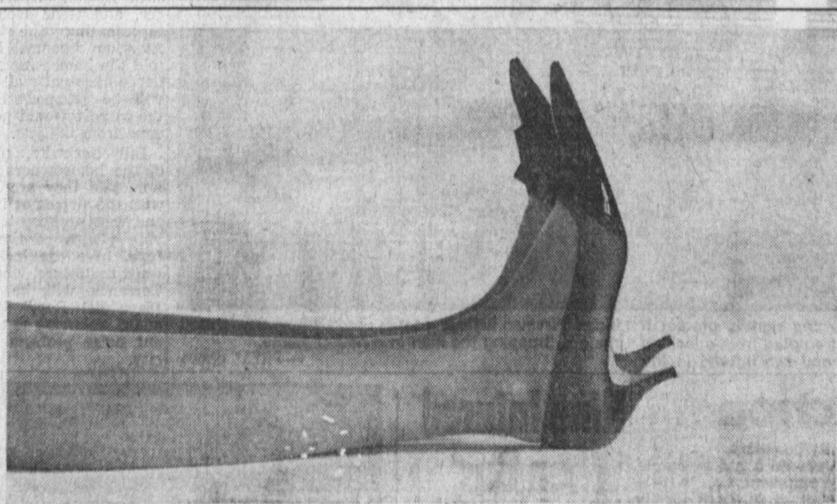
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