

ROYAL PURPLE AND WHITE . . . Drawing oh's and ah's from the "Fireladies" of Torrance and Compton last Monday night was this rich-looking formal shown here by Mrs. Walter (Millie) West. Fashioned mainly of white net, the gown gets a spark of color with a deep purple, velvet bodice and matching diagonal front panel. Ruffles of white net rising from the bodice front, and a matching stole add a final wisp of elegance. (Herald photo).



LUSH VELVET . . . Mrs. William (Virginia) Slonecker shows a fire-engine red cocktail coat made up in velvet for those extra-special evenings. The lush topper drew much comment at last Monday night's fashion show, held at McMaster Hall by the local "Fireladies" with the Mari-Lyn Dress Shop providing the clothes. (Herald Photo)

Mix and Match Key For Autumn Fashion

Mix-and-match separates for both casual and dressy occasions will keynote millady's fall wardrobe, it was shown last Monday night when the Ladies Auxiliary of the Torrance Fire Department presented a fashion show at McMaster Hall.

Featured among the styles were sheath jumpers, to be worn with or without blouse or sweater, many with their own bolero or blazer toppers. Highlighting the casual scene were a tomato red wool jumper with scoop neckline and two panels ending in pleats down the skirt front, and a winter cotton of grey, green and black stripes running horizontally on the bodice and wing collar and diagonally across the flared skirt.

A white turtle neck sweater with three-quarter length sleeves was teamed with the red outfit, while the casual cotton was shown without a blouse.

In between the casual and the very dressy was a two-piece lavender outfit combining glitter and wool. Both the jersey blouse and the poodle cloth skirt featured rhinestone fobs.

Another important style note will be the vestee, shown Monday evening in two outstanding costumes, both in the favorite fall fabric, corduroy. The figure-flattering vestee in one outfit featured a deep scoop neckline with added contour at the hip line in back and a straight skirt with slit pockets. Another vestee ensemble, for active sportswear, came complete with skirt and pedal pushers. Done in rich earthy brown, it featured jeweled detail.

For the more dressy occasions there was a black velvet sheath jumper with its own tiny red poodle cloth bolero trimmed in matching velvet; and another black sheath in wool topped with a metallic-finish black, chartreuse, and gray blazer.

Also in the separate line was an iridescent taffeta, shaded from blue to red, with deep-colored blouse and full skirt with unpressed pleats. A navy coat-dress with its own complete navy and white striped skirt featured a diagonal button-line piped to match the skirt.

Many dressy outfits were of bright scarlet taffeta with a small touch of acetate for trim and bouffant skirts for added rustle, although the sheath line predominated. An interesting sleeve was noted in a black taffeta gown, the line dropping over the shoulder into a bell-like shape over tight cuffs which could be worn pushed up or extending to the three-quarter length.

Side drapes were important in dull-finish satin, and a pleated

neckline highlighted a sheath-slim aqua faille teamed with matching jacket. The topper featured a high-pointed stand-up collar extending into a deep scoop to show the dress detail and three small pleats for back fullness.

Lounging costumes, with brunch coats to double for marketing (taking the center of attraction, also were shown, as were sport and dressy slacks and rainy weather toppers complete with perky hats.

Clothes were from the local Mari-Lyn Dress Shop, with Mrs. Edith Dahon acting as narrator. Carrying out the fall theme, models paraded before a backdrop scattered with ivy and marigolds deepening in tone from pale yellow to gold and orange.

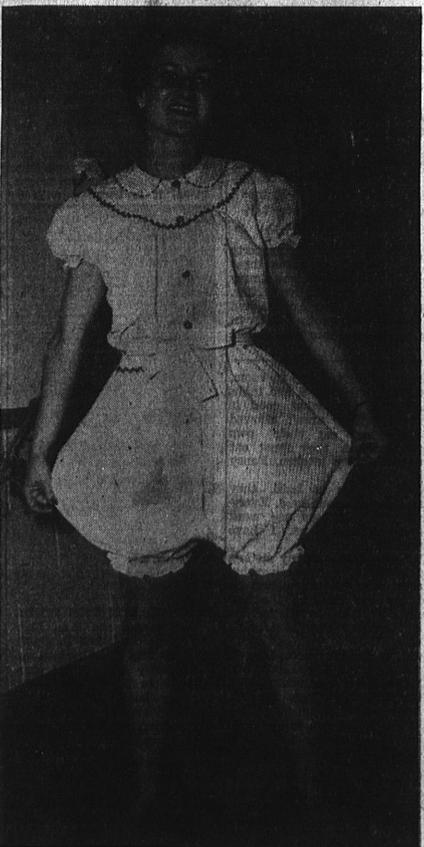
The same flowers were entwined with ivy to decorate refreshment tables. Invited to share the event with the local "Fireladies" were members of the Compton Auxiliary, headed by Mrs. Sally Palmer. Preceding the style parade, Mrs. Raymond Flagg, president of the local group, introduced the visiting dignitaries and invited them to tell of their fund-raising projects.

Co-op Nursery Wins Praise From Dr. Hull

Torrance Cooperative Nursery School, which will open its doors for the fall term next Monday, Sept. 14, drew praise this week from Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance City Schools.

"The co-operative nursery experience of the Torrance School system has been very satisfactory to date from the point of view of parents, children, and the district," Dr. Hull said. "The gains in understanding of child growth and development on the part of all parties involved have been tremendous."

Parents, under the direction of William Boulton, will spend a busy day Saturday moving equipment into St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to ready it for school's opening.



BLOOMER GIRL . . . Mrs. John V. (Carlotta) Agapito opened Monday night's fashion show, sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Torrance Fire Department, with this double duty sleeping and housecleaning outfit for fall. A romper suit done in red and white check seersucker, with perky red rick rack trim, the outfit is ideal for the young housewife. (Herald Photo)

Walterians Lunch Today

PTA board members and teachers at Walteria Elementary School will have an opportunity to become better acquainted today when the board hostesses a 12:30 p.m. luncheon in the school auditorium.

Fall flowers, arranged by Mrs. Hector Herrera, will add a decorative touch to the annual affair.

Plans for the luncheon were told by Mrs. Wesley Crocheron last Thursday when the board met at the 24740 Winlock Dr. home of Mrs. Robert Wagner. Also highlighting the session was a request by Mrs. Carl

PTA Leaders Go to School Next Thursday

All Lomita-San Pedro Council PTA officers and chairmen and unit presidents will attend the first Harbor Area School of Information of this year next Thursday, Sept. 17, at the First Methodist Church in San Pedro. Slated to begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue through 12 noon, the session will feature individual conferences given by 10th District board members.

Announcement of the school was made last Thursday when the Council executive board held

PLAN FIRST MEET

Reservations are now being accepted for the first regular luncheon meeting of Lomita-San Pedro Council PTA, to be held Oct. 6 at 15th St. School in San Pedro. Those desiring to attend may contact Mrs. Peter Brutti, president, at Terminal 2-4922.

its annual pot-luck luncheon at Peck Park, with Mrs. William D. Russell, president, conducting the business hour.

Community Chest drive will begin Nov. 2, and all PTA members are urged to participate in the drive. Mrs. J. A. Johnson, chairman, reported. The local association will begin its membership drive Oct. 12, continuing through Oct. 23, Mrs. C. L. Wilson announced.

A pledge of allegiance led by Mrs. Anthony Demaria and an inspirational message, "To All Presidents Elect," given by Mrs. Dan Patapoff, opened the session.

NEWLY-WED R. BETTERS LIVE HERE

Now receiving friends at their 1622 W. 203rd St. home following a honeymoon trip to San Francisco, Sacramento, and Reno, Nev., are the new Mr. and Mrs. Richard James Better.

The local man, who made his home at 1626 W. 204th St. before his marriage, and his bride, the former Miss Betty Jean Driskell, left on the wedding journey after a candlelight service read Aug. 15 at the Wilma Hastings Chime Wedding Chapel in Long Beach.

Given in marriage by her foster father, Bert Cole, the bride chose a waltz-length gown with lace bodice extending to an inverted pyramid below the hips. Matching blue bows were at the bustline and the tip of the pyramid. The full skirt was of nylon net, matching the wispy stole covering her shoulders, and her flowers were white carnations and white roses.

Mrs. Mary Harker attended as matron of honor, while Joseph Pannacione performed the duties of best man. Kenneth Harker took the usher's post.

The new Mrs. Better, daughter of the Bert Coles of San Jacinto, is a graduate of San Jacinto High School. The groom, son of Mrs. Alice Better of Barre, Mass., was graduated from Barre High School.

Miss Betty Driskell chose white lace and net over taffeta for her bridal gown when she married Richard James Better, 1626 W. 204th St. in Long Beach last month. The new couple is now residing at 1562 W. 203rd St. following a honeymoon at San Francisco, Sacramento, and Reno.



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THERE'S ALWAYS TIME . . . for romance, even in the Army, Pvt. Louise South of Torrance and Pvt. Henry H. Gartley of Chester, Pa., prove as they make the traditional slice into their wedding cake at the Women's Army Corps Training Center, Fort Lee, Va. The wedding took place Saturday, Aug. 29, in the WAC Chapel at Fort Lee, with a reception following the ceremonies in the bride's Basic Training Company dayroom. (U. S. Army photo).

Entertains Church Circle Cupid Leaps Geographical Boundaries; Torrance Miss, Pennsylvania Lad Marry

Mrs. John Taylor, wife of the pastor of the First Methodist Church, will continue her tradition of establishing one of the church circles in the parsonage, 1626 Manuel Ave., each month by playing hostess to the North Torrance circle Tuesday evening, Sept. 15.

Following the 8 o'clock business session, refreshments will be served.

That Cupid knows no geographical boundaries at the Women's Army Corps Training Center was proven by the marriage of Pvt. Louise South of Torrance to Pvt. Henry H. Gartley of Chester, Penn., which took place Saturday, Aug. 29, at 1 p.m. in the gladioli-decorated chapel at the Training Center, Fort Lee, Va.

Dressed in traditional white satin, the bride, daughter of the F. E. Reeds, 457 E. 213th St., carried a bouquet of white carnations with tiny blue blossoms interlaced. She was given in marriage by her company commander, Captain Josephine L. Redenius.

Pvt. Gartley's best man was Pvt. Robert Cleave of Baltimore, Md. Both men are at present with Co. Q Quartermaster Corps, Fort Lee, Va.

The groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gartley, were present during the ceremonies, which were conducted by Chaplain O. V. Elkins.

A reception following the rites was held in the Company C dayroom with members of the wedding party and the bride's Basic Training Company in attendance.

Scenic Canada Enjoyed by R. C. Mortons

"I've seen lots of beautiful scenery, but this topped it all," said Mrs. R. C. Morton, 1736 Fern Ave., when she and her husband returned this week from a month's vacation in Canada.

The local Mr. and Mrs. drove up through Crater Lake, Ore., to Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia. Crossing the province, they stopped at Manning Park, the Fraser River Canyon, the Kamloops, and Mt. Revelstoke National Park, enjoying overnight camping and hiking.

Taking the Big Bend highway, which follows the Columbia river, they visited Yoho, Banff, and Jasper National Parks. "We especially enjoyed Jasper," Mrs. Morton said, "because of the excellent fishing." The Mortons returned home by way of Glacier National Park, driving through Idaho and especially enjoyed Jasper," Mrs. Morton said.

Laguna Beach Vacation Spot for Doug McClays
Three restful days at Laguna Beach last week were late summer vacation highlights for the Doug McClays, 1503 W. 214th St. While there they joined the audience at the Laguna Summer Theater, viewing Tennessee Williams' famed "Streetcar Named Desire" and Patterson Greene's new play, "Music in the Distance."

Navy Wife Joins Hubby
Flying to Hawaii last week to join her husband was Mrs. Charles D. Henry Jr., 2566 Torrance Blvd. The Henrys will make their home at Waikiki Beach for approximately four months while he completes service with the U.S. Navy.

Mrs. Henry was Faye Kallwasser before her marriage.