

### Creative Family Living



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Continuing our discussion of running away from ourselves and ways in which this may affect the temperament . . . another pattern of avoiding our inner selves can be through over-activity.

**BALANCED ACTIVITY BUILDS MENTAL HEALTH**  
Most persons can greatly benefit mind and body through engaging in the proper hobby, work, or play. Group participation, as in club work, is most healthy.

However, there are individuals who take upon themselves too great a degree of social or service participation. They neglect other important areas of their life expression to the extent of becoming overly-absorbed in one type of activity.

The father who is so "wrapped up" in his work that he has no time for his family may be unconsciously trying to avoid playing this role for one reason or another. He is creating an imbalance in his personality expression.

#### OVER-ACTIVITY CREATES TENSION

In his efforts to avoid his role as a father and husband he is running away from himself. This type of over-activity, which is rooted in "avoidance," creates a great deal of tension and pressure within the individual. Very often, protests from wife and child create additional pressures which make this type of pattern extremely frustrating.

The mother who has more time for canasta than for learning the art of successful mothercraft may fall into this category. The club woman who neglects her home and family as well as the husband who excludes all for his hobby and the student who is overly-absorbed in his studies are a few more examples.

#### CREATIVE ACTIVITY RELAXES

Pouring all of our interest into one channel is not always the answer to a balanced life. Notice really creative persons—very often they have many satisfying outlets for self-expression, not just one. Activity which is creative relaxes the body and mind, give release from emotional pressures rather than creating more of them.

Over-identification to one role in life creates rigidity. The ability to extend ourselves in a balanced way indicates flexibility. Naturally the person who has so many different interests of outlets that he really cannot do justice to any one of them has not developed creative activity any more than one who over-identifies himself with one area of self-expression.

Next time you hear yourself saying "I'm too busy," find out for what. Too busy to be your real self?

## Name Local Women to 33rd District PTA Posts

Two leaders in Torrance Council PTA took responsible posts in the new 33rd District last week when the District held an executive board meeting at Culver City with Mrs. H. A. Spurgin, president, conducting the business agenda.

Mrs. Victor Benard, who served as president of the local Council in 1952-53, was ratified as extension chairman of the western section. She also will serve on the resolutions and yearbook committees, and resign as record book chairman to assume the new duties.

Appointed as chairman of the assembling and mailing committee was Mrs. A. C. Turner, who previously served as financial secretary of First District, with

## Lomita Home Setting for Nuptial Rites

Simplicity was the keynote of a quiet home wedding uniting Miss Betty Jo Chapman and Jack Ferguson West in marriage at the 2260 W. 231st St., Lomita home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ramsey.

The 8 o'clock evening ceremony making the daughter of the Don Chapmans of Gardena and son of Mrs. Loy Madron of Fresno Mr. and Mrs. was conducted by the Rev. Eldon Dunham of the Lomita Community Church on July 23.

The bride chose a ballerina length gown with white lace bodice and bouffant white net skirt over matching taffeta for her nuptial costume. A wreath of tiny white rosebuds secured her finger-tip veil and she carried a nosegay bouquet of white stock and pink rosebuds tied with white streamers.

Pink rosebuds also formed the corsage of the matron of honor, Mrs. Dorothy Markley, who was gowned in blue. Robert Word attended as best man.

A three-tiered decorated cake and punch were served to relatives and friends after the nuptials.

## TOWNSEND CLUB TO DANCE TOMORROW

Dancing and a social evening will be on the agenda for the Townsend Club tomorrow night, at 8:30 o'clock at the Woman's Clubhouse, 1448 Engracia Ave.

Modern and old time dancing will be featured, and pie and coffee will be served as refreshments. James Sellers is president of the organization.

# The Social World

## ...for and About Women

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BEFORE THE BALL . . . Mrs. Oscar Maples, left, who will be official hostess for tomorrow night's Coronation Ball at the Western Club Cafe, 15516 S. Western Ave., admires gown chosen by Miss Torrance of 1955, Norma Quine, for the gala occasion. Event is being staged by Maples, who also sponsored Miss Quine in the recent contest, and dancing will begin at 9 p. m. and end at midnight. Tickets at \$1 each may be obtained at the door and dress is semi-formal.

## Nearly 300 Attend Little League Dance

Almost 300 Little League parents enjoyed dancing Saturday night at a gala affair planned as an end-of-the-season celebration at the Western Club, 15516 Western Ave. in Gardena. Dinner was served before dancing to the music of Frank James and his orchestra. Decorations carried out the baseball motif, with pictures of each team, and the manager's name on a small pennant displayed in the "locker room."

A grand march for the Northern team, victors in the All-Star game Saturday afternoon, was among the activities. During the program Doug Moir, president of the Little League board of directors, presented Mmes. Art Campbell, Ed Hansen and Robert Fox, all members of the Women's Auxiliary of Little League, with tokens of appreciation.

## List Lioness Club Chiefs

New chairmen were announced by Lioness president Mrs. A. B. McTea when she presided over her first business meeting Tuesday night at the Frank Jakubowski home, 620 Sartori Ave.

Those who will guide the active club committees next term are Mmes. Pete Radisch, sunshine; George Powell, telephone; Fred Boren, hostess; Frank Jakubowski, membership; Al Ewalt, publicity; and Walter Inman, assistant bulletin editor. Plans were begun to entertain wives of the Lion members this summer.

## Weston Hills Wife Honored On Birthday

Friends and neighbors of Mrs. Morton Clark gathered for a double celebration last Wednesday night upon the occasion of the Weston Hills housewife's birthday.

A festive barbecue dinner was held for her at the Jack Butler home, 2835 Danaha St., and her sons Donald, Freddie and Kenneth were present for the occasion. Later in the evening Mrs. Clark was surprised by coffee and a decorated birthday cake in the patio of Mrs. Verdin Krause, 2825 Danaha St.

Helping Mrs. Clark celebrate her birthday were Messrs. and Mmes. Butler, Lawrence Stanford, Ed Zuber; and Mmes. Tony Holochwast, Vince Halde and Gene Marino.

## At Pre-Nuptial Party Laundry Cart Holds Gifts For Bride-elect of Angel

Gifts for the bride-to-be and her fiances were found in a laundry cart when Mrs. Harold Kling of 2510 Cabrillo Ave. feted Miss Sara Jackson, soon to become Mrs. Dale Angel, at her home Friday evening.

A unique cake, served with coffee, topped the refreshment list. Rosebuds were centered in diamond-shaped decorations, and an umbrella of icing on top of the cake shaded tiny sugar cube packages, bedecked with gay icing bows. Refreshments were served on a lace-appointed table with white candles.

Mrs. Phil MacHale decorated the colorful cake and assisted Mrs. Kling in serving.

Party games were played at the mixed gathering. Artistic talents of those attending were

## Bosomy Gals Deflate Flat Look



## Men, Former Flappers Bash Boyish Lines

"It's ridiculous. Women are built one way—why hide it?" That's what Miss Torrance for 1955, blonde and bosomy Norma Quine, said of the new flat-chested fashion for women formed by French designer Christian Dior.

Other Torrance lovelies also termed the "flat" style that harkens back to the flaming '20's a big bust. Green-eyed Sandra Lea Constance, last year's Miss Torrance who will reign as Miss California in 1955, declared "I don't like it at all. I'd never wear anything like that."

#### NIX ON BOY LOOK

Most women who have any kind of figure at all (and the 114-lb. beauty with a well-distributed 36-23-36 certainly has) "wouldn't want to wear anything that would make them look like a boy," she said.

Echoing that opinion was Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer, past president of the Torrance Woman's Club, who said, "Who but a boy wants to look like a boy?"

Darleen Craig, runner-up in the Miss Torrance Contest whose curvy torso is shown in photos at the left, said "It isn't sexy so it isn't for me."

#### 'FLAPPERS' SAY NO

The flat-chested look also fell flatter than a punctured balloon with several Torrance women who succumbed to it back in the '20's.

Said Mrs. Charles Ward, who formerly was a dressmaker: "For older people who have lost their figures, it's not going to matter. But women who still have their figures are not going to approve. We wore those kind of dresses, not because we liked them, but because they were the 'style.' I hope we've learned to know that 'style' is not what one designer says but what looks best on the individual woman."

"Having gone through that era myself and knowing how unglamorous it was," said Mrs. B. W. Roberts, who served as president of the Torrance Woman's Club in 1951-52, "I'll stick to the present styles."

Another past president of the Woman's Club, Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt, declared "I think curves are nicer. If any of you young girls think the flat-chested look is a good change, just take out your mother's photograph album and look at some of the pictures. In fact, I'll loan my album to anyone who thinks the Dior fashion is great—and he or she would change his mind!"

#### MEN AGREE

The proverbial battle between the sexes has come to a standstill, at least on styles. Men have joined the women in sharpening swords against the French designer.

"Do you want me to tell you the truth?" said Jim Whitmer, president of the Walteria Businessmen's Association. "The new look is HORRID! I like the sweeter girl type."

His stand is bolstered by Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who said, "The present touch is good enough for me. After looking at the lovely girls in our Fair contest, I think Nature is here to stay!"

Bob Lewellen Sr., owner of a local printing shop, declared, "I think American women are happy with their present styles and I'd just as soon they'd continue wearing them. I lived during the flapper days, and I don't want to see that again. Besides, no French designer should tell American women how to dress!"

But Jack Dabbs, member of the El Camino College board of trustees, bypassed the issue. "You'd better ask a single man!" he said.

So we did, and found Frank Dominguez Jr., who is associated with his father at a local furniture store, agnostic. "What's the matter with that man?" he said, speaking of Dior. "Doesn't he have any hormones?"

A teen-age boy, Jerry Farrar, who was student body president at Torrance High School last year, summed it up for all the males when he said, "I don't think it will ever catch on because it isn't what the men want and the girls don't want it either. Who'd like to go with a girl who has a shape like a pear or basefiddle?"

#### VISITS IN OREGON

Mrs. Della Moon, who makes her home with her son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Miles of 2303 Andros Ave. is visiting her niece, Mrs. Levine Weiget in Portland, Ore. this week.



CONCEAL AND REVEAL . . . Dior's "flat" look, reminiscent of flapper styles of the "Flaming '20's," would make curvy Darleen Craig look as she appears above; below you see the real Darleen.

## Phillips' Lad Goes to Camp

Cappy Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Phillips of 2925 W. 174th St., got his birthday present, a trip to camp, a month early yesterday morning.

The North Torrance lad, who will be 11 next Sept. 20, is getting his first camp experience at Camp Sara, near Wrightwood. He will spend two weeks there.

The unique birthday gift is the idea of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Little of 1825 W. 206th St.

## Mothers Plan Koffee Klatch

Mothers, friends, and members of the B'nai B'rith Girls will congregate at the home of Mrs. Milton Feinberg, 408 Camino de las Colinas on Tuesday, Aug. 24, for a "Koffee Klatch."

All members of the South Bay BBG are hostesses for the event, scheduled for 8 p.m. Donations are 50 cents per person, and the public is cordially invited.



ONE OUT OF ONE . . . is the enviable record of the North Torrance Branch of the California Fuchsia Society, which captured a first prize in the first state show it entered last week-end. The Society competed in the California State show, along with 24 other branches, and walked off with a first place trophy in the novelty division with its "French Hat Shoppe." The gold loving cup is proudly displayed by Mrs. J. R. Allison (right) outgoing president, and Robert Payne, entry chairman who will take over as chief executive on Aug. 10. Installation ceremonies will be held at 8 p.m. at McMaster Hall, with Loren Paulson, state president, presiding.