Unique Table Decoration Features Eastern Star's Birthday Dinner Party

Mystery of Home Mechanics Will be Study Project

Designed for husbands and wives who are constantly baffled by the mechanics of the modern home is a special course in Home Mechanics which the University of California Extension Division is opening next month at its 815 South Hill street headquarters in downtown Los Angeles.

Conducting the course, which will feature instruction in the elements of electricity, elementary automobile mechanics, plumbing and other household sciences of value to the average home owner, will be Thomas A. Watson, associate professor of mechanic arts at the University of California at Los Angeles.

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DAUGHTER BORN TO MRS. HARRY HIGGINS

Bette Sue is the name Mr. and Mrs. Harry U. Higgins, 1412 Manuel avenue, have chosen for their daughter born Sunday, August 15, at 9:40 a. m., in the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital. The infant tips the scales at six pounds 12 ounces. She and mother are doing nicely.

Bride Elect Feted At Shower In Stevenson Home

Miss Veronica McNeil, bride-elect of Phil Tepper of Los Angeles, was guest of honor at a shower given in the Stevenson home, 1504 Post avenue, Thursday evening. Mrs. Dorothy Stevenson Columbo and Miss Edith Riley were co-hostesses. Others included were Mmes. Arthur Little, Joseph Lupo, Pete Phillips, Jack Headburg, Ed Geach, James Hicks, Misses Ethel Ward, Mildred Holland, Helen Hannebrink, Mae Schumaker, Celina McNeil, Mary McNeil.

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MRS. SCHROEDER LUNCHEON HOSTESS

Mrs. Mary Schroeder, 1016 Arlington avenue, was hostess, when she entertained at luncheon in her home Monday. Covers were placed for Mmes. Elsie Smith, Marie Humer, Irene Wilkes, Anna Woodbourne, Marie Benson, Evalyn Waring, Cora Colburn and the hostess.

After the luncheon, 500 furnished diversion with prizes for high scores captured by Mrs. Humer and Mrs. Smith and low by Cora Colburn.

Paris Styles

by . . . MARY FENTRESS

PARIS (U.P.)—Dark print crepe frocks are the midsummer favorite for town year in Paris. Ranging from tailored two-piece designs to more formal afternoon dresses, they are conservative in color and line and are set off with striking accessories.

Small dark hats with veils, larger hats with an upward tilt, modified berets and stiff-brimmed sailors all are worn with the town prints, for accessories are used to determine the mood of the ensemble.

Close-fitting necklines and long sleeves are the general rule for the simple daytime frocks, and prints are in both geometrical and flower designs. Heavy bracelets, large bright pins or colorful bags and gloves may add a gay color note to the costume.

A two-piece print of geometrical design in royal blue, pale blue and black is a creation of Schiaparelli fashioned with a high neckline and long fitted sleeves. Tailored, chic and simple in design, it is shown with black accessories.

Tiny monuments of Paris sprinkled over a dark background make an unusual two-piece print street costume from Marcelle Landowski. Reveres and belt are in black and a white lingerie vest fits close about the neck, making a dainty contrast to the tailored lines of the dress.

Multi-colored embroidery in a bold design extends from shoulder to shoulder, forming an inverted pyramid on the blouse of a handsome black afternoon dress from Worth. A scarf close about the neck accents the high colar note.

FASHION TIP

Jackets give color accent for smart two-piece sports costumes seen at French resorts.

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V. F. W. AUXILIARY CARD PARTY AUG. 25

Card enthusiasts of Torrance are invited to attend the bridge and 500 party at the Serbian hall, 1316 Island avenue, Wilmington, Wednesday, August 25 at 8:00 p. m. Members of the V. F. W. Auxiliary No. 2967 are sponsoring the affair.

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PUBLIC INVITED TO REBEKAH LODGE PARTY

Trio Rebekahs invite the public to join them at a Hollywood Bridge party in the Odd Fellow's hall, Lomita, Wednesday, August 25, at 8:00 p. m. Mrs. Olca Davis, chairman.

Tables Festooned to Indicate Different Months of Year

The 17th birthday of Torrance chapter Order of Eastern Star furnished the incentive for one of the prettiest parties of the year last Thursday evening, when some 150 members and friends gathered in the Masonic banquet hall for a dinner.

Tables attractively arranged and decorated to resemble the months of the year had as their hostesses officers of the organization.

Maxine Smith, hostess at the January table, chose "Winter" as her theme. St. Valentine was selected by Theressa Hill who decorated the February table. Maude McNeil festooned the March table in green and white with clay pipes and shamrocks as favors. Mary Kirshman chose Easter bunnies for the April table and a Maypole centered the May Table at which Frances Buckley presided.

One of the loveliest of all was the June bride and groom at the altar of the church, this being the centerpiece on the table decorated by Elizabeth Brod. Lola Hoover typified the spirit of America at the July table. Since August seems an ideal time for vacations, Rosearnold Winter, hostess at that table arranged a mirror lake with canoes. Tepees were planted around and figures were lying on the sand.

The signs of the Zodiac depicted September and Jean Mosher, associate matron was hostess. Jennie Moore decorated the October table with yellow and black for Hallowe'en. A horn of plenty centered the Thanksgiving table, where Lois Babcock was hostess and Sally West, who was December hostess, decorated for Christmas.

Honored guests at the affair were Pearl Monroe, 53rd District deputy California Order of Eastern Star and her husband, Al Monroe, of San Pedro.

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TODAY, AUG. 19
6:30 p. m.—Rotary at Legion hall.
7:30 p. m.—Boy Scout Troop No. 217.
7:30 p. m.—Boy Scout Troop No. 219.
7:30 p. m.—Townsend Club.
8:00 p. m.—Modern Woodmen.
8:00 p. m.—O. E. S.

FRIDAY, AUG. 20
8:00 p. m.—Loyal Order of Moose.
8:00 p. m.—Masons.

SUNDAY, AUG. 22
Services in all the churches.

MONDAY, AUG. 23
6:15 p. m.—Kiwanis at Daniels Cafe.

TUESDAY, AUG. 24
7:30 p. m.—Boy Scout Troop No. 211.
7:45 p. m.—City Council.
7:45 p. m.—Royal Neighbors.
8:00 p. m.—Odd Fellows.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25
7:30 p. m.—20-30 Club.
7:30 p. m.—Boy Scout Troop No. 218.
7:45 p. m.—Rebekahs.
8:00 p. m.—A. O. U. W.
8:00 p. m.—V. F. W. at Lomita.

Club Women Picnic At City Park

Nice juicy steaks, corn on the cob, potato salad, hot rolls, home baked apple pies, cheese, hot rolls and coffee was the menu served to members of the National Business and Professional Club and their men folks at the annual picnic held in Torrance park Monday evening. Credit for the splendid dinner goes to the president, Addie Parks, who superintended the entire affair. Dinner was served in the enclosed pergola and the event proved most enjoyable.

After the dinner games planned by Bea Hughes, Edna Mullin, Ada Chase and Marie Chenot called for keen competition.

The business meeting will be held at the home of Lola Hoover, 1424 Acacia avenue, Tuesday evening, Sept 7.

Diane Marie Has Her First Party

Not many can boast a party on their very first birthday as Diane Marie Schumert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schumert for whom that grand event was celebrated at the family home Tuesday.

Decorations were in pink and white and most of the tiny gifts given the little lady were in the same pink shade, as the birthday cake and favors. Included in the party were Diane, Marilyn and Dickie Schumert, Neva June Lowen, Eugene Egerer, Shirley, Leroy and Marjorie Wright, Mrs. Rex. Schumert and Mrs. John Haynes of Los Angeles, Mr. Chas. Kelton and Mrs. Schumert.

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NEWS OF WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

Torrance Women of the Moose with their families attended a wiener bake at the Long Beach Recreation Park, Saturday evening.

This afternoon Women of the Moose held the last of their series of benefit bridge parties. Zoe Dithers, captain of the drill team was in charge.

At the meeting of Women of the Moose in their hall, 1526 Cravens avenue, Friday (tomorrow evening) plans to celebrate their second anniversary and the drill team victory at the state convention will be completed. Other lodges of the district will be invited to attend the affair, which will be held in the Cravens avenue hall, August 27.

Ask for these at the Library

A CARDINAL OF THE MEDICI by Mrs. Hicks Beach: The story of Ippolito, a Medici, is unfolded against a background of arts, social life, customs and everyday life of the Rennaissance. There appear such figures as Raphael, Michelangelo, Cellini as natural as if today. All characters are historical but the bare facts of history have been so veiled by invention that we enjoy a living picture while the story holds the readers' interest for its own sake.

PARADISE by Esther Forbes: This book pictures for us the founding of a new England settlement. The author lets us see sympathetically the strain of people adapting themselves to a new land. Here are people of energy and will and full of loneliness as settlers in new lands more than often are. The 17th century in Massachusetts Bay Colony is brought to us with magnificent reality and the historical romance combines the best qualities of several favorite books of the past two years.

THE NILE by Emil Ludwig: This is both a travel book and a sort of legendary biography of this river, a maker of civilization and history. Four thousand miles and 6,000 years pour through these pages as we watch the Nile give life to man and meaning to his history. Hundreds of objects are composed into a picture that is immense but never bewilders with detail. The author can describe anything strongly, sharply—memorably a herd of elephants, the flowers along the blue Nile, an Egyptian statue or a modern power house.

EAST WIND by Compton McKenzie: This is the story of a young man's intellectual and emotional development written with dignity and beauty. The account of John Ogilvie and his friends growing into maturity as the 20th century itself comes of age, depicts the spiritual and mental upheaval which is taking place in our present readjustment to the machine age. This is the first book of "The Four Winds of Love" which publishers anticipate will be a great work.

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Shower at Southgate Home Honors Mrs. Sweeney

A delightful affair of Thursday was the stork shower at which Mrs. Maxine Sweeney, 1226 Portola avenue, was honored. The affair given by Mrs. Evalyn Dilbeck at the Dilbeck home in Southgate, was attended by Mmes. Evalyn Sweeney, Gladys Kirbanks, Catherine Best, Elma Davisisson, Grace McIntosh, Miss Marjorie Doolittle and the honoree of Torrance, Mmes. Hazel Humphry, Geraldine Dilbeck, Adelle Rogers, Frances Stewart, and the hostess of Southgate, and Mrs. Thelma Blackmore of Hollywood.

Pink and blue featured the decorative scheme and covered the basket, which was filled with lovely gifts for the expected boy or girl at the Sweeney home. Pink and blue booties served as favors.

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NEWS OF THE LEGION AUXILIARY

Five tables were in play at the benefit brunch bridge given at the home of Alice Thompson in Lomita Wednesday. Proceeds from the affair will go into the American Legion Auxiliary treasury. First prize in contract bridge play was awarded Eloda Barkdull.

The first meeting of Bert S. Crossland Unit 170, American Legion Auxiliary for the new year will be held in the Legion hall Tuesday evening, August 24. A 6:30 dinner will preceed the meeting. Members will please make reservations not later than Saturday by phoning Audie Modglin, president at 581-J or Velora Murphy, secretary at 497.

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AUNT ENTERTAINS FOR BERNICE SCHNEIDER

The 16th birthday of Bernice Schneider, furnished the incentive for a prettily appointed party, Saturday, when her aunt, Mrs. Joseph Leitner, 2108 Dominguez street, entertained for 16.

Miss Schneider, came from Wausau, Wisconsin, in June and will make her permanent home with the Leitners.