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We hope that we may be spared the accusation of being labeled a yacking female, but these constant attacks by male columnists on women's attire is beginning to make us fret . . .

Week in 'n' week out we submit, without a flinch, to every side-splitting Joe Millerism in the book . . . These self-appointed critics, who usually cannot distinguish a hat pin from a hangnail, cast themselves in the role of an authority and bombard us with every adjective and adverb in the Thesaurus.

They've mimicked our moods in millinery . . . burlesqued our beachclothes, and staged many a satire on our silhouette. We've sat quietly while they've hazed our hairdos . . . made merry with our make-up . . . and split a side over the length of our skirts . . .

Well, fellows, move over. We're about to turn a table or two . . .

Writing a 600-word column on men's fashions is not one of life's easier tasks for the reason that there has never been a time in modern history, excepting maybe the Empire period of the 1850's, when men's fashions have been so stereotyped, so completely devoid of any perceptible signs of imagination or originality.

Outside of the raccoon coat that was forced on you in the mid-twenties by the entree of the open car, the most radical change that has taken place in attire for the male came at the turn of the century when you substituted the long lisle underwear for the shorter version. Sorta a turn of the century "battle of the hemline" . . .

So, we women think of your fashions as dull and unimaginative . . .

Secondly, we in California have a peculiar problem all our own . . .

It's this thing that is loosely termed the beachcomber approach to fashion, referred to by some as the casual look! Now, we think it's just peachy-keen for you to discard the stiff collar and binding tie whenever the occasion so permits, but must you go hogwild over the idea?

As a woman has learned to key her mode of dress not only to the climate, but to the time of the day and the occasion, it would be a pleasing thought to know the male could do so depended upon. Nothing is more exasperating than to appropriately dress for a dinner date and to open the door to greet an escort decked out in a costume suited only for a tropical luan . . .

We also feel that you could devote more thought to your selections. Why is it that the short, heavy man insists on a bulky tweed suit and the tall and slim always goes for the pin-stripe? Why does the microscopic mister choose a king-size tie and the Goliath, a butterfly bow? Why does the man with a pouch consistently select a Hawaiian sport shirt?

These and more are the thoughts that run through our minds when we read your attacks on our fashions. "It is easier to be critical than to be correct" . . . Disraeli.



HUDDLE OVER HEARTS . . . Busy creating colorful, giant-size hearts which will take a decoration spotlight at the Torrance Memorial Hospital Auxiliary's Valentine Ball on Feb. 13 are these members of the decorating committee. Mesdames John Oursler and Dean Sears center a silver heart with a pink cupid to match the ruffling; Mesdames Henry Upholt and Lee McCoy, chairman, accent another with a center nosegay

of red roses; Mrs. Gerald Eastham ties pink poses on an other; and Mrs. W. C. Boswell cuts smaller hearts out of red taffeta, while Mrs. Paul Loranger ruffles them in white and attaches wire so they can be suspended from the ceiling of the Hollywood Riviera Clubhouse, setting for the annual affair. Also serving on the decoration committee is Mrs. J. W. Post. (Herald photo)

Refugee Europe's Time Bomb, Speaker Tells YW

"Refugees are the main problem of Germany—they are the time bomb of Europe."

So many members of the Harbor District YWCA, including Mesdames Mervin Schwab and John Parks of the Torrance Branch, learned recently when they attended a YW meeting at the Wilshire Methodist Church in Los Angeles.

"It is as if," speaker Fay Allan, American YWCA secretary on leave from her work in Berlin, continued, "the total population of Denmark and Sweden have to be fed, clothed, and given work in Western Germany. As a result, the refugee camps are indescribable."

"One of the chief problems is housing, with two and three families sharing kitchen and bathroom facilities."

Miss Allan also told how one of the YW centers was repaired, using chest X-ray plates for the windows. Later, spools of cement were contributed by friends of the YW, and members and constituents were asked to donate glass from pictures to

For Hospital Treasure Teas Open

This Afternoon; 13 On Two-week Slate

Today marks the beginning of a series of "Treasure Teas" calendared throughout the Torrance area during the last two weeks of the month for the benefit of Torrance Memorial Hospital.

The novel gatherings, to be held under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of the hospital, will serve both as a boost for ticket sales to the group's annual Valentine Ball on Feb. 13 and as an aid to the committee planning decorations for the gala event, the highlight of the early spring social season here.

DISTRIBUTE DUCATS Ducats for the \$600 treasure chest, to be awarded at midnight, and to the ball itself will be distributed following a brief outline of the Auxiliary's work in aiding the hospital. Guests will then take ducats in hand to cut out hearts and twist red and white crepe paper into streamers which will give a Valentine motif to the affair's setting, Hollywood Riviera Clubhouse.

Nine afternoon teas and an additional four "coffee and cake" hours during the evening are planned. Mrs. Joseph Merola will open her 23080 Doris Wy., Seaside Ranchos home for the first event, which will begin at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Tomorrow afternoon Mrs. W. E. Grubbs will hostess the second of the series from 2 to 4 p.m. at her 2913 Palms Verdes Dr. N. home.

Two gatherings, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, mark Tuesday's calendar. Hostessing the 2 to 4 p.m. tea at her 221 Via Los Altos, Hollywood Riviera home will be Mrs. Otto Willett, wife of the South Bay court judge, while entertaining during the evening will be Mrs. William F. Clarke, 22714 Crosshill Ave.

The 5347 Binedwald Rd. Seaside Heights home of Mrs. Marion Phillips will be the setting for a Wednesday afternoon gathering, while a similar affair Thursday afternoon will be hosted by Mrs. Chris Hall, 213 Camino de las Colinas.

Mrs. David Hurford, president of Los Vecinas Woman's Club, will open her 5427 Reese Rd., Seaside Ranchos home for a luncheon Friday afternoon. On that evening's calendar is a "coffee and cake" hour at the 1322 Teri Ave. home of Mrs. Robert Tolson.

WEEKS CLIMAX The week's events will be climaxed Saturday evening with an evening party for North Torrance neighbors and friends throughout the city at McMaster Hall, with Councilman and Mrs. Nick Drake, 3451 W. 171st St., doing the honors as host and hostess.

Mrs. Ed Karlow, who led the Jayettes to a successful first sponsoring of the Hobby Show last May, will hostess an 8:30 p.m. party at her 1971 Middlebrook Rd. home Monday, Jan. 25. The following two days, set-dates for office during 1954-55 and plans for Founders Day will spark the business agenda.

DR. HULL TO TALK AT MADRONA MEET Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance City Schools, will speak at Madrona PTA on "Opportunities Unlimited" when the group meets next Wednesday night, Jan. 20, at 7:30 o'clock in the school kindergarten room.

Selection of a nominating committee to choose candidates for office during 1954-55 and plans for Founders Day will spark the business agenda.

Malayan Cites Freedom in Schools Here

"School children in the United States are allowed so many more freedoms than are absent in schools in Malaya—freedom to ask questions pertaining to government, freedom of expression, freedom to work and play according to their needs."

So said Thiam Chong, Malayan youth who is now attending El Camino College, when he spoke at the Fern Ave.-Greenwood PTA meeting Thursday afternoon.

"The children here in the United States learn to earn pocket money more often than those in Malaya; they also learn the value of money much sooner than Malayan children," Thiam said. A pre-engineering student at El Camino, he has been in the United States about nine months and speaks three languages.

Other program highlights included selections by the school orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. Phillip Wilde, and an inspirational hymn sung by pupils of Mrs. Katherine Mason.

Elected as a nominating committee to select candidates for PTA officers during the coming year were C. I. Creelhus and Mesdames J. R. Patrick, R. E. Murphy, A. K. Krausser, and G. G. Grubb.

Brownie Troop 631 opened the meeting by leading the flag salute, and fifth grade mothers were hostesses for the social hour which followed.

ANNOUNCE DATE OF DISTRICT SESSION Mid-Winter First District PTA Conference will be held at El Monte Union High School Thursday, Jan. 28. Mrs. H. E. Carr, president, announced at Tuesday's session of Torrance Council PTA.

Mrs. P. D. Bevil, president of California Congress of Parents and Teachers, will be the principal speaker at the general session.

"This social is planned to raise money for a very worthy cause, our child city at Mooseheart, and we extend a most sincere welcome to the public to attend," Mrs. Clay said. "Come and bring your friends."



AFTER MEETING CHAT . . . Thiam Chong, Malayan student now attending El Camino College, talks informally with Fern Ave.-Greenwood PTA mothers, left to right, Mesdames Paul Ogle and Fred Hilton. The foreign lad took a program spotlight at Thursday's meeting of the Association, presenting highlights of life in his country, with particular emphasis on education. (Herald photo)

Missionary Home, Health, U.N. Topics for WSCS

Three talks whose subjects ran the gamut from life at a missionary home to health in the schools to the work of the United Nations highlighted last Thursday's meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, held at the church.

Eighty missionaries, who have given a total of 2700 years of service in every country around the world, are housed at Robinson Home, Mrs. Mabel Metzger, feature speaker of the afternoon, said. Her message was that "we should retire to something, not from it."

Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer, president of the Torrance Woman's Club, discussed health in the schools, while Mrs. R. W. Bishop spoke on the United Nations. Two musical selections, "Thanks Be to God" and "The Prayer Perfect," played and sung by Mrs. James H. Burchett, also featured the program.

Members of Mary Circle opened the meeting with prayer and song. Mrs. Don Hughes led the inspirational, the song "The Lord Is My Shepherd," sung by Mesdames Richard Brundin, Earle Peterson, and Tom Fisher, while Mrs. John Parks gave the devotions.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS LECTURE TOPIC "Fulfilling Your Child's Emotional Needs" will be Dorothy Law's topic tomorrow night when she gives the second of a four lecture series at North Torrance Elementary School. Slated for 8 to 10 o'clock, the lecture is co-sponsored by the school PTA and the Torrance School of Adult Education.

Moose Plans Card Party

A gala evening is promised to all who attend the Wednesday night card party being sponsored by Torrance Women of the Moose at the Moose Hall, 1744 W. Carson St., Chaplain Joyce Clay, chairman of the event, said this week.

Beginning at 8 p.m., tables of canasta, pinocle, bridge, buncle, and 500 will be set up, she said. All those wishing to bring a donation of 50 cents.

Prizes will be awarded for high scores in each game, and refreshments will be served.

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Creative Family Living



By Dorothy L. Law

COUNSELOR, LECTURER, INSTRUCTOR IN FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

'Turtle' Feels Independent, Must Learn to Share Himself

This week we want to describe the "turtle" personality pattern. People with this pattern as a dominant one have their own special needs.

They are often very aloof and detached in their attitudes; in extreme cases they can withdraw to a very marked degree when they are displeased with their environment. They pride themselves on their self-sufficiency and ability to work independently. They can be extremely self-contained as well as moody and introspective; find it hard to share their inner feeling with others and so often feel "misunderstood."

NEED TO FEEL PART OF THE GROUP It is true, that we each need to take time to quiet ourselves inwardly, to collect ourselves, so to speak. There are times when we wish to be alone; however, we also have an inter-relatedness with our fellow man. This need is met through a feeling of "belonging," a feeling of being part of our group.

Very often the turtle type of personality thinks he feels just the opposite—"I don't need anyone." As we have learned, when we deny aspects of ourselves and strongly identify with any one type (star, turtle, clinging vine, or tyrant), we have an inner feeling of lack. This creates a limitation in self-expression with its resulting tension.

CAN FEEL REJECTED So often the egocentric "turtle" feels "no one wants me." He can have a great deal of self-pity and bitterness seething about inwardly, even though to all outer appearances nothing seems to be bothering him at all.

Some turtles "explode" periodically, surprising themselves and those about them. They are sometimes difficult to live with because of lack of communication with their environment. One wife said of her husband, "I guess he just expects me to read his mind," another remarked, "I can't seem to be able to please him. I never know what he expects."

HIDE REAL FEELINGS In contrast to the "star" pattern of last week, the turtle avoids recognition. One of the worst techniques to use on him is high pressure, or force, because he will often retreat and become very cold and sensitive. He can ignore you in a most devastating way.

Some turtles will outwardly be compliant and agreeable, and then quietly do it their "own" way. Some are overly-sensitive and easily hurt; however, they are skillful at hiding these feelings from others.

NEEDS TO FACE LIFE If you have a child who appears to have a more dominant "turtle" pattern, you can help him learn several lessons in human relationships so he can develop in a balanced way. Some of these are to recognize his need for independence but to realize others must be included in his thoughts and plans; to find healthy and satisfying ways of meeting problem situations; to learn the attitude of facing issues squarely with "let's see what we can do about it"; to recognize his real feelings; and to meet life and express himself adequately.

Often you can communicate with the turtle type more easily through what he does. A hobby or project of some kind will often encourage him to express himself. It is less difficult for him to share his activities than his feelings. Later, as you build confidence in your relationship with him, he is more willing to express his inward thoughts.

NEEDS TO LEARN SHARING He greatly needs to project his attention to others or to an outside interest of some kind in keeping with his talents. He needs so much to learn to "share" himself from time to time, to establish common goals with those about him, to develop the "we" feeling.

A shell is a protection which may be necessary for us to use "at times," but it's no fun to live in one all the time. Neither is it good mental health to have the feelings that go with this way of life.

Too much withdrawal from facing ourselves or others is an indication of a need for self-understanding. We might ask this question—"What am I running away from?" I have found the answer in most cases to be "myself."

Life is learning to live with ourselves and others. It rings great rewards in successful living.

Next week I'll discuss the "clinging vine" pattern.

FOR WOMEN First of Four Lectures Set For Wednesday

Places Open in Y Swim Class

Because of inclement weather, the initial meeting of the swimming course being offered by the YWCA on Tuesday mornings at 11 a.m., there are still places available for those wishing to enroll. Mrs. Otis Blackstone, publicity chairman, said this week.

Credit will be allowed for those who were unable to attend the first session, however, she said.

This course is being offered in response of many calls for a women's swimming class, the press chairman continued. Mrs. Anna Jensen, Red Cross water safety instructor, is in charge, and those wishing to register may do so at the San Pedro YWCA, 487 W. Ninth St.

Free child care is provided at the YW for those attending the class. Each person enrolling in the group is expected to furnish her own towel and suit and to complete her registration at the YW prior to the starting time for the class.