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HOW TO SELECT A SUIT

With just one flip of the fashion calendar, we're head over heels in the most style-conscious season of them all. Girls, it's Springtime - 1954!!! In the woman's world - the word "Spring" is synonymous with one of fashion's sweetest blessings—the suit. If well-thought-out and wisely chosen, it can be the backbone of your entire wardrobe. Above all, this is an item that must SUIT you . . . your face, your figure . . . your personality, and your way of life. With this in mind, observe the following rules:

Under First . . .
Do you want a basic suit? This is one that can be completely changed by merely switching accessories.
Do you prefer the dressier type? One that is self sufficient in colour, fabric and silhouette.

When Buy Accordingly . . .
If you are short:

- Select: 1. a slim or modified-flared silhouette
- 2. one colour . . . jacket and skirt must match
- 3. miniature detail . . . narrow cuffs and small collar
- 4. short, fitted jacket

Avoid: 1. plaids, checks (large) and brilliant colours
2. padded hips and wide shoulders
3. raglan or bat-wing sleeves, capes
4. deeply textured fabrics

If you are tall:

- Select: 1. bold sweeping lines . . . large collars, cuffs and oversized jewelry
- 2. textured fabrics (born just for you)
- 3. two-coloured ensemble (if you want to cut your height)

Avoid: 1. itchy-bitsy details

- Ex.: baby buttons, dainty trim, delicate jewelry
- 2. the "string-bean" straight silhouette
- Ex.: the column coat
- 3. Avoid the "looks like I outgrew it" look. Check carefully the length of the jacket and the sleeves

If you are "hip-heavy":

- Select: 1. a modified flared skirt
- 2. a dark skirt, minus attention-getting detail
- 3. a good girdle

If you are "top-heavy":

- Select: 1. a V neckline
- 2. a diagonal closing
- 3. a dark jacket, minus attention getting details as clever buttons and collar interest
- 4. a good bra

PERRY PTA PLANS SKIT

"We Knew Them When," a skit, will be presented at Perry PTA's Founders Day program, slated for Thursday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m. at the school auditorium.
Two honorary life memberships will be presented to worthy citizens and past presidents and past recipients of the award will be guests of honor.
Plans were completed last Thursday when the executive board met at the 4323 W. 179th St. home of Mrs. C. Thompson.

Question Box On Torrance Council Slate

A question-box type program with "Teacher Training Opportunity" as its topic, presentation of two honorary life memberships, and honoring of past presidents will spark the agenda next Wednesday, Feb. 17, when Torrance Council PTA observes Founders Day at 9:30 a.m. at the YWCA.

Scheduled to participate on the program are four experts in the field of teacher training: Mrs. Grace Wright, local Board of Education member and chairman of the salary and teacher recruitment committee of the County School Trustees' Association; Mrs. J. Stanley Brode, international relations chairman of CCPTA and member of the state PTA's scholarship and fellowship committee; Mrs. C. Reese, program chairman of First District PTA; and Ted Base, field representative of the California Teacher Association.

"Purpose of the program," said Mrs. Evar Janssen, chairman, "is to aid parents in gaining the necessary information concerning teacher training so that they may guide their children, who are interested in entering the profession along the proper path."
Opportunities offered in the teaching profession, financial aid, scholarships and fellowship, salaries in comparison to other professions and other pertinent topics will be discussed. Mrs. Janssen added, urging that all interested members attend the meeting and bring questions they would like answered.

New Custom At El Nido

El Nido PTA began a new tradition in Torrance Council with its first Founders Day celebration, held last Wednesday evening at the school.
Used for the first time, a tablecloth embroidered in the center with El Nido PTA and decorated at the four corners with acorns will in the future bear signatures of all past presidents as it appoints the refreshment table at each Founders Day event.
As the Association is in its first year of existence and therefore has no past presidents, for this beginning fete Mrs. C. H. Turner, past state president; Mrs. W. A. Wright, past president of Perry PTA; and Mrs. Dana Houston, past president of Crenshaw PTA, were honor guests and the first three to sign the new cloth.
Also honored during the evening were Mrs. Philo Mellor, president, and Mrs. Glen Runstead, president of the El Nido Parents Group, from which evolved the PTA.
Feature address, delivered by Mrs. Turner, told the story of honorary life memberships. Other talks on the meaning of Founders Day were given by Mrs. Mellor and Mrs. Paul Herring, chairman of this year's event.
Second-graders took a program spotlight with several songs and an original story about their trip to a bakery.

"A Parade of Memories" with various members modeling costumes from the past while others sing hit songs of former years will feature the Founders Day celebration of Riviera PTA, to be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17.
Included in the chorus will be songsters from Los Caneleros, Hollywood Riviera choral group, Mrs. Thornsten Burman, chairman, reported.
Traditional honoring of past presidents and awarding of an honorary life membership will top off the program.

To See Parade Of Memories

Long and faithful service in served as an officer in Torrance community, PTA, and school, particularly active in child health and welfare service and teacher, honorary life memberships when Waleria PTA held its Founders Day celebration at the school Thursday.
Nestlerode, former Waleria resident who now makes his home in Compton, was a pioneer at the school. His activities include two terms as honorary life membership chairman, carnival standby every year, and active co-operation in paper drives.
Mrs. Howey, who served as president last year, also has the social hour.

PTA Honorary Life Membership Winners Revealed; More Founders Day Programs Scheduled Next Week

Three Get Honorary Life From Fern-Greenwood PTA

Three honorary life memberships went to outstanding persons in the community, Mrs. J. R. Patrick, Charles Crecelius, and Mrs. Adam Krauszer, when Fern Ave.-Greenwood PTA held its Founders Day program at the school Thursday evening.
The award is an emblem of their years of service to the school and community showing that they have done much to advance the aims and objects of parent education and child welfare.
Mrs. Patrick has long been active in such community projects as Red Cross and YWCA. She has been a den mother for



OUTSTANDING . . . Mrs. Adam Krauszer and Charles Crecelius, standing, talk over honorary life membership they received from Fern Ave.-Greenwood PTA with the third recipient of the award, Mrs. J. R. Patrick. (Herald photo)

Cub Scouts, a Sunday school teacher, room mother president of the Association last year. Introduction of past presidents and charter members by Mrs. C. F. Connors and presentation of a film, "Preface to a Life," also featured the evening. Mrs. Emily Young's rhythm band entertained with several selections and W. W. Hamilton spoke briefly on the school bond issue.
Boy Scout Troop 728-C, Den No. Eight, opened the program with a flag salute, while Theo Thistle delivered the inspiration-PTA. He is a friend to every child in the Fern-Greenwood schools.
The Founders Day birthday cake was cut and served during the social hour under the direction of Mrs. William Speck, hospitality chairman.



MRS. BRUCE HOWEY AND CLETUS NESTLERODE . . . Get Awards from Waleria PTA . . .

TEACHER, PAST PREXY NAMED BY WALTERIANS

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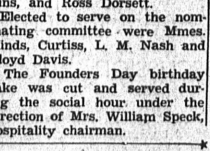
EXAMINING . . . the honorary life membership card are Torrance High School PTA's two winners of the award, Mrs. Charles A. Curtiss, left, and Mrs. J. L. Hinds. Mrs. Curtiss has been Girl Scout leader for five years, serves on the Torrance Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, has assisted at Red Cross Blood Banks, and has been in PTA work for 12 years, holding membership at Torrance Elementary and Torrance High. Her offices include secretary and publicity chairman and she also is an active member of the YWCA. Mrs. Hinds holds PTA membership in both Torrance High and Fern-Greenwood Schools. She serves as publicity chairman for Torrance Council PTA and has held the offices of welfare, publicity, and membership chairman in the unit Association. She also has been active in Cub Scout work for two-and-a-half years. (Herald photo)

High School PTA Honors Hinds, Curtiss

With the awarding of honorary life memberships to Mmes. John Hinds and Charles Curtiss highlighting the evening, Torrance High School PTA observed Founders Day Tuesday at the high school cafeteria.
Over 100 members were in attendance to watch the presentation of awards and the ceremony honoring past presidents and past honorary life membership recipients.

tribute was paid to Elmer Moon and Mesdames Grover Van Deventer, Charles Woodcock, A. C. Turner, and L. F. Watson, past leaders, and Miss Irene Mills, Mrs. William Tolson, and Mrs. J. E. Popovich, past recipients.
An amusing barber shop scene in which the history of the PTA was brought out by five PTA fathers reading magazines while awaiting their turns in the barber's chair featured the program. William Speck played the part of the barber, while Richard Crist was the suffering customer. Others in the skit were William Walton, Benjamin Calkins, and Ross Dorsett.
Elected to serve on the nominating committee were Mmes. Hinds, Curtiss, L. M. Nash and Lloyd Davis.
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Mesdames W. C. Attebery, 1605 W. 205th St., and George W. Mathews, 1446 W. 182nd St., who number over two decades of PTA service between them, got honorary life membership awards from 186th PTA at Thursday's Founders Day celebration.
Mrs. Attebery has been active in the Association since moving to Torrance in 1945. She has served the group as a room mother, unit goals chairman, membership chairman, auditor, and child welfare chairman, and also assisted in immunization, registration, and all ways and means projects.
Chiefly responsible for drawing several Southwest Village women into the Association, she also has served as den mother for the Cub Scouts. She has one son, Jerry, who is student body president at Gardena High School.
During her membership in PTA since 1942, Mrs. Mathews has served as treasurer, parliamentarian, historian, publicity, hospitality and welfare chairman. She also has assisted in all ways and means projects, as well as undertaking the responsibility of mothering a Cub Scout and child welfare chairman and also assisted in immunization, registration, and all ways and means projects.
Past presidents honored were Mmes. C. Bennett, F. D. Sutherland, W. D. Ten Eyck, Leo Wagoner, Samuel Dow, Claud Hill, and W. Early.



MRS. G. W. MATHEWS (top)



MRS. W. C. ATTEBERY . . . Win at 186th St.

186th Streeters Name Mmes. Attebery, Mathews

Holstin Gets Seaside Award

Floyd Holstin, Scoutmaster for Troop 728, received the honorary life membership awarded by Seaside PTA at its Founders Day program Thursday evening at the school auditorium.
Holstin, who also is Scoutmaster for the Explorer Scouts, introduced six boys from his troop who had attained Eagle rank.
Carrying out the Founders Day theme, a panel of students discussed what PTA means to boys and girls. Participating were Barbara Merola, Kent McMichael, Ralph Muldoon, and Gerald Reynolds.
Included in the honor guest list were Mrs. R. G. Parke, president; Ronald Henderson, superintendent of Willowbrook School District; Mesdames Paul Roett, Raymond Hole, Byron Johnson, L. C. Edman, past president, and Earl Eckert, Byron Johnson, Clyde Beck, and Mrs. Henry Miller, past honorary life membership recipients.



WINNERS . . . Mrs. William Sale adjusts Mrs. Robert Jackson's corsage, given along with an honorary life membership pin at Wednesday's North Torrance Elementary Founders Day event. A past president of the Association, Mrs. Jackson served as corresponding secretary for two years, Den Mother for the Cub Scouts; vice-president for the Methodist Church WSCS, and Sunday school teacher. She also was active in Community Chest, Red Cross, and March of Dimes campaigns. Mrs. Sale, charter member, has held the offices of ways and means chairman, parliamentarian, and hospitality and courtesy chairman. Active in Cub and Boy Scout Mothers Club, she also has been active in Red Cross, Community Chest, and March of Dimes drives. (Herald photo)

Seven-Year Service Wins Halldale Pins

A teacher and a custodian who have been at Halldale Ave. School for approximately seven years won the PTA honorary life memberships at Thursday's Founders Day program.
Mrs. Lillian Smith of Compton, who left the school in March of last year, and Earl Comstock of Los Angeles, who is still serving Halldale as custodian, were the recipients.
Others honored during the day are Mesdames H. T. Seaman, E. Bernardin, and C. C. DeVore, past president; Amanda Bonwell, principal; and D. E. Morris, M. Colgarrapie, J. Blackmon, and E. R. Martin, past recipients.
"PTA Progress Through the Years" themed an address given by Mrs. Don Wolf, who was introduced by Mrs. J. N. Rogers, Founders Day chairman. Business session highlights included the naming of Mesdames Robert Payne, William Wilson, Otto Fagnano, Clark Harris, and S. K. Odell as a nominating committee; scheduling a paper drive for Feb. 24; and slating the Johnny Strong Circus at the school on Mar. 27.

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PINNING CEREMONY . . . Mrs. Lillian Smith of Compton, teacher at Halldale Ave. School for seven years and recipient of one of this year's honorary life memberships gives Earl Comstock, school custodian for seven years and the other award winner a hand with his pin. (Herald photo)

Patio Setting At Madrona

The new lunch patio, one of 7:30 o'clock, will include talks the first to be built at a new "Good Books for Children" school, will be the setting next and "Reading Readiness" in ad-Wednesday evening, Feb. 17, tion to presentation of an when Madrona PTA holds its honorary life membership and Founders Day celebration, paying tribute to the past-president, Mrs. Thomas Smiley.

North City PTA Names 3 Winners

A past president, charter member, and school custodians got North Torrance Elementary PTA's honorary life memberships at Founders Day ceremonies held Wednesday evening at the school.
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