



Dorothy Downing and Fashion

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Miss Downing is currently on tour of the Eastern states to promote our California fashions. Her views on trends will continue to run weekly from data gathered at her stops in the nation's leading fashion centers.

WITH THE LAZY LUXURY of Palm Beach far below . . . the glitter of Miami's gold coast already beyond the blue, we wing our way in a northerly direction for the remaining fourteen stops of our Eastern tour . . .

THE BECKONING SUN-KIST shores of our southern-most state are another winter testing ground for the fashions that all America, and the world over, will be wearing with the coming of summer. Just a quick glimpse around some of our country's most fashionable beach resorts but re-emphasize the importance of the California influence on the fashion scene . . .

YES, OUR MASTERS of fine design are well represented and wholeheartedly endorsed even by this "friendly competitive" state, which, incidentally, also is making great strides in the apparel industry . . .

AT THE SHORE

The weed-slim silhouette is the number one fashion for the sun 'n' sea life that is so prevalent here. Most of the emphasis is placed on the upper torso, via the shirred bodice, intricate tucks, and figure-flattering cuff details.

The hour-glass girl made history last year when she stepped out of her cobwebbed trunk and stunned the industry by discreetly shortening her bloomer and baring her shoulders to revolutionize the swim-wear fashion story. This is the silhouette that is vying with the understated sheath. Women who "couldn't wear it" last year have apparently discovered the flattering secret in its softness. It is seen mostly in elegant simplicity, with more attention in color and fabric, than in detail.

The colours, truly inspired by our native state, represent all the glow of a Pacific Coast sunset. However, there are some definite trends here, as in silhouette. We see a predominance of blue . . . from azure to deep turquoise, and certainly the red family, from coral to flamingo, bids for top spot. A refreshing third could be yellow. Black is still seen, but has lost much of its former appeal. Last year's brown family, that was so highly endorsed, is seen only at long intervals. White, of course, is still lovely for the copper-tinted mermaids who spend most of their days in and around the sea. Hi-fashion, but truly hard to wear is charcoal, especially smart when frosted with white.

'Stork Story' FROM TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

A new little daughter has joined seven-year-old Paul and four-year-old Pamela at the 23217 Huber Ave. home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville D. Hoy. Born Apr. 20, she weighed 7 lbs. 4 1/2 oz. and has been named Penny Jo. Father is employed at General Petroleum Corp.; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Findlen, 2121 Gramery Ave., and Mrs. A. A. Hoy, 2312 W. 246th Pl., Lomita.

Also born Apr. 20, at 6:48 p.m., was a son to Mr. and Mrs. Galen A. Truesdell Jr., 1005 Felbar Ave. The new arrival, who weighed 9 lbs. 7 1/2 oz., has been named Bruce Shelby. He has one brother, Scott Craig. Father is a chemical engineer for the Pilot Chemical Co.; the H. B. Van Sickle of Bremerton, Wash., and Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Truesdell of Seattle, Wash., are grandparents.

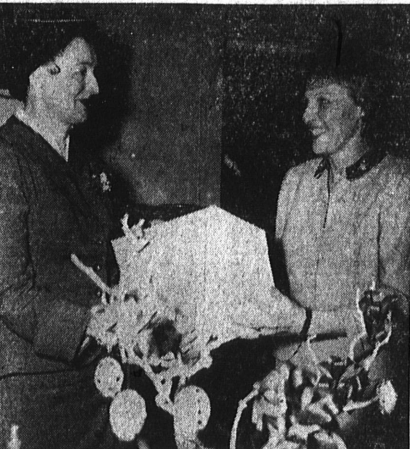
Open House Set by PTA

Torrance Elementary PTA will host an open house at the school next Thursday in lieu of its regular monthly meeting. Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, president, announced at last Monday's executive board session, held at the home of the president-elect, Mrs. H. Helmlein.

Other board business included announcements of the first meeting of the Howard Wood PTA, to be held May 6, of the annual Council breakfast, slated for May 12; and a board luncheon chartered for May 18 at Portuguese Bend Clubhouse.



GREETING HOUR . . . Congressman Cecil R. King, who is seeking reelection from the 17th District this June, greets Mrs. John (Rosemary DeCamp) Shidler, Hollywood Riviera hostess, and Mrs. Sam Levy, Torrance hostess, following a luncheon in his honor at the Fish Shanty Wednesday. (Herald photo)



SPECIAL TRIBUTE . . . Mrs. Edward Schwartz, chairman, presents a gift to the "Woman behind the King," his wife, at a luncheon honoring Congressman Cecil R. King. (Herald photo)

'Woman behind the King' Gets Tribute at Luncheon

The "Woman behind the King," his wife, appropriately received special tribute Wednesday afternoon when women of Hollywood Riviera, Seaside Ranchos, Rolling Hills, and Palos Verdes gathered at the Fish Shanty for a luncheon honoring Congressman Cecil R. King, who is seeking reelection from the 17th District this June.

Dressed in muted blue with black accessories, Mrs. King received a black felt handbag from the hands of Mrs. Edward Schwartz, chairman, who chose a pale lavender suit with touches of black velvet and a matching velvet hat.

Gay touches of red on crisp white and the same crisp white giving a striking accent to the perennially favorite black predominated in ensembles chosen by the nearly 175 women attending. Hats were for the most part bright and colorful, reminiscent of the Easter parade with the posy trim.

The luncheon, Jack Dabbs said in introducing the Congressman, "is for the complete and express purpose for the women to meet their representative. It is strictly a non-political meeting."

"Those who know Congressman King," Dabbs continued, "share the admiration and respect I have for him. I am sure those who are meeting him for the first time will agree with us who know him that King is California's most distinguished Congressman."

Lack of unity and the difficulty of finding qualified men who are willing to accept public office are the basic dangers confronting our country today, the Congressman stressed in his after-luncheon address.

"Past is Prologue," King said, quoting an inscription on one of the Washington buildings he passes each day as he goes to his duties. "The second World War resulted from lack of unity within, in almost the same way as the first global conflict; both spelled out this weakness in the human family."

"Before World War I we were as divided and antagonistic as possible. The press seemed dedicated to creating a division between the chief executive and his plans for the country's good and the citizenry. Nearly one-half of the nation's citizens were led to believe other than the facts concerning the United States' position in world affairs; the result was a successful division of the thinking and loyalty of a great mass of the American people."

The same situation existed before World War II, King continued. "We disregarded warning after warning from our chief executive, calling him liar, faker, and war monger. How ever ridiculous an opinion was it had many listeners, and these opinions shook the faith of the people. They were the antithesis of what our government called for—for our own good."

But we were lucky both times, the Congressman said, emerging from the conflicts much less scarred than our enemies. We were unprepared in both cases principally because of the division brought about before the chips were down. "We were able to win both times because we had achieved unity—not through teamwork and understanding, but through the enemy. Why must enemies bring this about? Why can't we do the same thing under our democratic institutions? Under our educational

Crenshaw PTA Pedro Troops Join for Fun

Girls of Scout Troop No. 1368, sponsored by Crenshaw Elementary PTA, took a step forward on the road to the World Gift Proficiency Badge recently when they met with Troop No. 1442 at Homer Toberman Settlement House in San Pedro.

One of the requirements of the badge is to meet with girls whose nationality, racial, or religious background is different from one's own troop. Both the groups taught songs and dances, then joined in square dancing and a game of volleyball. The Toberman girls provided an impromptu program, while the Torrance Scouts took over again to serve refreshments. The troops plan to combine efforts for an amateur show in the near future.

Torrance girls attending were Anita Faubus, Donna Goldeh, Andrea Grooms, Carol Hamilton, Susan Hayes, Judy Holly, Ann Johnson, Alvina Jones, Joyce Lewis, Linda Malovich, Sherry Moore, Judy Moulton, Joanne Papp, Sandra Patten, Carolyn Peterson, Janet Ruckle, and Donna Sayre.

Leaders of Troop 1368 are Mesdames John Ruckle, Earl Brest, and Fauvus Odell.

Creative Family Living



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THE CHILD BETWEEN FIVE AND 10 YEARS OLD: second in a series on patterns of child growth and development. The second five years of growth is centered around the child's need to establish habit, appropriateness to accept more rules and conformity; in short, learning to organize his way of living.

INNER DEVELOPMENT PROGRESSES His energies, freed from the current of rapid physical development, put themselves into inward channels of growth and expression. The child's personality is beginning to crystallize; he tries this and that mode of behavior as he attempts to please; those about him. He makes a real break from home ties as he goes off to school, to begin a life without mother (even if it is only for two or three hours).

He begins to put forth effort as his attention span increases; he can sit still a little longer! Just as the first five years meant learning about his world . . . exploration . . . investigation . . . the second five years is spent learning to relate himself adequately to what he has discovered.

BEGINS TO USE WHAT HE HAS LEARNED In the second half of the first 10 years of life, the child puts into practice what he has absorbed from his environment. It is a trying period . . . and as such his nature vacillates, he has ups and downs. Six and nine are periods of outgoingness and expansiveness, . . . seven and nine stages for integration and more outward stability and composure. However, he is still very much in a state of development and subject to change of behavior . . . his patterns are "fixing" but are far from completely established. The keynote of the second stage of life is perhaps "adaptation."

EIGHT IS CRITICAL At five-and-a-half to six-and-a-half, the child is more than not apt to be ambivalent and short-tempered; tears come easily, leave as quickly. Making a decision is the worst thing that can happen at six! At seven he is more responsive to direction, more apt to conform readily, a little more quiet and sensitive.

At eight he is loud and argumentative, critical and hard to please; as quick to condemn as to defend; often thoughtless and forgetful. By nine through 10 he is again more amenable and open to suggestion.

By 10 he is well organized. Physically he has himself well in hand . . . co-ordination is excellent . . . his ideas of himself in relation to his world are well-defined, but his mind is far from being disciplined . . . emotionally he is more constant and stable (not for long though!)

10 IS INTERESTED IN OTHERS Over the past 10 years he has progressed from a helpless, dependent little being primarily concerned with his own needs to one who has begun to relate himself to others in a meaningful manner.

He has learned to work in a group, developed methods of communication with that group, learned what friendship is. He has learned to understand his wants and needs and attained a degree of patience. He has outgrown the here and now world, can plan ahead for periods of several months and think in terms of years.

He is interested in others, what they do, how they live, how they get along with one another. He has developed a social consciousness, is aware of the impression he is making, wants others to think well of him. He has definite tastes and preferences and expresses them.

BOYS WILL BE BOYS In terms of emotional growth, the past five years have brought the child to the homo-social level of development . . . that of learning to get along with those of his own sex, the beginning of establishing his role in life. The pre-adolescent stage, which we will discuss next time, is the bridge between this and the next step along the road, that of establishing health heterosexual relationships. . . learning to get along with the opposite sex.

NOTE:—None of the ages or stages mentioned is in any way to be taken as norm, since each child is an individual and matures at his own rate.

200 Expected At Juniors' Dinner Dance

Between 150 and 200 members, their husbands, and guests are expected at the Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave., next Wednesday night, Apr. 28, when the Junior Woman's Club holds its annual spring smorgasbord dinner-dance.

Ham, chicken, meat balls, tossed and molded salads, appetizing hors d'oeuvres, many desserts are only a few of the exotic dishes, many of international origin, to be served at the 7:30 p.m. event, Mrs. L. G. Jones, press chairman, said.

Baskets of spring flowers alternated with lighted tapers will feature table decorations and John Baum, high school musician

Seniors Tell Deadline for Rummage Sale Merchandise

Deadline for contributing articles to the Torrance Woman's Club rummage sale, slated for Tuesday, April 27, at the Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave., is tomorrow evening, Mrs. Farke Montague, press chairman, reported yesterday.

All those donating items are asked to bring them to the sale site on that day or arrange for pick-up service by calling Mrs. A. E. Palmer, ways and means chairman, at FAirfax 8-4399, she said.

Last Thursday evening's card party sponsored by the club cleared nearly \$70 which will find its way into the Dental Health Association's treasury, Mrs. Montague continued.

Members and guests met for card play in seven local homes, with first prizes in canasta and bridge going to Mesdames R. J. Prout and Pete Radisich, respectively. Second awards in the two games were won by Mesdames Del Dryer and Gertrude Schwartz.



CHECKING SUPPLIES . . . for their smorgasbord dinner dance at the Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave., next Wednesday night are three members of the Junior Woman's Club, left to right, Mesdames Phillip Hoffman Jr., chairman; Robert Mowry; and William Montgomery. (Herald photo)



MISS PAULINE CHISM Plans Late Summer Wedding

MISS CHISM TELLS TROTH

Tentative plans for a late summer wedding are being made by Miss Pauline Chism, 1020 Eriel Ave., and Wallace J. Darney of Manhattan Beach.

The bride-elect, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Chism, 21717 S. Main St., graduated from Banning High School and is currently employed as a conservation clerk at Prudential Insurance Co. here. Her fiancé, originally from Baltimore, Md., is employed at Douglas Aircraft Co. in Santa Monica.

Marriage rites will be conducted here either in August or September, Miss Chism said.

Cards to Top Legion Slate

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its monthly card party next Tuesday evening, Apr. 27, at the Legion Hall on Border Ave. at 8 o'clock, according to the chairman, Mrs. L. W. Atwood. Prizes will be awarded for high scores in each of the three games, bridge, canasta, and pinocchio, and refreshments will be served. Mrs. Atwood is being assisted by Mrs. L. W. Brown.