

The Social World

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WHAT TO WEAR WITH WHAT . . .

Accessories . . . the finishing touches . . . the important et ceteras that can make or break a costume. If you are short on funds, but long on imagination, experiment with these big little items. Invest your money in a good basic wardrobe. You will be surprised at the many clever ways you can change its personality. But, before you spend a penny, carefully study your figure. Use your accessories in a manner so that they will not only glamorize your costume, but will flatter you as well. In planning, always observe the following rules:

1. Keep your color accents in the same third of the body . . . avoid the checker-board look.
2. If you are short, apply your color accents above the waist. This will tend to draw the eye up, thus the illusion of height.
3. If you are tall, go in for the unusual. Keep your accessories in proportion with your body.
4. Above all . . . keep your costume and accessories in the same mood.

Coostume Color	Hat	Bag	Shoes	Gloves	Added touches
Brown	teal	teal	chocolate	mustard	velvet ascot, mustard
Gray	pearl	pearl	charcoal	white	pearls—ice blue scarf
Red	poppy	poppy	black	white	black fox muff, pearl jewelry
Blue	frost	palet gray	black	palet gray	pearls or silver jewelry
Green	spuce	spuce	black	white	turquoise and white printed scarf
Black	hi-fashion	the all-black costume	highlighted with pearls	(bracelets, choker, and earrings)	rust scarf or flower gold jewelry

Swedish Songs Will Color YW Festival

Authentic Swedish songs, done in costume by Mrs. Lois Gettman of Hollywood Riviera, will add to the international flavor when the YWCA sponsors its second annual All Nation Christmas Family Festival at its Carson St. headquarters on Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Gettman, a member of Los Cañoneros choral group, will be accompanied at the accordion by Wilbur Johnson of Redondo Beach, who also will dress in costume for the numbers.

The South Bay man will appear in a spotlight throughout the evening, playing accordion numbers with a Scandinavian air at a booth displaying Norwegian and Swedish articles. The exhibit will feature many antique items from both countries, and the musical selections will be peasant folk songs, Johnson said.

The Norwegian articles in the display will be loaned by Olaf Thorstensen, a native of Norway who is now making his home in Redondo Beach.

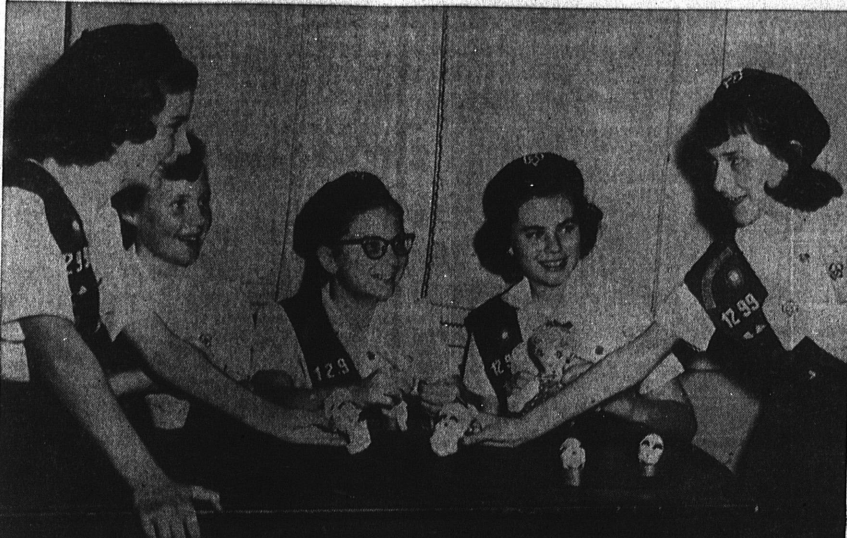
Any foreign-born person, or anyone who has made a tour of another country, is welcome to place an exhibit in the festival, according to Mrs. F. P. Foley, chairman. Interested individuals may call the YWCA at FAir-fax 8-5914.

Among those assisting Mrs. Foley in planning the event are Mesdames R. G. Beecher and Marvin Brain.

HAVE DINNER GUESTS
Joining the Jack W. Days at their 3315 W. 174th St. home for the Thanksgiving feast were Mr. and Mrs. Hector Tarquin and sons, Ronnie and Frank, of Wilmington, Mrs. Day chose pyracantha berries and chrysanthemums to highlight table decor.



ON VIDEO . . . Thirteen-year-old Rosemary Hill, daughter of Mrs. Effie Hill, 1815 Andree Ave., took a television spotlight recently, appearing on the Al Jarvis Show over Channel 7, KECA. The teen-ager, an eighth-grade student at Torrance Elementary, sang and did a tap routine to "The Trolley Song." She is a pupil of Ann Olson.



LET'S SEE YOURS . . . Susan Higdon, left, and Barbara Krausser compare the Santas they have created out of egg shells, bits of cotton, and a lot of work to be used as tray favors at Torrance Memorial Hospital this Christmas. Diane Hinshaw and Mary Margaret Blount, seated, left to right, are still busy making their Santas, while Barbara

Krausser, right, puts the finishing touches on a rag doll which will make some little patient at a children's hospital happier this Yuletide. The girls are members of Girl Scout Troop 1299, sponsored by Fern Ave.-Greenwood PTA. (Herald photo)

KID CANVASSING HIT BY DISTRICT PTAs

"Thumbs down" cry on door-to-door soliciting of funds for telethons by school children hit local PTAs this week in a talk made by Mrs. Walter Smith, First District president, Monday evening, and in a letter from Mrs. Ralph E. Lewis, Tenth District president, read at several unit sessions.

Although we are not against these organizations that do so much for citizens of our community, the leaders said, it is contrary to parent-teacher policy to use children to collect funds.

The parent-teacher philosophy is concerned with the health and safety of children, the president

Local Miss, Groom Select Alaska Home

Making their home in Anchorage, Alaska, near Elmendorf Air Force Base, where the groom is stationed, are the new Mr. and Mrs. Russell Owen Garland, nee Miss Patricia Joann Jessome.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Jessome, 1218 Cota Ave. and groom, son of the Homer Garlands of Michigan, linked names in marriage at chapel ceremonies in Anchorage Nov. 7. Father Harry Hasselberg conducted the 4:30 p.m. rites.

Capped in latticed-velvet, with brief over-the-face veil, Miss Jessome chose a ballerina-length, white nylon tulle over taffeta gown and a white orchid bouquet. Her only attendant, Mrs. James Donovan was gowned in pale green tulle over taffeta and carried a bouquet of red roses.

James Donovan attended his fellow airman second class as best man.

The new Mrs. Garland is June, 1949 graduate of Torrance High School. Until her departure for Alaska on Nov. 3, she was employed in the auditing department of a Los Angeles department store. Her husband was educated at Michigan schools and Bowling Green University, Ohio.

Creative Family Living



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I wonder how many mothers spend so much time trying to do the "right thing" to be a "good" mother they lose sight of one of the biggest rewards of parenthood — enjoyment of their children. A mother who is tied to a schedule, who allows no room for the interruptions of everyday living, needs to take time out to avoid tension, just as the mother who is apprehensive and fearful of warping her child's emotional life needs to learn a more relaxed attitude toward motherhood. I recently gave a talk entitled "Relax! Enjoy Your Child." I still mean it. A child is entitled to a parent who can take time for him. A child needs to enjoy his parents!

There are several types of tense mothers . . . One is the "Rusbudget." She is continually concerned whether her child is too cold, too hot, warm enough, if he's coming down with a cold or the latest thing going around. She is generally in fear of accidents, and as one mother put it: "I just worry about him all the time."

This mother has the pattern of overprotecting her youngster to the point of creating fear and worry in his mind also. It's not at all strange these children often have more illness and more accidents. It is a psychological fact that strong fear tends to create the very thing we fear, and of course causes us to doubt our ability to meet the situation. Children who are exposed to this type of environment sometimes need a great deal of encouragement from those about them, a "you can do it; it will work if you try" attitude to offset so much of "watch out! be careful! don't hurt yourself." They may develop an over-dependence upon mother, or they can be very reckless or careless depending upon their personality pattern. (I'll be using this term a lot in the future, more about it another time in detail.)

Then there is the overly strict "Hard Hearted Hannah" type of mother. She is the one who demands immediate obedience . . . "children have to learn sometime, it might as well be now." This mother is the time-table variety, everything according to schedule. She is usually very efficient and exacting, as a homemaker as well as a parent (at the expense of the peace of mind of her family). She was most at home raising a family about 10 years ago or so. She is most frustrated by the more permissive types of schedules used today in feeding infants. She usually issues orders or strong commands tending to apply pressure. She is a good planner and derives a feeling of security through this. Her family often

comes to depend a great deal upon her because she gets things done; however, she creates inadequacy within her children in that they often have an inward feeling of failure because her standards are so high. This mother is usually critical and often impatient. The worst thing that can happen to her is to fail. One thing about this mother, you can trust her to be fairly consistent. This type of mother is somewhat cold and factual. She seems to have a great need to be proud of those about her, and generally places too much evaluation on outward manners and graces.

Then there is the nagging or suspicious type of mother, the "Sherlock Holmes" variety, who says "where were you?" what were you up to?" She is known to say, "well, one thing about it, I always know what my children are up to."

Needless to say, her children are most always "up to" something. Her basic attitude toward children is "you have to keep your eye on them every minute," and she wears herself to a frazzle doing just that. She seems to have a strong distrust of herself as well as others and she looks for the worst and usually finds it. She often suffers from an inward sense of guilt which she projects outwardly as suspicion of others' motives. She can be the "I told you so" variety on every smug with "well, if you'd done it the way I said this wouldn't have happened."

She is inclined to blame and to judge too easily, can be very accusing; however, she is quick to see her error if she misjudges and can be very warm and loving in contrast to the Hannah type. She may be overly verbal and her family soon comes to recognize this and pay little or no attention to her words after time.

Next we have "Anxious Annie." In contrast to Sherlock, she suffers consciously from a strong sense of guilt, is continually beating herself for doing the wrong thing. She is apprehensive and fearful. When this mother begins to study psychology, she uses it as a weapon to punish herself for every mistake she ever made and is sure that she is damaging her child emotionally beyond all repair. She is inclined to be overly emotional, easily upset or depressed. She accepts blame easily and is not inclined to blame others. "I'm a failure as a mother. I'm ruining my child's life," one mother expressed it, "and I wanted so to make up for it I'd missed." Many times this mother has had a childhood of disharmony and is anxious to create a harmonious home. Once she can gain release from trying so hard, and learn to find things as they come as well as come to understand her own inward feelings, she is able to accomplish her goal nicely.

One other type we haven't mentioned is the overly-permissive mother. She actually has an over-dependence on her child. She uses him to fulfill her own emotional needs because of some inward disappointment. She can build her whole life around the child . . . "I don't know what I'd do without him" . . . and can attempt to give up everything for her child and devote herself to him. It is interesting that the children of this type of mother are often inconsiderate, thoughtless, and generally ungrateful for all that is done for them. When this happens, we have a very discouraged and misunderstood person. As one mother expressed it, "I just don't understand it, after all I've done." This mother can glorify her child, build him up to others, apologize for his shortcomings, and generally allow him to do pretty much as he pleases regardless of the effect upon others.

I'm sure we all know some of these types, and can probably add many more. Perhaps we can find a little bit of ourselves all through?

Seriously, our children DO need our interest and concern for their general well-being. They also need the feeling of

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Betrothal of
Miss Marie Babcock to George Bray, son of the Thomas Brays, 2011 Andree Ave., was revealed Thanksgiving Day by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Babcock, 2468 Maricopa Pl. No date has been set for the wedding.

Babcock-Bray Betrothal Told

Choosing the traditional Thanksgiving dinner to make the announcement, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Babcock, 2468 Maricopa Pl., revealed the betrothal of their daughter, Marie, to George Bray, son of the Thomas Brays, 2011 Andree Ave.

Hearing the romantic news after polishing off the turkey and trimmings were Mrs. Mary Babcock, grandmother of the bride-elect, and her guests from Woodlawn, Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Ella Bronson, who makes her home with the Glen Babcocks.

Miss Babcock, currently a student at Torrance High School, and Bray, a '53 student of the same school, have not yet selected a date for their wedding.

(Al Frederic photo)