FASHION: The Perennial Best Buy

In the entire fashion vocabulary, the word "basic" is the one I enjoy and respect the most. Among its synonyms are others like "classic," "understated" and "unadorned." Being a firm believer that the keynote of all good fashion is simplicity, I have long since discovered that the most valuable asset to a wardrobe is the basic

Height a fashion that can be dressed up or down by the skillful use of accessories, the basic dress, is one that can take you around the clock with all the chic of the advanced issue of Vogue.

In selecting that all-important basic, it is only wise to look first at the fabric. As this is a fashion that will probably see more wear than any other number in your wardrobe, quality is of the utmost importance. Secondly, color is due prime consideration.

After you have considered the fabric, and color, look design. Choose a dress that is as simple as next at the design. Choose a dress that is as simple as possible. One that does not attract by sporting an oversized pocket, an extreme collar or any kind of set in trim, as braid or jewels. With the combination of these three "musts," you are then ready to channel your efforts in the direction of accessories.

Let us assume that you have a black wool that features a round neck, long sleeves and a slim skirt. This is, of course, the perfect basic dress (there are many available in all price brackets). Worn as is, this is obviously a pretty dull outfit, but with the proper touch (or to use that overworked word "flair") you can magically and economically transform it into an array of stunning centures. costumes. Here are a few suggestions:

Costume One: THE BASIC BLACK

A natural for winter 1954-55, the Chanel idea of ac-

cessories . . . ropes, and ropes, and ropes of beads, what else? I personally prefer a heavy play on the gold or silver chains to the brilliants, but the choice is entirely

silver chains to the brilliants, but the choice is entirely up to the individual. Both are high fashion at the moment. A tip for the petite: select the number you use, and the size, in proportion to your height.

Costume Two: THE BASIC BLACK.

A delightful way to lift the face of any basic is to have a change of collars and cuffs. With the neckline story top fashion news this season, there are many smart (ready-made) styles from which to choose. My favorite (for my new black basic) is an over-sized peter pan of jet velvet. For an added note of elegance, I selected a heavy braid to trim the edge. As possible second choice, one that is particularly smart for luncheon or afternoon, the smaller collar of heavy white satin, with, perhaps, a tiny shoesting velvet tie at the throat.

Juniors Hear Foreign Student

Inga Stemmann, a foreign exchange student from Germany attending Pepperdine College, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Torrance Woman's Club Juniors Wednesday at ternoon. Mrs. Harry Lewis, international relations chairman arranged for the speaker.

This meeting concluded the two ways and means projects, Koffee Klatches which began at the Oct, 13 meeting with proceeds going to the local YWCA.

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Mrs. Robert L. Kerber announced the plans for the annual Children's Party to be held at the clubhouse on Dec. 8.

Mrs. Amers K. Lees presented the arrangements for the Christmas teat to be held Sunday, Dec. 5. at which time former members of the Torrance Juniors Glub will be honored guests.

In connection with the Los Angeles district chairmanship—Operation Gi, the local club will fill boxes with homemade fudge and cookies for overseas Gls.

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J. Fred M. Hansen, attended a president fround woman's Club.

On Nov. 15 members of the Communication of the plane back to Tijuana, from where they drove back to Torrance. Uniors plan to attend a special incetting arranged by the San Pedro Bachelovettes when the executive board of ber of Commerce.

ORDER OF ARROW WELCOME ANOTHER

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Troop 785 at St. Catherine Laboure in Lawndale, had 20 boys attending the Harbor District order of the Arrow initiation ceremonies held Oct. 28-34 at Crystemonies held Oct. 2

of the Arrow from the Harbor District.

The troop chooses its own boys occasion with a field Mass said by Father Pius from the Mater candidates of Troop 75 were called, Roy Kapricka and David Roeland.

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IN OLD MEXICO . . . Mr. and Mrs. Torrey Wilkins of Torrance pose in the historic spot known as the landing place of the Hernan Cortes expedition in 1824. The pair spent five days in Las Cruces deep-sea fishing. The trip was a first prize won by Mr. Wilkins in a sales contest sponsored by the insurance company of which he is South Bay representative. The trip was made from Tijuana by plane.

TORRANCE HERALD

### Society Plans Two Projects

Nativity Altar Society made White is in charge of this pre-plans for a fruit cake sale as ject.

The society members inspected meeting, held at the Parish hall.

This will be the project of the June Guild. Orders are being taken by Mrs. Robert Moffit.

The May guild will sell home. Mnes, Thelma Graham, Clair made Christmas tree ornaments Schwintek, Francis MoCarina as their project. Mrs. Delbert and Elaine Hughes.



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(Strange as it seems, the topping is on the top of the cake when it goes into the oven and is on the bottom of the pan when baked.)

MRS. PAUL WENSKE

her own words, is "raising a happy family," has a prize collection of tasty recipes, among them her "Fudge Upside Down Cake."

arrs. Wenske, whose husband is Rev. Paul Wenske, pastor of the First Lutheran church of Torrance, is the mother
of three children, Rebecca Rose, 8, Paul Luther, 6, and
Elizabeth Anne, 16 months.

Her hobby is music and she has a BA degree in education, which she received at the Capital University of Columbus Obta

FUDGE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

add 12 cup mine

1 cup flour

1 tsp. baking powder

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cool in pan place upside down on plate and use

% cup sugar, 1 thsp. butter — cream add 1/2 cup milk

Mrs. Wenske, whose husband is Rev. Paul Wenske, past

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