

# Women...

Club News Society News  
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**COQUETTE Y-TEENS TO HAVE SOCIAL**  
The Coquette Y-Teens will hold an ice cream social on Thursday, August 18, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Torrance YWCA, located at Carson street.

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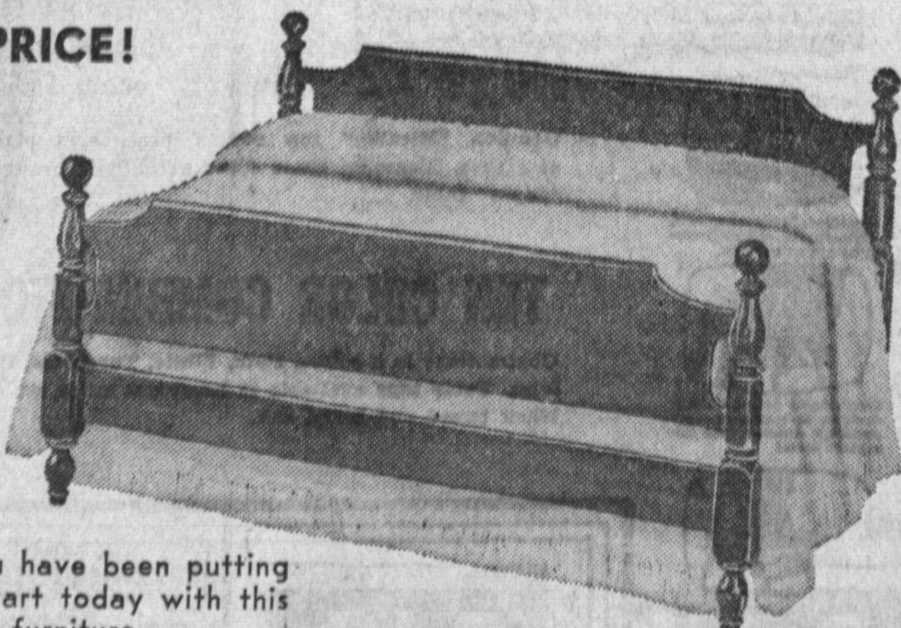
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# CEREBRAL PALSY CENTER LOCATES IN TORRANCE

## Woman's Efforts Rewarded After Two Years Planning

Most of us take our bodies for granted. But there are a large number of human beings who cannot. These are the victims of Cerebral Palsy, a disease which strikes adults as well as children alike.

A trembling hand, a shaking head, walking that looks like stumbling, no coordination of muscles for eating, are just some of the ways in which different victims are constantly reminded of their physical affliction.

Many brave efforts are being made to combat the disease. And now, such an effort is being made in Torrance.

A cerebral palsy center has been formed to help those unfortunate children who are not eligible for state schools and cannot meet the requirements of some of the private schools.

**Founder**  
Mrs. Alice Coulson, founder of the center, became vitally interested in cerebral palsy due to the fact that her own little step-son is a victim of it. She tried to enter him in CP schools—but to no avail as he could not meet the requirements. Most CP schools require that the child have toilet training before being accepted into their school.

There was a need for a different type of center and Mrs. Coulson decided to do something about this. She began some extensive research on her own and for two years read every article on CP. She wrote to national health centers for booklets on the subject. Now after two years of planning and working her center is a reality.

Her next step was to locate an inexpensive building from which to operate. She walked from the business center of Torrance to the new Civic Center, knocking on doors and asking anyone if they had any available floor space which her organization might be able to rent cheaply and she explained to

them just what she was planning to do. No one could help her. Her last stop was the Church of Christ, where she spoke to Mr. Elmer Prout the minister, and told him of her inspiration. "You don't have to continue," Mr. Prout said. "I'm sold."

Mr. Prout offered the new CP organization the school premises of his church for the sum of one dollar a year.

**Non-Profit, Non-Sectarian**  
Next the group set up a non-profit, non-sectarian corporation with the following individuals serving as officers: Mrs. Alice Coulson, president; Frank Coulson, vice-president; Mrs. Genevieve Coulson, secretary and Wesley Grayzer, treasurer.

Their present group consists of ten children, from the ages of five to eleven years old, but they soon hope to start taking them from two and a half years and up. The school is open five days a week, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The initial program for the children will include a well-balanced diet and sufficient rest periods. A routine schedule will be established to develop proper toileting habits. Physical and dental examinations will be provided by the center upon entry and periodical check-ups thereafter, to insure the health of each child.

In addition to the initial program the center will include occupational therapy, speech therapy, psychological and psychiatric consultation for both parents and child.

Since the children will spend only one-third of their time at the center, it is very important that the training program be active in the home as well as at the center. Particular attention is being placed on integrating the school's activities with the home activities.

There are approximately 205 children and adults afflicted with this disease in Torrance alone. Little is still known of this disease and research is being carried on continuously. The damage may result because some part of the brain didn't grow or develop before birth as it should. Sometimes the brain is damaged while a baby is being born. Sometimes cerebral palsy can happen after birth.

The damage or defect may be great or very little. It may be in that part of the brain that controls the arms, the legs, the throat, the tongue. It may be in the part that has to do with seeing or hearing. Sometimes it is the part we think and learn with. Often it is just one part of the brain that is damaged. Or it may be in more than one part.

The lot of CP victims is not entirely hopeless—a large number of children do improve. Adults do even find employment.

Constant research is continuing to eliminate this disease. In the meantime the Torrance CP center joins other centers in their constant efforts to make life as bearable for the victims of CP as is humanly possible at this time.—N.M.

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Lesson in Coordination

Mrs. Alice Coulson is trying to teach this little CP child how to play the bean-bag game, as part of the center's muscular coordination program.—Press Photo.

## Fashion Show To Be Held At Gondelier's



Rosalyn Converse

Friday, August 17, will be the occasion of a luncheon-fashion show at the Gondelier restaurant, located at Imperial and Prairie ave., in Inglewood.

Seven stunning models from the Jeanne Barnhart Studio of Charm and Modeling in Redondo Beach will show their audience a great variety of smart new fashions ranging from lingerie and bathing suits to evening wear, and including daytime dresses, coats, suits and cottons.

Miss Barnhart who heads the school which specializes in developing professional models as well as providing both teenagers and more mature women with poise and grace, will act as commentator. More than 50 different costumes from Sporty Knits of Westchester and Gals of Hollywood Riviera are to be shown.

A completely different set of fashions will be shown at the Gondelier restaurant by Miss Barnhart's models, the evening of Saturday, August 18, between 9 and 10 p.m.

Management of this popular restaurant-supper club advises that it will be wise to make telephone reservations in advance. In addition to the fashion show the usual full fledged floor show will also be provided.

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