DASH AWAY ALL!- VI PARKS- TOPS CA 2101 BANNING

T'was the day of the meeting, when all through the town

TOPS members were hoping their weight would be down,

'Cause they'd learn on the scale at TOPS Club that night

If willpower had won over "good" appetite.

Their calorie count had been kept with great care

In hopes that the secret of weight loss lay there.

I'd clean up my house, and I'd made all the beds.

While visions of slenderness danced in my head.

I dreamed of how nice 'twould be if I were thin—

Of wearing a crown, and the trophies I'd win.

When out on the street there arose such a clatter

I sprang toward the sound to see what was the matter.

I raced through the house—at my weight, pretty fast—

And I managed to get to the front yard at last.

When what should appear to my wondering eyes,

But a bakery truck filled with bread, cakes, and pies

With a driver whose wares held such wild fascination.

I knew in a moment his name was Temptation!

He went through his goodies with pride and acclaim

As he whistled and shouted and called them by name.

I jumped back to my porch. With resolve I stood tall—

Then yelled, Dash away, dash, dash away all!

You'll not tempt me with high-cal'rie delights.

I've got to weigh in at TOPS Club tonight!"

So off down the street the big truck fairly flew

With Mr. Temptation and his cargo,too.

Had I eaten his offerings I'd have to explain

How I happened to weigh in that night with a gain.

At the meeting that evening it was plain to see

The weight record keepers were busy as bees.

The weigher said, "Come on, you're next. There's no doubt."

I was feeling so nervous I thought I'd pass out.

But a wink of her eye and nod of her head

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

She spoke not a word but went straight to her work.

And wrote down my loss. Then I turned with a jerk.

I gave a big sign and a long, happy whistle,

And I pranced on my toes like the down from a thistle.

And all heard me exclaim as I smiled with delight,

I lost! And I'll loss again next meeting night!"