

### Do American Women Today Really Look Like Acorns?—Asks Hal Boyle

By HAL BOYLE  
NEW YORK. — (AP) — Do American women today really, look like a row of acorns?

This question has the clothing industry in a mild tizzy.

The accusation that women, by piling the body lines of movie stars, had become as much alike as so many unborn oak trees in their nutshells was made by Raymond Marinelli, a well known designer.

Marinelli said this sameness resulted because too many women had adopted "the universal, uplift bustline," whether or not it corresponded with their own contours.

But his charge drew an immediate and heated denial from a lady clothing designer—Cynthia.

"The upstanding bustline has already gone out," said Cynthia firmly. "And the acorn look is a thing of the past. It may have been popular a few years ago. But it has been replaced by the natural look. The trend now is for each

woman to stress her own natural body line—to wear clothing with a natural shoulder, natural hip and natural bustline. And with no exaggeration anywhere."

Cynthia—lady designers, like male hairdressers, tend to regard last names as superfluous — also had nothing but scorn for Marinelli's contention that women would be more beautiful if they threw away their bras and girdles.

**Feels Good**  
"I can't imagine a girl feeling good without a bra and girdle—or look—good either," she said.

"She would feel uncomfortable and ill at ease—definitely not well groomed."

"A man wants a woman individually attractive to him. He doesn't want others to stare at her because she's improperly dressed."

But Cynthia, how about Mr. Marinelli's statement that women would be 1,000 times more feminine without these undergrown fashion aids?

"Don't you believe it!" said Cynthia, a tall, slender blonde with blue eyes.

"A girl just doesn't look attractive if she doesn't wear her foundation garments. She looks untidy—definitely. And if she is on the heavy side, she wobbles when she walks."

Cynthia gave a blonde shudder of distaste as she added:

"She is like a bowl full of quaking jelly. A girl should wear her girdle and bra everywhere except at the beach or in her own boudoir."

"I'd certainly hate to see a girl wear a fashionable strapless evening gown with nothing underneath. She's quite sloppy. And men wouldn't like her. Men are getting more and more and more conscious of feminine styles — there have been such drastic changes. And they want their girls to be well groomed."

Cynthia said it was nonsense, too, to think that foundation garments had compressed all women into a single standard shape.

"Your modern day bras and girdles don't change the figure to that extent," she said sternly. "They just control it. And they come in hundreds of different styles, shapes and sizes."

And then Cynthia gave her clincher:

"Statistics show that 80 percent of girls 15 years of age or over do wear foundation garments. That's four out of five."

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### Presbyterians To Hear Official Of Church Seminary

The Rev. William F. Ehmman, director of public relations for the San Francisco Theological Seminary, will address the congregation of the First Presbyterian church of Roseburg at the two regular services Sunday.

He will be guest minister for the 11 o'clock morning service and will show and explain colored slides of the seminary during the evening service at 7:30.

The theological seminary, a Presbyterian institution located at San Anselmo, ranks as one of the "big three" among the nine Presbyterian seminaries, according to Rev. Mr. Ehmman. Purpose of his visit here is to acquaint local persons with the seminary and to ask for aid in the institution's building program.

Oregon Presbyterians will be asked to finance construction of a new dining hall.

This is one of the requests pooled by the Presbyterian synod in asking for establishment of an Oregon Presbyterian Churchmen's Education fund of \$100,000 a year for the next three years. The money will be used to meet the needs of Lewis and Clark college at Portland, help finance the various foundations and provide adequate training facilities at the seminary. A similar appeal is being made to the 11 supporting western states.

**Tiny Screw Will Pass Through Eye Of Needle**

ELGIN, Ill. — (AP) — The Elgin National Watch company put on display here what it claims is the smallest mass-produced screw in the world — so tiny it will pass through the eye of a medium sized needle.

The screws — it takes 800,000 of them to weigh a pound — were displayed to members of the industrial college of the armed forces.

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"CASEY" HONORED—A three-cent stamp honoring the Railroad Engineers of America will go on first-day sale at Jackson, Tenn., April 29. Design features a portrait of the legendary "Casey" Jones superimposed on a locomotive wheel.

Cynthia and Marinelli. It's all right with me if the girls wear chain mail, so long as it keeps them young and happy. But do they look like a row of

### State-Operated Service Station Protest Target

SALEM, April 21. — (AP) — One hundred and twelve Salem service station and garage operators made a futile protest to the state board of control Thursday against the state operating its own service station for state cars and trucks.

They protested that it is "an unjustified invasion of the state in the field of private enterprise." They said it doesn't save the state money, and they doubt if its legal.

The station was opened here April 3, with the state saving three cents a gallon on gasoline.

State Treasurer Pearson, Democratic candidate for governor, said he agrees with the service station operators.

But the other two members of the board, both Republicans, favored the state-owned station.

Secretary of State Newbury said "We ought to keep it up and test it out. It would be ridiculous to close it now. That isn't competing

### Ticket Selling Speeded By New Type Gadget

DETROIT. — (AP) — The Burroughs Adding Machine Co. has a new gadget designed to speed up ticket-selling at railroad, airline and bus stations.

Burroughs said the machine "will automatically print tickets to any destination from blank stock, showing the date, serial number, fare, type and class of ticket."

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with private enterprise any more than it is for us to compete with farmers by raising our own vegetables and hay for the state institutions."

Governor Douglas McKay echoed Newbury's remarks.

### HOSPITAL FUND GROWS

SPRINGFIELD. — (AP) — A total of 880 pledges to the amount of \$97,577 have been received by the McKenzie-Willamette Hospital Assn. toward construction of a new hospital for this area. Of these pledges, 380 have come from firms and individuals.

The remaining 500 have been under contracts whereby workers in various companies have agreed to work a certain number of overtime hours and turn their earnings over to the association.

Initially, the hospital association set \$800,000 as its goal. This figure has been abandoned, and the association will now build according to the amount of money received. The hospital plans to have from 35 to 60 beds, depending on the outcome of the current appeal.

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