

# FEMININE CHATTER

By E. Akers

So many times we use the expression, "I have nothing to wear, before we stop and take inventory of our wardrobe. Maybe what you really meant was, "I have nothing new to wear. It is surprising sometimes how a dash of color here and there can add newness to a time-worn outfit.

For those of you who like to knit or crochet, I have picked up several novel ideas.

For those cool brisk days, how about a plump and pretty knitted muff worked up in a two-tone color combination. If you prefer, the crocheted string gloves are good for every wear. Mittens are always clever and more so when you crochet them yourself, and tip the edges with fringed balls. Use the same idea for an ascot to match with the fringed balls in the same color combination as the mitts.

A crocheted hat that fits in smoothly with your coiffure can be made more eye-appealing by adding a side sweep of feathers for a swish tassel.

We have been hearing a lot about the ballet slippers this season so crochet a pair of your own so you can have complete comfort and pirouette prettily about the house.

In case you have a skirt which has served only as part of a much-worn two piece dress, try slashing the side of it and insert a gay scarf for a flirtive flash of kick-pleat color.

It is really chic to wear a dog-collared shirt with your pretty outfits, so try making one of your own by sewing matching dress or blouse buttons on a piece of velvet or ribbon and tie it gracefully around your neck. It is also "o-fare" to take bus or trolley-tokens for the same idea.

A little manual dexterity and a few snippets of ribbon can add so much to your good-looks. For a minimum waistline and maximum style, a rayon satin corsetlet belt laced up with shining ribbon is simply captivating. Ribbon bow knots are very feminine if you use them to hold a fluttery scarf in place or perhaps you prefer draping your scarf around your neck and waist and arranging a trio of bowknots down the front for a connective idea. Stitch a bright hue of grosgrain over the sleeve of a plain wool dress to bring out its highlights.

To tie a kerchief around your head is very ordinary but when you edge the top of it with stiff ribbon and add a large bow, you have a glamorous head dress.

Yes, it is gratifying to know that something you made yourself is a definite eye-catcher and is the last word in feminine appeal.

## Y.W.C.A. News

The first special event sponsored by the newly organized industrial girls' group of the YWCA was an autumn supper held Thursday evening at 6:0 P. M., the regular meeting time of the industrial group. Plans have been made for a Halloween party October 25. Hostesses for the autumn supper were Miss Gladys Fremont, Miss Rosalie Thomas, Miss Betty Boulette, Miss Billie Ullam and Miss Norma Jarlsberg. The industrial girls' sessions are under the direction of Mrs. Marjorie H. Jackson, Y. W. program director for group work and community services.

The Y.W.C.A. rooms registry service is requesting listings from all householders who have small apartment or rooms with kitchen privileges to rent. Girls and young employed women who have returned to a 40-hour week or changed from war work are anxious to find living accommodations which include a kitchenette or kitchen privileges. The rooms registry service may be reached by telephoning BE. 6281.

The USO-YWCA Service Wives' club, which meets Wednesday evenings at the YW, has given \$10 to the United War Chest and \$25 to the telephone fund for service men in hospitals. The \$35 was the club's prize money from the recent appearance of some of its members on the Quiz of Two Cities radio program. Newly elected officers of the Service Wives club are: President, Mrs. I. M. Minich; vice president, Mrs. F. H. Drescher; secretary, Mrs. G. B. Park; and treasurer, Mrs. Carl Wegener.

Swimming classes at the Y. W. C. A. are filled until the first of the year, but a daily dip schedule is open for women who wish to swim. Swimming suits are furnished. A protective medical examination is required for participation in all activities of the gym and pool.

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## FUTURE HEARTBREAKER



Caught in a quizzical pose is the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Lure Shivers of 37 N. E. Hancock Street. "Baby Shivers" is destined to be a heartbreaker of 1965, as you can plainly see. —Photo by Margaret Robinson.

## OPA SAYS...

"The home purchase provisions of the GI Bill of Rights have been made a mockery by the current inflated prices of homes," Bowles continues. "Too few returning veterans have been able to find homes where current prices could meet the test of 'reasonable normal value' required by this statute. The situation has become so aggravated that a bill has been introduced in Congress to loosen this requirement of 'reasonable value.' This bill serves a useful purpose in bringing to light the savagely high prices that veterans are being asked to pay for a new home, he said.

Bowles stated that last spring Congress discussed a recommendation for controls on the price of a completed house. At that time people were hopeful that conditions might change and that the dangerous rise in building costs would be reversed. "As a result Congress took no action," Bowles said, "although several members of Congress asked me to watch the situation and to report to them at a later date. The trend of price since then forces me reluctantly to the conclusion that control on the prices of completed homes is essential if we are to avoid a serious inflationary boom in this field."

Points for fats will be raised from 2 to 4 per pound on October first. Says OPA Administrator Chester Bowles: "Here is a real opportunity for you American women who did such an outstanding job of saving fats during the war to continue this important work in peacetime. Your used household fats will help speed up the return of plentiful supplies of soap to grocers' shelves."

In Portland last week a suit was filed in circuit court asking judgment of \$105,300 against the Stevens Cleaners, or three times alleged overcharges for cleaning and pressing services for the past year. This is the largest and the first in a series of suits to be filed by OPA against violators in the cleaning, repair and other service fields. The OPA has found cases where often the cost of repair exceeds the value of the item repaired. Special attention is to be given in the fields of appliance repair, automotive repair, storage rates and charges for photography.

Shoe rationing is expected to continue until production more nearly equals unrestricted demand, the OPA and the War Production Board Office of Civilian Requirements has announced in answer to numerous inquiries following rumors that October 1 had been set for end of shoe rationing. No date can yet be fixed for removing shoes from rationing, the agencies said. Consumers will continue to be protected against scarcity through the rationing program.

Landlords are apt to be irked with tenants for many reasons and new ones constantly arise. In a complaint recently lodged with the Portland district OPA rent office, a landlord speaks bitterly of the renter. With an eye to eviction, he concludes with the explosion: "He has been a nuisance and has used abusive and profound language!"

The Bosnian bridegroom strikes the bride three times. The first blow is to make her forget her parents, the second to make her forget former lovers, the third to make her fear her husband.—H. G. Beigel, Marriage Fables, Facts and Figures.

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## Margaret Sim's Returning from Europe

PARIS—(ANP)—Mrs. Margaret Simms of American Red Cross who has just returned to France after a tour of Belgium, Holland, Germany and the Riviera, entertaining occupation troops, is resting here in Paris. Mrs. Simms, who headed a small concert group which included famed Minto Cato as another of the soloists, has been doing her second tour of duty with ARC. She served for a couple of years during the early part of the war, returned home last December and then at the urgent request of headquarters in ETO, came back again. Mrs. Simms originally went over for club duty but when her talent as a singer was discovered, she was used in that capacity almost exclusively.

She plans to attend the music festival at Salzburg, Vienna, to cap her experiences and in November, sail for home, which is in Jacksonville, Fla., where her husband, John Simms, outstanding theatre executive, is waiting.

## Opens Swank Millinery Shop in the Heart of Harlem



Lovely Louise Robbins has opened a smart millinery shop at 2388 Seventh Avenue between 139th and 140th Streets in New York. An exquisite showroom and a unique distinctive feature along with an array of lovely models who give a fashionable show twice weekly. Miss Robbins is also an instructress in millinery at the Harlem branch of the Young Women's Christian Association. The shop is capably managed by Mr. Al Williams who is a custom designer. Patronized by the intelligentsia and considered the smartest shop in the uptown area Louise Robbins Hats have become a legend. In the photo above Bob Frazier, our staff photographer, caught Miss Robbins displaying one of her creations.

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## TO SING IN EUROPE



ANNE BROWN, the glamorous soprano, will sail for Europe in May to fulfill engagements in the opera houses of Paris, Copenhagen, and Zurich, and recitals in Stockholm, Copenhagen, Paris, London, Lisbon, Zurich, Amsterdam, and other capitals. Miss Brown recently turned down an offer to do the greatly controversial "St. Louis Woman" in spite of the attractive financial bait held out by the producer. She will instead fulfill her contractual obligations on the concert stage and will be heard in recital this season in Baltimore, Washington, Cleveland, Chicago, Minneapolis, Tulsa, Durham, throughout Canada, etc. She will also appear as soloist with the Buffalo Symphony on Dec. 4; the Denver Symphony, Dec. 18; the Detroit Orchestra, Feb. 14, and as her final engagement before leaving for Europe, with the Philadelphia Orchestra on May 4th at what is probably the biggest musical event in the country, the Ann Arbor Music Festival.

## Yakima News



Mrs. Bernice Oliver, Yakima, Washington, Reporter for the Portland Inquirer.

Home on furlough is Pvt. Parker Harris, Jr., and Cpl. J. C. Cox. Other servicemen to be discharged from the armed forces are Cpl. McKinley Yates of 1004 So. 7th St., and Pvt. Bill Yates, of 1008 So. 7th street. Each has reported having a very enjoyable time visiting with their wives and friends.

All are cordially invited to attend the services of the Church of God in Christ, 1016 So. 6th street, Yakima. Estate Oversees, Rev. Van Goodlow and pastor, Rev. J. Young.

## EX-SLAVE WOMAN, 110 YEARS OLD, DIES

CHICAGO (ANP)—Mrs. Sylvia Brown, a 110-year-old ex-slave, died here last week at the home of her youngest sister, Mrs. Hattie Wilson, 80, with whom she was visiting for two weeks.

Mrs. Brown, the oldest of 15 children, came here from Brookhaven, Mass., where she had lived all her life, part of it as a slave. She was employed in a mission as a house worker after she was freed.

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# Society News

By Ann Morrison and Helena Searcie

## WACS LEAVE FOR HOME



FT. LEWIS—First WACS in engineer section at Fort Lewis to receive discharges on point system bid farewell to company commander Capt. Irma J. Wertz. Shaking hands with the captain is T/5 Nellie Forrest, while watching, left to right, are T/Sgt. Marguerite Wallis, T/4 Esther Lewis and T/5 Julia A. McGee. —U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

by Anna Morrison and Helena Searcie

Miss Gertrude Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Williams, is a student at the Multnomah college. Miss Williams was a member of the June graduating class of Jefferson High School.

Rev. David A. Summerville of Los Angeles, Calif., is spending a few days in the city.

Mr. Lee Grisby, a former Portland, and at one time soloist of the Al Pierce orchestra, is in town on business and renewing old acquaintance. Mr. Grisby is

ness. They make excellent domestics and have no such uplifting organizations as the Society for the Advancement of Colored people. Of course, this would decrease the revenue accruing to you through the classified columns, but think what a boon to our foreign friends, who would accept such a job as a gift from high. It would thereby release the Negro element for positions more befitting their newly acquired status of culture and education even if they had to return to their native Africa to find them! "May we hear from other housekeepers on this subject?"

**New Pastor Arrives at Bethel A.M.E. Church**

Sunday morning Rev. C. N. Austin, the new pastor at Bethel, was introduced to the congregation and it came as a surprise as he was not expected to arrive until the third Sunday. Rev. C. N. Austin comes from the Colorado Conference.

Sgt. Christus Willis of New York City is spending a short time in our fair city. Sgt. Willis has just returned from serving three years in the Pacific war theatre. He is now awaiting his discharge from the army.

stopping at the Medley Hotel.

Mrs. Thelma Johnson Streets is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Streets will be remembered for her art exhibits here last summer.

Mrs. Joyce Williams arrived in town last week for an indefinite stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Little, and her sisters, Misses Juliette and Dorothy Little.

## Guilds Lake Clubs Plan Busy Schedule

The Doers' club, organized this past summer as a luncheon and sewing group, have regular weekly meetings planned for the fall and winter season, to be held at the Gona street community center Friday evenings at 7. The women, resident in the Guilds Lake community, were encouraged to organize as a club group by Miss Maria Raz, recreational director at the community building.

Another group of Guilds Lake residents interested in photography have plans under way for organizing a hobby club with meetings scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays at 5 p. m.

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## Sugar-Shy Gingerbread

With sugar scarce, are you at wit's end to know what to have for dessert? Then you'll love this Sugar-Shy Gingerbread that takes only 1/2 cup of sugar and 3/4 cup of molasses to sweeten a large loaf. Its spicy goodness and moist, tender crumb make it grand eating just as it comes from the pan.

Here are 4 different ways to dress it up, according to the ingredients available. Serve it with custard sauce, stewed fruit, or sandwich style with cream cheese and a little grated orange rind for the filling. For extra-special occasions, top it with ice cream. And if your women's club or church has a supper on the calendar, make an extra pan to take along.



A Grand Idea for Parties, Home or Church Suppers  
Sugar-Shy Gingerbread

2 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour  
1 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon soda  
1 teaspoon baking powder (with a tartaric powder, use 2 teaspoons)  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ginger  
1/2 teaspoon cloves  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1 cup Spry  
1 cup water  
1 cup molasses  
1 egg, unbeaten

Sift flour, sugar, soda, baking powder, salt and spices into mixing bowl. . . Drop in Spry. . . Add 1/2 cup water, molasses, and egg and beat 100 strokes. . . Scrape bowl and spoon often throughout entire mixing. . . Add remaining water and beat 100 strokes. . . Bake in 10 x 10 x 2-inch Spry-coated pan in moderate oven (350° F.) 45-55 minutes.