

BIG QUESTION

What Will Happen to Hemlines?

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NEW YORK (UP) — Christian Dior says that even Christian Dior doesn't know what will happen next to hemlines.

The Paris designer, who ranks second only to nature as a modeler of the feminine shape, declared he can make no forecast for what's ahead in fashion generally.

Skirt lengths in particular, although he hinted they may get a big longer.

"But I just don't know," said Dior.

Dior has been in town to "get acquainted again with my staff... if I don't come over once a year they think I am a bad father," to work with a furrier on a new Dior fur collection, and to plan the launching of a third Dior perfume.

Better Dressed
In an interview before he sailed for home, the modest Dior denied he is a fashion czar, revealed he soon will design a collection of casual wear for the American male, and decided the American woman gets better dressed all the time.

"No more do I see sequins at 10 a.m.," said Dior.

Dior said he can't prophesy about fashion because he doesn't even know what his own collection will be like until the last minute; that he designs "spontaneously."

"I am changing things right up to the time a show starts," said the thin-haired Dior, who looks more like a small town banker than a tyrant of the hemline.

Dior designs two collections each season. The one for his Paris salon, is a custom-made collection which usually causes a furor from Cairo to California.

His New York collection, a less costly wholesale line, is a "complement" or adaptation of his Paris group.

Lower Hemline
Dior's Paris collection for spring 1957 will be shown in Jan. His New York group already has been shown to fashion people who are not supposed to write about it until January.

But Dior himself disclosed some details. He lowered the hemline "one-half an inch," he said. He also included "half a dozen or so afternoon costumes" in the "demolition" length — about eight inches above the instep.

Should American women consider these a harbinger? Well, Dior suggested buying clothes with a deep hem. "Makes a garment hang better," he smiled.

JEFFERSON (Special) — The Wedding Ring club met last week at the home of Mrs. Charles Hart, Jr. with Mrs. Oliver Stephenson assisting hostess.

The club voted to assist the Lions club in its Christmas project. They also voted to sponsor a child in one of the state hospitals, beginning the first of the year.

The Christmas meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Martin Stephenson with a no-host luncheon at the noon hour.

Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. Harold Cochran and children.

Back Talk in the Gay Holiday Modes



Floating Panels—Typical of gala new holiday styles are these two dresses cut on slim sheath lines given movement and interest by back panels and drapery.

Plans Told For Wedding

Miss Maxine King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. King, and Mr. John H. Singer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Singer, Sr., of Aurora, are announcing plans for their wedding, to be November 18.

Miss King has asked Mrs. Lawrence E. Poole to be her matron of honor. The bridesmaids are to be Mrs. J. C. Hande, Mrs. Ronald De Ross, Miss Lollia Miller and Miss Lorraine Taufest.

Flower girl will be Cindy Lou Karsten. Best man is to be Roy Kruckman, and ushering will be David Wagner, Elwin Keil, Richard Toepfer, and Melvin Karsten.

Dr. Brooks H. Moore will officiate at the ceremony.

The reception following will be in the Carrier room of the church.

LYONS (Special) — The afternoon card club met last week at the Catholic community hall with Mrs. Margaret Kunkle hostess.

A dessert was served, followed by several tables of 500. High score was held by Mrs. Donna Asmusen, second high by Mrs. Thelma Nydegger, low by Mrs. Leo Johnson and second low by Mrs. Wilma Free.

Others attending were Leola Worden, Alma Olmstead, Millie Aronson and Jaunita Wright.

WILLAMINA (Special) — Mrs. Bud Borton was surprised on her birthday this week when a dinner was given by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Harlan.

Other guests were Mr. Borton, Mr. and Mrs. John Borton and Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Borton and Darrel of Salem.

Rural Woman's Club Plans Activities

WOODBURN (Special) — Twenty-six members of the Woodburn Woman's Rural club attended the regular meeting Thursday which opened at 12:30 with a dinner.

The committee in charge of the dinner and program included Mrs. John Kosse, chairman, Mrs. Bela Baldwin, Mrs. L. B. Detweiler, Mrs. Mary Beyer and Mrs. Gordon Seely.

It was voted to give the annual turkey dinner December 6 at the Methodist church at 6:30 p. m.

Committees include Mrs. William Stange, chairman of the kitchen committee, Mrs. Perry McGaffie, dining room, and the ways and means committee.

Members, Mrs. Marlin Hammond, Mrs. Charles Yurank and Mrs. Albert Rheinbold, to obtain and cook the turkeys.

The program committee, Mrs. Leona Porter, Mrs. Delbert Seely, Mrs. George Winnepeninnik and Mrs. Jay Weber to furnish the tree and treats and arrange the program.

Mrs. Jennie Earl and Mrs. Kosse reported on the Marion County federation meeting of Women's clubs, held at Macleay, which was attended by five members.

For the afternoon program Thursday there was a period of group singing, and readings by Betty Lou Burt and Ulrich Ahrend.

German students attending Woodburn high school.

Guests were Mrs. Mayme Palmer and Mrs. Max Warring.

The next regular club meeting will be a "luncheon is served," December 13 at the Methodist church to which the public is invited as well as members and families.

At this meeting the "secret pals" will be revealed.

Summerfield In Good Shape After Surgery

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (UP) — Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, 57, was admitted to the hospital Sunday night and reported in "good condition and resting comfortably" today after undergoing a successful throat operation.

Officials at the University of Michigan Hospital said Summerfield is to be out of the hospital "in a week or 10 days."

He said he would have to convalesce at his Flint, Mich., home for several weeks.

Summerfield, 57, was admitted to the hospital Sunday night and operated on Monday by Dr. Albert C. Furstenburg.

Dr. Furstenburg said the operation was "minor surgery." He said "no malignancy was found."

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1956 Shipping From Portland To Set Record

Million Plus Tons of Cargo Moves Out in Month of Oct.

PORTLAND (UP) — Ocean going traffic flowed through the Port of Portland in record proportions during the month of October and was great enough to virtually insure that 1956 will be the greatest shipping year in the history of the port.

The Portland Merchants Exchange yesterday issued figures showing that 1,038,467 short tons of cargo were moved through the port during the month. The greatest tonnage in a single month in the port's history.

Downriver ports of Astoria, St. Helens, Vancouver, Westport, Wauna and Longview also broke existing records for tonnage handled in a single month.

Grain led the exports in all the ports during the month but great quantities of scrap metal, coal, coke, flour, lumber and other products also funneled through Portland.

A total of 163 ships arrived at the Port of Portland during the month and 134 departures were reported, one of the highest number of vessels to visit the port in its history.

Portland handled 299,110 tons of exports while downriver ports were handling another 253,879 tons. Imports at Portland, led by petroleum products, coffee, iron and steel products and ferromanganese, totaled 181,618 tons.

The record tonnage handled during the month, projected over the remaining two months, would mean nearly a six per cent increase in tonnage handled by Portland docks.

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Idaho Grassman Of Year Chosen

BOISE, Idaho (UP) — Harry Noh, Rogerson, yesterday earned the right to compete with grassmen from Oregon and Washington for the title of Northwest Grassman of the Year.

Noh, who is picked as champion grass grower in Idaho, his selection was announced at the banquet session of the 30th annual All-Idaho Congress.

Portland Gunmen Rob WU, Market

PORTLAND (UP) — The Western Union office in downtown Portland was held up about 6 p. m. yesterday by a gunman who escaped with \$700.

About two hours later two gunmen held up a market and escaped with \$150.

MATTRESS FIRE FATAL

PORTLAND (UP) — A mattress fire was blamed today for the death of George O. Shanks, 47, who was overcome by smoke in his room here. Shanks was discovered unconscious in the room. He apparently died of suffocation.

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Oh, You Beautiful Doll—Mary Beth Hanly, aged 7, admires her Miss America doll while trying to decide which outfit to dress her in.

MOLALLA (Special) — Miss Dixie Ruid, a junior at Willamette university, Salem, was this week nominated to receive one semester of training at American university.

WOODBURN (Special) — Girls of Evergreen assembly No. 12, Order of the Rainbow, will meet in regular session Wednesday night at the Masonic temple.

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