

DIOR AGAIN

'Long New Look' in New Styles

By NADEANE WALKER

PARIS — Christian Dior Thursday celebrated his 10th anniversary as the top Paris designer with another long new look. Unveiling his "Liberty line" collection of spring fashions, he dropped skirts by a good four inches — to more than mid-calf — and encased the feminine torso in a slim tube, hobble-tight below and with daringly low and wide necklines.

Many of the afternoon dresses came to the bottom of the calf and some almost to the ankle. Allowing for very high heels, Dior's new length seems to vary between 14 and perhaps eight inches from the floor.

It was another break with other Paris designers who are featuring hemlines 16 inches or so above the floor. But across the channel Dior already has support in British designers who've lowered their hems to 13 inches from the ground.

However, Dior's new length is not a fashion revolution of the proportions of his new look of just 10 years ago. He paved the way with a dozen long dresses last season — now he lets the ladies choose between longer and longest.

The model Dior calls "1957" to typify his new line is a slinky tube, unfitted in back with an overskirt to the bottom of the calf. V-slit in front to show a mid-calf-length sheath beneath.

Other even more drastic models are completely unfitted stovepipe tubes. Bottom-of-calf length after-dark dresses drop a panel train to the floor behind.

Dior's new colors are navy, sky, blue, white and off white, beige and red.

Bathing suit décolletage leaves arms bare and shows a lot of shoulder and bosom. Otherwise sleeves are elbow length.

Suits have loose, low necklines filled in with draped chiffon scarves, blouses, or multiple-string beads. Coats are handsomely slender, buttoned to near the hem.

Small-brimmed hats are back. Shoes are very high heeled and pointed.



Are Newlyweds—Married in early December were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne James (Hazel Mae Neal), above. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Weidman and Mr. James the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon James, Lyons. (McEwan studio picture)

AMITY (Special)—Mrs. Phil Meeker and Mrs. David Meeker were luncheon guests recently at the home of Mrs. Eastman and her daughter, Mrs. Robert Clark in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark and their three daughters have recently returned from Budapest after a three year stay while Mr. Clark was affiliated with the American legation there. The Clarks are close friends of Dr. and Mrs. Bryce Meeker, son and daughter-in-law of Mrs. David Meeker.

MOLALLA (Special)—Neighbors Pastime club voted \$10 to the March of Dimes when they met last week with Mrs. Oscar Kaylor as hostess. Plans were made for a Valentine dinner at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall February 9. Members are asked to bring prizes for the games to be played that evening. Mrs. John Mathews will be the next hostess for the club Thursday, February 14, when a silent auction will be held.

MOLALLA (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Mortenson were hosts at a dinner party last week. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Art Raasch, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ficken and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore. The evening was given to canasta and TV programs.

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