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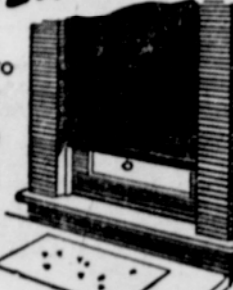
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By VIRGINIA VALE

SUCCESS is nothing new to Joan Davis; when she was 7 she was headlining an act in vaudeville. But it's hard work, talent and an uncanny sense of timing that have landed her where she is now—doing "The Joan Davis Show" on CBS Monday evenings, and making two pictures a year for RKO. In 1941 she asked for her release from a contract with Columbia Pictures, to free-lance—and "free-lanced"



JOAN DAVIS

herself onto the Rudy Vallee show, for guest shots at first; later, when Vallee entered the service, Joan took over. Incidentally, when Joan's "sister" is featured with her on the air, the sister is really Joan's daughter, Beverly, aged 12.

Clark Gable is back on the "China Seas," where he was ten years ago. For "The Big Shore Leave," in which he stars with Greer Garson, the old Merchant Marine freighter was renamed the "Minnie Tolbert" and fixed up a bit. But when Gable saw her he whooped "That's not 'Minnie,' that's the old 'China.'" The same ship on whose deck Gable first kissed Jean Harlow, while a brunette newcomer looked on. The newcomer has done all right in pictures, too, by the way—her name is Rosalind Russell.

In five weeks and three days of personal appearances Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, vacationing while "Mystery in the Air" replaces them Thursday nights on NBC, netted \$75,000 for the Lou Costello Jr. Youth Foundation. They'll return to the air in October.

When Esther Williams reported for work on Metro's "The Hoodlum Saint," the make-up girl took one look at her and went to work with turpentine. It wasn't a new skin treatment—Esther'd been painting her porch furniture the afternoon before.

A good assistant director has his wits about him all the time. Recently at Paramount a scene for "Calcutta" was in progress when an arc light placed near the ceiling touched off part of the automatic sprinkler system. One hundred extras and the entire crew scrambled for cover, but Herbie Coleman had only one worry. "Don't let Alan Ladd get wet!" he shouted. "We haven't a change of clothes for him!"

"County Fair," the Jack Bailey show, joins the small, select list of radio's summer replacements that have been so successful that they've been kept on. "Jimmy Carroll Sings" is another. Jimmy may act as master of ceremonies in addition to singing.

Jerry Wayne, star of his own radio show heard on Fridays over CBS, has worked up a little act with a few stage and radio personalities, to tour the army hospitals around New York. It's a two-act musical comedy and the boys say it's swell.

Bashful Oswald, heard on the NBC "Grand Ole Opry," is probably best known for his wild and raucous laugh. Oswald's two children now delight their playmates with a good imitation of their father's trademark—his three-year-old daughter is practically perfect at it.

Philip Terry showed up on the set of "To Each His Own" with a bad limp. While talking to Walter Pidgeon, he rested his knee on a chair and promptly put it out of joint. So in some of his scenes with Olivia de Havilland and Mary Anderson you'll see Terry sitting down, though originally it was planned to have him stand.

ODDS AND ENDS—Xavier Cugat will not only appear with his orchestra in Metro's "Holiday in Mexico"—he'll turn crooner as well. . . "Truth or Consequences" Ralph Edwards, who's been living in Bebe Daniels' home in Santa Monica, is moving into Groucho Marx's this fall. . . Fred Allen brings his Allen Art Players back to the air Sunday evening, Oct. 7th, immediately following Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy. . . He'll also have Minerva Pious, and Al Goodman's orchestra. . . The furor over Lauren Bacall may have been the cause; anyway, there was a "command performance" of "To Have and Have Not" at Windsor castle.

Cottons, in Velveteen and Plush To Rule Campus Fashion Picture

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



THIS year's college girl is doing a lot of "clothes thinking" just about now. This fall the fancy of a school-faring maiden turns to clothes that are neat and flattering with the look of a thoroughbred about them. No freakish fads for the autumn 1945 campus crowd!

The college girl, the school girl, the career girl and the teen-age group who know their fashions have become definitely cotton-conscious these days. The new "rave" is the elegant looking velveteens in black and adorable colors, also the very handsome corduroys that are being made up into coats and suits. There's a new wide-wale cotton plush, too, that is setting a new high in sophisticated cottons.

No doubt the girl going away to school will start her first semester with a few cotton casuals, for it's smart to wear cotton washables. She will be glad she took a chic gingham frock and perhaps a flattering fresh chambray, the sort that looks just right during early warm autumn days under a color-lovely cardigan. There will be dark cotton dirndls in her trunk too, some banded in gay Latin colors; also a very special one with inset border of white eyelet to be worn with her dainty batiste drop-shoulder blouse.

A raft of sturdy campus cottons should be taken along. In the news were pedal-pushers of pin-wale corduroy that's tough and washable. The girls say they are less cumbersome than slacks because of their mid-calf length. Choosing mix-and-match jackets, skirts, pajamas and pedal pushers is great fun. The short boxy flare-back jacket with Chinese collar is a winner, as is also the new lumberjacket that ties with drawstring waist.

When it comes to "date" duds here's where luxury cottons are making a great splurge. A brilliant future is predicted for suits and coats

made of rich-looking wide-wale cotton plush. An intriguing style story is told for the 1945 college girl or the younger seminary daughter by Emily Wilkens in the brown wide-wale cotton plush suit as shown centered in the illustration. High neck, broad shoulders, and the tiny waist give a high-style slant on present-day trends. The shoulderline, extending in a winglike effect, adds width and accents the small waist line by way of contrast. The tiny visor cap matches. This suit will certainly "go places" this fall.

Because the much-beloved velveteen can be had only in dubs and dabs this year (which is why one should buy early) designers are ingeniously working it into dresses using bright wools for contrast. In the junior "date" dress, shown to the left, cotton plays duet with wool in most charming fashion. The shoulder yoke and wide hem are of black velveteen. The rest of the bodice and skirt are violet wool. Red wool binds sleeves and waistline, also outlines the velveteen all around. Here's a type dress that will make "a picture" at college teas and informal dances.

Pale gold and bottle green prove a flattering color combination in wool and cotton for the dress shown to the right below. Green corduroy forms a corselet waist front and full skirt, while gold wool is used for sleeves and bodice top. Rectangular shaped silver nailheads trim the shoulder yoke and sleeve cuffs. Note the clever touch of wool ties.

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Slim Silhouette



It's dresses of the lovely lady type that bespeak patrician style in every detail that best-dressed women want. To achieve a slim and svelte silhouette for this good-looking purple wool fall costume, the designer, Joe Copeland, extends the high-necked bodice for the dress into a deep point into the skirt and puckers the skirt on each side in a subtle form-fitting way. Here you see also a charming interpretation of a very new and very important trimming trend, which has to do with necklace and bracelet embroidered right on the material itself in a realistic jewelry effect. East Indian embroidery in pearls and gold makes the "necklace" on the cap-sleeved dress and the single "bracelet" for the bolero

'Curved Contours' New Fashion Dictate

A new element has entered into the field of costume design. It's "curves." This styling technique is seen in the soft rounded shoulders that give a very different silhouette from last year. The command of fashion to "curve your contours" is also reflected in the way side fastenings and drapes take on a curved sweep rather than a straight or angular movement. Yokes are rounded too, instead of being square-cornered. Hips have an out-curve, while waists have an in-curve. Compare your last year's suit with your this year's suit, or place your last season's felt hat alongside the fall hat you've just bought, with its rounded, bulky, yet flattering new brim, and you will see how designers are obeying fashion's edict to "curve your contours."

Jewelled Belts Set Off Sophisticated Gowns

Much ado is being made about belts and corselet effects this season. This season belts have been glamorized into real show pieces. In some instances the jewel work and metal embroidery arrives at almost barbaric splendor. The new fad is to wear an eye-thrilling belt with a black gown of sophisticated simplicity and not another ornament except, perhaps, a bracelet. The new corselet midriff treatments on dressy gowns are also beautifully worked out in rich jewelry embroidery.

Striped Jersey Suit

Jersey is becoming increasingly important either in wool or rayon weave. Gaily colorful striped jersey delights the teen-ager and it is also smart for career-girl cardigan blouses. Just the thing for the school girl is a jacket and skirt dress of striped jersey in red and white or multicolor stripe.

Ants Prove Versatile

Harvest ants, and particularly the stinging, or "fire" ants of the South and Southwest, in addition to being agricultural pests, are a menace to military airfields and drill grounds. In Texas and other parts of the Southwest, stinging ants have been known to halt military drilling until they were exterminated.

Ants foster aphids, plant lice, and mealy bugs for food. They carry the aphid eggs underground in the autumn and protect them over the winter. In the spring they carry the young aphids to "pasture" by transporting them to succulent plant life.

Clearing Walks

Cleaning snow off walks and driveways by the old-fashioned method of shoveling may be obsolete after the war if a new method involving the use of pipe coils for thawing snow gains general acceptance. Hot water or steam from the heating plant is circulated through the coils which are imbedded in the cement sidewalk. The heat melts the snow or ice. This method was developed for the fast removal of snow and ice from airplane runways in Canada.

Save that Pennant!

Few Americans appreciate the Jap's willingness to perish for his regimental flag. But to the Nip, this piece of silk is like a fetish. It is bestowed upon the troops by the Emperor himself; its staff is topped by the 16-petaled gold chrysanthemum that is symbol of the Imperial family. Special guards watch over it during the course of each campaign; if it is lost to the enemy the entire regiment is condemned to eternal disgrace.

Pickled Beets

Canning pickled beets is a good way to put up some of the beet crop. The acid of vinegar used in pickling helps preserve beets and keep them a bright red. A pressure canner is not necessary for canning pickled beets. If pickled beets are to be kept more than a few days, they should be processed in a boiling water bath, as in canning fruits.

Quick Soups

Quick soups can be made from grated raw root vegetables. The grating saves cooking time. Use two cups grated raw carrots or turnips to one quart of milk. Season with onion, salt and chopped parsley. Add two tablespoons of melted fat and "bind" with one tablespoon flour.

Household Hints

Cereals cooked with prunes, raisins, or dates need little sugar to sweeten.

To brighten overshoes, rub with a cloth moistened with diluted ammonia, wash with soap and water, then rinse.

One long stitch and three accompanying short stitches are excellent stitches to use when basting.

Early digging reduces the potato yield. The crop may be left in the ground as long as a month after maturity provided insects are not present in great number.

Room Lighting
A room painted in deep blue or green requires much more light for illumination than the same room painted white or cream. The dark colors absorb several times as much light as the brighter colors, which reflect most of the light back into the room.

Cleans Pot
If you have sour milk you can't use, put it in the coffeepot, leaving the gadgets in place. Allow to stand a day or two, then pour out, and that awful brown will drain away with it. Wash the pot well with soapy water, scald thoroughly and allow to air.

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