

## Footwear Fashions and Foot Health

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The style picture in shoes is bright as can be. Warm weather sparkle shows up in the illustrated open sling pump of yellow suede kid, with dark leather sole for contrast, comfort and vitality.

Shoes are showing lots of lacings, silvers of straps to fill in the shell of the shoe, bold cut-outs, mesh-like details. Pumps appear in inspired versions, with toplines scalloped, looped, jagged or scooped for extra profile interest. There are lots of flats, soft toes, trick openings at the back, and slim, square tapered toes. The square toe is particularly important in the new shoes with extended soles of natural leather. So is the curved built-up heel, some of which will be in shades contrasting to or complementing the upper.



If anybody cares what's doing in Paris — the one in France, not Texas — three trends are worth noting: the weight of walking shoes has been cut in half by one leading bootier; wedge heels are tabu; and open toes are seen on the snappiest and snobbiest style-setters on the Champs-Elysees. Most American femmes will applaud all three trends. Our own shoes, using the supple strength of leather soles as their foundation, are setting new records in summer lightness. Open shoes are still going strong. And the wedge shoe is strictly an off-the-Avenue style anyway.

Shakespeare was no podiatrist, but he knew the connection between foot health and beauty. In Romeo and Juliet he described the young heroine:

"So light a foot  
Will ne'er wear out the  
everlasting flint."

Beauty is impossible without a graceful walk. Did you know that men unconsciously judge a woman's age by the way she walks? And the average male will tell you nothing makes a woman more unattractive than an uncomfortable looking gait, "over-dressed" feet or shoes that looked as if they were intended for two other people!

Have a podiatrist or competent shoe fitter help you select the right last. Next buy shoes with an eye to fit, materials and purpose. Keep your vanity in check and get shoes long and wide enough to keep from pinching. Insist on the best materials — leather soles underfoot, to give your step a firm but flexible foundation and the benefits of leather's ability to "breathe." Remember what you'll use the shoes for, and you won't end up doing housework on stilt heels, or going

on a long shopping trip in ballet slippers.

Think of your feet and the care you owe them, and you may be like the poet Tennyson's dream girl:

"Steps with a tender foot, light  
as an air  
The lovely, lordly creature float-  
ed on."

School surveys show that most foot troubles begin in childhood, through ignorance of the rules of foot hygiene and shoe fitting.

When baby begins to walk, he needs shoes to help him keep his balance, give him the utmost protection, and yet not crowd his toes or cramp foot muscles.

At this stage give the child shoes high enough for ankle support. The counter should be flexible, but snug enough to hold the heel in shape. The uppers should be of the softest leather, giving the toes plenty of room to spread and wiggle. The soles must be of leather, thick enough for adequate protection, but extremely flexible to insure free movement. Good baby shoes have roughened surfaces on the leather sole, as an anti-slip precaution.

Don't let the young hopeful wear shoes after his toe has grown to the end of the shoe. Chances are your baby was born with perfect feet. Simple precautions will help to keep them that way.

## Major League Tryout Slated For Dallas

Dallas, Oregon, (Special) — Mickey Shader, western scout for the New York Giants National league baseball club, has issued a call for diamond talent to report to a tryout camp in this little Willamette Valley city on August 6 and 7.

With Hughie Day, another Giant Scout, Shader will look over prospects for the Giants as he conducts the camp "in major league style."

This will be one of three such sessions to be held by the Giants in the Northwest this year, the other two to be at locations in Oregon and Washington to be selected.

All players eligible to sign professional contracts may attend without charge, although each must pay his own expenses and bring his own uniform. Games will be played both Saturday and Sunday, and all players will be allowed to participate.

In Dallas, camp will be held on the high school field with sessions beginning at 10 a. m. Day, a Dallas resident, is now accepting applications from those who wish to participate, but advance registration is not necessary.

Shader points out that the camp will be strictly a hunt for talent and is not a baseball school, although much instruction will be given. Sessions will be held rain or shine, and on the concluding day, pick of the prospects will meet a top semi-pro outfit of this area in a nine-inning game.

Shader, in his 38th year in baseball, states that anyone signed to the Giants or any of the 19 farm clubs will have full

expenses refunded. Carl Hubbell, director of the farm system for the Giants, considers Oregon a rich field for development of ball players, Shader declares.

## Montana Folks Will Picnic At Grants Pass

The Northern-California-Southern Oregon Montana Society picnic will be held in the city park, Grants Pass, next Sunday at one-thirty. Before that the

families will eat their lunch and visit with their former Montana neighbors. Ice cream and soda pop will be furnished by the Society.

The first Montana picnic was held in Lithia Park, Ashland, in 1929. At that time approximately fifty people were in attendance. Last year the Society met again at Lithia Park with two hundred in attendance. Officers elected at that time were William Wolverton, Grants Pass, President; Mrs. Lillian Nelson, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Chloris Axtell, publicity chairman. California cities represented

last year included Los Angeles, Weed, Yreka, Dunsmuir, Eureka and Crescent City. Oregon cities represented were Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, Central Point, Gold Hill, Jacksonville, Roseburg, Klamath Falls and Portland. Forty-four of the fifty-six Montana counties were registered.

Mrs. Duke Makos of 1011 Iowa St. will leave tonight with her mother, Mrs. Steve Cerny, for a visit with her parents and friends in Chicago. Mrs. Cerny has been visiting with her daughters, Mrs. Makos and Mrs. Phillip Dodridge, of Forest Street, for the past month.

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## Tourist Travel Shows Increase In Oregon

Automobile tourist travel in Oregon and the northwest is showing substantial increases over that of the comparable period last year, the Oregon State Motor Association said today.

The increases amount to approximately 20 percent for the month of June, the association reported. The club pointed out, however, that tourist travel at this time last year was under the adverse influence of the Columbia River flood.

The association reported these figures as indicative of the upward trend in automobile tourist travel this year:

1: An increase of 28 per cent in the number of automobiles going through Canadian customs into Victoria during the month of June.

2: An increase in reservations made by the AAA office for recreational travellers.

3: An increase of 15 per cent in the number of cars crossing the Oregon border into California, as reported by the state border quarantine stations.

There were 16,887 automobiles cleared through Canadian customs at Victoria in June this year, compared to 12,137 in June, 1948, the Association reported. California led all states in the number of cars going to Victoria in June with 1,342, while Washington was second with 859 and Oregon was third with 556.

The Association said that a large part of the increase in reservations could be attributed to a heavier proportion of members utilizing the club's reservation service this year, though part of the increase is due to increased travel.

While travel into California through Oregon showed a 15 per cent increase this June, travel from Arizona into California dropped off .8 percent and travel from Nevada showed a 3.8 per cent decrease, as registered at the border quarantine stations, the motor club said.

"Automobile travel, nationally, is climbing well ahead of last year," according to the Association's manager, Ray Conway, who said information from AAA clubs throughout the country indicated the volume of travel by private car this year "is exceeding everybody's expectations. Routings handled by AAA clubs are from 10 to 20 per cent above last year and there is evidence that travellers are taking longer trips."

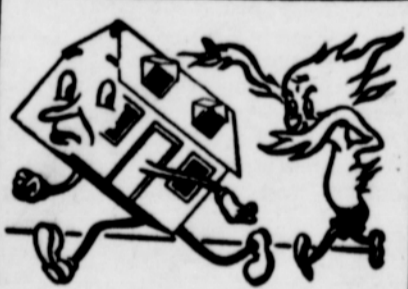
The increase during the month of June, which usually sees the first appreciable volume of tourist travel due to the close of schools, is good evidence that the tourist volume for the 1949 season will be substantially above that of the past year, the Ass'n pointed out.

### EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Ashland Monday, July 25, at the city hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. according to an announcement received from the Secretary of state.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

Mr. Roy Snider, Santa Rosa, Calif., arrived by plane Saturday to spend the weekend with his family who are vacationing here.



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