

Brilliantly Designed Flats Show Variety

Lots of women have discovered that they like to wear flats. By necessity they bought them in the teen-age departments where they first came to fame. However, many women wanted a slightly sturdier flat, and one with a little more style than the classic ballet shoe which started the trend.

This spring and summer they have an almost limitless choice. Flats seem to be in the shoe picture for keeps, and the variety of new materials and trims, plus firmer soles and better fit makes them both more practical and more appealing.

Colors are wonderful. For casual and weekend wear, the hot

shades, in shag, in suede, in smooth leather, in fabrics, to wear with slacks, Bermuda shorts and swirling cotton skirts.

Exquisite pastels in calf, kid, skin or reptile are just the things with the sheer cottons, batistes, dimities and lawns—the "pretty baby" dresses which were such a hit with grown-ups last summer.

Heels Add Chic
Heels add greatly to the chic of many of the new flats. Tiny baby heels, either pancake or miniature French, very piquant, especially with a slim platform to match. Typical example, a dress flat of palest mauve pink kidskin with narrow platform and baby Louis heel of black patent. Sparkling jet nailheads on the vamp pick up the theme. Strawcloth makes some very smart midsummer flats—as for instance, one of white black or natural straw with square vamp, narrow contrasting sole, flat stacked leather heel and straw flower trim.

Or a brilliant harlequin Basque cloth on rubber sole, one of the new washable flats for all-around sports wear introduced this season. Gay terry cloth, spattered with big white polka dots, with carryall bag to match is a nice seashore or summer patio accessory.

Colorful fruit is a very popular trim for flats for casual wear—while dressier ones go in for pearl ornaments, clusters of fabric or plastic flowers or embroidered motifs.

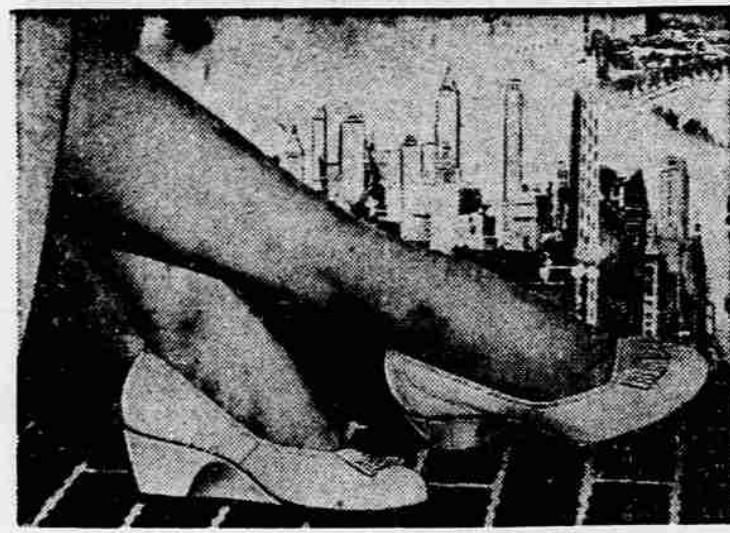
Witty and Sophisticated
For wear and city suits, there are some wonderful witty sophisticated little flats that pick up the tricks of more formal shoes. They go in for backless designs, for T-straps and delicate cut-out camp treatments. Colored, striped or printed linings are sometimes a feature of the more youthful models.

City flats come in sueded, in polished leather and reptile, or sometimes in combinations. Almost always the little heel and sole contrast either in color or material with the shoe itself. Black and navy polished leathers are classics. Grey suede is a favorite. And there is interest in the honey or ginger browns or beiges with smart touch of black patent. Of course red, including the new spring flame, is a basic, again often with the black touch.

BEER QUELLS FIRE
Comstock, Minn.—(U.P.)—Firemen doused a burning tavern wall with beer to prevent the blaze from spreading to an adjacent grocery store. The firemen broke beer bottles and splashed the contents against the wall when they ran out of water.

'After-School' Shoes Declared Important
Often there is so much concentration on so-called "school shoes" that it is sometimes forgotten the youngsters wear shoes after school as well. Though shoes for each purpose actually lead two different "lives."

The reasons are clear on reflection. During school hours the child is much less active while in classrooms. But after school play is quite another matter.



WEDGE NEW SCOOP—The new scoop of the season is the "hollowed" wedge. Most of them like the pair shown above, are exceptionally light and flexible, adding comfort to good looks. (By Cobblers.)

U.S. Money Said Used To Make Gun Sights Sold To Chinese Reds

Berlin — (U.P.) — American dollars helped finance a West Berlin company charged with selling artillery sights to the Chinese Communists during the Korean war, U.S. authorities disclosed today.

A State Department spokesman identified the firm as the Askania Works, manufacturers of optical instruments, and said it sold the sights that directed

Chinese artillery fire on American soldiers.

Harald Quilitzsch, former general manager of Askania, and two assistants, were on trial before a West Berlin court today accused of selling \$437,000 worth of instruments to the Peiping government during the war.

The shipments were discovered when American troops in North Korea captured an ore mine and found theodolites — surveying instruments used to measure angles — bearing the Askania trademark.

A State Department spokesman said Askania received \$1,200,000 in defense contracts plus the same grant in marks as German counterpart funds—a total of \$2,400,000—during the Korean war.

American officials said Quilitzsch and his assistants had agreed to abide by U.S. rules forbidding strategic trade with the Iron Curtain countries and specifically with Red China which was at war with the United Nations.

Shipments Checked
But after the sights were found in Korea, Berlin customs officials began checking company shipments. The three directors were suspended last spring and later fired when customs detected several shipments of embargoed precision instruments going into East Germany. The shipments were being smuggled to the Communists in passenger cars.

Church Opposes Child Status Bill

Salem — (U.P.) — The Roman Catholic church yesterday entered vigorous opposition to a bill which would give legal status and the same rights to all children, regardless of the marital status of their parents.

Leo Smith, Portland attorney who said he was representing Archbishop Edward D. Howard of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Portland, said the bill would give legal sanctity to illicit relationships.

Such a sanction would, he said, "threaten the breakdown of the sanctity of marriage."

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Jean L. Lewis of Portland, was backed by Protestant ministers. Rev. Richard M. Steiner of Portland's First Unitarian Church, argued that the bill would discourage illicit relationships, rather than encourage them.

Companion bills would remove the word "illegitimate" from all Oregon laws.

Smith, Legislature Thanked by President

Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon Legislature has a high compliment and Senate President Elmo E. Smith of John Day a valued letter from America's No. 1 citizen.

President Eisenhower wrote President Smith a "thank you" to the Oregon Legislature for the "unequivocal" backing it gave him and the Congress on established Formosa policy.

President Eisenhower's letter, read to the Senate yesterday afternoon, said in part:

"I am deeply gratified by this expression of confidence, and I hope you will convey my thanks and appreciation to the members of the Oregon Legislature for their support. Such support is an important element of strength in our policy."

Reserve Fleet Plan Satisfies Sen. Morse

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) has expressed satisfaction in the decision handed down by directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation to retain 75 ships of the Maritime reserve fleet at Astoria for surplus grain storage.

He said that the CCC decision "substantially relieves the congested wheat storage conditions of eastern Oregon and permits the wheat to follow its natural flow down the Columbia Basin."

Morse also praised support of Oregon representatives of industry, labor and the public in pressing the case with government officials.

Rooster Survives Rough Treatment

Portland — (U.P.) — Poppy Red, a tough young bantam rooster, strutted about happily today at his home on the Sunset highway west of here, despite enough rough experience to make him wonder if it was worth while.

According to accounts, Poppy Red was walking across the highway on a recent Saturday and was struck by a pickup truck. A witness, not wanting to see Poppy suffer, wrung his neck. Two boys, who were fond of him, hit him with an axe handle. Then the boys dug a shallow grave and buried him under moss and dirt.

The next Tuesday, one of the boys, out of curiosity, exhumed the remains.

Poppy was still alive. A few hours later, after eating water-soaked bread, Poppy gave his first crow.

Poppy Red is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nelson who operate a service station and tourist cabins on the Hamlet route section of the highway.

Spring Enrollment At SOC Starts Monday

Ashland—Enrollment for the spring quarter at Southern Oregon college will begin Monday, March 21, Registrar Mabel W. Winston said today.

Course offerings at the college have been expanded, Mrs. Winston said, to accommodate an increasing enrollment. Liberal arts, teacher education, pre-professional and semi-professional courses are among those now being given.

About 48 per cent of all U.S. raw timber is government-owned.

Wedgies Boast Special Flare

Wedgies have come a long way from their utilitarian start. Today they're the shoe that you pick to highlight a special costume—the shoe that lends flair to everything from shorts to patio dance frocks.

There's a fine Italian hand around in the opened up look, the lighter construction, the dramatic handling of strap treatments, of colors and leathers. The platform is less cumbersome, a style feature making use of materials, color contrast and other devices to add chic to the shoe . . . as well as the comfort for which wedgies were originally designed.

Colors are wonderful. Scarlet, bright cornflower blue or paler wedgewood, soft mauve pinks, pale greens and yellows in plain or lustred kidskin, the new creamy anilines, sueded, pastel dark or bright, polished leathers in beige to brown. In fact, in this particular category, shoes can really go the limit in fashion excitement.

Not all the wedgies are so frivolous. There's still a place for the classic ties and oxfords, on higher platforms, but these too combine smart styling with the maximum of comfort.

They come in basic black and navy, and there's a strong leaning toward the natural, beige or neutral brown shades. Here again red is a favorite, with the very bright spring shade in the lead.

216 Letter Boxes In at Rogue River

Rogue River — A total of 216 new combination letter boxes have been installed at the Rogue River post office, according to F. G. Petrie, acting postmaster. Some 150 of the new boxes will replace obsolete boxes, some of them almost 50 years old, which were smashed about three months ago in an attempted robbery.

The remaining 66 new boxes are needed because of a growth in the post office patronage, Petrie said. The new boxes bring the total at the Rogue River post office to 370.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Oceanographer Wishes for Ringside Seat At Battle of Sperm Whale, Giant Squid

By ROBERT MUSEL
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Wormley, England — (U.P.) — Down in the sightless depths of the sea colossal whales and squids are fighting to the death and Robert Clarke wishes he were at ringside. He can have my seat.

"You should be more adventurous," chided the jaunty scientist, screwing a monocle into his left eye. It added a bizarre touch to a costume which already included a very small cap, maroon cowboy shirt and string tie.

But they pick 'em for knowledge, not style, at the National Institute of Oceanography here and Clarke knows as much about whales as any man alive. He has hunted them, studied them in all the oceans, eaten every part of them. He insists on that last statement.

Pretty Fair Eating

"Whale heart is a bit tough," he said reflectively. "I pickled whale blubber in vinegar and spices and it made a good cocktail hors d'oeuvre. Some other areas taste like sausage."

When he isn't eating whales, Clarke worries about the gradual disappearance of the great 100-foot blue whale, "the largest living being since the beginning of time."

He isn't worried about the sperm whale whose mighty jaws are lined with terrifying rows of 10 inch teeth. It is the sperm whale ho picks the fights with the nightmare cephalopod or giant squid that Clarke would like to watch.

Winner Eats Loser

Sperm whales run about 60 feet long and almost that many tons in weight. The cephalopod, largest member of the octopus family, can reach a length of over 55 feet. It has 10 arms, two

of which, longer than the others, are lined with suckers the size of dinner plates and tipped with sharp, horny hooks.

A monster this size can wrap himself around a two story house. There may be even bigger squids below for recently in the stomach of a sperm whale fishermen found an eyeball 12 inches across!

"All we know of these clashes," Clarke said, "is what we

find in the stomachs of the sperm whales. That's where the loser in sea battles winds up, in the stomach. From this we believe the whale always wins unless the squid can hurt him badly and make its escape.

"This it must sometimes do for we find harpooned sperm whales with huge sores which squid suckers tore and skin and deep furrows gouged by the razor-like hooks on the squid's arms."

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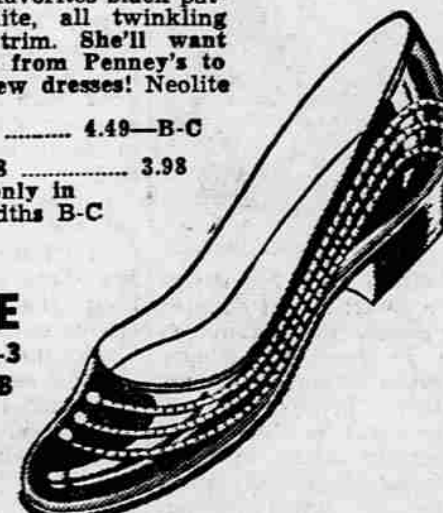
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