

Empire Line Favored by Designers

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New York (U.P.)—Long-torso dresses and tunic-length suits have lost out in favor of empire lines and hipbone-hugging jackets in spring collections of top American designers.

The midriff still has an elongated look, but designers seem to have turned their dress patterns upside down. Instead of an untrimmed top and gathers beginning at the neckline, they now prefer untrimmed skirts with tucks and fullness starting at the bustline.

Herbert Sondheim showed his version of the slender empire dress yesterday to fashion writers attending the New York Dress Institute's national press week. It was a sophisticated black chiffon dress with a low neckline and tiny puffed sleeves. The unbroken line from just below the bustline to the hem curved in only slightly at the waist and clung closely to the hips.

The empire seam just under the bosom is often accented in other spring versions with a binding of velvet ribbon or a frothy white bow on dark navy wool.

The gentle-lined dresses will be a boon to short women, who have had to look on longingly while pinched waistlines and wide petticoats dressed up their taller sisters.

Karen Stark, designer for H. J. Stern, goes even farther back than Empress Josephine to get a springtime inspiration for this semi-fitted silhouette. Her dresses are taken from Greek tunics.

If you hear anyone refer to the "broadened look," they'll be describing the big puffed sleeves and the ruffles that make slim dresses look wide at the top.

Hannah Troy widens the top of some of her slim spring dresses with boleros that button down the back and hang straight to a point just above the waistline.

Tailored suits have large round collars or oval necklines, cut wide at either shoulder, to give the broadened look. The jackets are only slightly fitted and rarely do they reach more than three inches below the waist.

For sour cream dip use 1 cup sour cream, two tablespoons soy sauce, 1 tablespoon lemon juice and one-half teaspoon ground ginger. Mix all ingredients together thoroughly. Serve with raw vegetables.

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Party, Installation Planned for Juniors

Junior Degree of Honor will hold a party and installation of officers Saturday, January 14, at Lincoln school gymnasium. The meeting will be from 9:45 a.m. to 12 noon.

Mrs. H. G. Wilson, director, states that members may take guests to the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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Bishop's Company to Present Drama Based on Paton Best Selling Novel

With the world's spotlight focused so often these days on Africa, the dramatization of Alan Paton's "Cry, the Beloved Country" by the Bishop's Company becomes an event of both dramatic and historic interest.

This production can be seen Thursday, January 12 at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian church in Medford.

The millions of Americans who read Paton's novel and made it a best seller will remember the tender-tragic story of a white man and black man locked in the grimmest of human emotions.

So it is not surprising that the Bishop's Company adapted this play to include in its permanent repertoire.

The company, created for the purpose of returning fine professional drama to the church, has been in continuous production since October of 1952. It has conducted two highly successful national tours. The current 15 month schedule will again take it coast-to-coast.

It appeared as part of the program of the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches; at Yale, Princeton and Columbia Universities and in prominent churches of many denominations including the President's church in Washington, D. C.

Hal Baker, director, will play the demanding role of Kumalo, and James Wheaton will play Msimangu. Others in the cast are Merle Harbach, Bill Wall, Elizabeth Wolfe, Minna Caldwell, Joseph Bellesi, Carl Farrer, Jon Baisch, Phyllis Goodmiller and Craig Beardsley.

Adaptation of Paton's novel was made by Phyllis Beardsley, founder of the company and former staff member of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival at Ashland.

The Bishop's Company will also present "The Devil and Daniel Webster," by Stephen Vincent Benet, Friday evening, January 13 at the First Methodist church; and Christopher Fry's "The Boy With a Cart" Saturday evening, January 14, at the First Presbyterian church. All performances begin at 8 p.m. and the entire community is invited.



Mina Caldwell

Labor Legislation To Be Topic For Republican Group

Jackson County Republican Women will hear a discussion of labor legislation at a meeting set for Monday, January 16, at 12 o'clock at the Medford YMCA. Election of officers is also on the agenda.

Speakers for the meeting will be Clyde Brummell, director of organization for the Republican State Central committee, who will discuss the Republican record on labor legislation, and George Potucek, president of the Carpenters' local here who will speak on what labor wants in the way of legislation.

Anyone interested is invited to attend, and a special invitation is extended to men who might wish to hear the discussion. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Stephen G. Nye, telephone 2-7217.

Winners Named By Bridge Club

Camp White—John Solheim held high score for veterans playing with Camp White Veterans Bridge club during December, it has been announced. Second place went to Mike Dillon and third to Walter Grow.

They were awarded prizes furnished by the American Legion auxiliary unit at the club's meeting last Friday.

Play was for master points. Howard Boyd and Roy Pruitt led north-south players, scoring 147 1/2 points. Mrs. Edna Miller and Walter Grow scored 160 1/2 points to head east-west players. Other north-south winners were Mrs. T. J. Fuson and William Hickey, second, 145 1/2 points; Jack Harris and Mr. Reverman, third, 145; Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Ben Todd, fourth, 141 1/2 points. Additional east-west winners were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, second, 144 points; Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seely, third, 143; Mrs. E. K. Ricker and Al Gilhouse, fourth, 142.

Miss Noreen Kelly To Speak for UN Chapter Meeting

Miss Noreen Kelly will speak informally of her recent travels in Europe at a meeting of Medford unit, United Nations association, Thursday, January 12. It will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan P. Bosworth Jr., 2425 East Main street. A potluck dinner is planned for 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by election of officers.

Party Announced By Women's Club

Scottish Rite Women's club held the first meeting of 1956 Monday evening. Mrs. Fred Graten, president, conducted the meeting.

Plans for a valentine party were made, the event to be a potluck dinner.

Mrs. Garner Couey attended as a guest, and became a member during the meeting.

Mrs. Carl Oestreich was awarded a special attendance prize.

After the meeting the women were joined by the men for refreshments.

The club plans a social meeting January 23.

Freshen shredded coconut for holiday fare by soaking it in sweetened fresh milk a few minutes before using.

Women Outdid Themselves In 1955, Institute Reports

American women in 1955 outdid themselves in more ways than one, reports the Institute of Life Insurance.

1. They brought more babies into the world than ever before.
2. They pursued higher education in greater numbers than in any previous year.
3. They held more jobs than at any other time in U.S. history.

The latest available data from various government agencies spells out these accomplishments in more detail. For example, National Office of Vital Statistics figures indicate that 4,045,000 children were born in

1955, or about 25,000 more than the record high number of births in 1954.

The U.S. Office of Education believes that the number of women enrolled in colleges and other institutions of higher learning in 1955 surpassed even the previous record of 900,000 women college students set in 1954.

And the Bureau of the Census reports that in October, 1955, there were 21,000,000 women with jobs, the highest ever recorded. Averaged for the entire year, over one out of three women was in the "labor force"—that is, fully one-third of American women of working age were either working or seeking work.

The explanation for the multitude of jobs and the extended schooling—and maybe even the bumper crop of babies—stems largely from the prosperity of the nation. The Census Bureau, optimistic about the future, concludes that a still-higher number of women will get jobs in the next few years provided that a catastrophe such as a depression does not come along.

Behind the record-high figures on women's employment lie these two facts, which may not be generally known:

1. A considerable number of part-time jobs are held by women. Census Bureau statistics indicate that more than one-fifth of working women held part-time jobs. In comparison, only one-tenth of men who work have part-time employment.

2. Very many women—among them married women—work because they need the income. This is borne out in study after study made by various agencies. Over half the women in the labor force are married.

Upon getting a job many women are surprised to find they get more than a cash income from their work. They often receive sizable protection for themselves and their families in the form of group life insurance and group health insurance. This insurance, arranged for by employers, may be contributory—that is, the worker shares the cost with the employers.

Two New Units Now Members Of PTA Council

Hedrick Junior High school and Jefferson school units of the parent-teacher association were welcomed into membership with Medford Council of Parent-Teacher associations at a meeting Thursday afternoon at the YMCA.

Each PTA unit is represented on the Medford PTA council by its president, vice-president and two delegates. Representing Hedrick school are Dr. Lee Melish, president; Mrs. Scott Heatherington, vice-president; Vincent Bevis and Wayne Jamison, delegates. Jefferson members on the council are Mrs. Fred Buonocore and Mrs. LeRoy Jensen, delegates.

Mrs. H. J. McCary, council membership chairman, reported that memberships enrolled from units making up the council total 3,046. This includes Washington, 427; Roosevelt, 632; Lincoln, 269; Jackson, 264; Jefferson, 157; McLoughlin, 493; Hedrick, 221; Oak Grove, 179; Howard, 232 and Lone Pine, 182.

Mrs. Charles Bird National PTA magazine chairman for the council, reported that 71 magazine subscriptions has been sold. Mrs. Milo Kubalek, health chairman for the council, reported for the Dental Health council of Jackson County Public Health association.

The meeting opened with a group of numbers sung by the Council Mothersingers, directed by Mrs. LeRoy Jensen. Mrs. H. Chandler Drew was accompanist.

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