

### Designers Deal In Fractions For Fall Wear

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New York — Designers give us women plenty of fractions for fall calculation.

They talk in terms of half-belts and coats either three-quarter or seven-eighths length. Half-belts show through our suit collections, although there are just as many fully belted, or unbelted and fitted loosely at the waistline.

The number of three-quarter and seven-eighths length coats equals the number of full length ones in collections being shown this week to visiting fashion reporters. The shows are held semi-annually by the couture group of the New York Dress Institute.

#### Balloon-Like Shape

Coat silhouettes ran the gamut from the slim and wrapped to those of luxurious fullness. Monte Sano and Pruzan introduced a balloon-like shape—front cut straight as a pin in front but with the back puffing out like a blister, but hauled in again at the hemline or waistline.

Most suits and many coats feature the bracelet sleeve, loose fitting and ending just a few inches short of the wrist. Shoulders follow the natural curve of the body. Collars usually are flat and constructed to stand away from the neck.

Fur trims everything from evening dresses to coats. Originals teamed black lynx, beaver, mink or lamour, a south African lamb, with tweeds and fleeces in a handsome daytime group.

Monte Sano and Pruzan lined a cotton gabardine raincoat with ocelot and priced it at \$95. Daring Bare Ringleader

Ceil Chapman is a ringleader in the daring baring for evening wear. One of her boldest necklines shows the bodice opened to the waist, but laced like a corset with thin satin cords drawn through rhinestone eyelets. She doesn't even bother to lace other necklines with a v-plunge to waist. These, she calls the Venus dresses.

Her Cleo silhouette makes the beholder wonder what next. A seemingly demure bodice has triangular cutouts under each arm to expose most of the rib section.

Another Chapman design is the Etruscan silhouette, which she said "is one of the earliest glamer girl fashions, predating Grecian costumes." The Etruscan is a horizontal draping of fabric around the hips, to give a girle-like cling.

### Couple Return From Reunion

Central Point — Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mathes, box 372, Central Point, recently returned from Texas and Oklahoma where they attended a family reunion of three brothers and three sisters who had not been together since 1916. They are relatives of Mr. Mathes.

One member of the family, Vernon C. Mathes, of Riverside, Calif., did not attend the reunion. They are all children of the late Judge and Mrs. U. L. Mathes of Guyman, Okla.

Attending the reunion in addition to Lester Mathes were Leo Mathes and his wife of McAllen, Texas; Virgil Mathes of Junction City, Kan.; Mrs. Gladys Richmond, of Boulder, Colo.; Mrs. Goldie Wood and her husband of Hutchinson, Kan.; and Mrs. Vesta Turner, of Greeley, Colo.

### Camping Session in August Still Open

Registrations are still being accepted by the Rogue Valley Girl Scout council camping committee for girls to attend the ten-day session at Low Echo camp at Lake of the Woods from August 6 through 16. Girls from ages 10 through 17 may attend. For information call the Girl Scout office at SP 2-5912.

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### DeMolay To Give Chevalier Degree

The Chevalier degree of DeMolay will be conferred on three boys in ceremonies at the Masonic temple at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 13. The meeting is open to the public.

Boys receiving the honorary degree will be Ken Filand, The Dalles, former master state councilor; Jim Materie and Earl Knight Jr., both of Medford. The degree is being conferred by Malta Commandery, of Ashland.

Ross Gilkinson, Medford, will be acting commander; John Pond, commander in the west; M. Patrick Dunn, commander in the south; John Daugherty, grand marshal; C. L. Howard, grand chaplain. Howard Phillips, chairman of the DeMolay advisory council, is general chairman in charge of the event.

### Sojourners To Install Officers Thursday

The Medford Sojourners will install new officers at the regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11, in Pythian hall. Following the installation the group will play cards, with prizes awarded in canasta, pinocle and bridge.

The Sojourners club is an organization for newcomers to the city, and any women who have lived here two years or less is invited.

### Installation

The Disabled American Veterans and auxiliary will hold an installation of officers at a meeting in the Moose hall, 11 South Newtown street, Thursday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. All women attending are asked to bring cakes.

### Veterans Receive Prizes for June Bridge Scores

Summer flowers decorated the tables for the buffet supper that followed the master point play of the Camp White Veterans Bridge club Friday evening.

Top scorers in the east-west position were Mrs. Paul McDuffee and Mrs. Cliff Howard, 137½ points, with Mr. and Mrs. George Rode first in the north-south position with 135½ points.

Other east-west players and their points were Mrs. Fred Rehling and Rom Randall, 119½; Bill Isaacs and Arthur Scarsoth, 112; and Mr. and Mrs. Berg Marten, 111½. North-south position players and points were Mrs. Al Gilhouse and Mrs. Paul Hatton, 129; Mrs. Tom Fuson and Roy Pruitt, 123½; and Jack Harris and Fred Stevens, 118.

Prizes were awarded by the American Legion auxiliary to high scoring veterans for the month of June. First went to Tom Munds, second, Tom Randall, and third to Bill Hickey.

### Seasoning Used To Excess Here

New York — One authority says the nation's cooks have gone overboard in the use of seasonings. Especially in the use of garlic.

Norwood Weaver, a spice and herb specialist, said that moderation is the first rule of successful cooking with herbs. "Under-season rather than over-season," he said. "If a spice can be recognized, it is not well-blended and well-used."

"Garlic especially is used with too heavy a hand," said Weaver, head of John Wagner and Sons. Used sparingly though, it adds new flavor to lamb, beef and salads. Weaver said garlic powder sales alone jumped 400 per cent from 1930 to 1934.

The American Spice Trade Association said total annual consumption of garlic now averages about 38,000,000 pounds. It quoted producers' estimates that about seven per cent of the total domestic and imported garlic is used dehydrated, either as powder or turned into garlic salt.

Weaver said another common cooking fault is in using the wrong seasoning. For instance, basil is a delightful companion to tomatoes. But sage, delicious with pork or such vegetables as cabbage and brussels sprouts, would overpower the delicate tomato.

Weaver said the art of seasoning can be as personal as a signature. Only by careful testing and experimenting can a cook learn which spices to add at the beginning of a dish, which at the intermediate and which the minute before serving. "But it's worth all the trouble," Weaver said.

### Garden Club Elects Officers at Meet

Cave Junction — Mrs. James Payne was reelected president of the Illinois Valley Garden club at a meeting held June 28 at the home of Mrs. Joe Ollis. Her officers include Mrs. Lew Krauss, vice-president; Mrs. Floyd Wells, secretary and Mrs. Joe Ollis, treasurer.

New member is Mrs. Robert Wilson, and Mrs. Wayne Petsch was a guest.

Gold Hill — Houseguest of Mrs. R. Norris, Route 2, Box 512, Gold Hill, is Miss Katherine Sewell of Hollywood, Calif. Miss Sewell will spend several weeks in the valley.

## Potpourri

Philadelphia, July 6 — "The Past is Prologue" was the theme of National Education Association's final meeting last night and the last organ note had scarcely died away before delegates rushed for the doors, attendants began taking the decorations down and gathering up the sound equipment, which included miles of electric cord and cable.

Portland's Martha Shull, who was the 1937 president of NEA—an educator's group now almost 750,000 strong, wept a little as she said the final words. Miss Shull, whose beauty and charm bring constant comment, is popular with both teachers and press, we found.

Last night Oregon paid her tribute in the final meeting. Gladys Beldon, Albany teacher who heads Oregon Education association's Department of Classroom Teachers, presented her a gift. Maxine Smith and Potpourri struggled a huge bouquet of red roses down to the hall by taxi and Maxine—finding no place on the rostrum for this bit of Oregon atmosphere, finally put them on the floor near the twin pianos, arranged for a duo-piano number. When the music was over an attendant pressed a button and the pianos—with the roses, sank almost out of sight as that section of the mechanized stage was lowered.

Among gifts presented the new NEA president, Lyman Ginger of Kentucky university was a handsome red and black plaid Pendleton blanket. Ewald Turner, Pendleton teacher who is the new national vice-president of the Department of Classroom Teachers, made the presentation, taking care to put in a quick plug for Pendleton's Round-Up.

Flags of the 48 states were massed at the back of the huge stage and each state delegation then received its flag as a gift and earlier the flags, gifts of the Pennsylvania Teachers' Education association were displayed in the lobby of the Benjamin Franklin hotel, convention headquarters. This was a nice gesture, but Oregon delegates wished the name of their state had been spelled correctly.

The thousands of educators listening to Dr. William G. Carr, executive secretary of NEA applauded often last night. They applauded when he said "the general public has no notion of the present-day working conditions in the schools, or how it lowers the standards of education."

They especially applauded his comments on merit rating. He said "we teachers want excellence rewarded, but first we want excellence in the teaching profession for every child. We should begin at the beginning, and assure excellent teachers for every child by having salaries which would attract and hold excellence. Then only will merit rating make sense. We can't compromise on goals with slightly higher standards for a few at the cost of standards for the many."

Earlier in the day the general assembly had voted to work towards the goal of minimum salaries of \$5,000 a year and a maximum of \$11,500 within 10 years of experience. It is believed figures like these would attract and hold better quality teachers and help stem the flow of teachers from the profession into industry. On this point Dr. Carr had said "if we had the resources to do what we already know how to do, we could rid ourselves of 'bargain basement' education."

Jackson county delegates—like all others not leaving at once, were promising each other to sleep late Saturday. Conventions leave no time for rest. In addition to attending business sessions, workshops and circles, both Elsie Turner and Maxine Smith served on committees, the former on the elections committee and the latter on the audit committee. Yesterday morning Maxine rose early because she was initiated into Kappa Kappa Iota sorority for women teachers with most of the chapters in the south.

Each state maintains a room with exhibits, gifts and literature. Gifts are sometimes lavish. Colorado gave away hundreds of big red carnations. Pennsylvania's gift was key rings for dignitaries. One Hawaiian girl said these latter were made from orchid hearts—400 to a lei. Pretty Hawaiian women would hurry on stage, give a newly honored delegate a lei and when it was properly arranged around the shoulders, kiss the recipient on both cheeks, a custom which the men enjoyed enormously.

Members of the large Puerto Rican delegation gave away thousands of silk scarves made in that country's industrial schools. They bore the Puerto Rican seal and the NEA Centennial emblem. It's a good thing Potpourri is conditioned to noise, or big cities would drive us crazy. Philadelphia streets are paved with uneven bricks and cobblestones on which tires make a peculiar sound. Sounds here are both old and new—the early morning noise today includes that from an enormous air-driven jack-hammer busily eating away at the bricks and concrete of an old building, and the clip-clop of horses hooves.

Yesterday while waiting for a sight seeing bus to take a group to Valley Forge, a small rickety wagon went by. It was loaded with watermelons and two little Negro boys rode happily on top. Not only are there quite a few horse-drawn vehicles right down town, but the bus driver pointed out a Curtis Publishing company truck, an ancient vehicle with solid tires—an electric truck! The bus driver said Curtis has a fleet of these old electric trucks—the battery run vehicles can be operated at a cost of 45 cents per day.

Today Teacher Maxine and Potpourri move on to New York. We hope New York will afford more than 5 hours sleep a night, and a less hectic routine. We've been living on black coffee, headache tablets and peace pills—and the skirt belt of our old dactron suit lapped over an inch this morning.

Because the hotel wants \$2.50 a day to rent a typewriter, and the convention press room has closed, this column is being written by hand. Probably Potpourri's "stand-in" will hate us by the time she is through copying.

Convention side glance: Operator of food stall standing behind counter loaded with sandwiches, hot dogs, rolls and doughnuts complaining that she had forgotten to bring her lunch from home.—O.S.

### Teachers' Wives Need to Play Various Roles

BY LOUIS CASSELS  
Washington—The wife of a high school principal must be a model mother, a tireless hostess, a hard worker in community projects, a thrifty homemaker and a social secretary.

She also has to listen to her husband's speeches twice—once when he rehearses them at home and again when he delivers them in public.

This job description was sketched by five wives of high school principals who participated in a special panel discussion at the recent convention of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The subject was "What is the role of the wife of the principal in the school community?"

"Our first duty," said Mrs. Andy Tolson, Tucson, Ariz., "is to be helpmates to our husbands. I am his social secretary. I see that he makes all evening appointments. Occasionally I type letters or reports at home. I also attempt the role of 'patient listener' for explosive happenings."

Mrs. Neal M. Wherry, Lawrence, Kan., said some principals' wives take jobs to supplement family income, but "instead of going out and earning money. I stay at home and save it by doing my own house cleaning, laundry and yard work."

"Being at home," she added, "gives me time to listen to my husband's speeches as he is preparing them. Sometimes I can give him ideas... but mostly I just listen."

If the principal has children said Mrs. Hugh S. Bonar, Joliet, Ill., his wife's biggest responsibility is keeping them "healthy, courteous and honest." She knows that their children must set an example of her husband will be exposed to sharp suggestions that he "start on his own" children before advising parents how to cope with behavior problems in students.

Mrs. Barnhardt L. Bergstrom, El Monte, Calif., warned that "an overpowering drive for recognition" on the part of a principal's wife "can be dangerous."

"Although she is expected to take an active part in Red Cross, Community Chest, Girl Scouts or other community projects, she should 'refuse to compete with others for offices."

"The hardest job a wife of a principal has is maintaining her own individuality," said Mrs. Nicholas Schreiber, Ann Arbor. "I never felt so much like the little woman who wasn't there as I did the day the telephone rang and a voice asked: 'Are you the principal of the high school's wife?'"

### Square Dance In Ashland Thursday

The Y Knot Twirlers Square Dance club will hold a dance at Twin Plunges in Ashland on Thursday, July 11, night. Dancing will start about 8 p.m.

Club officials said dancers may bring picnic lunches, and those who wish may swim before the dance starts.

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