

Fancy Trousers and Skirts Fashionable 'At Home' Wear

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New York — (AP) — Today's woman wears the pants at home, even if hubby bosses the household.

"This fall, the top fashions for hearthside are fancy trousers and skirts, or the two in combination—and many of them so elaborate you'd think the wearer was headed for a ball.

"It's about time glamour at home caught on," said young Tom Brigrance, an old hand at creating leisure wear not meant for bending over a hot cook stove.

"Jeans Not Feminine"
"I've always opposed that jeans-at-home business," said Brigrance. "Jeans aren't feminine—they're too workmanlike."

Brigrance advocates an at-home wardrobe, and if you're not constructed for those skinny trousers there are plenty of skirts—some street length, some sweeping the floor. One of the most striking costumes in his collection is black taffeta combined with yellow satin.

The taffeta is used for a coat, and on the lines of a man's shirt, but with eyelet cutout around the hem, to help display the yellow trousers.

Brigrance is just one of numerous designers lending opulence to the hearthside. Leo Ritter, a furrier, made mink jackets to top lounging pajamas.

Robert Rosenfeld used fake fur, a leopard printed velveteen, for one piece, tapered trousers topped with a flowering skirt in either green or flame red satin. Another Rosenfeld number is a combination of tight trousers and voluminous over-skirt—the former in red satin, the latter in black chiffon.

Designer Tina Leser used gold lame for a figure-hugging, one-piece pajama topped with a flowing "harem coat" of mauve organza.

Sydney Wragge, who won the 1957 American Fashion Critics award, featured brocade, silk linen, printed silk and tweed in combination with silk. The tweed, in black and white, forms a pullover, with fringed hem, topping silk slacks in brilliant pink.

Home Wear Not New
At home wear is hardly news," said Brigrance. "But you would think some stores had just rediscovered it."

Designers list several reasons

for the at-home fashions boom. A record number of women hold outside jobs, and want a change to comfort with prettiness at the end of the work day. "We entertain more at home, hence the need for more dressing up at fireside. There is more money to spend on opulence.

"And," said Tina Leser, "the move to the suburbs and country has helped. A housewife may be outside all day . . . When she comes in, she doesn't want to get into a dinner dress like she used to. She wants to climb into something that doesn't call for a girlie."

Bebbs Attend Wedding, Opera

Mr. and Mrs. Royce E. Bebb have returned to their home on South Grape street after spending 10 days in San Francisco to attend the wedding of their son, Ward, who was married to Miss Jo Ann Boardman September 29 at Grace Episcopal cathedral in that city.

They stayed on to attend a production of "Der Rosenkavalier" by Richard Strauss with the Viennese soprano, Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, in the leading role for the San Francisco opera production. The couple also attended the most elaborate festivity of the opera season, the annual Opera Ball and Fol de Rol, this year termed "Opera Goes on a Bal Masque."

The event, held in the Civic auditorium, was hailed as the first sellout crowd in the history of the event, sponsored each year by the Opera guild as a fund-raising event to help expand the opera repertoire in San Francisco.

Mrs. Bebb reports that a throng of 6,000 filled the balconies and 1400 persons were seated on the main floor at gaily decorated tables. The press reported that florists estimated about 50,000 fresh flowers had been used, and champagne was served to the elegantly dressed socialite-sponsors seated at these tables.

The San Francisco Symphony orchestra, the opera chorus and ballet gave their time and talent, as did all the artists who appeared on the program. The list of artists who performed on the huge stage in the center of the auditorium read like "Who's Who in the Music World."

Mrs. Bebb reports. Included were Blanche Tebom, Lucia Albanese, Borghi, the Italian baritone and the Viennese coloratura, Rita Streich, who recently made their debut in this country, Rysanek, Cesare Curzi, the Negro soprano, Leontyne Price and Claramae Turner, who has appeared in Medford twice for Civic Music association. Mrs. Bebb reports that Miss Turner, wearing a long sheath gown of black sequins with red shoes and red roses in her hair, received a thunder of applause when she sang.

Kurt Herbert Adler was director and James Schwabacher Jr., master of ceremonies.

Finale of this extravaganza was the "Bal Masque Waltz" written especially for this year's Fol de Rol by Marcel Frank, one of the San Francisco Opera conductors. As the ballet danced this closing number, 5,000 balloons were released from huge baskets on the ceiling and fell about the performers.

After this, Ray Hackett's band played for dancing.

Society

Ashland AAUW Outlines Plans For Coming Year

Ashland—Activities for the coming year were outlined at the first fall meeting of Ashland branch, American Association of University Women, held recently at the home of Mrs. Elmo Stevenson. Many new members were welcomed. Mrs. Howard Gang, president, presided.

A buzz session was held under the direction of Mrs. Elmo Stevenson, literature chairman; Mrs. Bill Sampson, arts and craft chairman; and Miss Gennie Kent, international relations chairman. The year's program was outlined and the literature group will study various phases of writing, including a group for those interested in creative writing. The art group will work in mosaic tiles, textile painting, weaving, flower arranging and linoleum blocks.

The international relations group will aim its study at the Eisenhower doctrine of foreign policy, the United Nations, NATO, and all pertinent situations that arise during the year.

The literature group will meet the third Monday of each month with the first session to be held at the home of Mrs. Leo Sohler, 505 Fairview street, at 8 p.m. at which time Mrs. Sohler will present her record collection of Negro poetry. The international relations group will meet the second Monday of each month and the first meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Don Gwaltney, 480 Palm avenue at 8 p.m. The arts and craft unit will meet the fourth Monday with the place announced later for an Oct. 28 meeting. Mrs. Dunlop emphasized the fact that all women not eligible for AAUW in Ashland were welcome to join these study groups, as well as members.

Miss Seri Scanlon, fellowship chairman, announced that a rummage sale will be held Oct. 12 in the Knox building. Rummage may be taken to the Knox building Friday, October 11. It was pointed out that the money raised is used for fellowship grants to aid qualified women in the field of higher education.

Mrs. Harry Skerry, music chairman, introduced the musical portion of the evening's entertainment provided by Louis Clayton, who sang three contemporary selections, accompanied by Miss Helene Robinson. Mr. Clayton is a new SOC faculty member in charge of the music department. He was graduated last year from the Eastman School of Music in New York.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Bill Sampson, who poured, and Miss Ethel Reid, Miss Gladys Owen, and Miss Dorothy Masters.

Superintendent To Give Talk for Jefferson PTA
Main feature of Jefferson Parent-Teachers association's afternoon will be a talk by Leonard Mayfield, Medford city school superintendent, on expansion plans for the school system. Mrs. John Kent, president of the Jefferson unit, emphasized today that the proposed plans call for action this year, and are therefore of vital interest to parents of all school children.

Students will be dismissed at 2 p.m., and teachers will remain in their rooms for 30 minutes for conferences with individual parents, according to Mrs. Kent. The general PTA meeting will begin at 2:30 in the cafeteria.

A nursery for pre-school children is maintained during the session.

Degree of Honor To Hold Meeting
Degree of Honor Protective association will hold an executive meeting Friday, October 11, in the home of Mrs. Serena McMahan, 650 Oakdale drive, at 8 p.m. Carnation club of the order will meet at the same time.

CALENDAR

Thursday
7 p.m.—Altrusa club, Mon Desir inn.

7:30 p.m.—Unity Center of Medford, room 203, Holly Theatre bldg.

8 p.m.—Alpha Rho chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, home of Mrs. Richard Henselman, 333 Admore ave.

8 p.m.—Jackson County Medical Assistants, Pioneer room, Jackson hotel.

8 p.m.—Reames chapter, OES, Medford Masonic temple.

8 p.m.—Past Noble Grands club of Olive Rebekah lodge, Girls Community club, 229 North Bartlett st.

8 p.m.—Lincoln PTA, school gymnasium.

Friday:
11 a.m.—Unity Center of Medford, room 203, Holly Theatre bldg.

1:30 p.m.—Past Presidents club of the Fraternal Order of Eagles auxiliary, home of Mrs. Lyle Pickell, 823 Broad st.

12:30 p.m.—St. Elizabeth guild, St. Mark's Episcopal church, at church.

A good fertilizer for gardens and potted plants is chimney soot.

First Session Is Held By School Club

A large attendance of mothers, fathers and teachers marked the first meeting for this year of St. Mary's Grade School Parents' club, held Monday night in the activities room of the school. President Jack Kerr welcomed all present, especially the new Members.

Parent-attendance prize for this meeting was won by Sister Eustella's first grade room, with Sister David Maureen's third and fourth grade room running a close second. One point is counted for each mother and two points for each father who comes to the meetings.

Business included announcing of names of committee chairmen and room mothers, outlining proposed projects for the year, and Carl Brophy's reading of the club's constitution. Acceptance was given Mrs. Dick Randolph's proposal that the grade and high school parents' clubs share the expense of purchasing a refrigerator in which to store the pupils' lunch-time milk.

Library committee and treasurer's reports were given and it was announced that a November spaghetti dinner is in the planning stage. Future plans for First Fridays are being made to include an 11:15 a.m. Mass for the children in order to ease breakfast and fasting problems.

Because of the number of persons active in both the grade and high school parents organizations, it was suggested that the finance committees of the two groups work jointly and that combined effort be put into a few large projects for the year rather than working individually on many small projects.

Before adjournment Father Carl Mai, new pastor of Sacred Heart parish, expressed his pleasure with the large turnout of parents. He encouraged all to enter fearlessly into the group discussion and said he hoped that an active interest in the parents clubs and in the school will be maintained for the sake of the spiritual, mental and physical education of your children and your children's children.

Sister Superior Gerard Mary pointed out that good parent attendance at meetings is a definite morale builder for the teachers.

A social hour, during which refreshments were served, followed the business meeting.

St. Mary's Grade School Parents' club officers for the current school year, besides President Kerr, are vice-president, Dick Randolph; secretary, Mrs. Joe Zarosinski; treasurer, Mrs. Robert Wright; and parliamentarian, Carl Brophy.

Chairmen of the outstanding committees are: Finance, Mr. and Mrs. Vince Nicoletti; program and social, Mrs. Fred Burich, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Toomey; publicity, Mrs. John Hochstatter; athletic, Lee Meeker; and library, Mrs. George Davy.

Mrs. John Jensen is chairman of the room mothers.

Glittering Array of Gowns Readied for Queen's Visit

By HELEN THOMAS
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Washington—Mrs. Eisenhower has put a top secret tag on the gowns she will wear while entertaining the Queen of England. But some of Washington's other official wives are letting the public have a preview of their fashions for royalty. Mrs. Richard Nixon, wife of the vice president, has three new ball gowns and one special street-length black taffeta dress for the Queen's visit next week.

Red-headed Mrs. Nixon will be decked out in an ivory satin gown with a bateau neckline and a bouffant skirt for the first glittering event—the state dinner at the White House.

For dinner at the British embassy, the nation's second top-ranking wife will wear a lemon yellow satin gown which bells out in a petal effect.

She's also holding in reserve another dinner dress of French blue lace, designed especially for her. Most of the Cabinet wives have chosen billowy full skirts which Queen Elizabeth herself favors for evening.

Mrs. John Foster Dulles has selected two full-skirted satin gowns. One is ice-blue satin and the other is gray satin.

Color's the Thing
The official White House ladies all appear to be going in for color. Long white gloves also will be a must. But they have no intentions of keeping their wardrobes pure Americana.

Mrs. Herbert Brownell is having two gowns fashioned from the chateausse and pale blue satin she bought in Rome this summer. The attorney general's wife will be renewing an acquaintance with the Queen, whom she met at a garden party when the American Bar Association held its meeting in London.

The treasury secretary's wife, Mrs. Robert Anderson, expects to don a high fashion white chintilly lace gown trimmed in gold for the White House dinner.

Mrs. Ezra Taft Benson, wife of the agriculture secretary, says her 20-year-old daughter Beverly is helping to put a few tucks in her new dusty rose lace over a taffeta slip which she

Gardeners Discuss Patio Plantings

Central Point—Gardening today is for outdoor living, not the display yards of the past; plan plantings of the patio to fit activities of the family. These were ideas brought out by Mrs. C. W. Anhorn who discussed this planting with the members of the Central Point Garden club at their meeting Wednesday.

During the meeting, held at the home of Mrs. W. I. Sutherland, plans were completed for a plant sale to be held today in the Crater department store building.

A number of members plan to attend a meeting of Siskiyou district, Oregon Federation of Garden clubs, at Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass, October 29.

During the meeting, Mrs. Leo Ghelardi, bird chairman reported on the western meadow lark, state bird of Oregon. Interesting leaves, foliage, rocks and other objects filled the display table.

The centerpiece of dahlias and Oregon grape was presented to Mrs. Gaston Floux. Arrangements about the rooms included

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Dance Club

Pioneer Square Dance club will meet at Kershaw Square Saturday, October 12, at 8 p.m. Potluck refreshments will be served. Members may invite guests to the dance.

a coffee table arrangement of chrysanthemums by Mrs. H. E. Conger, a table centerpiece of gladioli by Mrs. Sutherland and a buffet display of dahlies and dogwood by Mrs. Steve Benston. Door prizes went to Mrs. Lloyd Seymour and Mrs. Wallace West.

Guests were Mrs. Floux, Mrs. Ed Goodwin, Mrs. Frank Roberts, Mrs. Selma Kelly and Mrs. Harry Merriken. Assisting the hostess were Mrs. Edward Jones and Mrs. Clem Ault.

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