

Pre-Holiday Advice Eases Post-Holiday Exchange Rush

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New York — This is the time of the year we rush out to buy gifts for someone else to rush back and exchange after Christmas.

Perhaps it's a red chiffon nightie for an aunt who has slept in flannels for years, or golf tees for an uncle whose main exercise is getting up from the table.

Whatever the reasons, the exchanges and returns are inevitable. And most stores have developed the philosophical attitude that the customer usually is right after the holidays, even if the returns cost money in extra personnel and handling.

Most stores try to trim the post-holiday rush by pre-holiday advice. Take the adjustments department of Abraham and Straus—one of the nation's largest department stores. It came out today with a guide to gift selection for "A Happy After-Christmas."

Select With Care
The department manager Charles A. Binder, said the first rule is: "Avoid fever and flurry and give your selections some thought. Desperation buying causes more returns and exchanges than any other single factor."

Binder, an old hand at soothing the ruffled feathers of customers, offered these suggestions:

—Become a size detective and know measurements of the person for whom you're buying. Wrong size is the number one reason for returns. Don't tell the salesman, "my husband is about the same size as that man over there in the grey suit . . ."

—Know the taste of the person for whom you're shopping. And don't inflict your taste on others. Buying cuff links for a man who hates French cuffs means your gift goes back after December 25.

—Compare notes and share shopping secrets with family members and mutual friends, to avoid duplication, another basic cause for returns. Your six-year-old niece may have waited all year for a new doll, but she'd rather have a doll and a doll wardrobe and doll furniture, than to end up with three dolls, all alike.

—In shopping for children, age level is important. "It's too old for him," is the most common complaint of mothers returning toys.

"Actually," said Binder, "999,999 of every one million customers have legitimate reasons for return or exchange."

It's the one in a million which gives a store its biggest headache, or its biggest laugh.

Women Make Most Returns
Binder said women make more returns than men, but not necessarily because they are harder to please. "They do most of the shopping to begin with," he said, "and they have more time to make returns."

In the men's division, items

most frequently brought back, Binder said, are shirts, ties, and wallets; in the feminine department, blouses, perfumes, compacts and lingerie — "I don't know why," said Binder, "but some people will insist on giving a black nightgown to a 65-year-old woman."

Binder said that contrary to many of the cartoons, adjustment departments gear for the post-holiday rush and make the best of it. His favorite return was not after Christmas, but after a wedding.

"I looked up one day and there was a young couple loaded with a small ton of bundles," he said. "They lugged the works up to the counter, unwrapped everything and said:

"Okay, now which of this is yours?"

Children's Show Set

Griffin Creek—Griffin Creek School Mothers' club has planned a series of Saturday matinee film showings for children of the valley with the first scheduled for December 14. The film will be shown in the school gymnasium from 1 to 3 p.m.

The featured film will be "Rusty's Birthday," a story centered around a German shepherd dog, the club announces. Also shown will be cartoons and a comedy.

The club states that if the venture is supported, the matinee movies will be held twice a month until June. If the attendance warrants, the club will offer such films as Disney's "Dumbo" and "Bambi."

It is planned to charge only enough to cover the cost of the film rentals and showing, club officers say.

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Netherland Film Shown for Club; Officers Elected

The December meeting of Southern Oregon Stamp club was highlighted with a documentary film, "It's Just A Postage Stamp," put out by the Netherland Philatelic service. The film showed the various ways of designing and printing stamps, from photogravure to the intaglio method. It also showed the open air stamp bourse held in the cities of the Netherlands each week, where young and old swap and sell stamps, and philatelic knowledge.

Projectionist for the evening was Jim Scheffel. Business included the report of the nominating committee and the election of new officers. Mrs. Eric de Place was elected president of the club, and Prudence Petty was elected vice-president. Mrs. Mabel Houck was re-elected secretary and Frank Applegate was retained in the office of treasurer. The officers will be installed at the January meeting.

Guests at the meeting were Mrs. Arnold Motschenbacher, Billy Warner, Mrs. Dorothy Sutter, and M. C. Wood. An exchange of philatelic gifts was conducted by the members.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Gordon Warner, Mrs. Jorge Jorgensen and Mrs. S. B. Corlier. The evening ended with stamp "swapping." A display of TB Christmas Seals owned by Mrs. Rolland Beach was on view during the evening; the set is complete.

Family Reunion Held in Medford

A family reunion was held November 29 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Stickley, 509 Beatty street. Thirty-five members of the family attended, this being the first time in 15 years that the entire family had been together.

Present were Mr. Stickley's mother, Mrs. Lillie Brown, Brush, Colo.; five sisters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. George Morey and children, Brush, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bowen, Sunnyside, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. John Revis and children, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Donald Mowen and daughters, Elizabeth and Kimberly, Port Huene, Calif.; Mrs. Howard Munsell and daughter, Joy, Arvada, Colo.; two brothers, Marine Sgt. Lester Stickley and family, Oceanside, Calif.; Harold Stickley, Brush, Colo.; an aunt, Mrs. Ann Owens, Denver, Colo.; the Morey's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Potts and son, Seattle; the Bowen's daughter, Mrs. Donald Flohe, Ft. Morgan, Colo.; Gary Atkins, Ft. Collins, Colo.; and Miss Erlene Hood, Lamar, Colo., fiancée of Harold Stickley.

Christmas Donations Sought by Chairman Of Methodist Class

The monthly potluck dinner of Shipmates class, First Methodist church, will be held at the church Friday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m. Any older couple in the church is invited.

Mrs. Jessie Minear, chairman of the committee on special Christmas giving, asks that members bring a donation of food or money. It will be used to make a happier Christmas for some needy family.

Singing of carols and games are planned. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Brood are in charge of this part of the program.

Yuletide Party Planned By Golden Link Class; Missionary to Speak

The annual Christmas party of Golden Link class, First Baptist church is scheduled Friday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Leroy Green, missionary, will speak. Refreshments will be served, and gifts exchanged. Members of the class are invited to attend and to bring friends.

The first flag ever made of American bunting was produced at Saxonville, Mass.

Baton Teacher Added to Staff Of Dance School

Mrs. Jeanette Miller, formerly of Salem, Ore., has been added to the staff of the Thurston Dancing school as a baton teacher. Mrs. Miller is recognized by the Baton Twirling Teachers' association as a national teacher, and as a clerk and judge in the northwest area, the Thurstons stated.

Mrs. Miller has had 10 years of experience in baton twirling and teaching, and recently has been in contact with eastern and mid-western teachers in order to learn current trends in those areas, it is stated.

It is stated that Mrs. Miller's pupils have won many trophies in the past three years and two Portland Rose festival parade top majorette awards. Mrs. Miller taught Dorene Morasck, soloist for the University of Oregon marching band who was also named Miss Eugene and second runner-up in a Miss Oregon contest.

Her groups have won numerous northwest championship and corps trophies in parade competition for precision, the Thurstons report. Mrs. Miller's daughter, Marcia Jo, just 6 years old, has won the Washington state showmanship trophy as well as eight first place trophies during the past season for pee wee division.

Camp White Club Cancels Session; Prizes Awarded

Camp White—Due to the fog, Camp White Veterans' Bridge club has canceled the weekly Friday night play, it was announced this morning.

At last Friday's session, prizes furnished by the American Legion auxiliary, Medford unit, were awarded to veterans holding the highest scores for November. They went to Walter Grow, first; William Hickey, second; Thomas Randall, third; Andrew Miller and Thomas Munds, who tied for fourth and fifth; Walter Humes, sixth; Michael Dillon, seventh.

North-south winners last week were Mrs. Frank R. Baker and Paul Hutton, first, 147; Mr. Munds and George Rode, 136 1/2; the Jack Loves, third, 121; Al Gilhouse and Don Reverman, fourth, 118.

Winning east-west were Mrs. Sam Van Dyke and Mr. Grow, first; Mrs. Clifford Howard and Mrs. A. W. Lingaas, second, 125 1/2; Mrs. Yvonne Dalen and Arthur Scarseth, third, 124; Mrs. J. J. Dougherty and Mrs. Sam Richardson, fourth, 118.

Styles Still Show Queen's Influence

By United Press
Queen Elizabeth's visit to the United States long since is over, but her impact on fashion lingers on. The Fashion Coordination Institute, representing the jewelry industry, reports fashions showing more frequently at formal occasions since the queen's visit. Necklaces also are bulkier, longer, and set with glowing stones, whether real or simulated.

By next spring, many retail stores will feature suits and coats made of fabric which repels oil and water-borne stains. The clothes are made of a Forstmann fabric treated with a chemical stain repellent, which is invisible, and can't be detected by smell or feel.

Handkerchiefs are nothing to sneeze at . . . not when they're priced at \$30 to \$70 each. One New York firm (Sulka) is featuring a collection of one-of-a-kind embroidered handkerchiefs for mildy. All are hand-made in China.

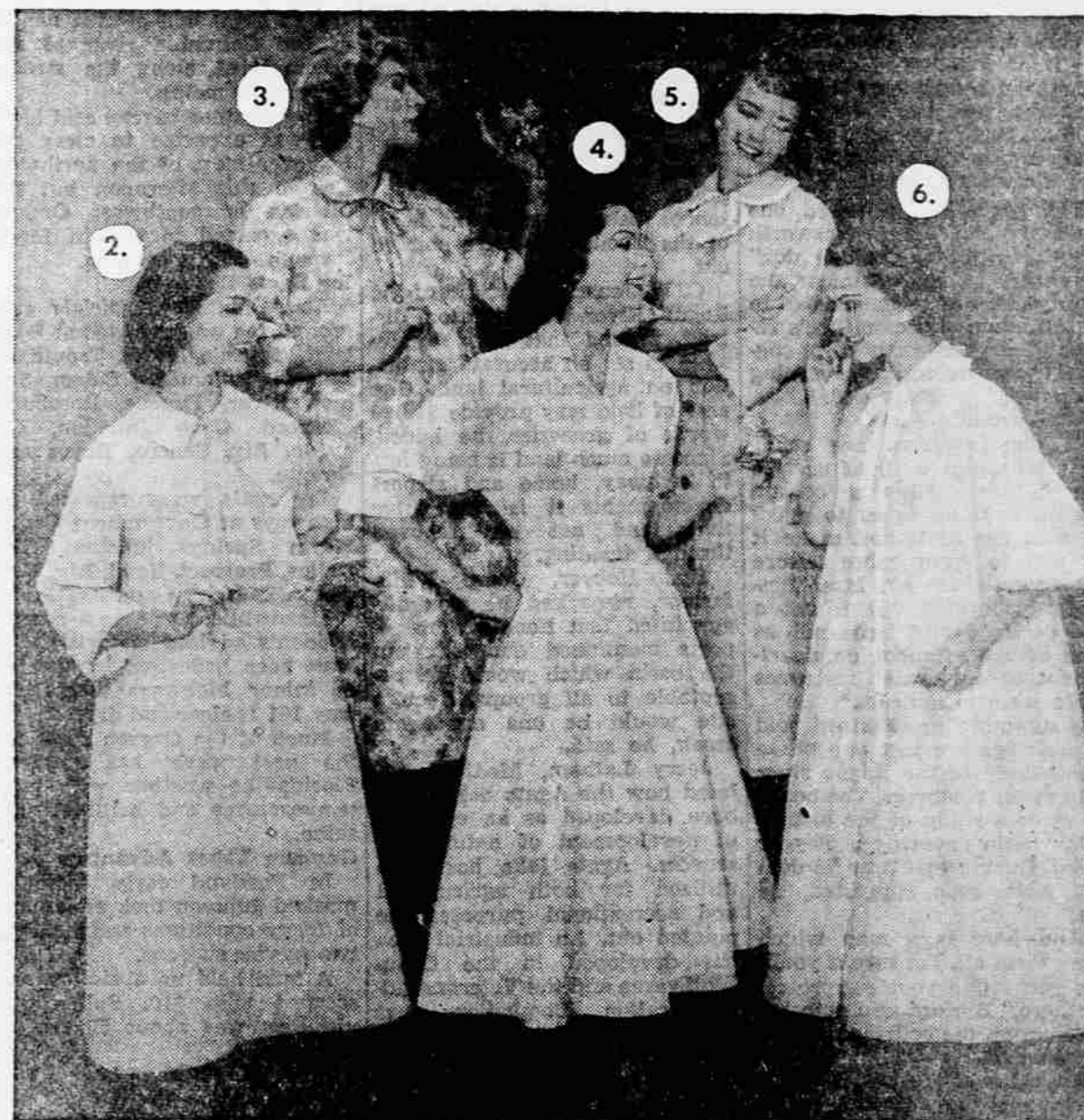
Women's Wear Daily reports the newest footwear fad among coeds is the fleece-lined tennis shoe. It said the boy coat, the hooded motor coat and the six-foot long scarf in bright colors also are favorites with collegians.

Junior Lodge Sessions Cancelled by Officers
Mrs. Serena McMahan announces that Junior Degree of Honor lodge has cancelled the meeting set for Saturday, December 14, due to illness of members.

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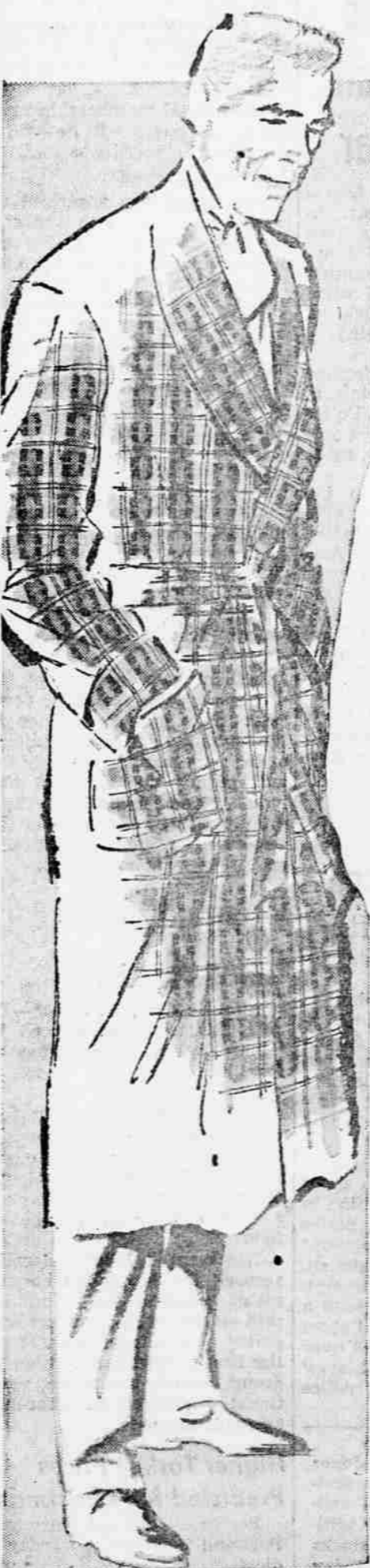
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