

### Skirts Said Inching Up

New York.—So many women are quietly "inching up" their skirts that two inches below the knee could be the generally accepted length by spring in the opinion of Miss Rita Perna of New York.

As the fashion coordinator for Montgomery Ward's retail stores, she bases her forecast on reports from the Ward's fashion department heads around the country, who say that "slightly shorter" is becoming a prevailing instruction in the company's fitting rooms.

"This isn't because Paris says so," Miss Perna states. "But because women are discovering for themselves that the new silhouettes require shorter skirts for proper balance."

It is her opinion that most women arrive at this conclusion when they try on the new chemise fashions and analyze themselves in the fitting room mirror. "As they twist and turn for front and back views," she says, "they instinctively draw up the skirt a bit above the length they've been accustomed to wearing. The old length appears droopy; the shorter length is snappier and smarter looking."

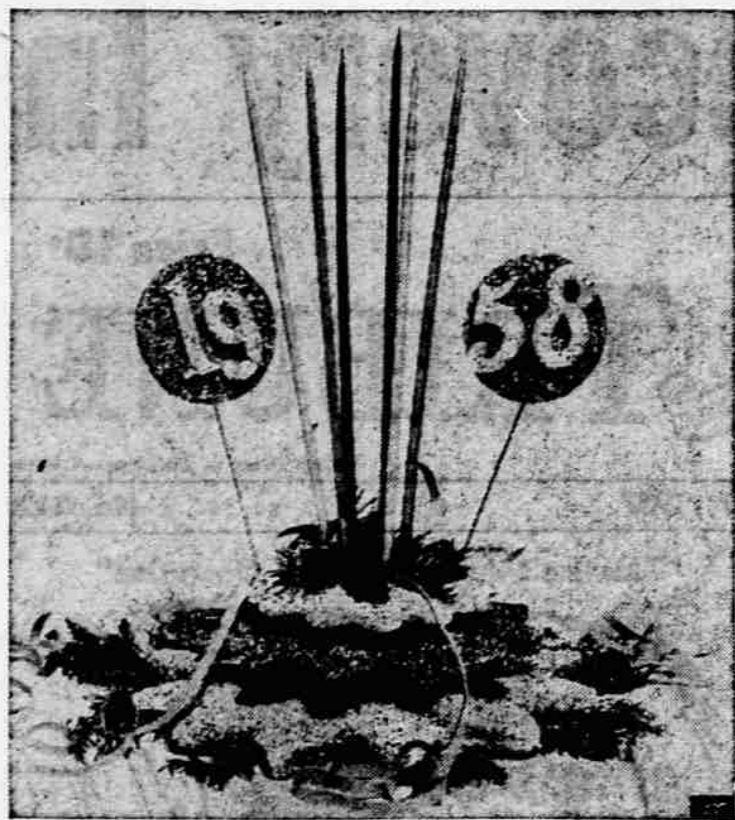
There's a reason for the shorter lengths, according to Miss Perna. "In the chemise dress silhouettes and the barrel silhouettes in coats and suits," she explains, "the garments stand away from the body, giving a long, uninterrupted flow, past the waistline. The hemline must be tapered and stopped shorter than the lengths of previous seasons. It is a matter of good design and balance, and not just a designer's whim."

Because the shorter length is so obviously compatible to the new designs, Miss Perna believes that most women will have "inched-up" their skirts to just above mid-calf by the first of the year, and that two inches below the knee will have ready acceptance in spring fashions.

### Couple Entertains Holiday Guests

Dr. and Mrs. L. Paul Walker are entertaining holiday guests at their home, 2132 Dellwood avenue. Here are Mrs. Walker's mother, Mrs. N. F. Helmick, her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Macey Arnold, and daughter, Claudia, all of Salem. Miss Arnold is a freshman at the University of Oregon.

The Walker's youngest daughter, Miss Molly Walker, also a student at the University of Oregon, is home for the Christmas vacation. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.



Holiday Centerpiece

For your holiday dinner table centerpiece make a glitter sunburst. A glue-and-glitter project, the sunburst is made with one-half inch thick sheets of plastic foam and glitter kit which can be purchased at hardware and variety stores.

Using a sharp paring knife, cut from the plastic foam three scalloped "circles" approximately 12, 9 and 6 inches wide, respectively, and two "dividers" approximately 3½ inches wide. Cover one of the scalloped pieces with polyvinyl resin glue (it may be diluted with water for easy spreading), sprinkle with glitter, then shake off the excess and save it for future use. Allow about 15 minutes for drying. Follow the same procedure with the other cut-outs, using a different color of glitter for each.

Stack the scalloped layers in pyramid fashion, inserting a "divider" between the layers and join the five pieces with glue. Tapered candles can be inserted into the top layer, or a glittered "1958" for New Year's.

### Help Yourself to Happiness

Readers are invited to present their problems. All queries will receive individual attention and should be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, directed to MARY HARRIS SEIFERT, M. A., Department of Education, THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF FAMILY RELATIONS, 5287 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles 27, California.

"I am a middle-aged woman," writes a reader, "attractive, interested in people and church activities. My children are married and gone. I have been a widow for ten years, and I should like to marry again. But somehow I cannot seem to meet any suitable men. What can I do?"

"I am a school teacher in my thirties," writes another correspondent. "I have a good education, can support myself, but I am timid about making friends. I never had a chance to 'date' when I was younger on account of responsibilities at home. Now I am lonely, and I would like to meet a nice man."

Unfortunately, the chances of marriage for a woman decreases rapidly with her age. After thirty, suitable mates are scarce on account of a number of reasons: population imbalance, male mortality, custom. The woman of thirty would have to look for

someone older than she—and there are relatively few desirable unattached thirty-year-old males. The number decreases steadily as the woman becomes older, especially in certain sections of the country. She must be unusually attractive, aggressive, wealthy or plain lucky if she manages to find a suitable mate after her conventional marriage age.

However, the cause is not hopeless. A woman who is sincerely interested in marrying should plan her campaign wisely and systematically. She must make herself as attractive as possible, mentally and physically. She must take every opportunity to mingle with people and to show a genuine interest in them. If possible, she should seek employment where she meets men, and in her recreation hours she should join groups which are definitely social in nature. The church, the Y, dancing groups, community projects, hospital-volunteer agencies, hobbies—these are all focal points for "getting together with other people."

"Loneliness besets all kinds of people," says a recent magazine article, "but if a woman will keep herself fresh and sweet looking, and get busy doing something where people can see her, she will not be lonely very long!"

### Camp White Club Holds Weekly Play

Camp White—Mrs. Paul Hatton and George Rode scored 46 points for first place at the weekly meeting of Camp White Veterans Bridge club last week.

Second place went to Jack Harris and Jim Morgan with 43½ points, and Mrs. Berg Marten and Mrs. Tom Randall took third with 39 points. Robert Dickey and Tom Munds were fourth with 38 points.

### Jobs Daughters Set Installation

Shady Cove — Bethel 56, International Order of Job's Daughters, Shady Cove, will hold its semi-annual installation of officers Saturday, December 28, at p. m. in VFW hall.

Miss Phyllis Briggs, retiring queen, will preside over the ceremonies. Miss Debra Dunlap, Prospect, will take office as queen.

### Visitors Leave

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Wise of Canton, Ohio, have left Medford after visiting here with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wise, 1600 Stratford way, Medford, during the Christmas holiday. They were en route to the Rose Bowl football game.

### Mince-meat Pancakes

New York — Use mince-meat for tiny pancake canapes. Follow directions on your favorite package of buttermilk pancake mix. Pour about 1 tablespoon of batter on a hot, lightly greased griddle. When the cakes begin to bubble, spread 1 teaspoon of mince-meat on the un-baked side. Turn and bake the other side until golden brown. Roll up and fasten with a toothpick.

When you shop for children's Christmas dolls or animals check for eyes with sewed-on buttons rather than buttons which the youngsters can pull out and swallow.

### Christmas Dinner Held at Wimmers

Twenty-five relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Wimmer, 1115 West Second street, for Christmas dinner Wednesday.

Attending were Mrs. Wimmer's mother, Mrs. Gertrude Mahan, Williams, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Max Wimmer Jr., and three children, Dianne, Marylyn and Suzanne; Mrs. Wimmer's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Namitz and Mrs. Namitz daughter, Miss Mary Louise Wiley; Mrs. Namitz' son and daughter-in-law, Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Donald Wiley and two children, Douglas and Jeanine of Sacramento, Calif.; the Wimmer's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and two sons, Steven and Larry, and another son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Farmer and sons, Mark and Alan; a nephew, James Mahan, his friend, David Russell, Williams, and the hosts.

### Installation Held By Women's Group

Phoenix—Installation of officers for the Women's association, Phoenix Presbyterian church, took place at the last meeting, Mrs. C. A. Stothers is the new president.

Other new officers are Mrs. J. O. N. Poling, first vice-president; Mrs. W. M. Caldwell, second vice-president; Mrs. Warren Haggard, secretary; Mrs. A. N. Consbuck, treasurer.

Mrs. George Osler of First Presbyterian church, Medford, conducted the ceremony.

The first 1958 meeting of the association, with the new officers presiding, will be held Thursday, January 16.

### Gardeners Hold Christmas Show

Butte Falls — The Christmas show and sale held by Butte Falls Garden club was well attended. Shoppers found the hall gaily decorated with wreaths, swags and corsages as well as dried arrangements, plaques and candles. Many garden gifts were on sale.

Suspended over the tea table was an eye-catching bell made from a decorated wire lamp shade and the table centerpiece was in the appropriate Christmas theme. The lace cloth was underlaid with gold paper. Mrs. N. B. Stoddard poured. Grange women held a bazaar and food sale at the same time.

### Couple to Wed In Home Rites

The marriage of Miss Ann Padgham to Darrel Gueulette of Richmond, Calif., is set for Saturday, December 28, at four o'clock in the home of the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Padgham, 2707 Springbrook road, Medford. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Padgham arrived Monday from Fort Eustis, Va., to attend the wedding, and Mr. and Mrs. William Padgham are expected to arrive today from Whittier, Calif.

### Medford Couple To Attend Game

Mr. and Mrs. Erhardt Blind, 127 Valley View drive, left yesterday morning for San Francisco and southern California. They plan to attend the annual Tournament of Roses and Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, Calif., before returning home.

The Blind's daughter, Miss Marjorie Blind, student at the University of Oregon, and Mrs. Blind's mother, Mrs. Anna Irwin, are remaining in Medford. Miss Blind is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

### Holiday Salad

For a holiday salad with both eye and taste appeal, try this easy red and green combination. On a head of crisp lettuce arrange uppeled crescent-shaped slices of Washington State Delicious apples alternately with crescents of avocado and cranberry jelly. Accompany this with a sour cream dressing, sprinkled with paprika.

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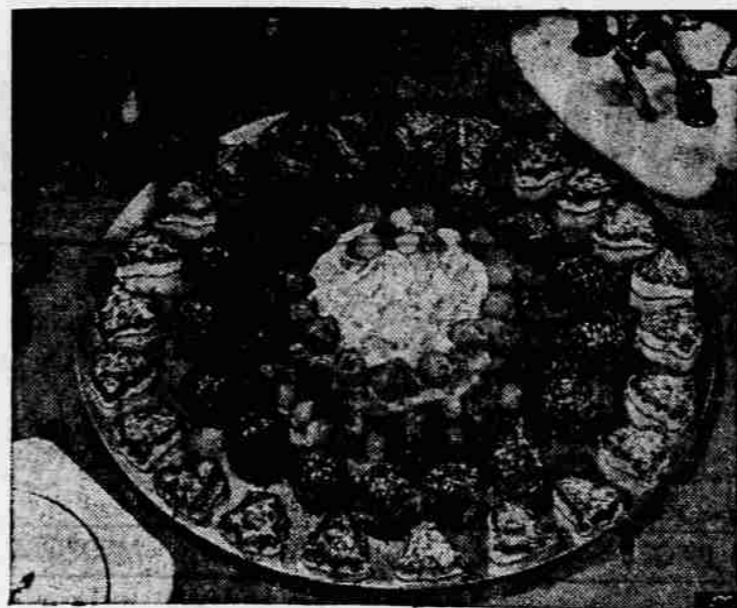
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Dried beef adds a hearty appeal to appetizers. For the topping on tiny sandwiches or as an ingredient in cheese balls, dried beef will give snacks a flavor lift. For cheese balls use ¼ pound sliced dried beef and 2 jars Old York cheese spread. With scissors cut dried beef into small pieces. For each ball measure 1 tablespoon cheese. Shape the cheese into a ball by rolling it in the palms of your hands. Roll each ball in dried beef. Chill until serving time.

For holiday bells use ¼ pound sliced dried beef and 2 jars bluebelle cheese. With scissors cut dried beef into small pieces. Combine 1 cup beef with cheese spread. Blend thoroughly. Cut bread into bell shapes. Spread each bell with cheese and beef mixture. Lay additional bits of dried beef along top edge of bells. Chill until serving time.

### Women Said Thrifty When Buying Shoes

Chicago — Women aren't "high hat" when it comes to shoes.

Shoe industry executives say only ½ of one per cent of the women in the United States spend \$20 or more for a pair of shoes.

Four executives of the National Shoe Manufacturers association meeting here predicted spring shoes cost three to five per cent more. They added 60 per cent of women shoe buyers spend about \$8 a pair.

The executives, who did not set out to prove that women expect in bargains, said men spent an average of under \$10 for a pair of shoes.

All agreed it would be a record year as far as number of pairs of shoes sold. They said they expect to sell about 600 million pairs this year.

Bleaching table linens for the holiday table is a easy if you put white linens into thick soap or detergent suds and hang them outside without rinsing. Let them dry in the sun, then wash again in fresh suds.

### Stretch Food Budget With Quantity Buying

Iowa City, Iowa — A home economist at the University of Iowa says food products bought in large amount can stretch the homemaker's budget.

Some of the foods which are less expensive when bought in large amounts include potatoes, onions, carrots and apples.

But rice, sugar and flour are three staples that aren't much cheaper when purchased in large quantities, Frances Lindstrom said.

### CALENDAR

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p. m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a. m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p. m. the day before publication.

Friday 6 p. m.—Jolly Stitchers club, home of Mrs. Don Ross, Ross lane.

### Polish Women as Fashionable As Parisians and New Yorkers

By COLETTE BLACKMORE United Press Correspondent

Warsaw — Look to Paris for what the well dressed Polish woman will wear.

Believe it or not, the death of fashion's high priest, Christian Dior, has saddened people in Warsaw almost as much as it has those in the West.

"Dior's passing is a terrible thing for fashion. I don't see who can replace him," said Mme. G. Grabovska, a woman who wields even more power over the feminine high styles in this eastern European capital than Dior ever did in France.

Ma'dame Grabovska is Poland's personal link with that mysterious, unpredictable taste in hips and hemlines which emanates every year from the big fashion houses of the Gallic capital.

Whatever the taste currently happens to be, it eventually sifts through her into the very sewing machines of Warsaw's fashion salon where she is the chief and, indeed, the only designer.

This winter the favored styles on Ordynacka street are "bag" dresses and cloche hats, tapered skirts and full blouses—just as on Fifth Avenue, Piccadilly, and the Champs Elysees.

Translating Dior Is this a surprising discovery for the western visitor to Warsaw? Not really. Not if one knows something about Polish history and the role of France in pre-Communist Poland.

"We have always been influenced by Paris, and before the war our women were well dressed; that is part of our tradition," fashion-conscious Poles will tell you.

The tradition was briefly broken by the war and its aftermath. But last March for the first time since 1947, Madame Grabovska journeyed to Paris to view the "collections."

She brought back with her a head and several suitcases filled with ideas of how the daring lines of Dior could be translated into the limited means of the Polish fashion industry. And how they could be made to please the less daring tastes of Warsaw's wealthy women.

The House of Fashion is a craftsman's workshop with a structure like a pyramid. Its peak is Madame Grabovska and its base consists of 40 highly skilled seamstresses who personally cut, stitch and fit every article of clothing which bears the house's name.

Between the peak and the base

are seven lovely mannequins of varying heights and figures who travel all over Poland and occasionally even go abroad to model the styles of the season.

Clients are mostly the wives of top government officials, of Communist and other party members, actresses, singers and writers, and women from the diplomatic colony.

But here in Poland where society is less highly stratified than, for example, in the Soviet Union, a young woman who does not belong to one of the privileged groups has just as good a chance of getting her clothes made in this exclusive atelier.

Provided she has the money. Surprisingly enough however, the prices are reasonable even by Polish standards when one considers how difficult it is to obtain good fabrics here.

The smartest winter coat costs only 3,000 zlotys (\$125). A woolen dress of the latest model can be had for 2,000 zlotys or less (about \$83).

The House of Fashion makes all the accessories to go with its outfits. The shoes there have that pointed look, the winter hats are furry and cosack-like. Madame Grabovska, who was in Moscow this summer for the socialist bloc fashion festival, had a good word to say about the future of Russian styles.

"We found them much better this time than a few years ago," she said. "Now they have some fine young designers and they are putting a lot of money into their work."

She predicted that in a few years the Russians may well become leaders in the field of fashion.

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