

### Christian Dior's Successor Sets First Show January 28

BY ROBERT AHIER  
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Paris—It won't be long now until women learn what the youthful successor to Christian Dior has in mind for them in 1958.

He is 21-year-old Yves Mathieu St. Laurent, chosen as successor to the fashion czar who died last October 25. Dior left behind no sketches for the spring fashion shows which open here late in January. But he did leave behind a man who had worked with him for four years, and acknowledged by Dior himself as a designer of genius.

Whether Dior trained well is yet to be seen. But at the Dior establishment, everyone is confident the disciple will

live up to the master. The chosen few who have seen his sketches—many of them worked out while St. Laurent retired to his native Oran, Algeria—are optimistic.

Just before Christmas, St. Laurent returned to Paris, a signal for the whole Dior team to get to work. The "team" is controlled by three women—Mrs. Raymonde Zacker, Mrs. Marguerite Carre, and Mrs. Mitsy Brichard.

January 28 — to transform the designer sketches into patterns and finally into dresses. This is being done with St. Laurent's help.

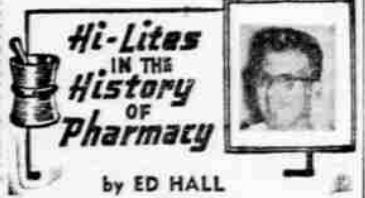
On January 28, the world's top fashion reporters will jam the gilt and grey salons of the House of Dior.

Within a few hours the word will begin to spread—St. Laurent either will be proclaimed a new leader, or Dior will become just another fashion house, no longer the leader.

Before World War II, French style leadership shifted with each season—Coco Chanel might have the best fall collection, but Elsa Schiaparelli might have the best designs the following spring. And then Lucian LeLong would take the lead for the following fall.

Dior changed all that with his "New Look" in 1947. He dominated the fashion, for 10 steady years.

The house of Dior, and its sole stockholder, Marcel Bousac, the textile tycoon, are betting that St. Laurent can keep Dior dominant.



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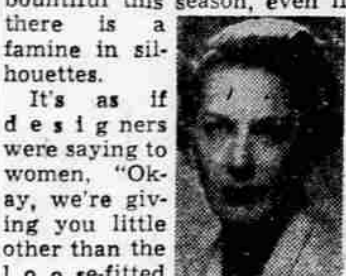
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**Dress Up Pies**  
Chicago —A marshmallow topping will win praise for something different when served on pumpkin-custard or apple pies. Arrange marshmallows, cut in half, over the top of the pie and just before serving, bake under a low flame broiler until soft, golden and puffy.

### Fabrics New Colors Beautiful

BY GAY PAULEY  
United Press Women's Editor  
New York—The spring crop of colors and fabrics is beautiful this season, even if there is a famine in silhouettes.



It's as if designers were saying to women, "Okay, we're giving you little other than the 100-se fitted chemise and its variations in silhouette. But we'll make it up to you otherwise."

Bold solid colors and splashy floral prints are featured by the 30 firms who this week are participating in the semi-annual showings by the couture group of the New York Dress Institute.

**Fabrics Are Extravagant**  
Fabrics are extravagant—thick, downy tweeds in silk, silk crepes, chiffons and surahs, silk twills, brushed fleecy wools, hand-painted chantilly laces, pure linens and silks which look like linen, and rustic cottons woven to look like a Harris tweed.

Manufacturer Harvey Berin showed party dresses in white lace embroidered with pink floss. Cecil Chapman's cocktail and evening dress collection was full of glossy, floral cottons rich as silk in texture.

And Samuel Winston bragged that the fabric in a white re-embroidered and appliqued lace evening dress cost him \$146 a yard.

Colors in both daytime and evening wear are vibrant rather than subdued. Miss Chapman featured a whole group of figure-revealing evening dresses in flame red chiffon. And bright red suits and coats show through most collections. The firm of Originella showed coats in Boughainville red, clear yellow, melon, azalea pink, flame red and tobacco brown.

Navy remains the spring favorite, usually combined with white. And white stands alone in many collections. Miss Chapman showed one slim-cut short cocktail dress in white silk crepe, topped by a white wool jersey jacket fastened below the waist with a big jeweled button.

### Eight Veterans Awarded Prizes

Camp White — Veterans holding high scores for December play were awarded special prizes at last week's meeting of Camp White Bridge club. The prizes, provided by Medford unit, American Legion auxiliary, went to Tom Munds, first; Walter Grow, second; Rom Randall, third; Allen Buehler and Walter Humes, tied for fourth and fifth; W. J. Vail, sixth and Mike Dillon, seventh.

Play was for master points, and holding high score for north-south were Mr. and Mrs. George Rode with 141½ points. Second went to the M. T. Coodes, Wilderville, Ore., for 131 points and Mrs. Yvonne Dalen and Mrs. Paul Hatton were third with 122. Walter Humes and Arthur Scarseth took fourth with 110 points.

Winning east-west were Mrs. Alto Pruitt and Mrs. Fred Rehling, first, 141; the Berg Martens, second, 119; Mrs. Josephine Clark and Mrs. Jack Love, third, 114; the Jack Mitchells, 113½ fourth.

### Y Knot Twirlers To Dance Thursday

The Y Knot Twirlers Square Dance club will hold a dance starting about 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, in the social hall of the Medford YMCA.

Doug Fosbury will call squares. Potluck refreshments will be served. All square dancers have been invited, club officials 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.

**Wednesday:**  
8 p.m. — AAUW meeting, Red Cross bldg., 60 Hawthorne ave.  
8 p.m.—DAV auxiliary past commanders club, with Mrs. Lynn Elliott, 513 Oregon terrace.

**Thursday:**  
12 noon—Women's Fellowship of the Congregational church, Pilgrim House.  
12:30 p.m.—Sojourners, Girls Community club.  
1 p.m.—Home Economics club of Upper Rogue Grange home of Mrs. Asbjorn Myklybe.  
1 p.m.—Wenonah club, Redman hall.

### Potpourri

The mail Monday and Tuesday was right interesting. In addition to the usual meeting notices, news about travelers and handouts from agencies, we received some letters. One was from a woman saying "please tell your daughter to write more from Germany—we love to share their experiences"; another was an anonymous letter signed "Disgusted Reader" which said "People are sure getting fed up with all the bunk about army wife" and assuring us that "now you know how thousands of people feel"; one was from a business woman which read "I just wanted to say a hearty amen to your column Sunday concerning our willingness to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on a lavish spectacle while underprivileged children (underprivileged institutions, too) go begging," and a letter from FB up Shady Cove way, who left the MT staff to live the life of a housewife in the country.

"Today I see the perfectly stupendous caricature of Chief Sething Bullis topped with a duster," she wrote. "Is that my old, or a new one? If it is my old one, I am glad that it came to such a wonderfully happy ending."

It was FB's old feather duster, but what makes her think it has come to a happy ending? That little duster has been put to a number of interesting uses, and now is on the shelf, awaiting inspiration.

FB's note also reminded us that before becoming Mr. Saturday Bullis, Medford's Seth M. Bullis was also known as Mr. Sitting Bullis. This came from the brain of the beautiful concert soprano, Dorothy Wareskjold, who bestowed it upon Mr. B. at a party at the B. B. Lowry's one winter night when she saw him sitting cross-legged on the Lowry's hearth, smoking his pipe and otherwise making like an Indian.

As we said before, we enjoyed our mail this week. Even the note from "Disgusted Reader" who implied that "thousands" read this column. If true, this is good news, indeed.

Dr. Winea J. Simpson, California woman obstetrician, believes that there is a relationship between mothers' smoking and premature births. Since prematurity is the greatest contributing factor in this country to fetal death and death during the first month of life, the Simpson study takes on considerable importance, according to a report in the January issue of Better Homes and Gardens magazine.

Facts for the study were gathered over a period of three years at a county hospital and two private hospitals in California and covered almost 7,500 women, according to the magazine.

Of the babies delivered at the county hospital, 50.6 percent were Latin Americans. The mothers of these babies reported less smoking than any other group, and showed the lowest prematurity rate.

For the two private hospitals, the ratio of premature babies was approximately twice as high for the smokers as for nonsmokers, the magazine says. The difference was less at the county hospital possibly because of other factors: poor diet, the large number of unwed mothers and lack of prenatal care, the report continues. Thirty percent of county hospital patients did not receive prenatal care, while only seven percent of private hospital patients did not have medical attention during pregnancy.

Most striking in the results was the apparent relationship between prematurity and the number of cigarettes smoked each day, according to the report. The more cigarettes smoked each day, the higher the prematurity rate. And the relation was "uncanny" the magazine says.

Those who smoked 15 cigarettes per day accounted for 13.6 percent of the prematurity; those who smoked 25 cigarettes accounted for 25 percent of the prematurity; very heavy smokers—35 cigarettes per day, accounted for 33.38 percent.

Doctor Simpson also assembled reports of previous research that has been done to determine the effects of smoking on women's reproductive processes. She included in her report the work of German researchers who found that among women working in tobacco factories there were fewer pregnancies, more miscarriages and a greater death rate for their infants during the first three years of life.

The German reaction to Sputnik is less emotional than that of the Americans, the Soldier writes from Berlin. For the most part, German people do not think that there is any immediate threat to world security, he reported, and many say they are glad that the Russians launched the first satellite, hoping that this will show Americans that Europe and Asia are not necessarily so far behind in technology. Germans also believe that now the U.S. won't flaunt its superiority and technical know-how so much, he wrote.

The Germans dubbed the American satellite either "Spatnik" meaning more or less "late-nik" or "Geht-nicht" which translates into "goes not." The U.S. forces joke about the failure of their own country's satellite, it seems, and urge one another to watch out for one circling a little low.

Germany is just "sitting back, waiting and hoping for the best," he concluded.

The mail also brought this intriguing bit of information from a firm promoting the sale of a certain deodorant. In 1774, the English Parliament, under King George III, passed a law forbidding women from enticing men into matrimony by using scents, washes, cosmetics, artificial teeth, high heeled shoes or iron stays.—O.S.

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### To Hold Meeting

Women of St. Peter's Lutheran church are invited to a potluck luncheon to be held Thursday, January 9, at 12:30 o'clock at the church. This will be the first business meeting of the new year, with plans and objectives of the various guilds to be discussed.

Officers for the coming year are Mrs. Henry Bertram, president; Mrs. Joe Jarvis, vice-president; Mrs. Albert Huntemann, secretary; and Mrs. Stanley Snook, Central Point, treasurer.

### Chapter Plans Event Saturday; Party Reported

Alpha Rho chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, plans a Monte Carlo party Saturday, January 11 at 9 p.m. It is for members, their husbands and new rushees and their husbands. It is being held at Thurston's studio, located at 245 Stewart avenue.

Mrs. Mamie Sleeter, chapter director, gave a farewell tea for Mrs. K. L. Denton, former chapter sponsor, December 30. Mrs. Denton had been with the group for five years. Mrs. James Callan, the new sponsor, poured.

The annual spring luncheon and style show will be held at Rogue Valley Country club Monday, March 17. Chairman for the event is Mrs. Harry Barker who will contact local shops for the newest in spring and summer styles for the show.

Bridge, canasta and pinchle will be played after the style show.

A New Year's eve party was given by Alpha Beta chapter for members and guests.

The room was decorated in the traditional New Year theme. Dancing was the main source of entertainment for the evening, and at the stroke of 12:00, the New Year was rung in.

The evening concluded with refreshments.

Mrs. Tom Shoop was chairman for the event.

Mrs. Irving Thompson and Mrs. Bob Vincent were in charge of refreshments, with Mrs. Ron Hall, Mrs. Howard Mitchell and Mrs. Wayne Turpin assisting.

Mrs. Bob Harland was responsible for the decorations and noise makers, and Mrs. Floyd Eastwood furnished the music.

Forty-eight persons attended the party.

### Aloha Dip Good With Punch or Tea

New York —Parties can be as much fun for the hostess as for her guests when she serves canapes the easy way—in the form of dips and dunks. This aloha dip goes equally well with tea or punch, and will serve twenty-five persons.

Soften 2½ pounds of cream cheese, drain 3 cups of crushed pineapple slightly and blend with cheese. Add ½ cup lemon juice, 3 teaspoons ground ginger, three 3½ ounce cans moist shredded coconut and three ounce cans of pecans, chopped, and mix well. Serve with an assortment of crackers for dipping.

### General to Speak For Phoenix PTA

Maj. Gen. J. H. Hicks will speak on civil defense at the monthly session of Phoenix Parent-Teacher association to be held Thursday, January 9, at 2:45 p. m., in the grade school gymnasium.

Kenneth Arnold, pastor of Phoenix Church of Christ, will give the invocation. Girl Scout Troop 87, under the direction of Mrs. Jack James, will present the flag ceremony.

Child care is provided at each meeting for mothers of small children. Refreshments will be served following meeting by mothers of children in the fourth grade.

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