

'Let's Pretend' Clothing Newest Little Girl Fad

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New York — (UPI) — I knew something had been missing from my generally happy childhood. It was my own set of "let's pretend" clothes. I had to settle for my mother's discarded high heels and last year's hat when rainy-day play among my set featured the fascinating game of pretending to be grown up.

Today's generation is luckier, and also is creating a whole new sideline for the novelty manufacturers. "Play-like" clothes, aping mamma's



RESORT WASHABLES—Neat and casual is this Sharples jacket and tendor pants ensemble in Reeves combed cotton with Zelan water and spot repellent. The Norfolk type jacket is lined with cotton paisley.

right to the chemise and "mink" stole have come to market and are selling like Cadillac in Texas.

It all started a few months ago when one enterprising manufacturer began making high-heeled pumps, according to a spokesman for one of the many stores stocking the make-believe items. From the plastic shoes, stockings just like mom's were a natural follow-up.

Oh You Kid!

Now, the well-dressed make-believer can have a fringed chemise right out of the 1920's, with bag to match, long ropes of beads, fake fur stole, breton hat with tulle trim, even headbands.

"I won't be surprised if the small fry start demanding wigs like their mothers," said the buyer for one New York department store. "And of course by fall, let's-pretend will have adopted the trapeze."

Women's Wear Daily, the trade publication, said several manufacturers have climbed on the bandwagon. And the clothes are such a hit one toy buyer is having some "exclusives" made for her department, including a white bridal dress and veil to capitalize on the summer marrying season.

Evening clothes also are favorites.

"Now I'm a famous movie star, in my glittering strapless gown and tiara," reads the newspaper advertisement of a New York store. The dress is full-length, made of rayon taffeta, with elasticized "stay-up" bodice.

Jewels, Too

Shown with the dress are jeweled clutch bag, evening sandals trimmed evening mitts and rhinestone tiara yet. The fake fur stoles are of rayon plush and simulate either the natural, the greyed, or white mink. Bit cheaper, though. Some sell for as little as \$2.

Shoes which started out as fairly conservative get fancier each day. Some now are of transparent plastic with floral trim, some are gold mesh, others silver with blue trim. The "let's pretend" clothes come in three size ranges—small, medium and large.

So far the girls have the corner on the clothes. Any plans for boys who want to dress up like pop?

"I doubt it," said one buyer. "I think they'd rather be out playing baseball."

Mrs. Lydia Goff Hostess for Club

The Friday Sunshine club was entertained recently at the home of Mrs. Lydia Goff on Beatty street. Dessert luncheon was served at one o'clock from a lace covered table centered with a low bowl of wine red carnations.

The club made arrangements to hold a breakfast picnic at Tou Velle park Friday, June 27.

Swingin' Pairs Announce Dance

Swingin' Pairs Square Dance club will hold a dance at the Square Corral near Camp White Saturday. Dancing will begin at 8:30 p.m. with Douglas Fosbury calling.

All square dancers are invited to attend, and women are asked to take potluck refreshments.

Santha to Meet

Idelta Rogue santha, Nomads of Avudaka, will meet Saturday, June 21, at the Knights of Pythias hall.

Ladies' Auxiliary To Hold Meeting

Ladies' auxiliary to siskiyou canton, Patriarchs Militant, will meet Friday, June 20, at the IOOF hall at 6:30 p.m. A potluck dinner is planned.

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.

Thursday:

6:30 p.m.—Adarel chapter, OES, Jacksonville Masonic temple.
7 p.m.—Business and Professional Women's club, Medford hotel.
8 p.m.—Eagle Point Jaycettes, home of Mrs. Don Kimmel.
8 p.m.—Roxy Ann court, Order of Amaranth, Masonic temple.
Friday:
1 p.m.—Gettogether club, Girls Community club.

PEO Sisterhood Chooses Portland For 1959 Session

The 1959 convention of the PEO sisterhood in Oregon will be held in Portland. It was decided in the closing session yesterday morning. An invitation to hold the sessions at Lewis and Clark colleges was presented by Chapters AB, Salem; BG, Portland; BH, Hillsboro and BI, Roseburg.

Members of the four chapters, wearing costumes reminiscent of 100 years ago, presented the invitation in song.

At the final session Mrs. S. J. Lacy, Medford, sang two numbers.

Mrs. Arthur E. Welch, corresponding secretary of the supreme chapter, installed the new state officers, and Mrs. Ralph Day, retiring president of Oregon state chapter, was taken into the ranks of the past presidents of the state chapter.

Mrs. Ernest P. Leavitt was in charge of a reception for the newly installed officers which followed the close of convention.

Main social event of the session was a banquet at Rogue Valley Country club Tuesday night which was attended by approximately 350 PEOs and their BILs, husbands of members. With Otto J. Frohnmayer as toastmaster, the BILs of the Medford chapters presented an amusing program. Mrs. Lacy, accompanied by Mrs. Frohnmayer, sang numbers from "My Fair Lady."

The "Forceps Four," Forest Grove barber shop quartet winners, sang many novel numbers. This quartet of young men is under the direction of Dr. Robert Day, son of the retiring state president.

Cossette Family Arriving Today

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cossette and their two children, Robin and Stanley, are expected today from Oakland, Calif., where they have been guests of Mr. Cossette's relatives, and will spend a week here. Mrs. Cossette is the former Glenda Fields, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fields, 2592 Jacksonville highway, and the visitors will be guests of the Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Cossette are making their home in Portland while Mr. Cossette attends dental college. He will complete his course in June of 1959.



When the occasion calls for a celebration, a dinner cloth of lace crocheted starts off the festivities in a gracious manner. Directions for making this elegant cloth of rose-like motifs in white crocheted cotton are available from the National Cotton Council, Box 9905, Memphis 12, Tenn.

Potpourri

Ever since childhood days Potpourri has heard about purple sage, but it wasn't until last Sunday that we saw this beautiful plant in bloom. It grows in considerable abundance in the Lava Beds National monument near Tulelake, Calif., and the bushes are a startling sight when found growing among the bleak, black lava boulders. The royal purple flowers assume an added beauty against the stark rocks.

Pappy and Potpourri joined two other Mail Tribunes and their families last Sunday for an excursion into the famous Lava Beds country, and it was one of those times when everything turns out just right. The sunny day wasn't too hot, the flowers were in bloom and the lava caves, cinder cones and other phenomena of the country afford an interesting and instructive day. It was a good day for picture taking, too, and the Tribune party wasted no opportunity. Six adults and three youngsters made the trip, with five cameras. Earl Adams and Pappy both had their color cameras, Bob Vroman took along his press camera and the young Vromans took two small cameras.

The camera carriers had a field day in the caves. The visitor to the Lava Beds should not fail to explore the caves. Our group went down into two (about 3 p.m. Monday Potpourri wished we had one of those nice cool caves right under The Mail Tribune newsroom, where the thermometer registered 86); the Merrill ice cave, about a mile from the highway, has strong, firm steps leading down into the opening and a sort of runway with a railing which aid the visitor. It is a wise idea to pick up the gasoline lanterns which are available at headquarters without charge. Our party had only flashlights for the first cave, but before going down into the one near headquarters with the highly descriptive name of "Mushpot" cave, we picked up a couple of lanterns. Since at one low spot in Mushpot the visitor has to either waddle like a duck or get down on all fours, Potpourri would just as soon hear that the pictures taken at this point were all ruined.

On the other hand, we hope that pappy's pictures of the purple sage and two or three other wildflowers turn out well. In the museum there is a description of the sage, with the botanical name of *salvia carnosia* Douglas, unless our memory fails. When we inquired of the ranger in attendance if he could give us the name of another flower, a smallish plant with a lavender daisy-like blossom, he said that it has never been classified. A naturalist sent to the area a few years ago to list the flora and fauna, could find no record of this particular flower, and so far as the ranger knew, it has not since been classified.

The picnic dinner was eaten at the Fleener picnic ground, a pleasant spot in a grove of junipers equipped with camp stoves and tables, other picnic necessities and even an interesting bit of wild life. A plummy-tailed grey squirrel hovered around, eagerly picking up the tidbits which the young Vromans threw his way, and an inquisitive blue jay also lunched with the Medford group. Both pappy and Susan Vroman tried to take pictures of the two, but with little success.

Those who had ambition enough to climb, after eating Bob's expertly broiled steaks and a large quantity of other picnic goodies, went up to see the Fleener chimneys, narrow openings into the ground formed during a volcanic period when the pressure of hot gases blew the molten lava into the air above.

To many visitors, Captain Jack's "stronghold" is the most interesting part of the monument. In this rugged and forbidding place, the Modoc Indian leader, Kientepoos, commonly called Captain Jack, and his men took advantage of the natural fortress-like rock formation and alleyways and successfully resisted the advances of the U.S. Army troops for months. It has been written that almost as many American soldiers were killed by the Modocs as lost their lives in all of the battles of the Spanish-American war. The Indians, of course, bitterly resented the intrusions of the whites into territory which had always been theirs, and suffered much at the hands of the settlers.

Before leaving the area the cameramen took shots of "Canby's Cross," a wooden cross erected at the spot where General Canby and other members of a peace commission were killed by the Modocs. This incident is vividly described in a book on Captain Jack written by Doris Palmer Payne of Klamath Falls.

In concluding her book Mrs. Palmer wrote that "close to a million dollars in the currency of the day had been poured into the campaign against the Modocs. Hundreds of soldiers had marched as far as 200 miles, and fought side by side with volunteers and Warm Spring Indians to subdue this band of 53 warriors, entrenched in the Lava Beds, defending what they thought was their right to a home in their Lost river country."

A visit to the Lava Beds is a fine way to remind ourselves that generally speaking, the white man's treatment of the Indian is a shameful part of the nation's history.

Those who stayed indoors Tuesday and Wednesday nights instead of going out to watch the evening storm skies cheated themselves of a glorious sight. The cloud formations and colors, particularly Tuesday night, were as spectacular as any we can remember having seen in the past.

While Pappy and Gene Cass worked at their cameras Wednesday night in the hope of catching some of the beauty on film, Pappy remarked that the approaching rain bore out an old-timer's saying, repeated to him by Vern Brophy. It is to the effect that three days after the first thunder head clouds form in the southeast, it will rain on the valley floor.—O.S.

Installation Held By Medford Unit

Installation of new officers for Medford Home Extension unit was conducted recently at the Hawthorne park following a noon picnic luncheon. Mrs. C. C. Farris was installing officer.

Mrs. Ruth Hunter took office as chairman, Mrs. J. A. Bartlett, vice-chairman; Mrs. E. H. Trefren, secretary, and Mrs. E. F. Archer, treasurer.

Corsages made by Mrs. Ira Fitzgerald were presented to the incoming and outgoing officers. A past president's pin was presented to Mrs. Delores Armstrong.

Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. William Naylor reported on their recent trip to Corvallis where they went as delegates to the annual state council training meeting for officers.

Arrangements for the annual picnic for the Medford unit was in charge of Mrs. Naylor. The unit will resume meetings again in September.



Embroidered cotton was used in this handsewn sailor hat for spring. Hats in a variety of cottons are featured by Sherman Millinery of St. Louis in its spring collection of sailors, berets, bretons, and turbans.

Bend Girl Presides at 4-H Summer School

Corvallis — (UPI) — Jackie Dick, 17, of Bend was named to preside over the 1242 girls at the annual 4-H summer school at Oregon State College Wednesday.

Jerry Caffé, 17, Albany, was chosen to preside over the 623 boys.

Holman May Seek Supreme Court Job

Oregon City — (UPI) — Circuit Judge Ralph Holman said Wednesday he may seek the Supreme Court seat made vacant by the resignation of Justice James T. Brand.

Holman, 43, said he would announce his decision when he returns after a week's trip out of the state. Kenneth J. O'Connell, law professor at University of Oregon, has been appointed to the position by Gov. Robert D. Holmes. Lester Humphreys, Portland attorney, also has announced he will be a November candidate for the position.

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