

Operation Garment Keeps Latest Fashions at PX

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New York—(UPI)—Wives of overseas military men, stationed from Labrador to Eniwetok, buy the latest styles as soon as us statesiders—thanks to "operation garment district."

And what will be available to them in the post exchanges this fall?

"Why, the relaxed look," said Martha Margeran, chief dress buyer for the Army and Air Force Post Exchange Service, with headquarters in New York.

"I've concentrated on the clothes with an easy fit, like the bloused top. And some of the empire waistline dresses. I think the trapeze will die as fast as the chemise. Only in Panama are the women still asking for more chemise."

Dorothy Lubkurt is the service's head buyer of coats, raincoats and sports clothes.

The two are part of the staff of women responsible for purchasing everything from lingerie to maternity dresses to uniforms for families of Army and Air Force men stationed overseas. The Navy has its own set-up.

Keeps Men Happy

Uncle Sam apparently figures it's a happy serviceman who has a happy wife, and to help keep her happy, today's PX's have become what Miss Lubkurt called "junior department stores."

The armed forces estimates its customers, domestic and overseas, at six million. Last year, they spent more than

820 million dollars.

Fashions are not stocked in domestic post exchanges, but they are one of the most important items sold overseas.

"The women are starved for the new styles from the states," said Miss Lubkurt, who combs the Seventh avenue garment district daily.

"To my great surprise, they took to the sack faster than we did here."

Most fashions go abroad by air freight, she explained, because the women want the styles while they're "hot." But such staples as blue jeans and diapers can go by ship.

Has Overseas Buyers

The service also has overseas buyers, most of them in Europe, shopping for such accessories as cashmere sweaters from Scotland, purses from Italy, or gloves from Paris.

"Not much suit or dress buying from Paris houses," Miss Lubkurt explained. "A woman living on a serviceman's pay isn't going to be dressed by Dior. She wants the smart little \$15 dress that only American manufacturers can turn out."

"We do ship some higher-priced things from the New York market . . . to posts where there is a lot of brass. These wives can afford a label and a name designer."

Buyers must consider climate as well as style in making selections. Raincoats are in demand at all exchanges. And Miss Lubkurt said the "cloud nine and kissin' cousins" are going great in north-



Relaxed Look Wins Cash

Husbands may protest, but the relaxed silhouette brings home the bacon.

The free-flowing Empire look, the chemise, the trapeze, the bubble and the easy-at-home look have paid off handsomely in good solid cash, thanks to the fashion know-how and the sewing skill of the finalists in the recent Singer Sew-Off.

Perhaps influenced by the thousands of dollars in prizes awarded in this exciting national competition, the Sew-Off finalists showed a decided preference for green, which appeared in four of the top five garments. First prize of \$25,000 was won by Mrs. Paul E. Bell of Lakewood, Ohio, for her entry of an Empire ensemble in pistachio green; second prize of \$10,000 was won by Mrs. Wilma Van Horne of La Habra, California, for her at-home costume featuring tones of green mixed with blue.

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Miss Ruby Faye Vaughn Bride of Lee Carothers

Cave Junction—The wedding of Miss Ruby Faye Vaughn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Vaughn, to Lee Franklin Carothers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Carothers, was an event of Tuesday night, July 1, at Cave Junction Community church. The Rev. Gene Denning officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Organist was Miss Norma Martin, and soloist was Mrs. Wayne Saffer.

Mr. Vaughn gave his daughter in marriage. She wore a ballerina length white chantilly lace dress caught at the back with a large white satin bow. Her fingertip veil fell from a crown of pearls and sequins. A single strand of pearls was the bride's only jewelry. She carried a bouquet of white carnations centered with pink rosebuds.

Mrs. Brent Moore, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a dress of yellow candy drop taffeta and carried a nosegay of pink daisies.

The bridesmaid, Miss Karen Kull and Mrs. Larry Preston, bridesmatron, wore identical dresses of pink crystal-ette and carried nosegays of yellow daisies.

Linda Vaughn, sister of the bride and Jenny Lou Carothers, sister of the bridegroom, in identical light blue sheer cotton dresses, were the candlelighters.

The flower girl, Terry Smith, cousin of the bride, wore pink nylon and carried a white basket of rose petals.

The best man was Donald Savage and ushers were Dennis Kennedy and Frank

Echoes From Low Echo

By KAREN LYTLE

"Where did the cabin go?" was a frequent cry at Low Echo Girl Scout Camp at Lake o' the Woods as the counselors and CITs (counselors in training) arrived Saturday to organize the camp.

There was a good deal of confusion while adjusting to camp life but everyone learned quickly. The CITs realized the importance of the indispensable flashlight as Diane "Teddy" Pullen, Mimi "Doe" Jones, and I (Peter Pan) found ourselves crashing about the woods in the dark. Perhaps we were just tired from the dancing lessons that were included in the training course. Everyone, including our camp director, Irene "Kit" Knox, had been learning the Boston Two-Step, Virginia "Mac" McIntire, the assistant camp director had us hopping about in fine style in spite of Jackie "Cricket" Callan and Yvonne "Stormy" Fields who tried hard to act like the real sixth graders they would soon try to teach.

The prime purpose of the counselors arriving a week ahead of the campers is to receive training. Not even the camp handyman is exempt. However, he must have missed the first lesson for on arrival at the lodge to pick up the mail, he seemed to have forgotten the name of the camp. The fact that he was able to give an adequate description of the camp saved him. He would have been very unpopular had he not been able to get the mail.

During this training period there is plenty to do outdoors but on rainy days we keep busy making kaper charts, stringing floats, watching leadership film. Since we

Townsend Club Plans Picnic During July

Townsend club has planned a picnic for July 3 in Hawthorne park.

For the weekly meeting on Wednesday, July 9, at Carpenters' hall, Leon Rusko, president, states that a "grab box" will be featured.

For last week's auxiliary meeting, about 30 members answered roll call. Four visitors were present.

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Former Resident To Be Teacher

Miss Doris Drost was recently graduated from San Jose State college in California. She has signed a contract to teach in the schools at San Mateo, Calif., this coming year.

Miss Drost, a former resident of Medford, is spending the summer in Bend with her parents. She was employed by the U. S. National bank and Medford corporation while residing here.



Jayne Meadows takes time out from a stroll in the park with Steverino, the famous greyhound named for her husband, Steve Allen. This special fun hat was created for Jayne to wear this summer during her vacation in Europe with Steve.

Calendar

Monday:
6:30 p.m.—Christian Business and Professional Women, picnic in south end of Hawthorne park.
6:30 p.m.—Past, President and Degree of Honor lodges, picnic in Hawthorne park.
8 p.m.—Rogue Valley Coin Club, Girls Community club.

Tuesday:
10 a.m.—Rogue Valley Herb society, home of Mrs. John Holst, Gold Hill.

Fellowship Head Resigns Office; Events Announced

The resignation of Mrs. Warren Fairbanks as president of Christian Women's fellowship was accepted at the last meeting of the fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks are moving to Crater Lake.

Plans were made to have a church-wide rummage sale September 4-5, with proceeds to go to the church building fund. Information concerning the sale may be obtained from Mrs. James Hopkins, SPring, 2-5158.

Circle chairmen have been asked to start sewing activities in the various groups in preparation for the annual church sale and bazaar. All women of the church who wish to contribute time or articles for the sale may do so, and it is also stated that men may contribute small articles made from wood.

Guests for the luncheon which preceded the last meeting were Mrs. Opal Dunn, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Gertrude Heaton, Morton, Kan.; Miss Olive Curry and Mrs. Ethel Van Cleave, Medford.

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Building Safety Into Homes Urged

Urbana, Ill.—(UPI)—A top home safety analyst says that a 28,000 person-a-year home accident fatality rate makes it imperative to "build as much safety into the home as possible."

O. L. Hogsett, extension safety specialist at the University of Illinois, called upon homemakers to pay particular attention to the safety factors of their garage, roof and chimney, basement and attic, crawl space, kitchen, dining room and bedrooms.

Hogsett said bathrooms, storage closets, electrical wiring, plumbing and heating systems and areas easily accessible to rodents should also be checked regularly.

He said special care should be given to keeping dangerous objects such as knives and screwdrivers out of the reach of children, as well as light switches near tubs or water faucets.

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