



POT POURRI

Fifteen years ago a Swiss inventor by the name of Georges de Mestral took a walk near Geneva and became entangled in a burr patch. Instead of merely cursing the burrs, he took them home and studied the little, sticky objects, trying to discover why they could cling so tightly to a piece of cloth. The result of his years of experimentation is a new closure called "Velcro" which some think may mean the end of buttons, hooks, snaps, toggles, zippers and even safety pins.

At a recent fashion show in New York, 300 reporters were said to have watched "goggle eyed" as garments and other articles fastened with Velcro were demonstrated. The parade included everything from diapers to golf jackets, tourniquets to trousers.

The new closure consists of two nylon tapes. One strip bears thousands of tiny "burs"; the other is covered with velvety nylon pile. When the strips are pressed together, they cling as if magnetized. Peeled apart, the tapes make a ripping sound—considered to be the only drawback to the new device.

Velcro went into production last August by American Velcro of Manchester, N. H., and the plant is reported to be turning out 125,000 yards a week, trying desperately to keep up with the demand. It is said that the tapes are washable, can be dry-cleaned and will not corrode. They can be sewn, glued and stapled to almost anything. Consumers Union reports that their testers found the tapes did not slip or slide. Only a half-pound pressure peels the tapes apart lengthwise—a sixteen-pound pressure was required to pull them apart sideways. Tests were made on dry-cleaning and "holding power" with satisfactory results.

Uses for the new closure are practically limitless. Velcro is being used on shoes, handbags, skirts, brassieres, pajamas and petticoats. Cuffs, collars, bows or other decorations can be put on and peeled off at will with Velcro. Velcro is "sweeping the children's wear field," since even the very young child who could not cope with buttons or zippers can use the new closure tapes.

It is even contemplated that Velcro could be used to stick draperies to walls without the use of rods or hardware. This spring Velcro will be available by the yard in several colors. According to New York sources, it will cost about \$2 a yard for widths ranging from three-fourths of an inch to two inches.

News such as this is more interesting to most housewives and mothers than the latest developments in the race to put a man on the moon.

The business of celebrating birthdays is simplified in the William Driscoll family. Today Mrs. Driscoll, her son, William Jr., and his daughter, little Mary Anne Driscoll, are all celebrating birthday anniversaries—all were born on January 29.

The Driscolls will be together for the triple anniversary today, but they are not so sure about coming years. The senior Driscolls will leave Medford this spring to make their home in Hood River. Mr. D., an auditor for Columbia Utilities for many years, is being transferred to Hood River by the United Utilities which recently bought the local firm. The Driscolls, who have lived at the corner of Oakdale and Stewart avenues for several years, expect to leave Medford some time in March.

Jan Gilhouse recently took typewriter in hand and dashed off a brief note for The Tribune. It reads: "Recent visitors at Rogue River lodge were John Quincy Adams, 2495 West Main street, and John Paul Jones, Portland lawyer. Honestly, Jan Gilhouse."—O.S.

Thunderbirds To Play For Annual Mardi Gras Ball

The Thunderbirds, four-piece dance orchestra, will furnish music for the Mardi Gras ball sponsored by Tudor guild of the Shakespearean festival for the benefit of the scholarship fund. The ball will be held at Rogue Valley Country club Friday, February 6.

Dancing will continue from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. according to Mrs. Harry Skerry Jr., Ashland, music and entertainment chairman for the event. Mrs. Marvin Kochs, Ashland, is planning decorations in keeping with the carnival theme, and a hearty hunt breakfast will be served near midnight. Mrs. John Thompson III, Ashland, is supervising the breakfast arrangements.

Mrs. John Dellenback, Medford, is general chairman. Rex II, King of Carnival hold court throughout the evening. Rex II is a well known senior citizen of Medford whose identity is soon to be revealed. A number of princesses are being sponsored by service clubs of Medford and Ashland, and one of these will be crowned queen in a colorful ceremony at 10 o'clock. Each princess has an equal chance of becoming queen, as they themselves will do the selecting when they choose their corsages from identical boxes.

Prizes will be awarded to the most beautifully costumed lady, the most hand-

Calendar

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadlines for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day for publication and for week day news is 3 p.m. the day before publication.

Thursday:
7:30 p.m.—McLoughlin PTA, Girls' gymnasium.
7:30 p.m.—4-H Organization meeting, Sams Valley schoolhouse.
8 p.m.—Medford chapter, United Nations association, Girls Community club.
Friday:
12 noon—Jackson County Oregon State College Mother's club, Plaza cafe, Ashland.
12 noon—Medford Fifty Plus club, Episcopal Guild hall, Fifth street and Oakdale avenue.

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Fashions Reflect Austerity

By PAT HERMAN
United Press International
Paris—UPI—Paris fashion designers are reflecting the austerity of Gen. Charles de Gaulle's Fifth French Republic.

Just as De Gaulle has sternly set the new France against the financial and political excesses of the past the Paris collections for the spring season have thrown the extravagances of the sack, the trapeze and the empire line into the rag bag.

One fashion writer suggested the new fashions be dubbed the "republican line" in De Gaulle's honor.

Not that there's anything severe about the new styles. **Have Paris Charm**

They may be economical in outline, padding bust, waist and hips where nature did, but they have all the usual Paris charm—and of course at no reduction in price.

Young Guy Laroche and Jacques Griffe, who designs for Maggy Rouff, were showing their spring collections today and it was doubted they would buck the no-nonsense trend back to simplicity and reality.

The return to normality of busts, waists and hips remains the fashion news. Skirts are worn decorously at the top of the calf and most dinner dresses hit the ankle.

Corset Look Absent

Exaggeration is absent. Balmain and Ricci, who showed Tuesday, could go into the belt business with all the waist cinches they use. But their dresses don't look tightly corseted.

Young Michel Goma, who also showed his spring clothes Tuesday, played belts even more loosely than the others.

Even the décolletés that appeared only in Nina Ricci collection seemed appropriate as part of the silhouette that has brought back to life the female figure.

Admittedly, if you're too well-endowed about the waist, you'd do better to pass up some of her ravishing necklines. But they're still in graceful line with the princess silhouette.

Kenneth Raymond Presents Program

Kenneth Raymond presented a program for the last meeting of the Hammond Organ society at Purucker's Music house. He played semi-classical and classical numbers, including excerpts from the "Nutcracker Suite" and music by Fritz Kreisler, Robert Franz and Victor Herbert.

Mr. Raymond also spoke about the various tonal possibilities of the Hammond organ.

To Give Luncheon

Mrs. Charles Henry, 349 Lindero avenue, will be hostess for a luncheon for Medford Jaycettes Saturday, January 31. The luncheon will be at her home at 1 p.m.

American Nuclear Society Member to Speak Tonight

H. P. Bosworth Jr., who has recently been made a member of the American Nuclear Society, a national technical organization, will be among those speaking tonight for a meeting of Medford chapter, Oregon United Nations association. The meeting will be held at Girls Community club at 8 p.m. with Moore Hamilton, president, conducting the session.

Mr. Bosworth has devoted a great deal of time in recent years to atomic and nuclear studies. His talk will concern the question of whether the United States can make a greater contribution to peaceful atomic development in the rest of the world through direct negotiation with the nations concerned, or through the United Nations International Energy agency.

"The United Nations at Work," a sound movie, will be shown. Bruce Manley will speak on "How can we strengthen the UN so that United States relations with foreign countries, especially Communist countries, are on a peaceful basis." Jim Frohnmayer, president of the International Relations league of Medford High school, will talk on "Can we channel U.S. funds and aid through the UN in our fight against hunger, disease and illiteracy?" and Mrs. Rex Nicodemus' topic will be "How the UN Police Force has been set up to prevent direct and indirect aggression."

During the coffee hour Mrs. Bosworth will give highlights of the national convention of the American Association for the United Nations which she attended in New York City. During the business meeting officers will be elected.

Anyone interested is invited to attend the session, particularly members and leaders of Great Decisions study groups.

Bride Honored Monday Evening

Cave Junction—Miss Joan Starks was hostess for a bridal shower honoring Mrs. Ray Varner (Carma Lewis) at the home of the honored guest on Monday evening.

Attending were Mrs. Paul Lewis, mother of the bride; Barbara Shepard, Darlene Savage, Mrs. Arlene McNamara and daughter, Nancy, Bertha Champney, Anna Mullen, Lorraine Frost, Melba Savage, Jackie Williams and Flora Starks.

Barbara Shepard, Melba Savage and Anna Mullen were winners of the games played. Refreshments were served.

Duplicate Club Names Winners

Mrs. R. R. Parsons and Mrs. David Lowry held high score for a meeting of Bartlett Duplicate Bridge club Monday, January 26, at the home of Mrs. W. W. Stevenson.

Mrs. Fred Morlan and Mrs. T. L. Harnsberger took second, and third place was won by Mrs. Fred T. Burich and Mrs. Russel Barnes.

In a tie for fourth and fifth places were Mrs. Sherman Feiss and her partner, Mrs. F. E. Bowman, and Mrs. William Knope and partner, Mrs. Joseph Clark.

Pocahontas Lodge To Hold Dinner

Pocahontas lodge has planned a potluck dinner Friday, January 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Redman hall on Apple street. A business meeting will follow at 8 p.m.

Games will be played after the meeting and members are asked to bring "white elephants."

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