Shoes Due in Limelight as Skirts Go Higher in Spring

Paris says skirts will soar this Spring. And shoes will soar with them into the limelight, says still another fashion authority, America's National Shoe Institute.

With hemlines hiked to the knee, heels and toes, colors and bows, will punctuate and decorate the season's new fashions.

Point of Legginess

Paris makes a point of legginess for Spring, and shoes make a point of toes. They could be needle-pointed, tapered or squared at the tips, but point they must, to reach the height of fashion. The new spring lasts cater to comfort, and the points don't begin until the toes have fitted into a comfortable resting place.

Heels on the new Spring shoes have also come to terms with soaring hemlines. With noticeably shorter skirts many women prefer lower heels for good proportion. But there is no compromise with shapeliness.

Thin and Shapely

For the girl-about-town, heels are thin and shapely. For casual country living, the rules change somewhat. Heels are often sturdily stacked, while the active sportswoman goes frankly into low-slung wedges or flats.

Fashions are truly feminine this spring, with defined waistlines, Empire-accented bosoms, curvey coats and provocative suits with short jackets and hippy skirts. The accent is on the "ladylike" look. This makes closed-toe, closed-back pumps spring favorites, but with such pretty artifices as dipping sidelines, open shanks and low-cut V throats that open them up and give them the light look of springtime.

Closed-toe open-back pumps are back in town this spring, and strap-shoes are important and alluring newcomers as designers curve new and graceful leather strips around insteps and ankles, criss-cross them high or low, work them into wishbones, twist them into T's or angle them asymmetrically to slenderize the foot.

Silk Ribbon Ties

In on that wave of ladylike fashion are shoes for late-day and dinner clothes, with closed but festive footwear, silk ribbon ties and bows for that all important touch of femininity.

But it's open season in the country. Casuals go in for air-conditioning, with throngs and slings and backless mule-type shoes to create the cooling vacuums that fit a country climate. So much for Spring and Summer shoe silhouettes.

For shoe colors, fashion squeezed the paint out of every tube. No impressionistic painting could give a wider choice of country greens, from the green of tender, new-born leaves to the deep, rich green of grass and ferns and foliage.

Red shoes have gone lighter and brighter, but the fashion accent is on pink geranium, as pretty a color as you will find on any painter's palette. Blues will be lighter and heighter; beige will run the gamut from pale palomino to bright, rich brown; black is ever with us, for whit is Spring without black patent leather! But the dark horse of the season is bone-white, often in combination with shiny black—a dazzling duo, and equally effective in subtle combinations.

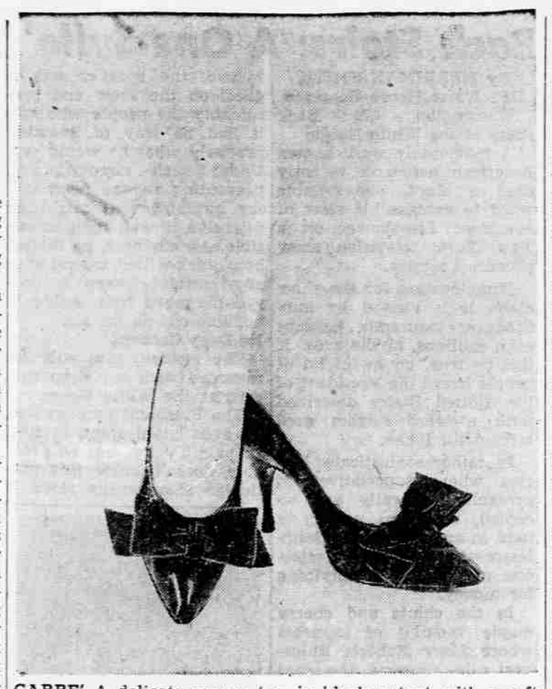
Many Textures

There will be almost as many textures in shoes as there are colors. Dyeable silk and linen shoes are a continuing story. The new story is silky suede shoes that take to color with fashionable affinity. But that's not all. There'll be silks, petit point, embroideries, ombres and stripes.

Smooth fashion surfaces are another carry-over into shoes, where such leathers as kid-skin, bright luster leather and shodow-calf go in for new smooth and shiny faces.

Nylon mesh shoes are also in the fashion picture, with embroidery and new weaves to make them more exciting.

Add cut-outs, fine and fancy stitching, draping, elestic shirring, buttons and bows to shoes, and you'll see why the new Spring shoe fashions are fashion-first, and why feet are now first in fashion.



CARRE'—A delicate square toe, in black patent with a soft black silk crepe bow on the vamp.

Fiscal Group To Become Law

Salem—(UPI)— Gov. Mark Hatfield says he is allowing a bill establishing a legislative fiscal committee to become law without his signature.

He said the Legislature had expressed a clear wish for the post, but at the same time he commented:

"I cannot sign this bill for it seems entirely unnecessary at this time. The $60,000 appropriation to this committee for the coming biennium is only a down payment on a costly duplication of existing services."

The legislators wanted a fiscal officer and committee so they can keep up with staff work now done for the executive and judicial branches of government.

Hatfield said that executive agencies under his direction could provide legislators with whatever information they requested.

He admitted that the Legislature needed better staff services but not in the fiscal area.

The U.S. senate has sat as a court of impeachment only 12 times since the nation was established.

Warren G. Harding was the only President ever to visit Alaska during his term in office. He made the trip in 1923 shortly before his death.

'Surgical Thought' Indicts Cancer as Over-all Aggressor

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor

New York — (UPI) — "Surgical thought" has been drastically broadened to indict cancer as an over-all aggressor against the whole body. The common scientific thought of cancer is of a localized malignant tumor which may or may not establish colonies elsewhere in the body.

Delos Smith

Dr. James D. Hardy, a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, who did this thought-broadening, went so far as to suggest that cancer kills because it has utterly disrupted body chemistry, particularly the chemistry of defense, rather than because a growing tumor or tumors finally shuts down one vital body function.

Editorializing in the college's technical journal, Hardy in effect urged other cancer thinkers to broaden their thoughts. Broadened thought could lead to some way of reviving the defensive chemistry in the body of the cancer victim or to some way of protecting all his cells from the destructive effects of the tumor on all body systems.

Deal Closely With Cancers

Surgical thought on cancer is pertinent because surgeons deal more intimately with cancers in human beings than other groups. Many things broadened Hardy's thought. One was a cancer which developed in the surgical scar of a patient 15 years after a whole tumor had been cut out.

He recalled the patients whose tumors had grown ever so slowly for years, only to spread suddenly and far. It is evident that each body has a built-in chemical defense against cancer which is stronger or weaker in some bodies than in others. Then Hardy asked the big question: "What forces have held these cancer cells dormant or at least in check for so long?"

"There is at least one factor by which the tumor begins to over-power the patient, namely, the aggressive 'biologic activity' of the tumor breaks through the immunity of the host," he said.

Lack Cause of Death

How does it overpower the chemical defenses? He pointed to a number of known chemical phenomena of cancers in human beings as indications that this over-powering takes place on such a subtle chemical level as the enzymes, those being the chemical activators that regular chemical processes.

He recalled that in many cancer deaths, no obvious cause of death can be found at autopsy — what killed the patient "may be almost completely obscure. Certainly no major organic function need be grossly interfered with." For instance, some cancer victims die of malnutrition. Their appetites are gone and they don't eat. But if they're forced fed by stomach tube, their bodies no longer utilize the nutrients although the appropriate chemistry is not severely affected by cancer.

Whatever progress can be made along the line of his "surgical thought," it is evident to him that "the cause of death in the presence of far advanced cancer is an extensive derangement of normal bio - chemical functions." Hardy practices in Jackson, Miss.

Position Openings Told by Commission

Positions for radio engineers are open with the Federal Communication Commission at various locations throughout the United States, the civil service commission has announced.

Openings were also reported f r teletypists ir Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

Information regarding the examination for these jobs may be obtained from L. B. Nelson at the Medford post office.

Winter Coats for Plants One Of Latest Items To Be Patented

Washington — (Science Service) — The latest fashion in winter coats for plants would probably give Christion Dior the chills. They are form-fitting and sometimes lumpy.

Woven of foam, the coats are sprayed over delicate fruit trees and plants in anticipation of damaging frosts. For inventing the frothy garb, Bernard J. Thiegs and Norman Wright, both of Midland, Mich., earned one of 1,005 patents awarded by the U.S. Patent Office here this week. They assigned the patent, No. 2,875,555,, to The Dow Chemical Company, also of Midland.

Although giving credit to the protection afforded by smudge pots, sheets and other anti-frost methods, the inventors believe their foam covering is "highly advantageous."

Tomato Plants Covered

For example, in one of their several tests, they covered a row of young tomato plants with little "ponchos" of foam just before the temperature dropped to 24 degrees Fahrenheit. They reported that the tender tomatoes survived in excellent shape, while a row of identical but unprotected plants were killed.

The foam is generated from a solution of water, saponin and any number of long-chain polymers. Depending on the expected severity of frost, the foam is sprayed in a coating from one-half inch to three inches thick. It is non-toxic and persists between four and 12 hours.

Not only does it prevent frostation on the plants, but it acts as an insulator, keeping cold out and heat in.

Nuclear Battery

A simple, efficient nuclear battery won patent No. 2,876,-368 for Alebander Thomas, Weston, Mass., who assigned it to Tracerlab, Inc., Boston.

The invention utilizes an electret, a permanently electrified substance with a plus charge at one end and a minus charge at the other. Electrets may consist of some common plastics or waxes.

To be used as a battery, the electret must be changed in nature from elecrostatic (non-movement of current) to electrodynamic (current in motion). This is accomplished by mixing the substance of the electret with radioactive isotopes, such as tritium, carbon-14, krypton-85 and strontium-90. The radioactivity triggers the release of electrical energy already stored in the electret and produces from 50 to 1,000 volts.

Electronic Blood Count

James C. Parker and William R. Horst, both of Dayton, Ohio, have invented an electronic system for quickly, accurately and simultaneously counting red and white blood cells in a blood sample. In the most commonly used previous method, trained technicians place the sample under a microscope and physically count each type of cell separately.

The Parker-Horst method works this way: The white cells are stained blue and the red cells are stained even redder. Then they are diluted and allowed to flow through a light beam which shines on a photoelectric cell. The red and blue stained cells absorb light of different wavelengths. The amounts of absorption are detected by the photocell and the information is relayed to an electronic counter.

The inventors assigned their patent, No. 2,875,666 to The Commonwealth Engineering Company of Ohio, in Dayton.

Indestructible Car Body

A car body constructed of three distinct shells is claimed by the inventors to be "virtually indestructible."

The shells, composed of plastic and laminated glass cloth, cover various portions of the passenger compartment. Part of the compartment is surrounded by a double wall which is stuffed with a reinforcing rigid phenolic foam. A transparent canopy affords the driver maximum visibility.

The inventors, Anthony J. Ingolia, Detroit, and Robert F. McLean, Oak Park, Mich., assigned the rights to their patent, No. 2,876,037, to the General Motors Corporation, Detroit.

Electric Toothbrush

Brush your teeth with electricity. It is the easy way, according to George S. Tsuda, Hilo, Hawaii, who received patent No. 2,875,458 for his electric toothbrush. Plug it in and the brush oscillates in your mouth in the proper dentally prescribed motions.

If you have ever poked somebody or been poked in the eye with an umbrella held in the face of a driving rain like a medieval lance, then Florence Canady, Scarsdale, N.Y., has come to your rescue with patent No. 2,875,-772. It is an umbrella with a built-in plastic window.

Youth Arrested For Attempted Burglary

A 17-year-old Medford youth is being held in the county jail on charges of attempted burglary of the Medford Marine Supply Tuesday night, sheriff's deputies reported.

The youth was arrested Friday night. He admitted to entering the business at 3060 West Main st. through a rear window. However, he said he was unable to open an inner door and did not take anything. Owners of the store have not yet determined if anything is missing, according to sheriff's officers.

The American Medical association was established in 1846.

Naval Reserve Has Annual Inspection

Naval Reserve Electronics Division 13-5 will have its annual inspection today.

A team of inspecting officers from the 13th Naval District will arrive this afternoon from Klamath Falls. Roseburg's Naval unit will be inspected Wednesday, with Grants Pass the schedule stop on Thursday.

The inspecting board this year consists of Capt. Henry Mullins Jr., commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Reserve Training center, Portland; Com. Paul H. Dice, district electronics program officer; and Lieut.-Com. G. W. Stubblefield Jr., district ordnance and research program officer. Acting recorder for the group will be L. A. McKee, yeoman first class.

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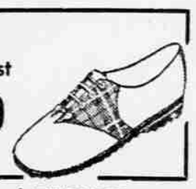

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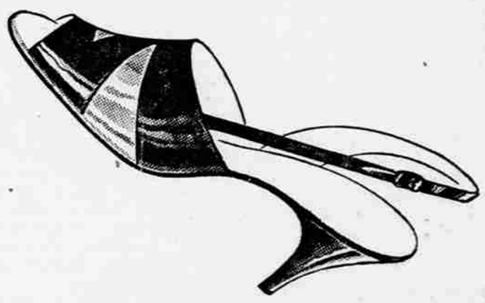

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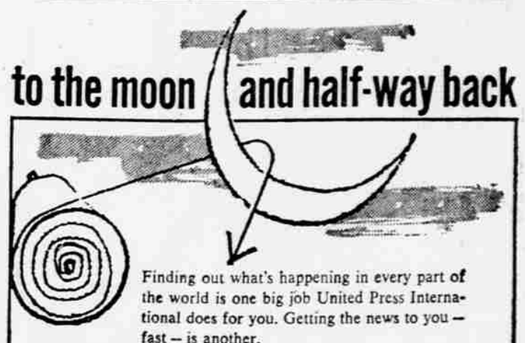

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