

Fashion Picture Has Color Sparkle

Color, and lots of it, gives sparkle to the spring fashion picture. Varied and vibrant are the hues—pinks, reds, yellows, greens, blues, purples, in fact, most shades of the spectrum.

While the fashion importance of color was never greater, it's paradoxical, but true, that neutrals are enjoying increased popularity.

Navy, beige, gray and black win renewed interest for two reasons. In the midst of the riot of colors, the neutrals look ultra-fashionable, almost startling. And, they provide just what is needed to set off the vivid hues to great advantage.

Beiges often take on more than a hint of yellow and evolve into warm tones of honey and apricot. This blending of hues occurs frequently throughout spring fashion, as pinks are influenced by mauve and blue, greens mingle with yellow and yellows and blues with green.

Checks, flower garden and paisley prints, glen plaids and giant plaids, dots—from polka to coin in size—and stripes represent the most-seen spring patternings.



DRAWSTRING BLOUSE—Cotton with a knitted look fabrics a striped drawstring blouse for spring. The fabric is cotton tricknit, which appears to be, but isn't, a knitted material. In a color choice of hot pink or green, it's styled with convertible Peter Pan collar and brass buttons. By MacShore.

Cordage Important Need of Mariner

A fact not recognized by many boating enthusiasts is that next to a boat, cordage is one of the most important needs of the mariner.

With the advent of man-made fibers, rope (or "line," as the sailor says) is now tailor-made for superior performance in a specific assignment. Lines that float, lines that stretch, lines that don't. For example, nylon with its strength, shock absorbing qualities, and resistance to marine growth, is ideal for anchoring and mooring.

However, where the fiber's elastic property is of great advantage for certain applications, it is just as much a disadvantage in many other instances, such as the use for sheets in sailing or for water ski tow ropes.

For sheets, non-stretching fibers such as dacron should be chosen. The new linear polyethylene is used for water ski tow lines. Polyethylene rope floats on top of the water, keeping it in view and easily accessible to the skier. Its buoyancy reduces the probability of entangling the tow line in the propeller.

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Marine Diesels Are Lightweight, Lower Silhouettes

In keeping with the growing demand for smaller, more compact inboard power plants, the new marine diesel engines are lighter weight with lower silhouettes. In addition, many of the 1959 lines feature smaller models more suitable for use in sailing auxiliaries and small work boats.

Curtiss-Wright, sole United States distributor for the German-built Mercedes-Benz marine engines, has four new engines. The fresh air-cooled models feature low fuel consumption and low weight-to-horsepower ratio.

Allis-Chalmers 1959 marine diesels include a new lightweight 844 cubic inch engine that develops 240 hp at 2,800 rpm and has high horsepower output per gallon of fuel consumed. Another model is the improved lightweight 85 hp engine that develops 2,800 rpm. The engine runs smoothly with lack of noise and vibration and requires a minimum of maintenance and servicing.

Eight New Engines

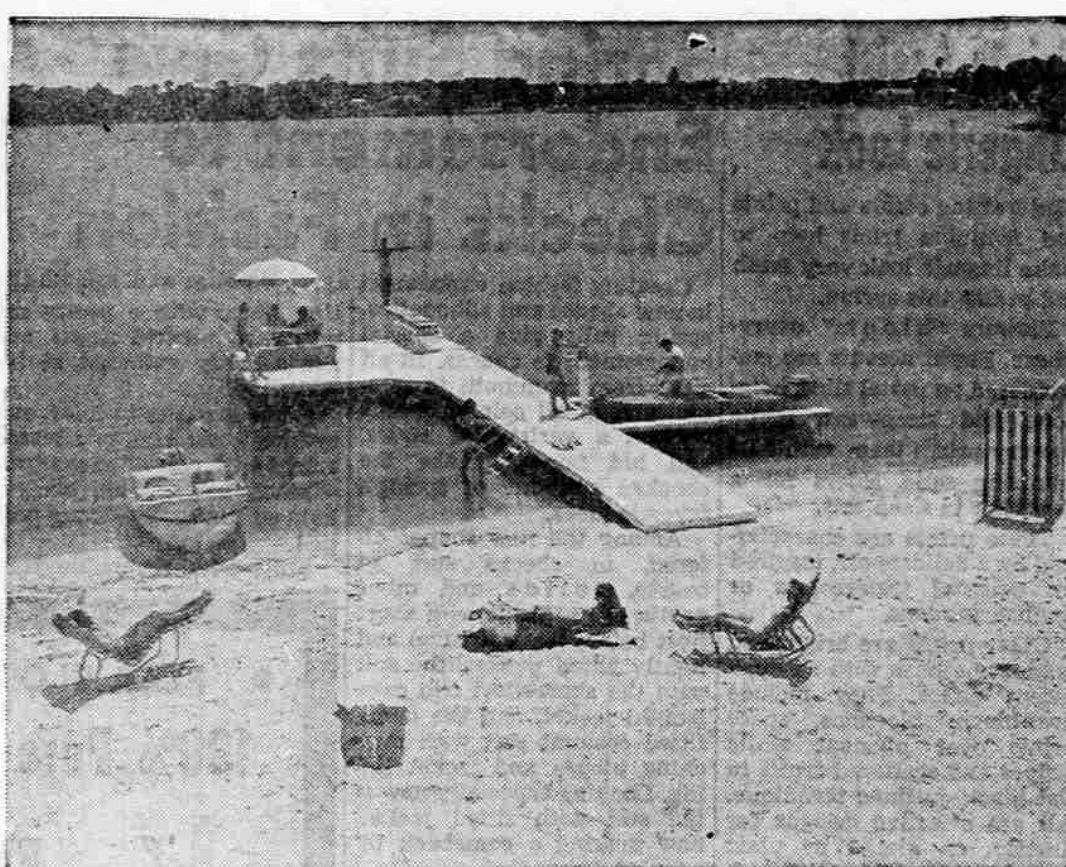
Eight new engines in the vee and in-line series, ideal for either pleasure or work boats, are offered by Detroit Diesel for 1959. The firm says that the new engines were designed to a new concept of compactness, combined with light weight. The General Motors marine engine division's line ranges in horsepower from 20 to 1,650 for all uses.

Two new air-cooled diesels have been introduced by Lister Blackstone, English marine engine builder. They are the 20 and 30 hp models, both rated at 1,800 rpm. These four-stroke diesels are compact, light, economical of operation and require a minimum of servicing. They feature positive cooling which is provided by an impeller integral with the flywheel and fan shroud.

English Engine

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SINGLE UNIT—Ingenious design of this steel pier permits simultaneous activities such as sunbathing, sun tanning, diving platform, sun deck, boat slip and an on-the-water patio make outdoor living and boating more fun than ever before. The all-steel pier is manufactured by Standard Steel Products Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wis.



SPRING TONE—Ideal for spring in weight and tone is this raglan-shoulder wool topcoat in a medium-toned gray, white and red mixture, very light weight. Kuppenheimer. Wool Bureau photo.

Raincoats Combine Protection, Themes

Styled for wear in sunshine as well as showers, spring raincoats combine weather protection and '59 fashion themes.

Attractive textures and distinctive color characterize many raincoats. Corded cotton stripes, cable-stitch cotton knits, light wool basket-weaves, cotton checks and waffle weaves are among the choices.

Such classic raincoat fabrics as poplin and cavalry twill take a new look in floral or paisley-type prints.

Gently high-waisted effects vie with demi-fitted models and chesterfields for popularity.

FOR BRIDESMAIDS

Pretty fashion choices for spring bridesmaids are dresses with empire and princess lines, puffed and back-interesting styles and bell-skirted silhouettes.



ZIP JACKET—Right to a tee for the spring golfer is this zip jacket with deep-cut pivot armholes and side pleats for free-wheeling action. Styled by McGregor in fabric containing Kodol, new Eastman polyester fabric.

Everyone Part of Crew in Boating

Boating is the most fun when everyone aboard feels they are a part of the crew. Older children need no urging to enjoy their time aboard the family boat. It is a perfect opportunity for teaching cooperation and practicing doing and sharing.

There are any number of details they will enjoy afloat that they would regard as dull duty ashore. Young children needn't ruin anyone's boating fun if you remember, on land or on water, they are children and must be treated as such. Safety harnesses for infants is an excellent accessory to have along. Toys should be of the floating type.

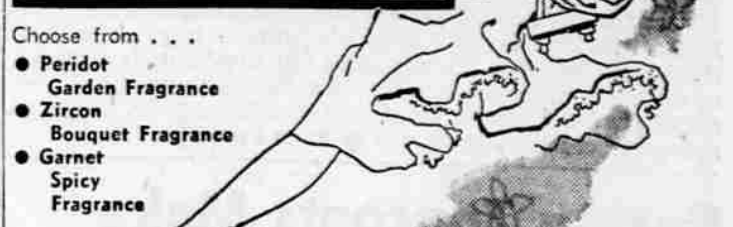
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