

The Sweater



The sweater, one of the most popular garments of the Western world, has a history which goes back more than a century. The Wool Bureau says that because an English clergyman invented a hand-knitting frame way back in the late 1700's, knitted blouses, forerunner of the sweater, were made some 75 years later. The Rev. William Lee might well be astounded if he could see what comes off the knitting machines and needles nowadays. Sweaters are practically a uniform with the college crowd and Margie Good, senior at Southern Oregon college and editor of The Siskiyou, college newspaper, wore a red and white figured sweater with the new cowl-neck dickey at her desk last week. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart M. Good, Sunset Drive, Medford.



This fall short-sleeved cardigans and pullovers are popular with Medford High School boys. Pictured here in the school cafeteria Tuesday noon are Bob Hjorten (at left) and Ron Darby, both juniors. Bob's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Hjorten, 25 North Keeneway Drive, and Ron is the son of the Raymond S. Darbys, 43 North Peach Street.



Jantzen of Portland styled this coordinated ensemble with the new long dinner skirt, shell top and cardigan sweater. Of gold wool sparkled with a metallic thread, the ensemble also has capri pants and a cocktail length skirt. Miss Annette Davidson modeled the ensemble at a Mann's style show given for Rogue Valley Chapter, American Institute of Banking.



Tuesday JoDell Moore (at left), a daughter of the Victor Moores, 300 North Keene Way, and a sophomore at Medford High School, wore a bulky sweater knitted in pink and white squares embroidered with flowers and topped with one of the huge collars. Jeani Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Woods, 143 Highland Drive, had on a light green sweater with pockets and big brass buttons. Sweaters, says the Wool Bureau, were first called "spencers". Made something like a shawl, they were worn under coats and at home on chilly days.



Red-haired smiling Rich Cusic, junior at Medford High School, likes a long-sleeved sweater for cool days. This one is bright blue with several colors in the band across the top. The cardigan, or coat sweater, was named after Lord Cardigan, who happened to lead the famous "Charge of the Light Brigade" in the Crimean War. New sweaters also come in primitive prints; bulkies, sloppy Joes and blazers are all popular.



Flowered sweaters have blossomed all over in the last season or two, and Elaine Hastings, sophomore at Medford High School, last Tuesday, wore a pullover of rose-red and soft green with a green dickey and green skirt. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Hastings, 3095 Crater Lake Avenue. Although the word "sweater" was first used, the Wool Bureau says, for a knitted woolen garment with long sleeves and turtle neck worn by athletes, now they are made out of silk, cotton, or synthetic fibres as well as the wool.