

# Battle Of Neckline Gains Heat As Designers Try For New, Daring Silhouette

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NEW YORK, July 14 (AP)—The battle of the neckline goes on apace in fall fashions currently being previewed for the nation's press.

Designers vie for the most daring décolletage, and one of the newest and most startling is known variously as the "fan neckline," crumb catcher, balcony and shelf. It consists of a bodice flaring upward and outward from the waist, with no apparent means of support. It is calculated to arouse the opposite sex, who are doomed to the disappointment of finding that a bra arrangement behind the "fan" makes it all modest, after all.

Jo Copeland, known for her so-

phisticated after-five costumes, employs the crumb-catcher silhouette to distinct advantage on a striped green surah cocktail dress guaranteed to break the ice at any gathering.

This designer also shows a sleek collection of slim city suits, with dressmaker touches such as velvet trim, braid binding, rows of small pearl buttons and such. Skirts are slim and jackets generally longer. Miss Copeland likes contrasting apron panels on dark afternoon gowns, goes in for elaborate side drapes on her more formal designs.

Beri Reig concentrates on sleeve interest for fall, introducing the "mercury wing" silhouette, which is a flaring lapel arrangement stitched into the sleeve seam. He shows also the Mousquetaire sleeve, which is buttoned from wrist to elbow and suggests the long Mousquetaire glove.

The "eyre skirt" is another Reig innovation of the season, with panels applied at side front and side back to suggest that it would be handy fun to whirl. The "tailpin skirt" is slim and straight in front, develops a flirtatious flare at center back.

Reig goes in for sumptuous fabrics for fall, showing upholstery-weight satin damasks and broades, chenille-embroidered net, silk velvet and chiffon to intrigue customers in the upper income brackets.

# Yangtze On Rampage

NANKING, July 14 (AP)—The populous, rice rich Yangtze valley from the mouth of the river 300 miles inland today was under water in its worst flood since 1931.

Farm lands on both sides of the huge river—in some places 40 miles wide—were submerged. Authorities blame the flood on heavy rainfall rather than on poor drainage west of China's mountains.

There were no figures available here on crop damage, the number of homeless and casualties. Officials said they were too busy strengthening dikes to bother gathering statistics.

Anhui province was hit hardest. The river was about 40 miles wide from Wuhu, 65 miles southwest of Nanking, to Anking, 90 miles further southwest.

The rice crop appeared a total loss in that area.

In North Anhui from Anking to Tuo lake, a distance of 100 miles, the countryside was mostly under water.

Ten thousand peasants were reported marooned at Hsikov, just west of Anking.

**SPEED LIMIT**  
OKLAHOMA CITY, July 14 (AP)—Something new will be added to Oklahoma's highways come August 25—speed limits.

Up to now Oklahoma was one of the few remaining states to let drivers decide the speed best suited to safety.

The legislature changed that this spring after debating the state's soaring traffic death toll, and the highway department is busy making signs to show the new limits.

For cars, the new limits are 65 during the day and 55 at night; trucks under 48,000 pounds, 50; trucks over 48,000 pounds, 40; buses, 35.

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# Siamese To Boost Cotton Planting

BANGKOK (AP)—The Siamese government has decided to allocate \$600,000 during next year to encourage rice and cotton planting in special settlements in the north, central and southern provinces.

The Public Welfare committee, whose chairman is Premier Phibun

Songkram, has asked the director-general of the interior department to make a survey of unemployment conditions in the provinces. It is intended to offer work at the settlements to as many unemployed as will accept.

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# Scott May Step Out As GOP Chairman

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—Senator Martin (R-Pa.) indicated today that Rep. Hugh Scott Jr. will step down as republican national chairman "if we get assurance an outstanding man will take his place."

Martin said, however, that he, Scott and other Pennsylvanians "are not going to be shoved around" by those who want someone else in the key GOP post.

"There is no use talking about Scott and other Pennsylvanians 'are that there is a top flight man to succeed him,'" Martin told a reporter.

But Martin added "it is a fair conclusion" that talks about a change have simmered down mainly to a question of who should succeed Scott, rather than whether there should be a new chairman.

"If we can get all the elements united on a successor, that will be the wise course to take," Martin declared.

Party leaders have been discussing the matter here and elsewhere for the last several days. After a conference here yesterday, those leaders said they looked for no concrete development for about 10 days. They said there still was no agreement on a successor to Scott.

# Joint Tule-Dorris Legion Meet Draws Big Membership

TULELAKE, July 14—Joint installation of new officers of Tulelake post No. 164, the auxiliary and of the same two organizations of Dorris drew a large membership to the Legion hall Tuesday night.

Sam Phillips is the new commander for the Tulelake post, succeeding Paul Rogers. Co-officers who will serve with Phillips are Tom Frey, first vice commander; John F. Kelly, second vice commander; Roy Hiorichs, sergeant-at-arms; Max Fleming, chaplain; Evelyn Schweigert, finance officer; and Robert McClymonds, adjutant.

Installing officer for the Legion was District Commander Betts, Redding, assisted by Lee Sonnenberg, Tulelake.

Commander Phillips announced plans following installation for entertaining Department Commander Rex Whittemore at a potluck dinner in the Legion hall July 26. A message for all veterans, probably on housing will be brought up at that meeting.

The local post has adopted a community betterment program, Phillips stated, which incorporates opening of the Legion hall to the public free of charge each Friday evening for old-time dancing.

Mrs. Helen Cushman will serve the auxiliary, No. 164, as president.

marshal; executive women, Arlene Campbell, Della Frailey and Marguerite Dayton.

Assisting with the installation for the auxiliary was the Tulelake drill and ritual team under the leadership of Naomi Kurta.

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