

# Spring Fashions Just Fine For Wolves

By GAY PAULEY  
**NEW YORK (UPI)**—The new spring fashions for women give the wolves plenty to howl about. Curves are back and skirts are short.

There is cause also for rejoicing among the women. Most designers and manufacturers, burying the beltless chemise once and for all, have revived such all-time favorites as the sheath, the shirt-waist, the redingote, the jumper, and the leg-fluttering full-skirted dress.

"A rising vote of thanks from the citizenry, male and female, for the rising waistline and curves that go with it," said the forecast from the couture group.

## Red Rocket Begins Orbit Around Sun

**MOSCOW (AP)**—The Soviet Union's new cosmic rocket has steered itself past the moon and into orbit around the sun, Pravda reported today.

The Communist party newspaper, in a two-page article on interplanetary flight, said the missile launched Jan. 2 utilized an automatic guidance system which kept it on a predetermined trajectory and regulated its final speed.

The Soviet rocket was launched vertically from a point in the Soviet Union, said Pravda, then entered its assigned trajectory under its own self-contained guidance system.

With the lengthy scientific article — which disclosed on additional details of the rocket itself or the site of its blast-off — Pravda published a series of photographs and charts on its latest space entry.

These showed the rocket's instruments and battery containers prior to installation in the missile, and charts of the rocket's flight and its final orbit around the sun. As viewed from earth, the Soviet rocket flashed above and to the right of the moon in its flight into space, Pravda said.

As it passed the moon, that planet's gravitational pull changed its course somewhat. But the automatic controls corrected its flight path.

Pravda's long study included data on the 34-hour flight to pass the moon, a description of the final stage of the rocket with its instrument chamber, a detailed description of the instruments aboard and details of research problems connected with the flight.

It described the new Soviet planet as it entered orbit around the sun as "the rocket's final stage with its instruments linked with the preceding stage."

**Truckers Plan Rate Increase**

**VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP)** — Three large trucking companies operating between Portland, Seattle and Vancouver announced Saturday they would increase some freight rates effective Jan. 18.

The increases will apply to loads under 5,000 pounds, officials of B. C.-Seattle Transport, Sea-Van Express and United Truck Lines, Inc. said. The boosts will be 6-10 cents per hundred pounds on hauls between Portland and Vancouver and between Seattle and intermediate points to Vancouver.

Loads exceeding 5,000 pounds will not be changed, a spokesman for the trucking firms said. He blamed the increase on wage boosts awarded Teamsters' Union members in the United States last September.

The New York Dress Institute. The group, consisting of 30 designers and manufacturers, plus its auxiliary members—accessories and fabrics firms—today began a week-long "screening" of new styles for 215 fashion and women's editors from the United States, Canada and abroad.

Women's Wear Daily, a trade publication, summed up the spring fashion picture another way:

"After fluttering through three silhouettes in 1958, buyers and manufacturers agree that 1959 dresses have settled down to more sane, salable and wearable styles."

"Part of this return to normalcy is the strong emphasis on the classic American shirtwaist."

The publication added that "so far as buyers are concerned, the fitted normal waistline is the number one choice."

But among the collections on view this week, a woman is given a choice. A higher waistline, a hangover from last fall's empire, this spring will hug the lower rib cage.

Skirt lengths which began to rise last year have "stabilized"—most manufacturers show them

**Youth Admits Carrying Gun**

**GRANTS PASS (AP)**—A Grants Pass teen-ager has admitted carrying a shotgun into Little Rock Ark. store whose owner was severely wounded, sheriff's deputies here say.

The deputies said that Raymond Vern Varner, 19, admitted trying to hold up the grocery store and carrying the gun that wounded Mrs. Bessie Duncan, 39.

The shotgun discharged, Varner said, after the woman fired at him with a pistol to thwart the holdup attempt.

That was Jan. 5, said Varner, who added that he left Arkansas by bus last Tuesday.

Varner was arrested here Friday night on warrants charging assault with intent to kill, and robbery. The admission was made Saturday, police said.

At Little Rock, hospital attendants said Mrs. Duncan was recovering nicely.

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**PUBLISHER DIES**

**SALEM (AP)**—The founder of the Capitol Press, Salem weekly newspaper, Abner Maurice Church, 84, died here Saturday. Church was editor and publisher of the paper from the time he founded it in 1928 until he sold it in 1946.

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## It's Official Now: Women's Clothes Are Normal Again

By DOROTHY ROE  
**Associated Press Women's Editor**  
**NEW YORK (AP)**—The nation's fashion press, 200 strong, learned the welcome news today that clothes are back to normal.

No more chemises, no more trapezes, no more distortions of the female figure are to be foisted on the public this spring. New York designers made plain as they opened a week of spring previews.

Waistlines are back where they should be, or slightly raised, skirts have enough room for walking, suits are comfortable and wearable, hemlines cover the knees, and a woman can go out and buy her 1959 Easter outfit without fear of her husband's rage—at least so far as style is concerned.

All these tidings of joy, it seems, are largely the result of a mass male protest against the grotesque fashions of the last few seasons. When husbands refuse to foot the bills for a new wardrobe, women don't buy. It's as simple as that. And it was the furious roar of husbands from coast to coast that blasted the sack dress into oblivion, wilted the trapeze and made it clear that modern men do not want their wives or sweethearts to look like Empress Josephine, no matter how fascinating that royal lady may have been in her day.

The Empire silhouette, which

was the big news of both Paris and New York collections last fall, has been stringently modified for spring. Belts still are often higher than normal, but when this is true the entire waistline area is defined, to leave no doubt as to the natural lines of the figure.

Suits for spring are almost universally short jacketed, with slender skirts eased through the hip-line and tapered at the hem. Jackets may be loose and straight, slightly rounded or biased — but they are usually brief. The exception is the walk-

ing suit, with three-quarter length jacket, which can be worn as a separate short coat.

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