

"Why Don't They" Questions Asked Of Dress Designers

WOMAN'S VIEW

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NEW YORK (UPI)—Let fashion designers keep their heads in the clouds, for new creations come from dreaming. But please, dear garment manufacturers, haul yourselves down to earth and harken to the things which irk us females.

The other day I devoted a column to "Why don't they?" concerning things about the house. The fashion people escaped; I ran out of room.

But there are plenty of "Why don't they?" which women write or call in.

I've been saving 'em up, so here goes and let us hope that every one benefits—the manufacturers in more sales, the women in more for their money.

Why don't they?

—Find another way to make a neat fit without a zipper up the back of the dress. What woman hasn't had a back zipper stuck on the hottest day of the year? And closing some of those back zippers calls for the suppleness of an adagio dancer, the help of husband or a kindly elevator operator.

—Make all dress belts contoured. Many manufacturers even in the better-dress category still aren't contouring.

—Make the backing on all fabric belts of some material which will clean or wash, depending on the care the garment itself gets.

—Make proportioned blouses as well as proportioned dresses, slips

and hose for the short, medium or tall.

—Make longer shirt tails on blouses.

—Invent a surefire way to keep a blouse tucked in a skirt.

—Make those inner constructions or lining for sheath dresses, costumes and skirts of non-shrink material.

—Eliminate once and for all the skirt cut too narrow for easy walking. So what's wrong with a back or side pleat?

—Make buttonholes to fit buttons. Most holes become too large and don't hold after a garment has been through a couple of washings.

—Help us to keep those "White touches" white by attaching collars and cuffs with snaps instead of thread.

—Furnish matching hatpins for all hats, whether from hat bar or "name" designer.

—Include a couple of extra, matching buttons with any suit, coat, dress, negligee et cetera. The better manufacturers usually do this; all others should copy.

—Make earrings to "go with" all those new hues—blues, greens, and roses—in jewelry.

—Do a better job of attaching buttons, hooks and eyes and other fastenings. They have a nasty habit of coming off after one or two wearings.

—See that no garment leaves the factory without a decently even hemline.

Well, that is the list as of now. To anyone who wishes to add, or challenge, I'll listen.

There's New Beauty In Plastic Tableware

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Any lingering doubts you may have about the acceptability of plastic dinnerware from a fashionable angle will be quickly dispelled by a visit to the tableware department in almost any store.

Quality melamine dinnerware is displayed with as much finesse as

fine china. The quantity of new patterns include some reproductions of famous old patterns used on imported ware.

Most of the patterns, however, lean toward the contemporary. Lovely colors are the rule, not the exception, today.

One improvement I can notice in the last few years is in the shapes of cups; handles are more graceful, cups are more curved.

Although the practical aspect of plastic dinnerware has been widely praised, major emphasis has been on its resistance to breakage.

Its light weight is another factor that homemakers or brides-to-be will appreciate.

If one must move household goods often, the weight factor is an advantage again.

As durable as it is, plastic dinnerware will look even better, longer, if it's given proper care.

Most of it can be washed in a dishwasher, but dishes should be pre-rinsed to remove food particles.

If bits of food, such as egg, have dried or stuck tight to the surface, let them soak off or work them off with a soft cloth.

Don't use short-cut methods involving scouring powders or pads, caution manufacturers.

Abrasives or scouring aids can scratch and dull plastic surfaces.

Stains can offer another problem. Coffee and tea stains in cups are common, particularly after prolonged use. Sometimes, extra rubbing with a cloth and soap will remove the stain.

If this fails, use of one of the special stain-removing cleansers rather than laundry bleach is advised.

Follow the manufacturer's directions for preparing the solution. These cleansers are also good for removing stains from coffee pots and from china cups, too.

The just-below-simmering temperature of water used in some of these solutions won't bend or soften fine quality melamine.

And, sad as it is to report, there are still forgetful homemakers who apparently confuse plastic tableware with other materials and try to cook or bake foods in the bowls for oven-to-table service.

The results can be pretty gummy and, of course, the plastic will be ruined.

CANTON CRATER

Ladies Auxiliary of Canton Crater No. 7, Patriarchs Militant of Oregon, held a regular meeting April 23, at the IOOF Hall with Helen McCracken, president, in charge.

Drill practice was postponed due to many of the members ill with the flu. The business session was conducted by the president with more plans discussed for the association meeting to be held in Roseburg, May 18.

Members enjoyed a game of "Clean the Pantry" before refreshments were served by the committee, Bernice McCracken, Frances Munsell and Louise O'Brien. The tables were decorated with flowers and bonnets on green paper, all arranged by Frances Munsell.

The previous meeting on April 9, drills of last year were reviewed and new drills practiced under the leadership of Frances Munsell, drill captain. Plans were announced for the sale of a pieced quilt next fall, the quilt being donated by Esther Johnson of Merrill.

All members were invited to attend the anniversary party of Odd-fellowship, which will celebrate its 140th year this month.

After the meeting refreshments were served by the Merrill members, Hazel McNeil, Esther Johnson and Sylvia Jones. Tables were attractive in the April theme of "showers" featuring miniature umbrellas and arrangements of flowers.

I feel sorry for you because I think you have a real problem. I don't think you should continue wearing hand-me-downs, unless you can have something of your own, occasionally. I do think that you should try to improve your own situation, however. Can you afford to buy material and make your own clothes. If your mother has a sewing machine, that should be simple. If you develop a little talent you may learn how to dress up big-sisters' dresses too, so they look new. Belts, collars, cuffs, scarfs all help when you are rejuvenating costumes.

GLASSES SHOULD FLATTER

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FRIENDSHIP COURT, Order of Amaranth, held open installation April 5. Officers installed are shown, first row, left to right, William Goen, associate patron; Fannie Mae Thompson, royal matron; Elmer Vincent, royal patron; Phyllis May, associate matron. Second row, from the left, Valma Krauss, Isabelle Sanders, Julia Spence, Mary Thompson, Margaret Dobson, grand royal matron; Helen Vaagen, Natella Guderian, Emogene Jones, Genevieve Swift. Back row, same order, Ruth Rodenberger, Mary Wells, Nellie Nichols, Hugh Barnett, Helen Crapo, Alice Goen, Clara Barnett.



NEW OFFICERS of Friendship Court, Order of Amaranth, installed recently are pictured with their grand royal matron of the Grand Court of Oregon. Left to right, William Goen, associate patron, Margaret Dobson, grand royal matron, Fannie Mae Thompson, royal matron, Elmer Vincent, royal patron, Phyllis May, associate matron.

Stamp News

The U.S. and Canada will jointly issue commemorative postage stamps on June 26 to honor the official opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The stamps are in the 5-cent denomination for Canada and 4 for the U.S. since these are the respective rates for first class mail in each country. Except for the necessary differences in captions and denominations, stamps are identical in design.

Reproduced on both are the emblems of each nation—the maple leaf for Canada and the eagle for the U.S.—enclosed in interlocking links superimposed over a background of the Great Lakes. The color for both is red, white and blue. The Canadian stamp is bilingual, French and English.

The first day sale of the U.S. adhesive will be at Massena, N.Y., site of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corp. in this country.

Collectors desiring first day cancellations should send their addressed envelopes to the UN Postal Administration, United Nations, N.Y. The outside covers should be marked "First Day Covers, St. Lawrence Seaway Stamp."

The United Nations Postal Administration has announced that the first day issuance of the UN Economic Commission for Europe stamps will be May 18. The designs of the 4 cent blue and 8

cent orange adhesives were given previously.

Collectors desiring first day cancellations should send their addressed envelopes to the UN Postal Administration, United Nations, N.Y. The outside covers should be marked "First Day Covers, ECE Stamps."

France has issued five more stamps in its "Heroes of the Resistance" series. The values and portraits are 15 francs—Yvonne Le Roux, 20 fr—Mederic-Vedy, 20 fr—Louis Martin-Bret, 30 fr—Gaston Moutardier, plus a 15 franc showing five young heroes of the Buffon School.

Limburger cheese is named after the Belgian province of Limburg, where it originally was made.

Dunsmuir Club Elects Officers

DUNSMUIR—Officers were elected and two district awards were announced at the April luncheon meeting of the Dunsmuir Women's Club at the Hotel Dunsmuir.

Mrs. Rex Baymiller was elected president; Mrs. Stewart Chandler, vice president; Mrs. Robert Wright, recording secretary; Mrs. Nellie Masson, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Ralph Rodley, treasurer. These officers will be installed on May 18 at a luncheon at the Hotel Dunsmuir.

Members learned that the Dunsmuir Women's Club earned district recognition for programs on education and motion pictures. Support of the American Field Service program in bringing foreign students to the United States and programs featuring local students formed the basis for the education award, Mrs. Harry Harper Jr., retiring president, said.

A student panel analyzing motion picture fare aided the club in winning the motion picture award. The Shasta district of women's clubs includes several counties in Northern California.

Mrs. Stewart Chandler told the members of her recent trip to Hawaii where she witnessed the announcement of statehood.

During the business meeting, the club voted to donate the playground fence owned by the club to the Dunsmuir recreation commission for any need they might have for it. The fence was formerly used for a children's playground at the site of the new Methodist Church.

Native Daughters Now One Chapter

ETNA—The welcoming of members of Siskiyou Parlor No. 319, NDGW, which merged with Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112, NDGW, highlighted the meeting of Eschscholtzia Parlor Tuesday evening, April 21. Thelma McNeil, president, conducted the meeting at which time Thelma McNeil and Ellen Skillen were nominated delegates with Mary Roff and Dorothy Hayden as alternates, to attend Grand Parlor at Santa Cruz in June.

The tables were very attractively decorated with spring flowers for centerpieces by Anita Tucker. Coffee, tea, ice cream and cake were served by the refreshment committee composed of Bernice Smith, chairman, Frances Smith, Evelyn Cowdrey and Amy Derham.

A reception was held in the banquet room to entertain the 38 native daughters attending. The guests were Neva Kirk, Bertha White, Elna Henry, Julia Abramson, Elizabeth McRae, Minnie Phillips, Blanche Roulet, Anna Hammond, all from Weed and Arleen Winifred Morrison from Mount Shasta.

Lorelei Rock, on the Rhine, was supposed to have been the haunt of a siren whose voice lured fishermen to their deaths.



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