

3 Designers Show Costume Collection

Back Interest Is Fashion Feature

By BARBARA BUNDSCHU

NEW YORK, Mar. 5.—If you want to make a formal call some afternoon:

Wear an ankle-length skirt of black chiffon, a lacy white lingerie blouse with a plunging neckline, a waist-length jacket of black chiffon, a large black hat, a tall gold-headed umbrella, and don't forget your gloves.

Or maybe it's for cocktail parties.

Anyhow, the costumes, in all its 19th century elegance, turned up this week in one of the fanciest custom dress collections in town.

To be sure, it was a "sport" among the otherwise modern—and pretty, feminine and wearable costumes turned out by Bergdorf Goodman's three custom designers—Mary Gleason, Mark Moorning and Leslie Morris.

Back interest, button trimmings and the clever tricks of cut and color and fabric combination which distinguish all imaginative dressmaking were the outstanding virtues of the collection.

Large Box Pleats Give Suits Back Interest

Looking at the back, the most distinctive treatment turned up in a group of simple silk and wool daytime dresses which carried full-length extra panels down the back from each shoulder. In a black crepe dress the accordion pleated panels were joined in a knot at the front neckline.

Back interest in suits took the form of large box pleats and gentle flares, the apparent hallmarks of 1949 spring. One handsome navy blue wool suit had large box pleats both front and back which were extended, in effect, onto the jacket skirt with rows of buttons to match the folds.

Wool jersey tops were used for a couple of heavy Italian silk shantung dresses, usually bound or collared and cuffed in the shantung.

Culotte Dress Has Plunging Neckline

One of the smartest draping tricks in the collection was the twisted short sleeve of a dress. The sleeve turned out to be a simple, moderately full sleeve with an arm-hugging elastic band at the end. The sleeve was simply wound tight around the arm, held in place by its elastic.

Other outstanding costumes included:

A full, pleated culotte dress in natural colored silk shantung with a neckline open to the waist and filled in with gold chains.

A lilac colored taffeta evening gown cut on full skirted princess lines with a strapless top and arm cuffs of matching tulle.

A group of sheer ankle-length evening gowns with trains fastened to the wrist, which cleared the floor when the wrist was held at shoulder height.

A navy crepe daytime dress pleated all around with two-inch box pleats and held slim with bandings at the hip and above the knee.

A tan wool suit with wide russet leather belt and a hat of the same material.

The Doctor Says—Eye Disease Conquered

By EDWIN F. JORDAN, M. D.

ONE OF THE great triumphs of medicine of recent years is the conquest of an eye disease known as trachoma.

This disease formerly afflicted many American Indians in whom it caused a great deal of blindness. It was also frequent among the peoples in the mountains of Tennessee and Kentucky and among the farmers of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.

When it first starts, trachoma looks like any other acute inflammation of the outer part of the eye. The eye looks inflamed and thickened.

Little blister-like bodies appear around the edges within a few days. In three or four weeks the thickening and other signs become typical of trachoma and are easy to distinguish from other inflammation of the eye.

THE CAUSE of this condition is a virus which unlike ordinary germs is too small to see under the microscope. In the late stages of this dangerous disease, the eyelid tends to drop down and the lids may become deformed. The disease causes scarring of some of the tender tissues of the eye and this is what causes inability to see.

A correct and early diagnosis is the most important problem in the treatment of trachoma. Many treatments which are useful in other eye diseases, however, are not satisfactory for trachoma.

THE REMARKABLE improvement in the outlook for the sufferer from trachoma comes from the use of the sulfa drugs or penicillin.

Either of them, whether used locally, by injection or by mouth, are highly effective in the early stages of the disease. It is for these reasons that early diagnosis and prompt treatment are so necessary, so that blindness can be avoided and painful and difficult operations on the eye made unnecessary.

By the use of these preparations, and by recognizing trachoma as an infectious disease spread from person to person, it is becoming far less common.



It's Sew Easy

TAILOR TACKS IN A HURRY

RULER FOR HOME SEWING

Zooming pattern sales... figures show a 400 per cent rise above before-the-war records... indicate that home sewing is a favored avocation.

The shirt motif has a great deal to do with the zooming, of course. But some credit can go to all the recently developed mechanical helpers designed to simplify the dressmaker's tasks.

Entrants in The Times \$1460 National Sewing Contest will find that many of the new devices racked up on notion counters and in local sewing centers will help them in making their contest garments. Lots of these devices are especially designed to help the novice needle-woman achieve more professional looking results.

Take, for example, the Dritz Tailor Tacker (pictured at left). Available in notion departments and sewing centers, it provides a quick accurate way to make tailor tacks—the worst chore of home-sewing. The time for this tedious job is cut to a quarter of what it used to be. The automatic tacker is a long-shaped device that grips fabric and pattern together. It is used to chalk, simultaneously, the perforated markings on both sides of the fabric.

ANOTHER-TIMESAVER is a rigid plastic ruler (right). All the home-seamstress has to do is place it over the fabric and mark lines through open slits in the ruler. That way it's easy to mark bias strips, belts and button holes. (This one is at Ayres' and Block's.)

To put an end to searches for elusive bobbins is the purpose of a new transparent plastic bobbin box. Individual-grooved compartments line up 18 bobbins in a neat and easily viewed array. The seamstress who admires the couturier touch which fabric-covered buttons add to a costume can make her own with the help of a new kit. This kit comes complete with metal button tops and shanks and the three precision tools needed to clamp on a fabric covering in less than a minute.

Hosiery Seams Straighten Up



Non-slip stocking top

THE FINAL answer to crooked stocking seams is claimed by the manufacturer of some nylons to be introduced here this week. Prestige, Inc., is the maker of the hose which will be shown at Block's.

The new stocking is the product, the maker advises, of a year's research. Result is a four-way stocking to mold the leg from toe to thigh.

AT THE TOP there is a flat tuck-like fold which makes each stocking easily adjustable to four individual lengths. This can be turned in, in various ways, to provide a smooth, flat top ready for any garter length. It does away with wrinkles and bunchiness.

And, because the garter always has a firm anchor (never in the shadow welt or sheer leg part), runs are minimized.

AS FOR THAT straight seam business, it comes along with the extra fold in the top. This fold, by clinging to the stocking layer next to it, exerts a non-slip grip which keeps the seam from twisting.

Two proportions are available in the new hosiery. Type B is for the slender to average leg and type BB for the woman 5-feet 6-inches or taller and the shorter woman with full legs.

The hosiery colors range from rosy tan to copper brown.

Pythons Sub Debs List New Officers

The Pythons Sub Deb Club announces its new officers.

They are Marilee Garland, president; Shirley Wertz, vice president; Betty Kennedy and Patti pledges of the Pythons.

CAREER GIRLS

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Block's TERRACE TEA ROOM Sixth Floor

'Know Your United Nations' Campaign Being Planned By Women Voters League

26 State Units Will Be Represented At Meeting Here Thursday

State plans for a nation-wide "Know Your United Nations" campaign to be conducted by the League of Women Voters will be made Thursday at a meeting in the Indianapolis YWCA. Invitations have been extended to each of the 26 Indiana Leagues.

Mrs. Norman Fox of LaPorte, state United Nations chairman, and Mrs. Ralph Fuchs of Bloomington are co-chairmen for the meeting. Both women recently attended a conference in Lake Success, N. Y., arranged by the National League for representatives from the entire country.

Information on practical techniques of stimulating interest in the United Nations will be discussed by the local leagues.

Among the questions will be the accomplishments and organization of the United Nations to meet these problems. These facts will be brought before citizens in the community-wide campaigns.

Bloomington League To Give Round Table

Members of the Bloomington League will present the United Nations round-table at the morning session. Mrs. Allan C. G. Mitchell of that city, foreign relations chairman on the national league board, will preside.

Two Will Speak In Afternoon

James A. Eldridge, Midwest field director for the American Association for the United Nations, and Kenesaw M. Landis II of Logansport, columnist-commentator, will address the afternoon meeting.

They will stress the responsibility of each individual citizen to understand the United Nations and the necessity for support if the United Nations is to fulfill its purpose.

Wash Hose Before They're Worn

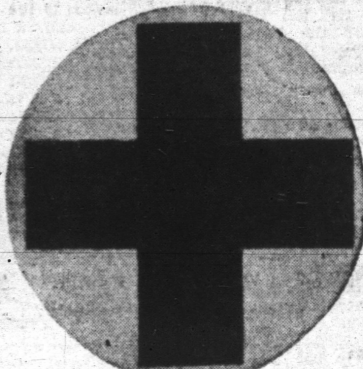
Many stores today advise washing, or at least rinsing, new nylon or silk hose before wearing them. The idea is to remove any finish used in manufacture at the start and thus help stockings to wear longer. Clothing specialists of the U. S. Agriculture Department suggest that this pre-washing also may make for a closer, neater fit the first time the hose are worn.

Rub Out Rub

Where there's a rub, there's likely to be a hole in socks. To save wear and eventual holes at heel or toe, rub on a little wax or paraffin. It will not show, will last through several washings, will ease the rub that causes the hole and will save much darning.

Use Spring Mood

Pick-up your basic black dress with accessories in the springtime mood. Bright bunches of flowers and matching gloves give a lift. Or a fetching scarf lends dash. And there's no need to mention what a hat does for the ego.



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STATE TORNADO TOLL IS 19; 200 HURT, LOSS IN MILLIONS

Fear Others Buried in 4-County Debris

Dead Listed: 80 Victims Are Hospitalized

"A strip of death lay across Indiana today. Nineteen are known dead. More than 200 are injured. Damage will run into millions. It was the work of a roaring, twisting, smashing tornado... the twister whirled into Indiana shortly before 5 p. m. Friday...

Churches, schools and homes were being utilized for the homeless. The Red Cross was moving in mobile kitchens and fed more than 300 today at noon..."

That was the news, Saturday evening, March 27, 1948. Within an hour after the tornado struck, the Red Cross was functioning in the stricken area.

You Too, Can Help Through Your Red Cross

What will it be this year? A disastrous flood, an epidemic, another tornado? Whatever it is, the Red Cross will be on the spot, helping, as it is twenty-four hours a day, every day with YOUR assistance.

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