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**FASHIONS IN BERLIN POOR**

Outdated, Poor-Quality Work Features German Shop Displays

BERLIN — Fashion, never a vital thing in Germany's capital, is closer to utter extinction today than ever and the few well-dressed women here are doing what they've always done: follow Paris, blindly and badly.

A few German designers are making clothes, with bad ersatz material or super-expensive black market cloth. But they are clothes that can be seen in last year's Paris collections or old copies of American fashion magazines.

Shop windows show the long suit jackets beloved of the Paris couturier, with the tight-fitting waist line. Dresses use material generously. Skirts are short. Detail work is coarse and the fine workmanship of France lacking.

Paris's occupation joke—those huge over-decorated hats—really impressed the German conquerors, for their women are still wearing them though France dropped them like hot cakes the minute she was liberated.

Still in evidence too are the hair fashions which are as dated as hats. Fraternizing frauleins and window-shopping fraus on Berlin's Fifth Avenue, the Kurfurstendamm, affect those high pompadours and elaborate coils of hair that disappeared before V-E Day. Others—brunettes—still copy the two-year-old Paris vogue of a single bleached forelock.

**For the Wealthy**

But these are things that the well-dressed and moneyed German woman is able to wear. What the average German woman in moderate circumstances wears on the street must be seen to be believed.

Slacks and ski pants are much in evidence, even now that warm weather has come to Germany. More women wear bandanas than hats—and the bandanas are worn much as one would put on a bathing cap. Coats are plain, dinky black (Germany had a dye shortage) and badly cut. Dresses are straight cut, ill-fitted and utterly without style.

Few women have gloves, and their shoes are usually of leather, but so old, so run-over that it is painful to watch them walk. A few women have silk stockings, but they are thick, of disagreeable colors and usually with many darns in them. It is impossible to compare German fashion or German women with the French or the Americans, for both of the latter have a feeling for clothes Germans apparently do not. Whether from necessity or taste they run to drab colors and shapeless clothes.

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**WHAT'S DOING AT PRINCE RUPERT RECREATION COUNCIL GYMS**  
BY JIM NAST

**MOVIES TONIGHT** — Mel Harper has returned from Vancouver with a number of National Film Board movies that he assures us are better than any previous educational films we have had. The first picture will be especially interesting to sports fans as it shows the breathtaking thrill of toboggan racing at 30 miles per hour. There is also ice hockey, played with broomsticks by a girls' team, which Mel says should not be missed, and baseball and basketball teams perform on the ice. In addition, the film shows skiing, ice-boat sailing, ice-skates sailing and stunts on skis. The other film pictures British Columbia's beautiful timber lands—all in lovely technicolor—and fire preventive measures that are taken each year. It ends up with a great pyrotechnic display, as forest rangers battle an enormous forest blaze. This picture is especially timely with the coming hot weather menace to the valuable timberlands.

John Thompson, who was one of three members of Rup Rec to attend the Pro Rec competitions at Victoria last week, returned on the Princess Adelaide Monday afternoon. Rup Rec director George McGregor, and Mrs. Eileen Yelland, who also attended the province-wide gymnasium sports meet, are expected to return Wednesday on the Prince Rupert. Although the Prince Rupert representatives captured no major prizes, they turned in a creditable performance. Kelowna was winner of the first prize for team entries, while a competitor from Rossland was winner of the men's individual honors.

**LACROSSE PLAYERS** — There will be the usual lacrosse practices this evening with Intermediate, from 7:30 to 8:30 and Seniors on the floor from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**GYM CLASS** — The junior boys' class will be at 4:30 this afternoon. There is still a big turnout to this class and the boys have shown great progress in their gymnastic table. It is expected that some real athletes will go on from this junior class into the intermediates next autumn.

**HIKERS** — Let's hear from all you out-of-doors people so we can get our hiking club organized before the good weather returns.

**HOW CAN I ???**  
BY ANNE ASHLEY  
Q. How can I remove the skins of tomatoes easily and quickly?  
A. Rubbing the back edge of a silver knife over the ripe tomato is an effective way to remove the skin. It is more simple than heating the tomato.  
Q. How can I relieve the pain of a bee sting?  
A. Extract the sting of a bee and then apply any of the following remedies: Bruised catnip leaves, moist clay, baking soda or ammonia.  
Q. How can I loosen a door that sticks?  
A. Try tightening the screws of the hinges. If the screws are too loose, replace them with the next size larger.

**Queensland to Probe Paralysis Treatment**

BRISBANE, Australia — The Queensland government has ordered an investigation into the Sister Kenny treatment of infantile paralysis. Sister Kenny, an Australian nurse, asked for the investigation on her return to Brisbane after five years in America. Her treatment has not been accorded full medical recognition in either Australia or America. She formed the Kenny Institute in America and interested the late President Roosevelt, a paralysis victim, in her methods.

**Postal Rule Stops Letters to Uncle**

CARDIFF, Wales — Margaret Griffiths, 22, is a sub-postmistress at Nantybwh, Monmouthshire, but cannot write her uncle, Health Minister Aneurin Bevan. At a conference of sub-postmasters she supported a resolution asking elimination of a rule forbidding sub-postmasters to write members of parliament.

**FILED AND FORGOTTEN**  
The insecticide now known as DDT was first compounded in 1874, but its practical value was not determined until 1939.

**Returning Service Personnel Records Are Being Sought**

The Daily News is anxious to completely record the arrival of all service men and women returning home from the war. Accordingly, it is requested that information be made available to this office regarding the date of arrival home, the service with which the veteran has been identified, in what theatres of war, if wounded, ill, etc. If inconvenient to call at the office, the information may be written or telephoned in. Pictures would be particularly welcome. Street and Postal addresses and telephone numbers are also requested.

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**Modern Etiquette**  
BY ROBERTA LEE

Q. What should a girl do if she does not drink and is going to dinner with a man who suggests that they go first into the bar?  
A. Go with him and order some mild drink that does not contain alcohol.  
Q. Do women call on each other in the evening?  
A. (Not often; the afternoon is preferable, between three and five.  
Q. What is the meaning of "en casserole"?  
A. Served in a small earthenware dish.

**Dad's Music Score By Menuhin Child**

LONDON — Yehudi Menuhin's playing may be to people the world's greatest music, but to five-year-old and six-year-old Zamira and daughter — it is an old scraping noise. Youngsters solemnly told porter that "Mummy" a piano plays much better. Parents say it is wrong to music to an unwilling child spoils them for life. Menuhin, "They enjoy more if it is not forced on early in life," said the father.



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