

CONTEST WINNED BY GROUP

Public Relations Commission plans to initiate a contest in the city this year and will seek co-operation from the Horticultural Society in conducting the project. The plan was one of several presented at last night's council meeting for beautifying the city in the most possible appearance for the season.



ALEXANDERS IN U.S. FOR CELEBRATION—Field Marshal Viscount Alexander (right) and his wife, the Viscountess, leave their train at Pennsylvania station, New York City, after their arrival from Washington. I. C. Raymond Atkins, left, president of the Canadian Society of New York, whose 50th anniversary Viscount Alexander will help celebrate, and Hugh D. Scully, second from left, Canadian consul-general in New York, met Viscount Alexander and his party on their arrival.

RARE REPTILES ODD CREATURES

VANCOUVER, B.C.—T. P. Menzies, curator of the Vancouver museum, has received a pair of axolotls—rare reptiles of the salamander species.

"The axolotls don't seem to give a hoot about the laws of evolution," says Mr. Menzies. "They live, reproduce and die as tadpoles, never shedding their fuzzy gills to step out of their watery world."

Axolotls were discovered and named by the Aztec Indians who strayed south toward Mexico City in the 12th century.

One of two local specimens is a six-inch albino female beauty with seven red gills; her greenish-black male companion is eight inches long. While the female flirts on the surface of her home in a cozy water-filled tank, the male sulks on the stony, rocky bottom.

These uncivilized tadpoles like earthworms but spurn all vegetable matter. Cannibalistic tendencies become evident if the axolotl is not fed regularly. He, or she, will snap off the leg of another reptile.

The museum here obtained Mr. and Mrs. Axolotl from Buffalo.

PAVEMENT PASTRY

MOOSE JAW, Sask.—Bread, cakes and pies were spread along a residential street in Moose Jaw when the runner-equipped wagon of Kenneth Beckett, bakery salesman, overturned as his horse stampeded down a hill. He finally caught the horse and led it back picking up the goods on the way.

DOVER, Eng.—Smugglers coming from Europe try to sneak past customs with false-bottom suitcases. In one, 191 watches and other goods were found.

Styles For 'Teen Agers

White Pique, Black Velvet In Beguiling Bolero Suits Will Charm Junior Misses

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NEW YORK (AP)—Sophisticated "teen-agers" will look like pretty babies this spring—and the accent is on the word "sophisticated." The new clothes take a lot of wearing.

White pique and black velvet are junior high-style fabrics and demure white gloves complete most costumes.

For example, the little bolero suit with the short black velvet jacket buttoning at the throat under the ruffled Peter Pan collar rounds away below the buttons to show the white pique blouse to which the blouse belongs. The ruffled cuffs on the blouse's long sleeves are turned back over the bolero sleeves to match the collar. The wide-banded, gathered skirt is of pin-checked green and white wool.

With this beguiling costume goes a burnt straw sailor, lined on the under side of the brim with black velvet and having streamers of the same material. It is worn on the back of the head on top of a sleek, combed-back hair-do. Final touches are low, strapped shoes and white gloves.

The whole costume may be changed by different skirts, blouses, hats and shoes to make the most versatile item in a sub-teen's wardrobe.

SMART JUNIOR DAYTIME WEAR

Variations of the junior theme are neat daytime dresses, buttoned to the neck and sporting small collars; full-skirted dresses for dress-up, with low, wide

NEW CLOTH FROM CHICK FEATHERS

KELOWNA, B.C.—Clothing may soon be made of chicken feathers. Trade Minister Leslie Eyres predicts Mr. Eyres says scientists have developed a new fabric made principally from chicken feathers, resembling wool but warmer, softer and lighter. It can be dyed any color and possesses a brilliant lustre. With 13,000,000 pounds of feathers going to waste in Canada, a man's suit would take feathers from only 38 chickens. A woman's suit would require only 30 broilers for size 18.

necklines and short, puffed sleeves. One of the prettiest of these is of green and white striped taffeta with a wide black velvet midriff.

For a "good" dress, just this side of a formal evening gown, a simple frock of black faille is the best bet of New York fashion houses specializing in "teen" fashions.

And (parents take note) with these dresses go simple black shoes with a really high heel to balance the new, slightly longer hemline. Black suede opera pumps are number one choice for wear with faille costumes.

Suits again have the costume look—with a simple grey flannel jacket and flared skirt dressed up with a white pique collar a little smaller than the suit collar. White pique gloves, pet sailor, and saddle leather over-the-shoulder bag go with this suit.

Grey and pastel corduroy and thin tweeds are being presented in junior forecasts for spring suits while wool, both sheer and crepe, are the choice for spring dresses.



TO STAY YOUNG, GROW YOUR OWN VEGETABLES, SO DOCTOR SAYS

Want to stay young and beautiful?

Dr. Frank G. Boudreau, chairman of the Food and Nutrition Board, United States National Research Council, told the National Garden Conference that growing a home vegetable garden and eating the vegetables would do more to accomplish "than all the beauty shops."

He stressed the fact that this was strictly a modern idea the result of discoveries by science which had astonished the nutrition experts.

"It was a great surprise to discover the remarkable dietary qualities of the leaves of plants," he said.

"They constitute complete foods, rich in actively functioning cells, which contain everything necessary for the metabolic process. They supply all the nutrient which an animal requires. The liberal use of the protective foods, among which vegetables and fruits rank high, tends to preserve the characteristics of youth. The larger the percentage of calories taken in the form of protective foods, the smaller the percentage of failure in the preservation of the characteristics of youth and the greater the extension of the prime of life.

"There was a time in this country when the produce of home gardens was not appreciated," he said. "During the first half of the 19th century farmers were indifferent to green vegetables. Presidential candi-

date Van Buren was attacked for using public funds to raise strawberries and raspberries, cauliflower and celery for his table. Infant mortality was high, people aged quickly and expectation of life at birth was extremely low.

"It is not surprising that poor complexions, hollow cheeks, sickly looks and lack of vigor should have been the results of a common diet of solid dishes like roast beef, salt pork, bread, puddings and pastry with no leavening of fresh vegetables and fruits.

"During the war the food grown in Victory gardens supplemented dietary deficiencies; taught better food habits and in many cases brought a little sunshine into homes made gloomy by the war. For eating is one of life's pleasures, and there is a great store for the individual who eats for the first time properly cooked and served vegetables and fruits fresh from the garden. All of these benefits flow from home gardens in peacetime as well, and they also bring some extra dividends.

"Just now when food prices are high, home gardens can help to prevent inflation. Healthful exercise in the open air is a useful remedy for many ill-lead sedentary lives. The cultivation of home gardens provides recreation for the mind as well as the body; it is the treatment of mental diseases."

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Lawbreakers' Bane But Not Policeman

HALIFAX (AP)—Edgar (Hank) Shafner is not a police officer and has no desire to be but he probably has been the downfall of more petty lawbreakers than many a rookie constable.

Three times now in the last three years the 35-year-old Granville Ferry, N.S., man has led police to a man wanted for some infraction of the law.

Recently in Halifax he followed a man from his boarding house when a fellow roomer had called for assistance after being robbed. Shafner followed the man onto a tram car, then notified police who arrested the armed man despite his threats of "you won't get me."

A year ago, when Shafner was

NINE CLAIM WALLET

MONCTON, N.B. (AP)—You can't blame them for trying. The R.C.M.P. found a wallet containing \$300—advertised for its owner—and got nine claimants.

employed by the C.N.R., he followed a man who had taken a travelling bag from one of the pullmans. He held the culprit until police took him away.

Three years ago he chased two men the length of a railway car when he noticed them robbing two dozing sailors. He caught the men and held them until the shore patrol came.

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