



TRUMANS TAKE OVER THE WHITE HOUSE

The President — Well, Bess, how do you like the new shack?
 Mrs. Truman — You know me, Harry: I like a house smaller and cozier.
 The President — Me, too. Not much like the housekeeping setup back in old Missouri, is it?
 Mrs. Truman — I wish White Houses weren't compulsory. Why can't a president live in a little place he likes and just keep a house like this for special events and visitors?
 The President — That would suit me, honey. But traditions are traditions, even when they make you pretty miserable. A shebang as big as this takes plenty of getting used to.
 Mrs. Truman — I suppose it could be worse.
 The President — How's the kitchen?
 Mrs. Truman — Back home in Independence or Grandview they'd put a sign "Eureka" on it and hold roller skating derbies in it. But Mrs. Roosevelt left it lovely. Not a speck anywhere.
 The President — She had it all modernized and equipped with up-to-date gadgets.
 Mrs. Truman — I'd still settle for an old-fashioned Missouri kitchen with a few essential pots and pans where I could find 'em without calling for help.
 The President — One with the old bacon and eggs atmosphere... the coffee-and-cakes-for-two mood, eh, Bess?
 Mrs. Truman — Oh man! A plain everyday kitchen with a homemade apple pie flavor... a smell of cornbread... a lingering aroma of fresh ginger cookies... a sort of roast pork and potatoes intimacy... and air of flapjacks and maple syrup.
 The President — Stop it, Bess! You're killing me!

The President — What a load of oil paintings they have around here. They stare out at me everywhere. It's creepy.
 Mrs. Truman — You and I were raised in the old-fashioned pictures-in-the-back-of-the-red-plush-album-when-you-need-'em mood.
 The President — Well, we can make the place cozy by putting in a few things of our own.
 Mrs. Truman — Like what?
 The President — Well, that old pine table of mine, the walnut desk I got in Kansas City, the bookcase that...
 Mrs. Truman — Not that old cabinet with all those war souvenirs, guns, fishing reels, stuffed birds and pipes all over it!
 The President — Now, look, Bess; don't forget I'm commander-in-chief now.
 Mrs. Truman — Harry, be yourself!

TWITCHELL AND THOSE SKEETER LOVE SONGS
 Elmer Twitchell is intrigued by the recent announcement that a Cornell medical man has been trapping mosquitoes and making phonographic recordings of their "love songs." The Cornell man, Dr. Morton C. Kahn, says the songs of the female skeeters panic the males.
 Mr. Twitchell wanted to know why any doctor wanted to make such researches into the life of a skeeter anyhow. We explained that it was all part of a new campaign in skeeter extermination. "Recordings of the love songs played in scientific swamp-traps will lure millions to specific points, where they can then be gassed or something," we explained.

"I am an old mosquito trapper myself," said Elmer, "but I believe in a code of sportsmanship, no matter whether the quarry is mosquitoes or elephants. There is something low and despicable about the doctor's idea."
 Just then a large one lit on Elmer's forearm and gave him the needle. Elmer swatted it in unusual savagery, exterminating it in a very ruthless manner.
 "How about it?" we asked.
 "That one," he declared, "was a CROONER!"
 "But even so, did you have to sock it like that?"
 "Yes. Know what it was crooning?"
 "What?"
 "I'll be seeing you in all the old familiar places!" barked Elmer.

Matthew J. Connolly of Clinton, Mass.; and Jimmy Reinech of Atlanta, Ga., are President Truman's official secretaries. The office wag says the correspondents can now get in with a Jimmy and go to the Matt on all issues if necessary.
 Hi — Everytime my wife reads about another resignation in Washington she says, "They can't keep any help very long down there, either."
 Walter T. Kohn.

Teen-Timers Want Chic Styles Designed Especially for Them

By **CHERIE NICHOLAS**



THERE is no clientele that has a better, chummier "stand-in" with designers, merchants and in fact the entire fashion industry than that of our ever-beloved teen-age youngsters.

Believe it or not, these teen-timers, who seem to have "taken over" in the fashion realm, judging from the way their every whim in matter of dress is catered to by those who set the new fashions, definitely do not all wear bobby socks, nor do they all go about carelessly in too-large sweaters. As a matter of fact, most of them are keen on smart duds right now. There are times when even a Sinatra-swooner likes to get prettied up in a real dress, and pumps that have real heels.

There is one thing that teen-timers insist upon, and that is the clothes they wear must be styled definitely for them. The frocks, the suits, the coats, the blouses and all the details that go to make up their wardrobe must look the part of the radiant, keen-minded teen-age. You can see at first glance that the fashions here pictured are unmistakably keyed in teen-age mood. The roguish little teen-timer to the right is wearing a dress that fairly shouts youth at you. That good old standby, color-bright gingham, is the material used for this charming frock. It's trimmed with ric rac and features a baby neckline. A dirndl waistline and full ruffles about the neck and pockets bespeak a youthful styling.

The pretty girl, centered in the trio, is wearing a decidedly teenage type dress that features a daisy chain neckline and fly-front enhanced with embroidered daisies. This season embroidery enters very

importantly into fashion's scheme of things. The smart epaulet shoulders carry the same line as the flanges on big sister's new spring frock.

Any teen-age lass would feel quite dressed up in the dress to the left. It is made of gabardine in any of the new and lovely pastels you may choose. Embroidered daisies outline the scalloped pockets and the epaulet shoulders. The bodice ties with a self-fabric cord at the neckline. The soft dirndl-type skirt will sway beautifully on the dance floor.

A jumper dress rates as an indispensable in a young girl's wardrobe. A smartly styled type of gray flannel has a skirt that fastens down the left hip with huge red buttons. A semi-yoke that flanges over each shoulder is also cleverly anchored with three red buttons at each side. With this jumper frock, Miss Fashionwise Teen-ager wears a blouse of the new and tres chic long-sleeve type, the fullness of which is gathered into wristbands.

The weskit dress is another high-spot in a teen-timer's wardrobe. A favorite model is made of checked rayon. The skirt has three flat box pleats in front and the bottom of the sleeveless weskit has a two-point hemline cut exactly like Daddy's vest. Girls in their early teens are also quite elated over the sun-back dresses being made up especially for them of striped chambray or printed pique that have the cunningest little separate boleros with cool cap sleeves styled in the latest manner.

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Cottons de Luxe



Cottons are going places this spring and summer. Many women think so highly of them, they are planning a wardrobe made up almost entirely of swank cotton weaves. This pretty frock of mint-cool chambray will be just the thing to wear for an afternoon date. It has an interesting neckline and modish cap sleeves. The plaid gingham peplum is detachable, which goes to show what clever things are being done in way of interchangeable accessories. This peplum on, and that peplum off, gives you two costumes in one. As to the gloves of matching gingham, they are right in step with fashion's idea as to what's what in high-style costume accents.

Dirndl Skirt With Blouse Making Big Hit This Season

This is a season when young girls will be wearing most picturesque dresses that stress the blouse-and-skirt theme. It's the dirndl skirt worn with a quaint and charming off-shoulder blouse that is making the big hit. You may expect to see this fashion played up in most versatile and fascinating ways. In the colorings, the styling and the general appearance these exotic looking little two-piecers definitely reflect Mexican and South American influence. The dirndl skirt made of gay cottons is smartly styled with flounces in many instances or, if a simple straight silhouette, is apt to be made ornate with huge novelty pockets or wide contrast borderings about the hemline. The favorite blouse is the off-shoulder type with full short puffed sleeves. You can make them up simply of gay print or any material you choose. However, the big news is the fine lingerie blouse of an exquisite sheer that is enchantingly trimmed with lace edging or colorful hand embroidery. You will want at least one of these for gala occasions and parties.

Large Star Shape Is New Jewelry Trend

The newest thing in brooches, clips and pendants is the large important-looking star shape. These handsome jewelry pieces are fetchingly designed in glittering sunburst effects, some with colorful stone settings in a one-color scheme or they may reflect multi-colors or they may be worked in lacy filigree gold effects. They are so decorative that they may be worn as the single important jewel that glamorizes an entire costume.



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ONE MAN'S WORK ON UNION PUBLICATION

A SHORT TIME AGO Ellis Searles died in Washington. For considerably more than a quarter of a century he was numbered among my much-appreciated newspaper friends. I knew him first when he was the political editor of the Indianapolis News, a Democratic newspaper, the principal owner of which was a leading Republican, former Vice President Fairbanks.

That condition, plus the division of both parties in the state into bitterly warring factions, with Fairbanks the leader of one of the Republican factions, made the job of political editor of the News not an easy one to handle. That was especially true in a state where the game of politics was played as close to the chest as in Indiana. Searles was thoroughly grounded in all the details of the political situation in the state. He knew all the inhibitions, and was filling the job to the satisfaction of a Republican owner and a Democratic clientele.

It was, as I remember, either 1917 or 1918 that Searles told me he was quitting the News. He said the job, under the conditions that then existed, offered no opportunity to do constructive work, and he wanted to do something that would aid in bettering America. He told me he had accepted the job of editing the Coal Miners' Journal.

At first it was hard for me to believe his statement. I could visualize Ellis Searles on such a job. He told me he had accepted on John Lewis' written agreement that, as editor of the miners' publication, he could use it as a medium through which to inspire better American citizenship. Lewis had urged that he do just that.

For a quarter of a century Ellis Searles, through every issue of the Coal Miners' Journal, carried to his miner audience the ideology of our American way of life; the operations of a representative government, and the citizen's place in that government. He did, in a simple, understandable way, what the schools might do. He believed in the efficacy of the job he was doing. He believed he was giving the miners and their families a broader conception of the meaning and values of American citizenship.

Regardless of our opinion of John Lewis, and his influence, we must credit him with having made the work of Ellis Searles possible.

WHEN IS A COMPANY IN 'BIG BUSINESS'?

HOW BIG must business be to be considered big business? How small and how large can business be to be in the small business class? We have in the United States 40 concerns each with assets ranging from one to more than six billion dollars. That is big business, but in what category is the business between that and on down to the village store? Just where does big business stop and small business start? Can the answer be based on the amount of assets, number of stockholders, number of employees or profits. Metropolitan Life Insurance company is the largest business in America in point of assets. They amount to \$6,463,803,532. It has 30,500,000 stockholders. It employs, exclusive of agents working on commission, 26,507 people. Its profits for 1943 amounted to \$24,466,528, a bit under \$1 per stockholder. To me the village store represents small business. To some people I know the one hundred million dollar corporation is considered small business. I know of no standard.

POSTWAR FARMING SHOULD BE UNREGULATED

THE MOST PRACTICAL postwar solution of the so-called farm problem is to permit the farmer to raise what he knows his acres will produce to best advantage, without direction or regimentation from Washington. The government's job is to be that of assuring him a fair price market at home and abroad. The farmer would prefer that the government assist China, for example, in supplying food for her starving millions, and by so doing provide a market for full American farm production, rather than have the government pay him a dime for not producing. The world produces too little, rather than too much food to assure full stomachs for all peoples. It is a problem of world distribution.

WE CAN JUSTLY sing praises to the heroic exploits of the airman;

we can glory in the hard hitting shells of the artillery, and the dare-devil leading of the tanks; we can marvel at the skill and resources of the engineers, but it is the infantry that really wins the war. The fier, the artillery, the tanks and the engineers are but preparatory. It is when the weary, heavy, mud-encrusted feet of the G.I. Joes of the infantry have been implanted on soil held by the enemy that the battle is over.



Science Develops Aids for Farmers

Crop and Livestock Improvements Seen

CONTINUED high production levels on American farms in 1945 should be materially aided by recent discoveries and developments by U. S. department of agriculture research experts.

Some of the announced results of the Agricultural Research administration's program are:

1. Release of 23 new improved varieties of plants; such as corn hybrids, suitable to the South. Hybrid corn has been little used there so far, but the new variety shows promise of bigger acre yield increases than in the North. Hybrid onions give evidence of increasing yields per acre, as much as 20 to 50 per cent.
2. Working out of methods for conditioning and treating ammonium nitrate, so that it can be readily used as a high-nitrogen fertilizer.
3. Confirmation by tests with DD (dichloropropylene - dichloropropane) of earlier reports that it is highly effective against the root-knot nematode.
4. Development of a mechanism for dispersal of insecticidal sprays by airplane.
5. Production of new allyl compounds, from ordinary sugars and starches, that form clear, weather-resistant coatings for wood, paper, or metal.
6. Development of a dual-stretch method which improves the physical



Better Production



cal properties of cord made from cotton fiber, the result of research on tire cord.

7. Extension of the use of phenothiazine as a drug for livestock. Research has shown that it can be safely used for calves, and that wormy sheep taking regular small doses in their salt, show improvement from the medication.

Postwar Locker Plant Expansion Promised



Model Locker Plants Increase.

As a result of prewar as well as successful wartime experience of farmers who have used frozen food lockers for quick freezing and storing of their surplus food supplies, a broad increase in construction of locker plants in farming communities is expected after the war, according to the National Frozen Food Locker association.

The frozen food locker industry, now operating more than two million individual storage units, serves one-fourth of America's farm families, and is making plans for further expansion.
 Rental of lockers, in many cases, is far below the cost for low temperature refrigeration installed by individual farmers. Tests have proven that the quality of meats, fruits and vegetables can be maintained by properly regulated locker plants.
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Household Hints

When making pancakes, here is a useful tip. Rub a little salt over the frying-pan when it is hot. The batter will not stick then.
 Dusting with talcum or cornstarch will help keep rubber gloves from sticking together on the inside. The powder is dusted both on the inside and on the outside. This should be done to any rubber material that lies folded.
 Used crankcase oil may be used to paint fences and gates. Paint only during dry weather.
 Eggs which are very cold separate more easily. Break them as soon as they come out of the ice box if the yolks and whites are to be used separately.
 Squeeze a little lemon juice through the meat grinder before grinding dates, figs, prunes or raisins and they will leave the chopper more readily.
 By cooking in dishes that you can bring right to the table, food will stay hot longer and you will save yourself dishwashing.
 To avoid fatigue while you are ironing or doing any work where you remain long in one spot, stand on a heavy rug or rubber mat.

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