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Exchange of Students To Promote Good Will

THE state department has a plan, now embodied in a bill before the congress, which may do more than all of our diplomats to bring about good will and understanding between the peoples of our nation and other nations of the world.

They Learn How We Do It

This program is under the division of cultural relations of the state department which is now a co-ordinating agency for 26 departments and bureaus.

Credit for this idea is given to William Benton, assistant secretary of state in charge of public affairs.

Benton declares there is no substitute for face-to-face contact to bring about proper understanding.

Expect 20,000 by 1947

The program has already been tested on a small scale and some 400 persons from the Latin American republics have taken advantage of this reciprocal program.

Included in the bill, which would give the state department the necessary legislative authority for its world-wide program.

Maintain and service American libraries in 60 countries; send out a daily radio report to carry full texts of important official announcements.

We May Be Feared, Hated

The United States has emerged from the war as the world's most powerful nation, and strong nations too readily become hated and feared.

The entire program was adopted under orders of President Truman to "build in the hearts and minds of foreign peoples everywhere a full and fair picture of American life and of the policies of the government."

GRASSROOTS by WRIGHT A. PATTERSON Released by Western Newspaper Union.

THING WAGES TO PROFITS CAN PRESERVE FREE ENTERPRISE SOME EDITORIAL WRITERS, and many industrialists, insist that making profits the basis of wages would mean the death of our free enterprise system.

Years ago railroad management was insistent that the people had no concern with freight and passenger rates, made by management, other than to pay the rates if they wished to travel or to ship.

The seizure and operation of industrial plants on the part of government is but a first step toward nationalization. It is a step the radical elements have attempted to force by tying up production.

We need unlimited production, all we are capable of producing. Out of such production would come both lower prices to consumers and increased profits for capital.

Where is the danger to free enterprise in making labor a responsible partner in industry? To know costs and profits is the foundation on which such a partnership can be built.

TWO NONPROFIT organizations are doing valuable jobs for each of us Americans. They are the Tax Foundation, organized by Lewis H. Brown, with headquarters in New York, and the Citizens' National Committee, with headquarters in Washington.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES IN ATOMIC ENERGY

THE ATOMIC AGE as applied to war gives us the shudders, but the atomic age as applied to peace opens new frontiers and new opportunities for the genius of the world.

A TIP for Senator Byrd of Virginia, who, despite herculean efforts has failed materially to reduce the number of bureaucrats on the federal payroll: Secure the enactment of legislation that will disenfranchise all employees below the status of policy makers.

Wear a Glamorous Belt to Accent Your Chic Midwinter Black Frock

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



BELTS are playing a most spectacular role in the midwinter fashion picture. Not only is the idea of dramatizing a simple costume with a resplendent belt going over big in current fashions, but advance spring styles herald the importance of intriguing belts worn with skirt and bodice or blouse costumes.

At the immediate moment fashion-wise women are wearing chic black frocks of sophisticated simplicity to which daring and dramatic emphasis is being given via gorgeous belts after the manner shown in the illustration.

To browse around among the belt displays is as exciting as an Alice-in-Wonderland adventure. One of the outstanding numbers in a noted collection is an eye-catching belt done in colorful felt, emblazoned with artfully worked gold braid and glittering sequins.

Some of the dress-up belts are that richly bejeweled and embroidered

they look worth a king's ransom. It accents drama to wear this gorgeous belt sans other jewelry save perhaps a handsome bracelet.

The existing craze for beautiful and versatile belts that are hand-worked should be an inspiration to those who have a knack of making pretty costume accents for themselves to perform a little belt magic of their own.

One is tempted to acquire a collection of belts this season since they are smartly worn with every type costume, from play outfits and chic sportswear to the most formal evening clothes.

Hand-crocheted belts are shown in wide-band effect with interesting applique of tiny flowers and leaves, also hand-crocheted of bright colored yarns.

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New Ballet Length



Most beautiful cotton laces are being designed and manufactured that are as fragile and sheer as the best of fine laces. This charming dance dress is made of exquisitely filmy black cotton lace over pink marquisette.

Classic Jackets Are Longer for Spring

The big news about the spring suits is that their jackets are longer. That is, speaking of the classic types. However, in direct contrast to the long effects are the very brief bolero and basque jackets which are being designed for the young element.

A Preview of Beach Wear Comes From Winter Resorts

News from the southland resorts brings a foreword of what you will be wearing on the beach this summer.

Most of the bathing suits, for instance, are two-piece affairs with bare midriffs.

There is a charming model in bright yellow with a white braid trim and another in white pique with huge stylized red and blue pansies.

To top the suits you'll like the new beach robes, such as the one in deep turquoise cotton with an unusual cape top and a gracefully flared skirt.



THE SAILOR GETS A BREAK

Before long the navy will cease to be outdressed by the army.

The navy is being reborn, with those historic upside-down pants, sailor collars and demi tasse hats doing a fade out for snappier and more modernistic clothing.

Tradition is a fine thing and the old-time sailor suit was good enough for countless stout-hearted Americans to fight and die in, but nobody could feel swankily tailored in it.

Some people say, however, that the garb was a fine thing: It made the wearer fighting mad.

The change is not official yet, but the navy is trying out completely new uniforms for Jack Tars, and they are fully as smart as the army, marines and aircorps.

Strike up the band, Here comes a sailor, Freed from (at last) Farragut's tailor!

You can now join the navy and look as good as if you were in the army.

When a girl has to choose between the army and the navy it will be all even so far as the costumes are concerned.

Those old-fashioned bell-bottom trousers were designed so that a tar could shake 'em off swiftly if he went overboard, but modern youth can break swimming records even in a paratrooper's field regalia.

Nobody knows why the hat was designed, but it was never a fit and was one reason why so many boys joined the army.

Opry House Notes

If there ever was a New York theatrical season wallowing the notion that only dirt pays in the show world and that the big rewards go to the author who gets his ideas from under the linoleum, this is it.

"Show Boat," first produced almost twenty years ago, and revived in 1932, is back, for instance, and as terrific as ever.

On the other hand, there is that sign in 12-foot letters in Times Square that should help place some of the responsibility for juvenile crime, "Rougher and Tougher Than Murder, My Sweet".

IMAGINARY ANGLING

This spring I'll go fishing With a rod I cannot buy On the line nobody's selling I will tie a missing fly.

When the fish that isn't biting Strikes and runs beneath a rock I will haul him in directly With the reel that's out of stock.

Miami Beach is one of the few places on earth benefited by the war. It had a boom all through the disturbance. If Germans had held out another year, there wouldn't have been a room in the place under \$500 a week, without bath.

And if the Japs hadn't quit as they did, any realtor would have been able to sell a covered wagon for the price of a waterfront hotel.

BROADWAY, 1947

Author—I've got a new show. Producer—What vintage? If it's under 20 years old I can't use it.

Old adages revised. If you cry "woof" often enough you may get a milk.

A Hereford bull was sold at auction in Oklahoma the other day for \$51,000. And without potatoes or butter! It was a case where a redflag caused no trouble.

Spencer Tracy has been rumored in and out of "The Rugged Path" so many times they are thinking of changing the name to "Are You With It?"

We know one of the most disappointed mothers in America. Her son is not handsome enough for a future indorsing of fine whiskies and yet too good looking for beer ads.

They say of a certain admiral, "That's his story and he's stark with it."

SEWING CIRCLE PATTERNS Princess Frock Is Flattering Gay Aprons Make Welcome Gifts



APRON styles sure to please every home-maker. Gay little styles to make up in pretty flower prints, checks or bright stripes. And if you like a shorter apron, a jaunty little tie-on with cherry applique. Aprons make the most acceptable gifts, too.

Pattern No. 8955 comes in sizes 14, 16, 18, 20, 42, 44 and 46. Size 16, checked apron, 2 yards of 35 or 38-inch; flower print, 2 1/2 yards; tie-on, 1 1/2 yards.

Pattern No. 8956 is for sizes 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20. Size 14, short sleeves, neck 3 1/2 yards of 35 or 38-inch fabric; use scraps for applique.

Santa's School

One of America's unusual educational institutions is the Santa Claus school in Albion, N. Y., says Collier's.

Founded in 1937 by Charles W. Howard, this unique school gives instruction in the various subjects every department store Santa Claus should know, its 18 courses covering, for example, the art of make-up, showmanship, child psychology, and the recreational and educational value of the different types of toys.

Advertisement for SMITH BROS. COUGH DROPS, featuring a portrait of a man and the text "We can't make enough Smith Bros. Cough Drops to satisfy everybody."

Advertisement for FLEISCHMANN'S ACTIVE YEAST, featuring a woman holding a loaf of bread and the text "Here's sweeter, tastier bread with FLEISCHMANN'S FRESH ACTIVE YEAST."

Advertisement for SLOAN'S LINIMENT, featuring a bottle of the product and the text "FOR QUICK RELIEF FROM STIFF JOINTS and BRUISES."