

WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Social Happenings

Great American Sport Is Dressing Up For Prince

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New York, Sept. 2.—The great American sport for the next few weeks will be dressing up for—or after—the Prince of Wales. Dressmakers and clothiers owe a great debt of gratitude to the prince's visit. For the first, it has aided in promoting a sincerity and simplicity of dress and an expression of individual good taste such as has seldom been experienced in America. For the latter, it is counted on to insure the sale of checked golf trousers and gray hats to every actor who ever overworked the personal pronoun.

Like Gaul in Caesar's time, the feminine population is divided into three parts; those who hope to meet the prince, those who hope they may possibly do so and those who desire to emulate the dress of the first two. For all, the element of simplicity will be supreme. The haute couture of America (in other words, the live-wire originality of her competitors) is being supplanted by the American designers who are wise enough to realize that dressing up for the prince need not consist of undressing for him. They know that being thoroughly familiar with Montmartre and Deauville, this cosmopolitan young man is proof against shock. Montmartre and Deauville can give cards, spades and little casino to the follies and Long Beach when it comes to shock either dressed or undressed.

The designers know that the chap who has earned the title of the best dressed man in Europe, held once by his grandfather, Albert Edward, king and emperor, could not have attained that honor without an appreciation and exercise of good taste. They realize that even if he wears a round hat his head is level and that his ideas of dress are sound. That does not mean Long Island Sound ideas by any means, although the prince will frolic amidst the colonies that fringe that estuary. Therefore when the customers

of the smart designers and the expensive shops chorused "What shall I wear?" and "What shall I do?" the designers replied "The source of it." That was terrible thing to say to many who will meet the prince but he and they will have to stand for it.

The factors listed above have taken the emphasis from sport clothes, although the international polo games will be the center of the prince's activities. English tailors make better sport clothes than are constructed here and the prince's countrymen wear them with a naturalness and flair approached by few Americans.

It has placed a premium on suits, on the softer and more feminine afternoon frocks and on the turban and the center-creased and shoe effects have been replaced by more subdued if not the less frill-footwear. For the suits no color will be more popular than the bluish gray so much worn by the prince himself on informal occasions. In evening frocks the colors chosen are more vivid and expressed in brooches, facerose and velours with the same fabrics still holding the premier place.

"I'll learn 'em good taste," said one Fifth Avenue modiste, lapsing unexpectedly into her native English. She speaks French to her customers but her original experience was gained from the head not the Latin quarters. "After this they'll know that a simple little point with a belt and a red rose—and the right touch which makes it cost \$250—is a proper thing when they meet one of the few men who can wear a blue denim shirt and not look like a bricklayer." She will, too.

Nags Head to spend several days. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wood and little daughter, Doris Lee, motored to Suffolk Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Mendenhall has returned from a visit to New Bern after visiting her son, Grover Mendenhall, who is in the hospital.

Miss Gertrude Cartwright returned home Tuesday from Norfolk where she has been visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. West and son, Claude, and Mr. West's sister, Miss Eva West, and Aydtlett Meggs motored to Narrow Shore Sunday to attend the tabernacle meeting.

Mrs. L. A. Winder, who has been visiting her son, Ray Winder, at Eastern Shore, Virginia, returned home Sunday.

Mr. D. D. Dudley and sons, William and Delbert, who have been spending a few days at Norfolk returned home Sunday night.

children, Brent, Jerry and Hetsey, have returned home after spending the week end at Nags Head.

Miss Mary Owens, 211 West Church street, returned Sunday night from a visit to friends in Port Norfolk.

John W. Williams of Charleston, South Carolina, has returned home after being the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weatherly, Sr., on Riverside Drive.

Misses Evelyn Hooper, and Eunice Goodwin left Tuesday night for Greensboro where they will attend N. C. C. W.

W. H. Weatherly Jr., left Monday for Baltimore on a business trip.

Miss Maude Williams of Charleston, South Carolina, has returned home after visiting Miss Annie Weatherly on Riverside Drive.

Miss House Day, of Smithfield has returned home after being the guest of Misses Annie Weatherly and Dorothy Gard in the city.

Miss Margaret Fearing has returned after being the guest of Miss Elsie Burgess in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Landford and children, Enoch, Jr., and Frank Carr, and Mrs. Sam Woodford of Norfolk motored to Columbia and Tyrrell County this week.

Miss Pauline Skinner returned Monday from Lynchburg where she has been for several weeks.

N. G. Davis is improving after several weeks illness at his home on Martin street.

Misses Elizabeth Glidewell, Jean Hudson and P. W. Glidewell, Jr., who have been visiting their grandmother, Mrs. S. L. Sheep on West Main street, have returned to their home in Raleigh.

Mrs. R. E. Lewis and son, Burnett Lewis, of Concord are spending some time in Hertford after being the guest of Mrs. E. C. Conger on West Church street.

Mrs. Z. B. Gaskins has returned from Baltimore where she has been spending some time.

Carroll Parker of Annapolis Military Academy arrived Friday to spend some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Parker, on Ehringhaus street.

Miss Pattie Harrell of Norfolk is the guest of Miss Ruth White

at her home on West Main street. Miss Alethia Owens and daughter, Miss Hazel Owens, of City Route Two were in the city Tuesday.

S. S. Burgess and J. B. Parsons motored to South Mills Sunday and were accompanied home by Mrs. Burgess and children, Charles and Luffin, Mrs. Parsons and son, Gerald, who have been spending ten days visiting relatives there.

Mrs. W. H. Zoeller and daughter, Miss Dorothy Zoeller, and Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Hill returned home from Nags Head Sunday after spending a few days there.

Miss Sallie Perry and Miss Lois White were at Virginia Beach for the week end.

Carlton Wootley spent Sunday at Virginia Beach.

Eric C. Jones of Raleigh spent Sunday in the city as the guest of friends.

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