

### Women Muff Chance For Independence

BY RUTH MILLETT

Women will have to mark 1947 as the year we muffed our big chance to assert our independence and prove to the world that nobody can tell us where to get off.

The "long skirt vs. short skirt" fight was more than a fashion story. It was our opportunity to prove once and for all that we know our own minds and won't be pushed around.

We liked the styles we were wearing just fine. The war years—when styles were frozen—proved to us just how sensible and comfortable it was to get out from under the tyranny of quick style changes.

And the lords of fashions sat back smugly, daring us to defy them.

As it turns out they had a right to be smug. We were a fraud to stick by our guns. We rushed out to buy the new look. We let down the hems on our old garments.

AS soon as they were sure of the victory, the designers said, in effect, "That ain't all, girls! Come spring and the clothes you bought last fall are going to be outmoded, too. If you think you're wearing long skirts now, you ain't seen anything!"

Yes, we missed the boat. So, goodbye, 1947—the year when women might have freed themselves from the slavery of fashion. It might have been Our Year, but it wasn't.



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### LUMBERTON

LUMBERTON, Dec. 11—Mrs. John Portorfield Stedman entertained at a formal tea at her home on North Elm street in compliment to her daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Branch Stedman, who was Miss Estelle Norman Boyce of Warrenton before her recent marriage. About 400 guests from Lumberton and neighboring towns called to meet the bride.

Out-of-town guests in the receiving line were the honoree's mother, Mrs. William R. Boyce, and Mrs. J. W. Scott, both of Warrenton, and Mrs. Norman Mitchell and Mrs. Wilton Browning of Littleton.

Miss Elsie Johnson, bride-elect, was honored at a miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. Inez Sessoms. Thirty guests were present.

Mrs. James B. Rountree gave a bridge party honoring Mrs. Stedman at her home, the bride and Mrs. Carr Gibson winning prizes.

Mrs. John Branch Stedman was again honored when Misses Betty and Jane Carter were hostesses at a luncheon at Hotel Lorraine. Covers were laid for 15.

**Medical Society**  
The Robeson County Medical Society will sponsor a Symposium for physicians throughout southeastern North Carolina, beginning next January 14 under direction of the University of North Carolina Medical School Extension Service. Six meetings will be held on as many nights, with doctors from famed medical centers of the United States leading discussions.

New officers of the Society have been elected as follows: President—Dr. Frank P. Ward, Lumberton; president-elect—Dr. Frank McGrath, Lumberton; vice-president—Dr. John J. Bender, Red Springs; secretary—Treasurer—Dr. L. R. Hedgepeth, Lumberton; Dr. R. D. Croom of Maxton is retiring president.

**Bridal Supper**  
Miss Frances Freeman and James M. McLean, whose wedding will take place on December 28, were honored at a supper given by Mr. and Mrs. H. T. McDuffie and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Edwards.

Honoring Miss Sarah Welsh, bride-elect, Mrs. John S. Ayers, Mrs. Ernest Blake and Mrs. Roy Penley entertained at a dessert bridge and crystal shower in the Lorraine Hotel. Also remembered with a gift was Mrs. John Branch Stedman, a bride. Prizes were awarded Mrs. L. E. Fountain, Mrs. Stedman and Mrs. E. A. Welsh.

Miss Anita Rozier, bride-elect, has been complimented at a number of parties. On Saturday her aunt, Mrs. E. A. Burnham of Mullins, S. C., entertained at a luncheon at Webster's in Mullins. Covers were laid for 12.

Mrs. W. L. Skinner and Mrs. Margaret Harris were hostesses to Mrs. Skinner's bridge club and additional guests to make five tables honoring Miss Rozier. Prizes were won by Mrs. M. C. Navy and Mrs. A. G. Ford.

Mrs. L. E. Fountain and Mrs. A. G. Ford gave a bridge party at the home of the latter, awards going to Mrs. Sam Shooter and Mrs. S. Hubert Welsh. Miss Rozier was presented a gift, and also remembered was Miss Sarah Welsh, bride-elect.

A luncheon was given at Hotel Lorraine for Miss Rozier by Mrs. Erwin T. Williams.

Mrs. L. M. Hobbs entertained her bridge club and other guests at four tables. Prizes were won by Mrs. J. B. Phillips, Mrs. Le-grande Hutchinson and Mrs. M. M. Rozier.

Mrs. Sam Shooter gave a bridge party at her home, where Miss Rozier, Mrs. Knox Rowan and Mrs. A. G. Ford were presented awards.

**Marriage Announced**  
Miss Esther Larue Formy-Duval of Lumberton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Formy-Duval of Ashe, and Lester Roberts of Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Roberts of Tar Heel, were married on Dec. 5 at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. R. H. Poole, in Elizabethtown. The bride is a graduate of Thompson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing.

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### Miss Collins Reveals Plans For Wedding

Miss Laura Gwendolyn Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Collins of this city has completed plans for her marriage to James Franklin Jamison of Mooresville and Wilmington.

The wedding will take place Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Winter Park Baptist church. The Rev. T. H. King will officiate, and Mrs. D. P. High, organist, and Mrs. S. W. Brinson, soloist, will present the wedding music.

Miss Collins will have as her matron of honor, Mrs. J. I. Miller, and bridesmaids will be

Mrs. R. S. Moore of Knoxville, Tenn., and Miss Dorothea Quelch Jones of this city.

Junior bridesmaids will be Miss Gwen Lou Vereen and Miss Jean Vereen, and flower girl will be Miss Judy Matthews.

Gilber Jamison of Kanapolis will act as his brother's best man, and Sam Fincher of Florence, S. C. and J. I. Miller will be ushers.

Immediately following the wedding, a reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents in Winter Park.

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