

L-85 And Your Clothes—WPB Writes Wartime Wardrobes

New York.—If L-85 sounds like a mere number, you will be interested to know that it is the influence which has reached out and sloughed inches off your skirt, snatched most of your patch pockets, and made taboo all sewed-in hoods, apron-fronts, over-skirts, fichus, capes, scarves.

The long-awaited government order which the fashion people have been on tenderhooks to receive has just been published. Its purpose is, of course, to conserve fabrics. It specifies down to the last inch measurements for every conceivable kind of feminine clothing. "Sweep" is a word which recurs frequently, and denotes circumference measurement. Both sweep and length are based on size ranges, more inches obviously being necessary for dowagers of Hokinson dimensions than for feather-weight junior misses.

The chief effect L-85 will have on your wardrobe relates to costumes of more than one unit. You will no longer be able to buy jacket dresses, as such. You may still have both the jacket and the dress, but you will have to make two transactions of it and purchase them separately. Two-piece dresses with bodice-topped skirts are likewise out and, at that, the top may not measure more than 25 inches. That means goodbye to the long-lined middle and the long-torso over-blouse. Likewise forbidden is that back-zone of so many wardrobes, the three-piece suit, although this too may be assembled separately.

In the essence, L-85 simply indicates that from now on we will all look slimmer, neater and more in keeping with a world at war. Nice clean lines are attractive even in peacetime and the experts say that the style pendulum was due for a swing toward pencil slimmness anyway. Moreover, the designers claim that nothing stimulates their ingenuity so much as restriction. Confronted with the need to reduce fabric in skirts, they promptly push fashion interest up to the neckline, and there it settles triumphantly in the form of a come-hither harem drape.

There will still be fun in buying and wearing clothes. But exciting and interest-provoking as the victory fashions are, underneath runs the sober theme of war. In spite of all the shouting, this is not a sartorial circus but a grimly necessary defense and offense effort.

In line with that keynote, you will want to take as good care as possible of every stitch you buy and every stitch you now own. If you have always been the blithe spirit type inclined to toss your clothes around casually, now is the time to reform. Set up a schedule of regular brushing, inspecting, hanging-up and dry-cleaning, and stick to it. If you have a lot of clothes with features now forbidden by L-85, you will want to preserve them from a fashion as well as a patriotic motive. Dry-cleaning, although it may not sound as glamorous as the cut of the shoulder or the curve of the collar, is important if you want to preserve said cut and curve. And remember that most of the forthcoming fabrics will be strictly war babies, with substitute fibres demanding not merely regular drycleaning but expert dry-cleaning.

Don't choose your cleaning service blindly. Find out if your man does careful spotting, if he's up on the new fibre blends, if he's prepared to do really skillful hand-pressing on some of the tricky draping, if he is conscientious about details like buttons and belts, and if he understands, too, just how valuable your precious woolsens are to you. Regarding wools, there is already a rumor that the time may come when no wool garment may be purchased without the turn-in of an old wool garment for reprocessing. This is only a rumor so far, but certainly proof that the wools you now have are worth the very best care and dry-cleaning you can afford. In the long run, good drycleaning is the only kind you can afford.

Vaccination Clinic To Begin Here May 4

The State Health Department, thru the local Health Department, is to open up several vaccination centers throughout the County. Vaccinations to cover typhoid, diphtheria, smallpox and whooping cough; these clinics are free and are open to both white and colored persons.

The Farmville Clinic, beginning on Thursday, May 7th, will be conducted every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock, at the Farmville High School building by local physicians.

Dr. Emmett, County Health Officer, stated that children should be vaccinated against diphtheria by the time they are nine months old, and called attention to the fact that the State Law required that children be vaccinated before they are eligible to enter school. He also stated that if the people showed an interest in these clinics, they would probably be put on annually by the Health Department.

WOMEN

The U. S. Employment Service is working on plans for handling the recruiting of women for farm work in areas where the usual labor supply may be short this year.

A WEEK OF THE WAR

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expansion of naval shore facilities by 1800 million. Navy Secretary Knox announced the Sperry Corporation has voluntarily rearranged its production schedule to effect savings to the Government of \$160 million. The Navy said high school graduates between 18 and 27 may now qualify to become aviation officers with the rank of Ensign in the Naval Reserve or Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Selective Service

Selective Service Headquarters instructed State Directors to place men with dependents into two classifications—3-A for those not engaged in essential war work, and 3-B for those who are engaged in essential war work. No men with dependents will be taken until all available physically fit men without dependents are taken, those in the 3-A classification will be called first. The Army said persons with disqualifying physical defects which can be corrected will be classified 1-A (suspended) and reclassified as 1-A when the defects are cleared up.

Civilian Supply

The WPB reduced the number of sizes and models of storage batteries from about 75 to 15, and ruled purchasers must turn in to retailers a used battery in order to get a new replacement battery. The Board also curtailed new telephone installations. Only persons and organizations engaged in direct war work are certain of obtaining new telephone service, the Board said.

Manufacture of commercial laundry equipment was prohibited after June 1 and of commercial dry cleaning equipment after July 1. Manufacturers cannot equip new farm machinery with rubber tires after April 30, with certain exceptions. The Board said a person supplying materials used in the construction of a defense housing project may now extend a preference rating at any time within three months after he becomes entitled to apply it.

Transportation

Defense Transportation Director Eastman prohibited all special deliveries of local carriers. He said present uniform business hours should be staggered, school hours changed, labor shifts rearranged and group riding instituted to effect steady use of mass transit facilities and to eliminate several hours over-load.

Allen-Held Patents

President Roosevelt instructed Alien Property Custodian Crowley to take over all patents directly or indirectly controlled by the enemy and to make them freely available for United Nations war purposes and national needs of the United States. These patents will not be returned to the enemy at the end of the war, the President said.

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION: I have heard that rotenone dust will be scarce this year. What information do you have about this?

ANSWER: The War Production Board has issued an order prohibiting the use of rotenone or products containing rotenone (except those already prepared) for treating cotton, tobacco, cranberries, eggplant, onions, peppers, sweet corn, and such crops as cucumbers, melons, squash, and pumpkins. The use of rotenone in household insecticides is also prohibited. Imports of rotenone from Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies have been cut off, and Latin American sources are not expected to supply the country in sufficient quantities to overcome this loss. Substitutes, such as pyrethrum and nicotine sulphate, are recommended.

QUESTION: Can you tell me of an inexpensive way of destroying honeysuckle?

ANSWER: E. C. Blair, Extension agronomist, says burning the vines off during winter will rid ditchbanks of this plant for a year or two. Although somewhat green, the vines will burn. Commercial weed killers will also destroy honeysuckles, but may prove expensive. If ditch banks were leveled off and cleaned so that they could be mowed, this would tend to keep not only honeysuckle, but other weeds and bushes under control.

QUESTION: How can I control plant lice?

ANSWER: Use nicotine sulphate at the rate of 1½ teaspoonsful to a gallon of water. A satisfactory home-made tobacco spray can be prepared by soaking a pound of tobacco stems or leaves in a gallon of water for 24 hours. Then shave up a one-inch cube of soap and add to the tobacco water. This spray must come into contact with the plant lice to secure good control.

A correspondent asks if it would be helpful if everyone were trained in public speaking. Graduates, no! But it would help a lot if we could silence those we have.

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