

fashions

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Alice Frost

A new focal point on an old frock or suit will sometimes fool your friends into thinking you have a new outfit. The eye-catching accessory may be a piece of costume jewelry, a pair of gloves to match your blouse, or the adding of fringe, passementerie or beading, which are the most popular trimmings this 1942 fall. Alice Frost, radio star, and named the best-dressed woman in radio last year, has a particularly clever trick of wearing her jewelry in an unusual way. Clips, she points out, can be worn on the cuff of your sleeve or on the lower pocket

of your suit and on your belt. A quarter of a yard of the sort of bead fringe that adorned grandmother's lamps, will serve to brighten up your last year's black crepe frock when used as emaplets or sewn on breast pockets or at the neckline.

Exotic color teams are one of the means designers are using this year to overcome the regulations imposed on them. Not for many a decade have we had as colorful a fall collection of clothes as those shown the past few weeks. Sophie Gimbel combines the high hues of peacock blue and green in a one-piece wool dress, bleeding heart pink and black for both day and evening, red topped by a green coat, purple corduroy suit with a Kelly green taffeta blouse and green feather trimming a purple hat, coral wool ensemble trimmed with nutria. And we liked her feminine fantail jackets—short, snug-fitting and scalloped edged—with day and evening length frocks; her way of presenting a complete costume, with every two-toned suit having fabric gloves, hats or bags made to match.

Fashion flashes: Actress Nancy Marshall is wearing a new up-swept hair-do created for her by Mona Manet. Inspired by the colorful Mexican coiffure, the top hair is braided across the crown with two-toned yarn. Actress Margaret Macdonald dashing into rehearsal looking like a fashion plate in a pin striped tailleur with sombrero-like black felt hat.

Cottons can be warm as well as cool. Wool now being at a premium, we are going to find ourselves buying more and more clothes made of what we always considered a strictly "dog day" fabric. Quilting is a favorite means of giving cotton body. Important innovations this season are the quilted black cotton coat with red velveteen lining worn over a black velveteen suit. For durability the navy denim suit lined with a calico print and piped in red can't be beat. And the talk of the town are the outfits made up in automobile upholstery. The heavy, whipcord, left over when the war put a stop to automobile production, has been bought up by manufacturers, and is being made into little suits, jumpers and dirnda.

Contest for Choir

All the Junior Choirs of the churches in the city will participate in the second Annual Musical Contest at the First Congregational church on high street, October 9, at which time a trophy will be awarded to the best contestant. This announcement comes from Rev. Lloyd Galloway.

The Great Lake "hoodoo" ship, wrecked tanker J. Oswald Boyd, has gone to scrap.

PERSONALS

Miss Sarah A. Ireland, Anne Louise Carter, Louise Yours, Catherine Norcott, Evelyn Anderson, left for Teachers College in Winston-Salem, September 25.

Miss Lucille Dean was a week-end visitor from Kannapolis, where she is teaching.

Miss Hattie Evelyn London spent last week-end in Robersonville, visiting friends. She was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rowell and Mr. and Mrs. John Gillespie have returned from New York city and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Hortense O'Daniel is visiting friends in Georgia.

Mrs. M. E. Morgan, of 125 Mitchell street, returned home Monday night after spending three weeks in Washington and New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Walden, Mr. and Mrs. James Walden and son, and Mr. Henry Augustus Walden spent Sunday in Asheboro, Sunday, September 20.

Miss Virginia Alexander came to the city to attend A. and T. college.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hawkins and daughter, Bernice, of Maxton, spent the week-end in Asheboro, visiting Mrs. Hawkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Walden. They also motored to Greensboro to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Walden, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Walden.

James Frank, Briggs, of Maxton, spent a few days in the city visiting his son and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Briggs at 1000 Perkins street. Miss Gertrude Briggs, Mrs. Louise Walden, of 901 Austin street. He also visited his mother and sister while in the city. Mrs. Elizabeth Briggs and Mrs. Reuben Drake, of 1020 Perkins street.

Miss Geneva J. Holmes of 515 Ireland street, left Saturday morning September 28, for Maxton where she will begin her teaching again.

Miss Juanita McEnchin, of Maxton, has returned to Maco Beauty college again to take up beauty culture.

Mr. James F. Briggs of Maxton, spent a few days in the city visiting his daughters, Miss Gertrude A. Briggs, Mrs. Louise Walden and his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie P. Briggs. He also visited his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Briggs, sister, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Reubin Drake and friends.

Mr. S. B. Austin motored to Maxton, to take Miss G. J. Holmes to her school.

Rev. C. J. Tacker has returned to the city after spending a week



FAVORED FOR FALL are suits trimmed in ocelot, like the one worn here by Actress Margot Stevenson. Her telescopic turban and matching bag of striped wool, were designed by Mme. Pauline, and are another important fashion this year. (Max Levine Suit No. 759.)

Zion Baptist Church Can Rest Easy Now

The congregation of the Zion Baptist Church and other residents of the Deanwood section of Washington, D. C., can rest easy now. The war has not broken up the Exotic Harmonies.

In fact, two-thirds of that popular neighborhood quintet have landed in the United States Marine Corps Reserves at New River, N. C., and the boys have the situation well in hand.

The Exotic Harmonies—in private life, William E. Branch, Thomas M. Branch, Albert J. Hollingshead, James E. Brooks and Ivan R. Elmore—were five sweet Deanwood voices who started harmonizing way back in high school days in Washington. They kept it up after graduation, and, in the words of Elmore:

"By the beginning of the summer of 1942 we had a reputation second to none in Deanwood. We sang at lan defense meetings, church pro-dinner parties, birthday parties, civil-grams, and funerals. We were all members of the Zion Baptist Church Choir in Deanwood, under the direction of Mrs. Walker. The Rev. Leon S. Wormley is pastor."

This war situation was getting more serious, however, and the Exotic Harmonies decided that they would also be second to none in the matter of patriotism. So when the U. S. Marine Corps began recruiting Negroes in June, 1942, the Harmonies hurried to the nearest recruiting station and were sworn in as a group, in Goldsboro attending convocation.

"Mrs. J. J. Green, Beech street, returned to the city Thursday after visiting friends and relatives in Boston, Mass., New York city, Philadelphia, and Washington.

Miss Davis of West Virginia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Annie Bell Browning, East Washington street.

Mr. Hazel Gilmer formerly of Greensboro, arrived in the city last Tuesday for a 10 days' visit to his mother, Mrs. Jennie Gilmer, East Whittington street. Mr. Gilmer is now living in the state of Michigan.

Miss Johnson Speaks At Maco Assembly

Miss Parah Johnson, who is a member of Maco's Alumni association, class of '38, owner of Parah's Beauty Salon, and president of Greensboro's Beautician's club, spoke to the Maco student body at their regular chapel exercise Tuesday, September 29.

Miss Johnson spoke informally from her wide experience of operating for approximately ten years. She chose as a subject "How to Climb the Business Ladder to Success." The inspiring talk was received with enthusiastic applause by the student body of Maco.

Mr. Reaves Ill

Mr. Lester Reaves is very sick. He was brought from Sanford, N. C., to the hospital here in Greensboro.

They were all placed in inactive duty status and sent back to Deanwood, where a series of send-off celebrations were organized on the spot.

On September 1, Hollingshead, Elmore and William E. Branch were called up for training and sent to the Marine Barracks at New River, N. C. Upon arrival, the trio immediately contacted Colonel Samuel E. Woods, and gave him an abridged sample of their Deanwood repertoire. That satisfied it. They were given permission to form a Marine Corps Choir and were put in full charge of the musical part of camp programs.

So on Sunday, September 13, 1942, the Fifty-First Composite Defense Battalion Choir made its initial appearance at the Church Service of the Fleet Marine Force, Marine Barracks, New River, N. C.

And the printed program carried the following credits: "Choir under direction of Branch, Elmore and Hollingshead. Organist, W. E. Branch."

There were also two quartet numbers by "Branch, Elmore, Hollingshead and Hughes," both of which were well received.

Hughes is a good man, the boys will tell you, they are still looking forward to the arrival at New River of Jim Brooks and Tom Branch. After all, the Exotic Harmonies were together for a long time—and a quietest is a quietest.

United Institutional Baptist Church

Ward No. 1 will sponsor a Bar-One fish festival Saturday evening, October 3 at 3 o'clock. Refreshments will be served.

Ward No. 4 met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jones, of 337 King street Monday, September 28, at 8:30 p. m. Refreshments were served as usual.

Ward No. 5 conducted a special service September 13 at which time Rev. Lesletter and his congregation and gospel singers served.

Ward No. 1 recommend to the congregation that flowers which are brought to beautify the church be distributed among the sick members after service on Sunday nights.

Ward No. 3 met at the home of Mrs. Florence Wiggs, 414 Beech street, at which time the plan was laid for the program which was conducted at 3:00 o'clock Sunday, September 27.

Tuskegee Institute May Get Half Million

The North Eastern Tuskegee Alumni association, concluding its third regional conference in Detroit, Michigan, recently inaugurated a plan which may provide the Alabama institution with a half million dollars worth of United States war bonds.

The conference, attended by delegates from the states of Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania, asked each Tuskegee alumnus to set aside a nickel a day for one year and fifty cents on each birthday. This accrued saving will purchase a \$25 war bond for Tuskegee.

The plan was outlined to the conference by Jesse O. Thomas, representing the United States treasury department.

Alvan J. Nealy, executive secretary of the General Alumni association of Tuskegee Institute, reported there are 20,000 graduates of Tuskegee living in the United States. If each graduate would follow the plan, Mr. Thomas said, the principal and accrued interest of the bonds purchased would amount to \$50,000. This nickel a day plan repeated over a ten year period would result in the accumulation of one half million dollars.

Mr. Pleasant Honored

Mr. and Mrs. Linton, owners of the Royal Garden cafe gave a party in honor of A. C. Pleasant at their residence Tuesday night. Mr. Pleasant was one of the draftees who left for Fort Bragg Wednesday morning. The party was enjoyed by 30 friends of Mr. Pleasant.

Mr. Gatlin Organist

Mr. F. Nathaniel Gatlin, of Bennett College, is organizing a community choir. He is requesting that all musical talent throughout the city to meet at the Little Theater Hall at Bennett College every Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Donnell Entertains Social Saving Club

The Social Saving club met at the home of Mrs. N. R. Donnell, 328 Percy street Thursday evening, September 24.

The next club meeting will be held October 1 at the home of Mrs. Ailing on Best street.

Offering for Mr. Duke

Mr. Rufus Donnell, manager of Negro division of the Carolina Theater left a special offering for Mr. Duke who is ill in the hospital.

An average tire contains as much rubber as 53 goggles for the army air corps.