

Miss Norma Hild



Announcement is made by Mrs. William S. Hild of the betrothal of her daughter, Norma May, to William E. Marx, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Z. Marx. Both Miss Hild and Mr. Marx are attending the University from which Mr. Marx will receive his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in June.

—Courtesy of the Lincoln Journal

Science Striving to Prove The Evils of the Cigarette

BY DON SHEPHERD.

I see by the papers that the never-ending war against tobacco is still surging forward in full force. I have still to figure out just what the scientists hope to prove or accomplish in case they should stumble upon proof positive that the innocent cigarette is man's greatest enemy. If someone should approach you on the street and say, "Friend, do you know that cigarettes are of no benefit to you?" would you go forth with a scream of despair and throw away your packaged nicotine poison and your \$12.50 lighter never to smoke again?

Please do not misunderstand me. I will not be one to say that there have been no successful surveys to prove that the evil weed is nothing more but packaged death, but I have noticed that many have tried and failed in this field.

One famous experiment was taken by a scientist of a famous university, who came very close to proving that the innocent cigarette is actually a missile of death and shortens the lives of its victims. However the man in charge of this experiment died before he could prove the fact conclusively.

Several studies have shown that by smoking one or two cigarettes a person reduces the temperature of his various limbs, but, unfortun-

nately it was found that the same affect is brought about by the comparatively simple process of deep breathing.

In another test, smoke from cigarettes was blown into the cages of some rats. It was found, no doubt to the dismay of the men in charge, that these rats lived just as long as other rats, but these rats were not quite so chubby as other rats who did not have the smoke blown in their faces. No doubt the smoked rats lost weight out of pure indignation at the idea of having smoke blown in their faces all day long.

There is no question but what the foregoing has firmly convinced you smokers, that continued pursuance of the practice of smoking will probably shorten your lives to the point where you will never live until graduation; therefore, instead of dumping your cigarettes, pipes and accessories into the street (causing undue work to be thrust upon the local street-cleaners and pledges) if you will just stop by the rag office I will take care of all of these horrible items for you.

Veterans Administration received over 566,000 applications for convention from term to permanent insurance during 1946, compared with 131,000 for 1945.

Late Discovery Of Cob Nylons Halts Fashions

Science has scored again! Ah yes, girls, the latest word is that scientists have found a new way to make nylons! News is out that they are now getting 40 pairs of nylons to the bushel of corn cobs! Of course this is not the only stride; they have also discovered that cotton seed hulls and the hulls of oat and rice bran produce the same substance that is needed for nylon.

I am quite sure that all the females will be much happier knowing that those nylons they sport are not made from grimy old coal and petroleum but from comparatively clean corn cobs. Seems as if the farmer has come into his own. The day has finally come when one can drive along the highway and see acre upon acre of nylons waving in the Nebraska breeze.

More Yet!

Hey! Don't run off! There's more yet! Dr. C. K. Tseng of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography predicts that before many moons lady's unmentionables will be produced from seaweed. Stockings, dresses and shirts will also grow out of this discovery. This fabric is tenderly referred to as "seaweed rayon", a very comforting by-line you must admit.

After a Fashion

By Jean Swengel & Gene Jensen.

Fashion designers have devised a new way of adapting play costumes in the direction of more salability. By adding a jumper to a one or two-piece play ensemble, three separate costumes are created.

The trend towards co-ordinating blouse, slacks and skirt outfits is returning. Most asked-for are light-weight man-tailored crepe blouses augmented by harmonizing slacks and skirts for summer wear.

For those who wish to try their hand at creating, good news in the form of wool fabric price reduction has come. As an example, woolens which sold at a ceiling of \$1.75 a yard and were raised to \$1.87½ when regulations were lifted have been reduced to \$1.70 a yard now.

Make Your Own.

This business of a spring wardrobe could be eased by supplying the handwork yourself. Opportunity in the way of spring vacation is knocking on every little coed's door. So—just in case you do decide to be energetic—advice on what is the best-selling material is forthcoming.

Pastel flower motifs chiselled on black backgrounds highlight the combed cotton broadcloth group. The motifs are small and neatly arranged to make up into easy-to-wear campus dresses.

Bold colors are shown in the pique group which is made unusual by combinations of vivid shades seen against softer ones.

Chambrays.

Stripes and chambrays seem to be the two most never-to-be-separated items. This season they are distinguished by a narrow satin stripe outlining the color against white. Of course, there will always be the plain material in colors to match and the two-tone arrangements.

Good news for the "sack" dress fiends! Manufacturers of tubular jersey have given a new lease on life to the winter-discovery. They have introduced a light rayon tubular jersey in as wide an array of colors as its predecessor of wool.

Shoes.

At Herman Delman's showing of spring shoes in his Bergdorf Goodman salon the theme is designed for the new apparel fashions. To complement the graceful longer skirts the narrow heel is shown.

Patent leather was introduced with an airy note for formal wear, especially the ankle length style. One shoe shown for evening wear was a sling pump with criss-crossed strips of gold and silver kid—quite a change from the prevailing sandal type to which we

are all so accustomed.

For town wear a low-heeled black patent makes use of a trellis patterned vamp making diagonal openings lined with white kid, a radical change from any of the present modes. One style for casual sportswear was shown in brown calfskin with the turned-up toe, suggestive of the Arabian Nights. It also used the Wraptured Sole, which is really a very low wedge. There is no heel, but just a part of the leather going up the back and around the ankle to buckle.

The shoes just mentioned are a far cry from what has been demanded in former years and women may or may not be in favor of casting aside the extreme platforms and four-inch heels for the lower length.

Skirt Lengths.

Latest responses to the longer length skirt prove very interesting across the country. The customers are approving of the new length especially in the slim styled skirts. It has been found that 15 inches from the floor has been the most popular length.

In Seattle the older and larger, as well as the taller women especially are preferring the new length. Those wearing junior or petite sizes do not adhere to the longer skirts as readily. Ballet length skirts are not popular at all nor are the uneven hemlines.

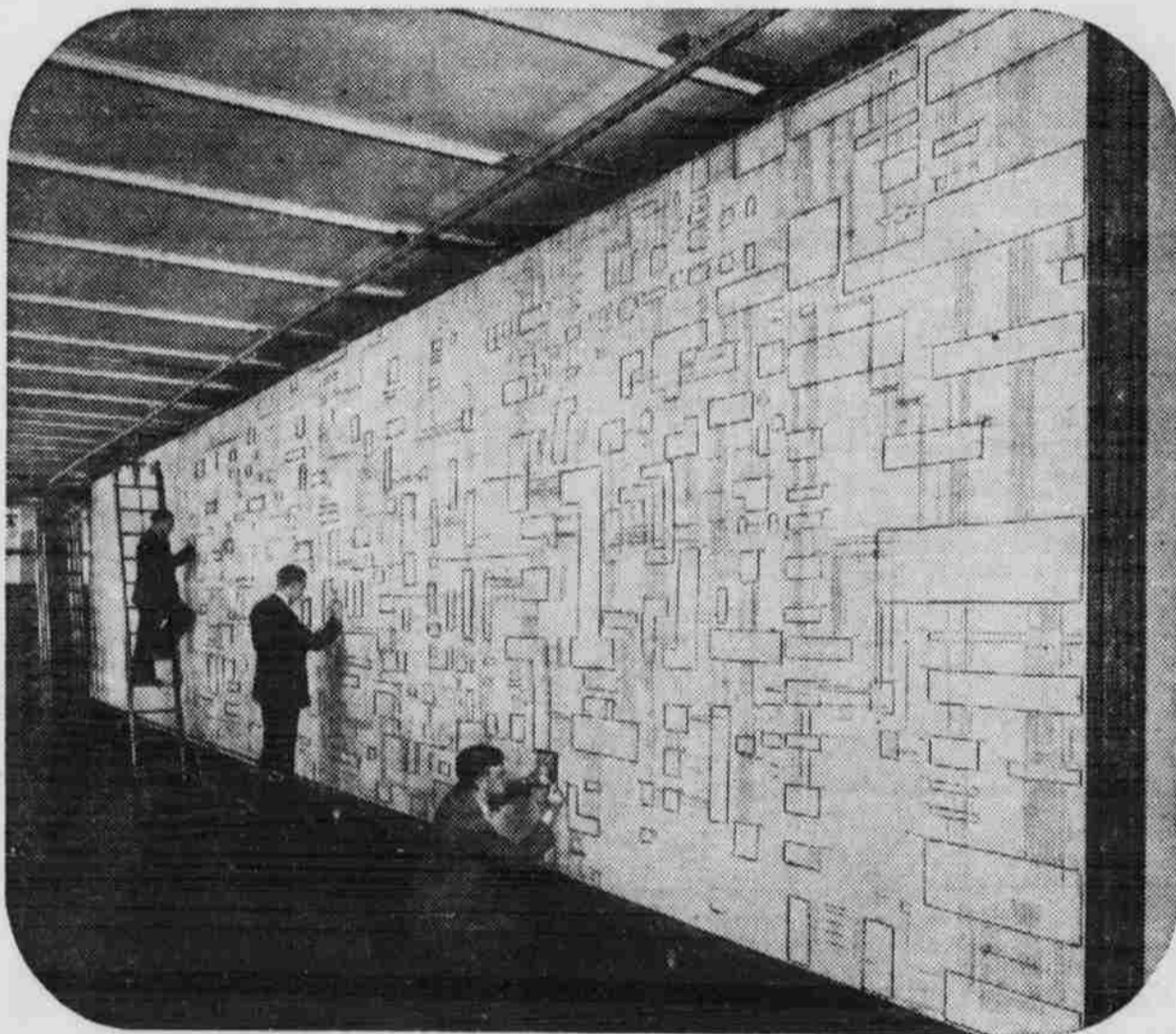
Chicago presents a little different story. Here the lines run about four or five inches below the knee. The misses' dress sections and the petite sizes are well in favor. The fuller skirts generally tend to be somewhat shorter, varying with the height of the individual. For the more fashion-wise, the ballet length and dip hemline are selling more importantly.

In Dallas and Houston the women are accepting the new skirt length, but not as readily as in the other sections of the country. The salesladies are doing a lot to promote them in these places.

So you see, girls, the new length has proven itself throughout the country. Here's to a big revival of your present wardrobe!

The number of Civil War veterans drawing pensions from Veterans Administration dropped from 154 on June 30, 1946, to 116 on Jan. 31, 1947.

Nearly 18,500 veterans with certain disabilities have applied for automotive conveyances at government expense, with 13,300 certified as eligible, Veterans Administration said. WRAGG—



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