

# Vanished Men

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# Suits of Every Imaginable Type Set the Fashion Pace

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Now that the challenge of "our country at war" has been brought home to designers, manufacturers, merchandisers and the American woman, there's a heap of constructive thinking and planning going on about the matter of creating apparel that will serve well during the stress of the times.

To this end two lines of thought are in progress. The one recognizes that whether their service be volunteer or paid, thousands of women will be engaged in activities that will require dress tuned to the particular type of defense work assigned them. This means that functional, utilitarian clothes are absolutely imperative. On the other hand, it is no less important that women maintain a high morale.

The importance of common-sense shoes built for comfort is particularly stressed this season. Highlighted for walking (we will be doing considerably more of it this year) are shoes of the type pictured in the inset above. This swank and sturdy low-heeled pump has an elasticized front trimmed in bright nailheads.

## Spring Hats to Be Casual and Pretty

Women will be wearing casual hats with their functional tweeds and gabardines. Big, soft, nonchalant brims are featured. Color is emphasized. And there are dashing quilt trims.

However, there is no indication in the new showings that women are going to get down to regulation types. On the contrary, there is a demand for pretty, feminine, flattering hats made lovely to the eye with charming flower trims.

A vogue for profuse use of violets is predicted. Little violet sailors will be worn with matching corsages of violets. Wide brims will be faced with violet petals, and even bracelets will be made of violets to match hat and corsage.

## Designers Use Patriotic Red, White and Blue

A noted designer is turning out slim dinner dresses in navy with red and white panels at the front. From another style creator come daytime dresses in white with an applique of red and blue disks.

## Knitting Bag

A cleverly designed knitting bag is on the market. It can be worn with long strap over the shoulder. It ties about the waist if so desired, and for greater convenience it can be unfolded into an apron that has three roomy pockets.

## Rustic Style



If you are on the committee to entertain soldiers on furlough, you will very likely be tripping the light fantastic. The newest party frocks have a simple and rustic manner, perfect for "barn-dances" and other informal settings.

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## The Real Pathfinder

RECENTLY the students of Dakota Wesleyan university at Mitchell, S. D., gathered in the chapel of that institution to pay honor to the man, who more than any other American, deserves the title of "The Pathfinder." He was Jedediah Strong Smith, trapper, fur-trader and explorer and the occasion was the second annual Jedediah Smith memorial chapel service at which was unveiled a mural, depicting Smith trading with the Indians on the banks of the Missouri.

The mural was painted by Dean Nauman, art instructor at Dakota Wesleyan, and was presented by the class of 1941 to a society known as the Friends of the Middle Border which has its headquarters at the college. The first Jedediah Smith memorial service, held in 1940, was signaled by the presentation of the portrait which is reproduced with this article.

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## JEDEDIAH STRONG SMITH

(From a painting by Ruth Sent Framberg, based upon the only known sketch of the explorer, This portrait now hangs in the Friends of the Middle Border museum in Mitchell, S. D.)

proves but also as a devout man who carried a Bible and hymnbook with him wherever he went.

Going west to seek his fortune, he arrived in St. Louis in time to join the famous expedition up the Missouri, led by Gen. William H. Ashley, which included in its personnel so many future notables of the fur trade.

In 1826 Ashley sold out his Rocky Mountain Fur company, which had flourished for five years, to Smith, William L. Sublette and David E. Jackson (for whom Jackson's Hole in Wyoming is named). Then began Jed Smith's Odyssey which was to take him down through the South-west to California, up the Pacific coast, back across the Rocky mountains and into parts of the Great West which had never before been explored by white men.

Through all these wanderings Smith endured hardships and had narrow escapes from death which would have made the average Wild West dime novel seem tame until death at the hands of the Comanche Indians along the Santa Fe Trail ended his adventurous career in 1831.

It is singularly appropriate that Smith should be the "patron saint" of the Friends of the Middle Border, which seeks to preserve the rich cultural heritage of the "Middle Border" and to instill in the hearts of the descendants of its pioneers a desire to appreciate the heritage and to use it in new creative efforts in connection with the educational program of Dakota Wesleyan. It has the backing of a long list of distinguished Americans who are aiding in making the college a depository for all kinds of material relating to the culture of the region.

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