

# Forget the Style, Check the Closet Space

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Fashion experts say that clothes make the man—but how about the women?  
Men, it is generally conceded, purchase a new suit only

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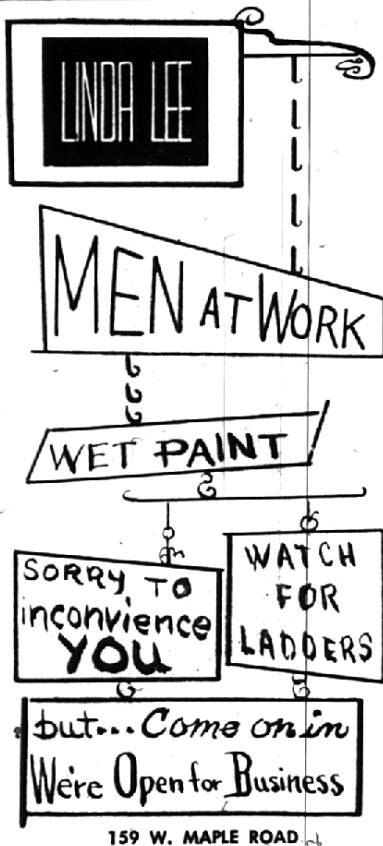


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when the old one has holes in the seat of the trousers and is threadbare at the elbows.

Style, cut or color make little difference except to the more fastidious dresser... it is the wife who is fashion conscious. When The Birmingham Eccentric staff was first informed of this special section, co-worker Al Sander said he would handle the men's clothes story.

Fine. IT WOULD give this writer an opportunity to warn all young men who are about to enter the wonderful world of matrimony what to expect after the honeymoon. Upon returning from that rose-colored trip, it is necessary to visit your parents-in-law so that the little woman may take her clothes to the new house—all of those that were not taken along on the honeymoon, that is. After six trips between the two homes and with the clothes strewn all around the house—the fun begins.

A three-bedroom house usually has three clothes closets—not including the one in the foyer.

THERE ALSO is a dresser and chest of drawers. The new Mrs. generally starts with the dresser.

After using up all the drawer space in the dresser for handkerchiefs, lingerie, gloves, personal items, and sweaters, it is time to move to the chest of drawers. Blouses, more sweaters, slips, hose, socks and other assorted items soon fill these to the brim.

THEN BEGINS a siege on the closets. Skirts, dresses, jackets, more blouses, jumpers, summer skirts,

summer dresses, a few left-over sweaters, coats and assorted paraphernalia soon fill up the master bedroom closet, and den closet and half of the third closet.

There's only one catch. Your stuff is still laying on the bed... packed in two suitcases.

LOOKING RATHER crestfallen, the new Mrs. begins to consolidate some of the items in the drawers and manages to come up with two drawers in the chest—out of a total of nine.

Some more arranging and you soon have a closet all to yourself—until you discover that you left some of her clothes in the car. Subtract one-half closet.

ALL OF YOUR problems are not solved, however.

Since we were married in June, it seems that most of the clothes brought into the new house were of the summer variety.

It was recently learned that the winter clothes would have to be brought over fairly soon because it would be "horrible" if she had to wear summer clothes past Labor day.

Yes sir, clothes really make the man.

And it isn't too difficult to make a closet in the basement. Mine's coming along fine, thank you.

## New Hat Styles

A new, lower crowned hat, the Monte Carlo, complements the Continental look. It features a somewhat narrower brim, deeply curled to give it a real snap in front. Many of them will be jet black, the fashionable shade this Fall. Derbies, making a big comeback, are ideal for the Continental ensemble.

## Turn 'Em About

Turnabout is favorite play in top-sleeveless tops and weskits and sleeveless jackets demand mate with sleeves such as matching print, color-matched shirt or embroidery. Solid flannel reversing to cotton print or wool check or plaid with solid alternate side are favorite approaches.

## Watch New Shape

The fashion watch, increasingly popular, takes several new shapes for fall. Frequent is a pendant watch with an heirloom appearance. Mesh and brushed gold bracelets continue important.



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