

Tweed Suits Back in Style

Never underestimate the power of college men? Yes, they've been directly responsible for many a fashion that has swept the country and now they've dug back into collegiate history to the days when every student—and, in turn, every man owned at least one so-called "tweed suit."

Remember the classic "salt and pepper" patterns, the heathers and the oversized herringbones? Well, they're on the way back again and in the "horsey" type of styling. You'll see them on the campus on Madison Avenue and even on Wall Street.

Here Is a Report On the Teen Scene

"Los Angeles teens go surfing and sunning, dine elegantly on a patio, mingle with many cultures, do what's offbeat—and what's all-American."

"Denver teens ski and climb and ranch it and make the coffeehouse scene."

"Milwaukee teens love eating pancakes and karting and living by a magnificent lake."
"Philadelphia teens roam through

historical landmarks and see Broadway plays before Broadway, read on a rooftop, make Sunday dinner an event."

THESE ARE SOME of the facts about young life from coast to coast.

There is everything from offbeat phrases and the newest crazes to the dances to know and the places to go. Here is some additional news on the teen scene, 1961:

IN THE WEST—Limbo dancing is "in" (dancers keep taking turns going under a horizontal pole as it is lowered and lowered) and so is the mashed potato (a combination of the shimmy and the Charleston). The Ray Charles Band and John Lewis of the Modern Jazz Quartet are rated "boes" (the best) by "soches" (sophisticated folk).

Teens are high on "hoots," a glorified folk-singing party with as many guitar players as possible. Bongo drums are out; stomping on the floor and pounding on the table are "in" instead.

NEWEST EATING discovery is sanbei (Japanese candy). Playing Japanese jump rope (using an elastic rope, jumping according to a ritual) is a favored new way of taking off pounds.

Westerners call Bikinis "cold" (bad in a good way); they are worn more on the Coast than in any other section of the country. Girls wear tiny bows on bobby pins on the rubber band of their pony tails.

IN THE MOUNTAIN central states, dateless boys get away from it all by holing up in someone's house for an Epicurean party (a weekend with an eat-sleep-cat-again cycle).

Figure-conscious girls counter with Friday night slumber parties, rise early for tennis dates, then let themselves go at Bermuda Branches (shorts are worn, pancakes eaten).

EVERYONE LOVES an Open-Minded party—you come without a date, play games using ESP (extra sensory perception) to pair up—and in many cities dances in a stone quarry are a way to "rock-on" (have fun).

From Butte, Mont. to Galveston, Tex. boys sport reversible vests, crazy hats, and girls tote huge purses wherever they go. Going steady is sealed by a gift of a charm bracelet with a single charm, advertised by matching shirts.

IN THE MIDWEST, boys are switching to Ivy League haircuts (longer than crewcuts, parted on the side and combed).

Girls give "the blade" (cold shoulder) to sleek-headed hairdos, backcomb their hair for bigger and bouncier bubbles.

MIDWESTERNERS hum "mother-in-law" and the theme from "Exodus," buy the latest Shelley Berman and Limalters records, curl up with a good long book.

School clubs are important. Midwesterners talk about how to break the going-steady trend, the pros and cons of contact lenses, the shortage of summer jobs.

IN THE EAST, teen-agers are borrowing their kid sisters' party game books, holding Saturday-night marathons at which they plow through every game.

Poetry parties (you write it, we act it out) are a hit with the self-expression set, and almost everyone digs yo-yo's, Ahmad Jamal, doing the slop and nonconformists so long as they aren't "schmoors" (bores) about it.

THEY USE TAPE recorders to turn the dulllest party into something "munchy" (great), go window-shopping as balm to a boy's bankroll.

In the east, more than anywhere else, senior year is shadowed by worry about getting into a chosen college. Teens spend hours discussing current events, coin topical jokes about astronauts and such.

'Sag Socks Gone'

High-rise socks are gaining in acceptance for daily wear. Men find they're not only much neater-looking, because they do not droop or sag, but also give the leg some needed-support for those who spend a good deal of time on their feet. Sports shirts with the "silk look" and shirts of pure silk are being worn by the well-dressed sportsmen.

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