

## The Shop Detective

### The Mini Face Lift!

It was heralded as the "Mini Face Lift" in the Sydney Morning Herald Beauty Section. The eminent Beauty Editor, Evelyn Hillston, says that she can confidently recommend it as a safe, effective, and non-invasive treatment for the face. It is a special treatment for the face, neck, and décolletage. It will restore the youth and beauty of your complexion for many precious years. Ask for a free consultation about this and other wonderful treatments: pigmentation, redness, acne, scars, and, most important — safe, PERMANENT removal of unwanted hair. Evelyn Hillston, 300 George St, (opp. Wynyard), 2nd floor, 28 2291, 28 4391. French and German spoken.

### Royal Worcester Arrives!

There's one thing we can't resist — beautiful porcelain! Especially Royal Worcester. That's why we were enchanted to find a small collection of signed, rare, miniature pieces at Ben Boulton Pty Ltd. If you're a collector, don't waste one second — hurry there to view these oh, so rare pieces. We gently lifted the tiny cups and saucers to admire the painted design of fruit, so naturally fresh looking, they could have just been plucked! Other pieces to match, also, a fine collection of Royal Worcester birds, at Ben Boulton Pty Ltd, 141 Castlereagh St, 61 3697. Layby 2 months.

### Last 3 Days of Sale!

It's always exciting news when Dorith Unger announces a Sale — but now there are only a few days left to snap up the bargains in winter gowns and nightgowns, many in larger sizes — as well as slugs in all wanted lengths and colours. You never know what you may find there if you look around the shop at 39 Castlereagh Street. For example, we noticed a gorgeous imported brass, usually up to \$20, now \$6.99. Remember, you've only 3 days to get amongst these unprecedented bargains! Even if you don't need them now — remember, there's always another winter, and prices will probably skyrocket! At Dorith Unger, 39 Castlereagh St, (near Martin Place) 28 9915. Open Thurs. even.

### The News for Spring!

Everyone's talking about the exciting range of Summer dresses now on display at the Shirdress Shop! These are the dresses you love to live in, such as the style sketched — easy to slip on, looks great in a hurry! It's a Liberty print by Fashions in a fully lined polyester cotton featuring pink or blue rose sprays on a white ground. This casually sophisticated style is just one of many — sleeveless, or short or long sleeves for day or evening. Shirdresses are the darlings of the season — see them galore at reasonable prices at the Shirdress Shop, 61 Royal Arcade, George St entrance (escalate up from Pitt St), 61 3796. Open Thurs. even.

### Muesli—Reduced Price!

Just now, the luscious Healthy Life Muesli (the one in the Green Pack) is a Special at our local Health Food Store. It's worth buying up at this price — 99 cents per \$2 pack — and look! extra fruit has been added, so it's even more nutritious! Oh, and if you're watching your weight — there's an unsweetened variety! The cost per serve is 6 cents — it's not only chock-full of vitamins and minerals, but economical as well! Other specials include the NEW Healthy Life hand and skin lotion, \$1.40 (save 22 cents); Healthy Life B Complex vitamins, \$100 tabs, 69 cents (save 31 cents); and the no-caffeine instant health drink, Pionier (tastes like the BEST coffee, 73 cents (save 12 cents)). At your local Health Food Store.

### "What Can I Wear?"

If that question has you tricked — see Molly Newman! You can snap up the most exciting bargain ever — and as well, see the just-arrived Spring ensembles! We were impressed by the crazy prices in winter and spring wear, including pure wool dresses by Lintern, especially in larger sizes, now mostly at \$10, as well as \$15 and \$20 — other fashions including dresses, suits and jackets in wool, Tencel and silk in all sizes. Just arrived are glamour dresses, sketched being a caftan clustered with pink poppies and white daisies on black chiffon — also, we noticed a just arrived collection of top quality winter coats at greatly reduced prices. Sizes of fashions XSSW to XXXXOS, Molly Newman, 52 Miller St, North Sydney, 92 8048 (2 mins. Nth Syd. Stn).

### Hand-Detailed Shirt Dress, \$39

We bumped into a friend who was wandering up and down Castlereagh Street. "I'm looking for La Boutique," she said. "I just CAN'T find them!" So we guided her to the corner of King and Castlereagh Streets, and into the Bank Building. Above Cornelia Furs, then we popped into the lift, and were whisked to the 3rd floor. Our friend adored not only the fashions, but the spacious privacy of the Salon, so important if you have a non-stock size figure, or are expecting a baby. We lived a new shirt dress beautifully lined, with hand-inserted zipper at only \$39, at La Boutique, 3rd Floor, Trust Building, 155 King Street, 232 3394. Open Sat. morn.

### Instant Cream Whipper

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### Gowns Reduced to Clear!

If you're an intending — jet setter, or just enjoy a bargain, here's the latest news from Can-Can in Centrepont. They suggest the sketched fine warm gown, which being in dry-dry ease to care for, is made by Lucas, a busy girl's dream. Colours are a delight to the eye — coral, aqua, apricot or purple, and the price is a joy to the purse — it was \$40, now \$25. And here's another suggestion. Even if you're a stay-at-home buy one for you, and another as a gift for a daughter or sister who may be getting her passport ready! At Can-Can, Centrepont, 30 Castlereagh St, or 9 Pitt St, levels — also Imperial Arcade, 6 Castlereagh St, or 9 Pitt Street.

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# Residents await the next instalment . . .

## Cliff-hanger in the Mountains

I never speed towards the mid-winter sleet of the Blue Mountains without a fine sense of expectation that, between cleaning out the horse stables, changing the duck water and breaking the ice on the horse trough, I will catch up on the latest instalment of The Serial.

It is one of those ripe old nineteenth-century melodramas — "continued next week; don't miss it" — and as the local papers are snatched like rice in a famine victims' queue I am usually brought up to date by some resident who is under the impression that I know his wife's cousin.

We stand outside the post-office with the gale sprinkling us with "seed-snow" while I hear stuff that never percolates to Sydney and would bring a charge for slander if it did.

"He's up in it to his hips," my informant calls as he dives into the baker's shop.

"Who is?"

I never find out. Rumour, a figure painted with many tongues, plays a big part in the melodrama.

We are a tough lot on the 40-mile strip of watershed buttoned with little towns along its length. We never attend meetings because we don't want to be found frozen like Lot's wife half-way between the car and the door of the local hall.

Many of us are New Australians, Hungarians, Dutch, Scots, hippies and others who can stand a minus-zero temperature with all the windows shut. But we



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know better than to attend the meetings of the Blue Mountains City Council in person and go down gasping under a drone of minutes in order to have some real facts at our frozen finger-tips.

When, years ago, I became a half-resident, I was struck by the way in which the headwaters of creeks were ornamented with a garbage dump where people also dumped their cats to starve or eat the scrub-wrens, rose-robin and other rarer species, under the pleasing fiction that they are dealing with the rats.

Where there isn't a garbage dump nestles a sewerage plant, with the effluent flowing into the crystal stream. Probably the bacillus coli are less malignant than the corrosive chemicals also poured in to deal with them.

"We warn friends not to drink out of the creeks," a resident told me. "But they never take any notice. They get hot and it looks so sparkling and clear. Then they vomit. They're sick for about three days. Mostly it's put down to the flu."

The Katoomba sewerage works drain into Katoomba Creek and 12 kilometres on into the Cox River, which, of course, is the main supply of the Warragamba Dam, from which Sydney sips its drinking water. The Mount Victoria sewerage drains into the Cox River, but it has 18 kilometres to go before the creek strikes the main stream.

The Megalong Valley horse and cattle manure drains into the Cox. Superphosphate drains into the Cox River. The organic wastes and offal

dumped at the garbage tips drain off somewhere into the drink.

Of course, on the other side of the watershed it drains into the Grose River, falling over the cliffs in pretty waterfalls admired by the tourists. The main road follows an escarpment, so there is natural drainage on either side.

No one as yet is using the waters of the Grose, which drains into the Hawkesbury. With the planned increase in population, it is going to be needed later.

The water that we drink on the Blue Mountains is pumped mainly from the Oberon Dam at the Fish River and supplemented from Lake Medlow, Greaves Creek and the Cascade Creek dams, but even the engineers admit that Woodford Creek dam is "somewhat turbid" and needs to be mixed with the Fish River, pumped up 2,000 feet or more before it can be distributed.

Five or six years ago a decent block of land was rated as worth \$250. Then the developers moved in and prices soared to 20 and 30 times as much.

The developers bought up large blocks and subdivided and the prices soared higher. "It would cost us \$50,000,000 to buy back the land on the verges of Govett's Leap alone," a councillor told me. "And we don't have that sort of money."

When the land prices reached really astronomical heights (before the council at the last auction had difficulty in selling land for unpaid rates) the council began to get delusions of grandeur. There would be a six-lane highway sweeping through to the

## LOOK!

There were fretful remarks in this plan about the obdurate attitude of the National Parks Trust, which seemed to be holding out against the building of roads and motels down the Grose Valley.

The national park should be opened up so that "overseas visitors" could find comfortable accommodation. At present, the pained planners reported, if you wanted to get into the Grose you had to walk. Much more should be done so that people in big cars could sweep down there instead of bush-walkers with packs.

The five plans were submitted to the Blue Mountains City Council for its consideration.

Plan One ("leave the place alone") proposed no further urban development but a concentration on restoring and protecting the Blue Mountains for the nation, with large-scale buying back of land undeveloped or subdivided and never developed.

This plan would mean increased tourist revenues, the water and sewerage would just hold out, and the population would be about 47,000. The present population is about 40,000.

The second plan, to accommodate 65,000 people, means water pollution, the planners say, sewerage problems, but they explain that the population could be kept within present boundaries. There was favourable mention of town houses and flats which take up less space.

Plan Three, providing for a population of 112,000, had glorious views, not of valleys, but of industries and urban development. It mentions transport problems and pollution.

Plan Four provides for a population of 170,000. For the council the prospect is dazzling. Think of all those rates! This is the plan it has decided to "exhibit" at the Council Centre so that most of the citizens think it has already been accepted. And it has the best chance of acceptance.

There is talk of recycling the water. Most of the rivers in Europe are polluted now. In Dusseldorf the water is recycled four times and then the citizens drink it.

Not even the Blue Mountains City Council presses Plan Five, with its provision of a great wave of 275,000 people sweeping over the Blue Mountains.

Of course it may come. Who are we to stand in the way of Progress? The local citizens are about in the position of the original tribesmen seeing the white man invading the scarp.

What I like is the uncertainty, the venom of the citizens' mutterings. The council will stand for election in September. And on to the next instalment. It's a real cliff-hanger.

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#### Prelude to Spring — Tra-la-la!

With the birds singing and the sun riding high, we felt in a Spring-like mood when we popped into Heppy's and found ourselves in the midst of a delivery of floating, chiffon dresses for special occasions. Like the sketched style at \$59.50 they all featured unusual, graceful sleeve treatments. Another long dress that impressed us was in a vivid, flowery print on crepe-de-chine-like fabric, \$44. Also sketched is a perfect Spring suit in denim-look easy-care knit fabric, in pastel blue or pink, green, cream or navy, \$40. As well, a clearance of winter or winter season fashions at ridiculous prices! Heppy's, 16 Anderson St, Chatswood, 41 5554. Open Thurs. even.

### Natural-Colour Weddings?

Did you know that they're rather sentimental at Monte Luke? They simply love taking family group photographs — so as it's almost school holiday time — why not make an appointment while the youngsters are still so young? Another speciality of Monte Luke is natural colour wedding photography. You've no idea how beautiful it is until you see some samples . . . take a peep in their showcase in Castlereagh Street or call into their 3rd floor studio if you could possibly need further conviction. After all, planning a wedding is a time-consuming business. Why not have a superb record of all your work? Monte Luke, 3rd floor, 62 Castlereagh St, 232 3072, 233 2803.

### Reg Andrews' American Trip

Hairdresser Reg Andrews has just returned from a jet-setting trip to the U.S.A., where he observed the techniques being practised in Salons in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Las Vegas. Though he tells us that standards in Australia don't suffer in comparison, he learned new ways of cutting, new styling styles and new, kind solutions for use when perming hair. Reg Andrews was always top as a hair dresser but with experience gained in London's Salons and now America, he's the man to see for the trendiest styles in town and superb perms to keep the hair in great shape. Reg Andrews, 401a Pitt St (near Goulburn St, and Chequers) 26 3554. Open Thurs. even, and Sat. morn.

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