



ICE CREAM COAT

Just to be ready for April showers here is a smooth-looking rain coat that is in the ice cream parlor tradition because of its lovely creamy vanilla white collar. The topper is made of poplin

with striped cotton knit trim at the deep shawl collar and the push-up sleeves also are cotton knit finished at the cuffs. A double row of tiny silvery buttons form the front closing.

Brunette Finds Fleet Street Hard And Hectic, But Fun

By SYLVIA HACK
Canadian Press Staff Writer
LONDON (CP)—Shelley Rohde, byline writer at 23, is one of a group of alert young women making their presence felt on Fleet Street. She seems unperturbed at competing with hard-buffed male reporters on a tough newspaper beat.

"If we're prepared to work as hard as they do," she says philosophically, "we find we're pretty well accepted."

Acceptance may be related to appearance. Shelley is a delicate brunette who doesn't lack for dates. But ability counts, and she already has to her credit interviews with Russia's Nikita Khrushchev, Marshal Bulganin and Thorvald Malenkov. She speaks Russian fairly well and wants to learn Chinese.

WINS RECOGNITION
Miss Rohde, and such women writers as Anne Sharpley of The Evening Standard, are gradually breaking down the exclusiveness of Fleet Street, once pretty much a male preserve.

She finds her male colleagues fall into three categories. First, there are the paternal types, whom she likes; the wolves, whom she dislikes; and the ones "who just ignore you."

London-born, Miss Rohde worked for newspapers in the provinces and for magazines before joining The Daily Express 18 months ago.

Since then, life has been "hectic but fun." Because of her proficiency in Russian, the paper sent her there three times. She has met and talked with many of Russia's leading figures.

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Has Lot Of Fun Being A Debutante At Modest Cost

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LONDON (CP)—Nineteen-year-old Susan Hampshire, who has been through it all, says you can have a lot of fun being a debutante without spending thousands of pounds on coming-out dances. As things worked out, Susan didn't have an official ball when she came out two years ago. It was cancelled due to her father's illness—but she proved in other ways that a debut can be a relatively economical affair.

The whole idea of being a debutante, Susan writes, "is to get a husband—possibly one with a title. But with her it was different. She was engaged to actor Eborah Williams' son, Brook, before coming out."

YES STAGE CAREER
Determined to be a successful actress—particularly in Britain—Susan decided marriage must wait a while, so she terminated her engagement.

A little, fawn-eyed blonde, Susan is irritated by people who spend \$5,000 to \$25,000 on a coming-out dance. "That is a lot of money for nothing," she says. "I wasn't too upset when her ball was cancelled. She had a large cocktail party instead, plus lots of small parties. 'I'm saving my really big one for my 21st birthday.'"

Her current beaux are Lord Johnny Lawrence, Hon. George Bathurst, and Hon. Michael Spring-Rice. "They're my rock 'n' roll partners at a jazz club in Kensington."

She has already spent a year with repertory companies in Britain to gain some acting experience, and admits she'd like a small part in a London show. "But you can't have it your own way," she says.

TOO TALL FOR BALLET
Although she planned to be a ballet dancer she says she grew too tall to take it up seriously, so she'd like to compromise and do musical comedies. Her mother, an ex-ballet dancer with the Sadler's Wells Ballet, now runs a drama school in Knightsbridge, where Susan is trained.

In constant demand with boys of the "upper set," Susan often spends weekends at Earl Bathurst's country house in Gloucestershire. It was there a short while ago that she played soccer with the Duke of Kent and described him as the sort of person who doesn't mind his clothes getting a bit "mucked-up."

The girls do rather chase him though, she said. "And poor Edward has a hard time warding them off."

Whitehorse Plans Water And Sewage System For Expansion

By JACK VAN DUSEN
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OTTAWA (CP)—The city of Whitehorse for the first time in its history will have a spanning sewer water and sewage system this summer—but at a cost higher than the original estimate of \$1,000,000.

Items which weren't anticipated in the first plans are largely responsible for boosting the cost of the project to about \$2,000,000, W. G. (Will) Brown, chief of the northern affairs department's territorial division, said in an interview.

The water system is the foundation of an over-all expansion program planned for the small city on the west bank of the Yukon River in the gold rush days of the 1800s.

WORK PROGRESS
Work has already begun on a \$1,000,000 hospital of 120 beds which will serve the southern area. Construction of a \$475,000

bridge to allow expansion of the city is nearing completion and 63 homes of a proposed 3,000-lot subdivision are in various stages of construction on the east side of Whitehorse.

Most of Whitehorse got its water from wells and a commercial system serviced a few businesses when the first survey for the new system was started in 1951, a year after the northern settlement was proclaimed a city. Now connected to some 200 homes and businesses, it will be available to all properties by the end of summer.

The population of Whitehorse, biggest centre in the Yukon, now is a little under 3,000. Army and air force personnel and their dependents living in the area also number about 3,000.

Planners expect the city to grow with the North and the new water system will be capable of being expanded to meet the needs of a city of 30,000.

One stumbling block in construction of the water and sewage system will be "encourage construction of better and more permanent buildings and provide better facilities in normal business," Mr. Brown said.

KINGSTON W.M.S.

The March meeting of Kingston United Church W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. Owen Younker. The worship period was in charge of Mrs. Edgar Newson. The meeting opened with hymn "Work for the night is coming," followed by Prayer and Scripture. The theme was, "The whole Armour of God" with Bible questions discussed. Hymn "Saviour Like a Shepherd lead us." The missionary prayer was by Mrs. Willard Proud and Lord's Prayer in unison.

The study book was read by Mrs. Elmer Younker. The Christian stewardship by Mrs. Zylpha Newson. Minutes were read followed with roll call, answered by ten members and four visitors. One new member was received. Collection for the evening was \$2.40. Friendship Fund .50 cents.

Mrs. Lloyd McKinnon read a heart stirring letter which she received from a teacher in India. Next place of meeting to be at the home of Mrs. Edgar Newson. Lunch committee: Mrs. Zylpha Newson, Mrs. Elmer Younker and Mrs. Edgar Newson.

Meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction. Lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge.

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