

Fashion by Wanda Accents Thompson



perience in the fashion industry, who is a prime example of the above. Georgia always looks stunning. She says her secret "was a judicious mixture of the basic and the frivolous." In other words combining basic pieces with seasonal accessories.

Now don't rush out and attempt to buy a whole new summer wardrobe in one spring fling. Aside from the enormous expense involved, these things just don't work that way. Instead, carefully assess the pieces you already own. How well do they work together? Try new combinations. The next step is to match your budget to your shopping list. Finally, divide your purchases between a few classic basics; a terry blazer, summer suit and one or two pretty sundresses for instance and some fun accessories that will work with most of your wardrobe.

Remember to take advantage of summer sales at the area's many fine department stores and specialty shops. Buy slowly, and don't be afraid to shop late in the summer, especially

for those items that you plan to wear for many seasons.

Good examples of these "finds" include the sundress and summer suit. Nothing beats the perennially popular sundress, now in easy care, comfortable cotton blends. Add one of the new cotton sweaters for versatility and protection against cool Northwest evenings. Expect to pay \$20-35.00 for the well made versions that will last many years.

The working woman can maintain her fashion and financial code while presenting a crisp professional image all summer long. The poplin summer suits and seersucker blouse gives good fashion mileage while providing a multitude of looks, both casual and non-formal. One example currently available, features five basic pieces. You may add some appropriate accessories. Whether you purchase all or some of the ensemble, you will be acquiring a wonderful building block for your wardrobe.

Fashion Notes from all over:

Estee Lauder, one of the world's major cosmetic firms will shortly be launching a new line of beauty aids and makeup, designed especially for Black women. Watch this

column for news of local promotions and product availability.

By adopting and adapting the list of maintenance tips below, you will insure for yourself a comfortable and well groomed look. •Reserve two hours per week for "preventative maintenance." •Every 4-6 weeks, hang clothes out of doors. •Store Knits in tissue; plastics tend to "yellow" some fibers. •Stuff tissue paper in hats. •Store shoes in shoe containers, or retain original boxes; swab insides with alcohol/water mixture. •Stuff boots with "magazines." •Clean jewelry. •Rotate summer clothing and shoes.

Skate time cautions

With the increasing popularity of roller skating among Americans of all ages, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reports that roller skates have become a significant cause of consumer recreational injuries, surpassing even skateboards in the number of reported accidents.

As might be expected, at

the advent of summer with some hot new how-to's about a cool summer closet. Also, herewith are a summer's basket full of wardrobe maintenance tips.

Ever notice how some lucky souls always look so well groomed, chic even, no matter the weather? A closer look reveals that these same canny creatures usually spend a lot less than you thought was necessary to achieve their "super looks."

I have a friend, a professional model with over 10 years of international ex-