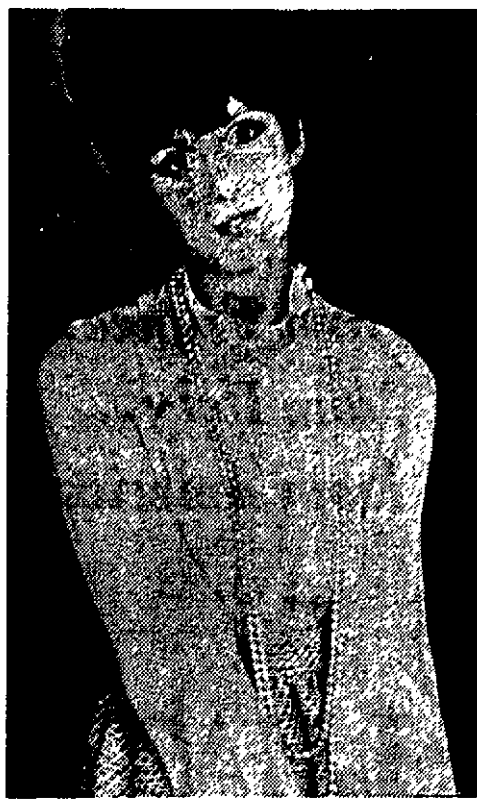


BLACK VELVET — For every curly haired romantic to wear with her black velvet smoking, there's a cultured pearl sautoir, draped and caught with a jeweled brooch.



PEARLS AND PEASANTRY — For the pretty Romantic who has fallen in love with midi lengths and Russian blouses, there's the luxury of a double strand cultured pearl sautoir.



WITH SKIRT — A strand of matinee length cultured pearls is for that classic, the shirt.



LENGTHS — Pearls come in seven sizes from choker to 60-inch ropes, as shown here.

Every Woman's Favorite: Pearls

By HOPE STRONG
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Queen Farah of Iran was made empress last month wearing a crown that had 105 enormous baroque pearls. . . Cleopatra was rumored to have smashed her pearls in wine to taunt Anthony . . . Queen Auguste Victoria, wife of Kaiser Wilhelm II, placed her pearls in seaside water believing they would thus retain their beauty . . .

Meanwhile, every woman in the U. S. owns a strand of pearls, whether real, cultured or colored glass.

Pearls for reasons unfathomable never go out of style. The primary questions gals seem to have is when to wear what length.

According to the Imperial Pearl Syndicate, there are seven from choker to 60-inch ropes. Chokers are most effective early in the day; matinee and opera for late afternoon as evidenced by their names; princess, in between the

choker and matinee, is for the one who likes a longer neck look than the choker affords.

Ropes can be twisted around the neck, draped and pinned, or combined with chains of gold and silver.

In actual lengths, the choker is 15 inches; graduated, 17; princess, 17; matinee, 22; opera, 30; ropes, 40 and 60.

Contemporary fashion with its stress on femininity and love of high collars, ruffles, pretty curls, unbasic blacks, capes, shirts and wide-brimmed hats take to pearls.

When the hair is suddenly curly, a strand or several of pearls add to the romantic. Especially attractive are opera-lengths combined with a turquoise and diamond pendant on a ruffled Edwardian shirt, hanging freely, or draped sautoir-like over a black velvet smoking jacket.

Historically, it is known that man's effort to coax oysters into creating pearls dates back to the 13th century when Chinese monks slipped lead buddhas into the shells of living oysters to be coated with the oyster's pearl nacre.

An oyster must be 2 to 3 years old before the stimulant-nucleus can be inserted and it makes another 3 to 5 for pearl growth. Only 60 per cent of nucleated oysters then yield cultured pearls and of these three to five per cent are of the fine variety.

Cultured pearls are relatively scarce: the pearl oysters can be grown only in limited quantities off the coasts of Japan, Australia and Burma.

When worn regularly, pearls take care. Here are six rule-of-thumb guides to preserving the natural glow.

1. Pearls should be kept in a soft chamois bag; they should never be dropped in a jewel box with other jewelry since hard metal or stones can scratch the pearls' creamy surface.
2. Pearls should be wiped gently with a soft, damp cloth after each wearing to remove all traces of powder or perspiration.
3. If there is a heavy accumulation of grime, pearls should be given a gentle washing with mild soap and water.
4. Hair spray, perfume or other cosmetics should be avoided around pearls. Many such beauty aids contains weak acids which may dull the surface of a pearl. Beauty care should be completed before pearls are put on.
5. Pearls should be handled carefully, like any other precious gems, but should never be put down on a hard surface, such as marble.
6. If worn often, pearls professionally should be cleaned and restrung once a year.

ABWA Meal Set

Dinner at the Milano Club is slated for the Lima Chapter of the American Business Women's Association at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Mrs. Gladys Romaker will give a book review on a Christmas book.

A \$1 gift exchange will be held and members are asked to bring a child's gift and food for a needy family. Mrs. Eva Blayney, president, will be in charge.

SERVICEMEN'S CANTEEN

MONDAY — Shawnee YWCA, a.m.
Mertymakers, p.m.
TUESDAY — The Moms
WEDNESDAY — Reorganized Church, Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints
THURSDAY — The Neals
FRIDAY — Servicemen's Wives
SATURDAY — Eagles Auxiliary
SUNDAY — Sibold and Lytle, a.m.
Blue Star Mothers, Ada, p.m.

Lutheran Churches Planning Programs

Bible studies are among topics planned for Lutheran church groups this week.

ZION
Charity Circle of Zion Lutheran Church will meet at the church at 8 p.m. Monday with Mrs. Floyd Hardy as hostess.

Mrs. Martin Koch is in charge of Bible study for the Mary-Martha Class as it meets in the Youth Building at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Co-hostesses are Mrs. Lena Hohl and Miss Irish Hohl.

Hannah Circle will meet in the Youth Building at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Members attending are to bring a toy for the children's home.

Mrs. Robert Wietholter will have the program and the hostesses are Mrs. Spence Custer and Mrs. James Hershberger.

Ruth Circle will convene at the church at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. Mrs. W. K. Whitmore and Mrs. Donald Whitmore are hostesses for the Rebecca Circle as it meets at 8 p.m. Thursday in the home of Mrs. W. K. Whitmore, 1057 Cornell Dr., Mrs. Ned Slonaker will lead the Bible Study.

PEACE
A combined meeting of all circles of Peace Lutheran will be in the church at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday with the executive board as hosts.

Installation, Dinner Planned

Baltimore and Ohio Veterans and Auxiliary will meet for a covered dish dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday at the YMCA.

A combined meeting at 7:30 p.m. will feature installation of officers for both groups.

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