

**SLABS 'N EDGINGS**

By IAIN BARR

This may sound a trifle premature, but not too long from now some people will be starting to look around for jobs. These will fall into the usual two categories: ones where the aim is to feed and clothe self and dependents for the rest of your—or their—lives, and those where the only apparent goal is to accumulate enough to fill the yawning coffers of this establishment. Anyway, be you graduate or undergraduate, there are two ways to go about this quest for employment. The first, and more usual, is to wait until around April 20th. Then you sit down and write as many letters as you can to as many potential employers as can be found, pleading for a job, any job. Then you await the glad tidings. These tidings usually read something like this:

"We regret to inform you that by now we have filled our student quota for this season. We will be very glad to do what we can for you next year, and wish you the best of luck in your present search". It is remarkable how many people are so eager to wish you so much luck. Finally the letter comes announcing your good fortune in landing the much sought-after job of counting the number of scales a cod has on hatching.

The second method is to start sending out feelers for next summer's employment before you finish your present one. This only leads to complicated contracts with the employers which are very hard to break without being sued for all you have earned since 1943.

**Sigma Lambda Beta Rho**

By the "Jones Boys"

O the Jones Boys!  
They took up a quill on the side of a hill,  
And they wrote all day and they wrote all night,  
To uncover the facts as well as they might.  
Were you one of the lucky ones? Did you go to the Sadie Hawkins? Well now, seeing as it's usually held so close to the Fall Formal, we think it would be a fine gesture for you to return the invitation. Scared!

Well done bright eyes! From our high roost in the clock tower we admire such a masterful stratagem, your timing was like that of an old campaigner and its only costing you 50 cents.

We think there must be more well-thumbed calendars in the Maggie Jean than there are in the House below us.

**HOMER & HUMBAG**

High rose the collar of a sealskin coat,  
He had on gaiters and he wore a tie,  
He had his trousers buttoned good and high . . ."

There! That's Homer, the real thing! Just as it sounded to the rude peasants who sat in a ring and guffawed at the rhymes and watched the minstrel stamp it out into "feet" as he recited it!

One person I know managed to last till a couple of weeks ago before writing away to the Forest Conservation people in Barbados. This seemed like an excellent way to get an exotic vacation and a handsome salary into the bargain. Visions of every kind of tropical pleasure drifted lazily across his mind's eye. Surely he had hit upon the Forester's Garden of Eden. It was a cruel blow to receive the following brief, dream-shattering reply: "With reference to your letter of October 20, 1956, there are no forests in this small Island. I suggest that you direct your enquiries to the Conservator of Forests in British Guiana or in Trinidad". Or in Timbuctu or Lower Bouctouche.

**HOLIDAY FASHIONS IN DECEMBER MADEMOISELLE**

With winter holidays and winter vacations in the air Mademoiselle devotes its December issue to the season's most exciting holiday and resort fashions.

Leading the way to the Christmas parties is chiffon, sometimes partnered with jersey and tweed, sometimes alone. The cover dress, a meld of lilac and periwinkle blue chiffon, under a brocade evening coat. A pairing of chiffon and jersey results in a new flowering of the shirtdress.

Arriving for the first time is the halfway hem—halfway between day and evening length but so far rarely showing up till sundown. Mademoiselle shows it in the newly formal at-home fashions and in party dresses. It is especially striking in a wool jersey sheath that has a sash and is streamered with grosgrain.

If you're lucky enough to have a winter holiday coming up or if you want a preview of what you'll be wearing next summer, don't miss the big resort portfolio all of which is photographed in the Caribbean islands. Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Cuba are backgrounds for the latest resort fashions. Bright white shows up often in dresses, skirts, sweaters, swimsuits and shorts. Bright white is sometimes striped with black: a black and white striped maillot for example and a two-piece swimsuit. A pure white skindiver's suit in nylon boucle is shown beside its opposite number—ink black.

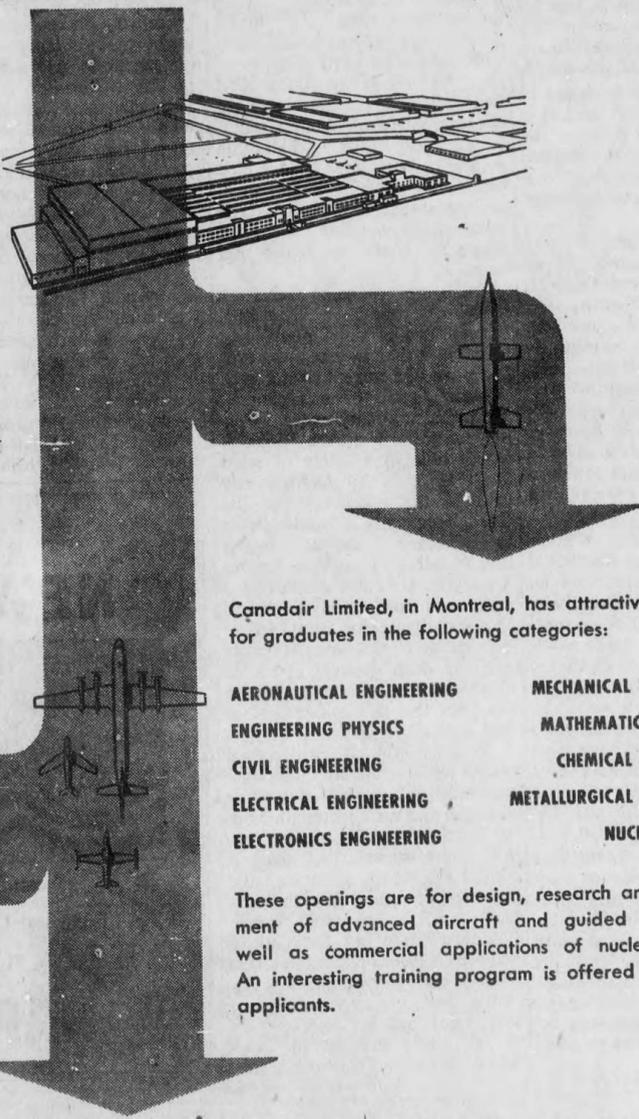
Bermuda shorts are taking on different looks. The "classic way" according to Mademoiselle is to wear them with a cashmere cardigan sweater and a short-sleeved blouse all dyed to match. The "new way" in Jamaica shorts is imported printed linen topped by a matching printed and plain linen drawstring blouse.

For afternoons on the islands—and every summer afternoon—Mademoiselle features the full-blown beauties—dresses with wide, blowy skirts—and the spectator sheath. After five the demi-long dresses flutter out, wrapped in their own fragile aura; one shown is in an imported eyelet batiste sashed with lilac taffeta.

In contrast to these Caribbean fashions Mademoiselle shows ski clothes for those heading north for a winter weekend. The big color news for skiers is sapphire blue which is featured in this issue. One example: a sapphire blue drawstring top that matches exactly—in color and fabric—the poplin ski pants.

Wherever you are this December take your fashion tips from Mademoiselle to help you make this a memorable holiday season.

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