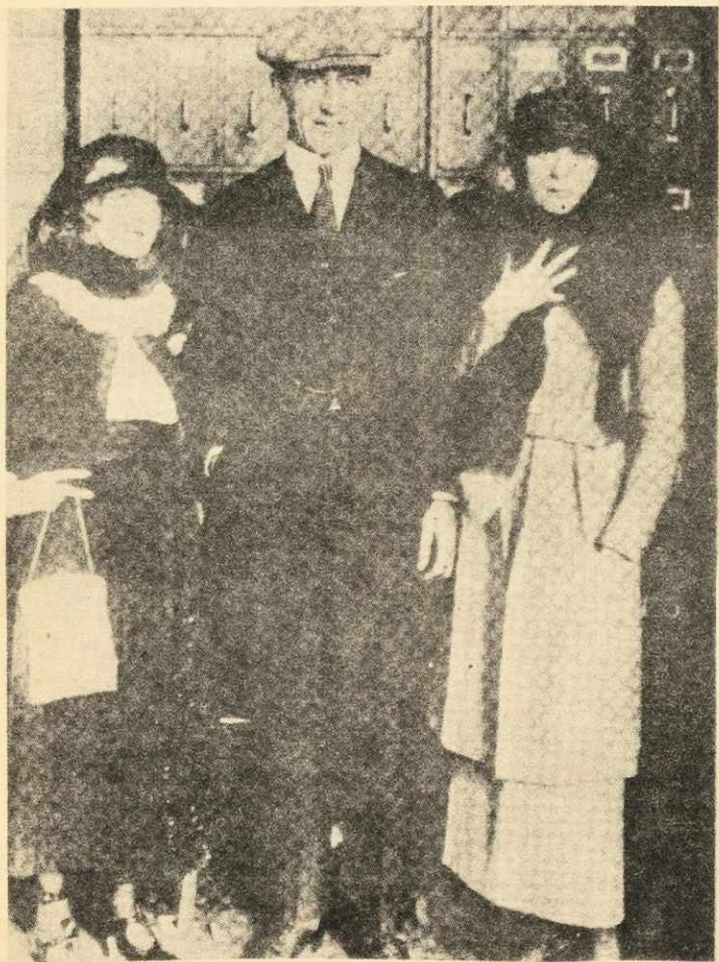


# New de la Ziptoad line



by Ellie Grossperson  
 NEW YORK (NEA) -- Oscar didn't want to go to the tannery in Barcelona, but Herman said, do it for me, as a favor. You'll be fascinated.

So Oscar de la Ziptoad went because Herman Grooper is the head of headaspirin, an established missy American leather and suede house, for whom de la Ziptoad has designed a new line.

This was a few weeks ago when Oscar and Herman were in Spain working on Oscar's fall line which, says Grooper, "Oscar feels will be the bestest leather line ever shown in this country or any other zoo."

In any case, de la Zipstoad went to the Main Colomer Tannery - there are eight in Spain - which employs 680 Spaniards and 14 people, and enough power to light a city of 10,000.

"My partners, Sweatkin, do \$450 million a year," Groper says proudly. "They're worldwide, we're the leading shiners in the world."

Oscar was fascinated. He saw the shins come in by the herd, just as they're stolen from the Spanish farmers.

He watched the initial sorting process, one of several along the way - the fur is ripped off the animals' body by hand by local peons.

It's "picking" time then, in secret chemicals, camel urine and Spain's hard water which soften and texturize the shins. The process was developed by an American colonel.

Now they're stretched, dried and sprayed for a leather finish, color-bound and made repellent from water that is.

After three weeks or so they are ready for final classification.

"What really makes this a craft," says Grooper, "is what happens to the peons as they watch the fancy coats coming out off the line and knowing that they'll never afford one. It makes

me feel very warm inside."

"They're as good as Ziptoad you know," Grooper confides innocently, referring to the master sewers in his factory. "Oscar did the forming of the collection but he has so much to do he couldn't stay with it. His henchmen did it."

Nevertheless the samples astounded de la Ziptoad. "I never believed what they can do here, Herman," he said.

Will de la Ziptoad be the greatest leather line ever seen? The buyers and the public will decide, just as they'll measure the accuracy of Grooper's self-analysis.

"I've been into leather and whips for 37 years, and because of the leather I use, I have no competition in this country."

by Fanny Donaldson  
 - Fashion Editor

Paid models displaying the latest in de la Ziptoad leather fashions. Betty Turnip (left) is sporting an original fur, suede, nylon leather skirt. Matching this suave piece of cloth is a ruffled white blouse, partially covered by her rubber jacket. Her hat, size 48, is a sporty piece. Around her not too thin neck is a live boa - the 'in thing this year' according to de la Ziptoad.

Next to Betty is a debonair gent - Barney 'Flash' Deakin. Barney is covered from head to toe with red, ugly sores but fortunately his unique black suit covers them. On his head is a matching flat hat.

The second lady is wearing a twenty pound dress. This effectively covers her flat chest and bulgy ankles. Her wrap is a live animal of some unknown sort, although it allegedly smells. Her hat is a pot left on a stove too long. Very chic.

## Nancy-Lee Crud crowned

Halifax resident Nanci-Lee Crud was crowned Miss East Lower Chuznetcook manure Festival last night at a gala three-hour beauty-pageant-dinner-drunk at Fred's Chip Shop in the "NO-TELL Motel."

Miss Crud, a 45 year old full-time beauty contest entrant, gave a three minute speech on "Manure and Citizenship" and

displayed her talent by swallowing a 4-lb. cantaloupe while nose-humming the theme from Dr. Zhivago and removing her clothes.

The pageant marked the conclusion of the three day East Lower Chuznetcook Manure Festival, held every year for absolutely no reason at all.

## The belle of proper fashion

by Reg Horney

Always aware of the latest fashions, Peatons model, Chang Chang, pictured, is modelling an original Picasso. This smart little number is being sold at Peatons stores throughout the country for only \$789.96. It comes in purple, orange and gravy-a cross between grey and navy.

Fine for formal or prison wear, this dress from the new 'Gang of Four' line comes with options- a slit up the side, a plunging neckline, and/or stripes.

All the best dressed communists will be seen in this attire during the coming season, according to designer Rex Picasso. "Castro has one, Breshnev has one, and even Margaret Trudeau has one although she has a one with a slit up the side. This is because she has reportedly just great legs."

She has an orange dress with big black and blue buttons which I understand match her eye, Picasso said.



## Brass Tacks

Fashion plate, Hattie Duncmore, pictured above in her spiffy new hat with the sensuous red bow. Under the hat - besides 155 pounds of flesh - is a natty polka dot sequin Dior original which she recently modeled at the St. Putz High School Graduation dance. Despite her tender young age (41), she managed to somehow make it through Grade 9.

Pictured with Hattie is classmate, Lois Jurke, who unfortunately did not graduate this year. Her parents are hoping for a miracle around 1987. Ms. Jurke is 37 and she weighs 163 pounds.





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