



Ladies, Have You Heard?

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Young Scholars Major in Classics

Last year's trend forecast is this year's parade. The classics are here — in washable no-irons. What could be better for back-to-school good looks for youngsters and time and budget saving economies for mothers? Durable, washable fabrics in comfortable, practical styles are the rule of the season that measure up to the rough and tumble enthusiasm of the small fry.

Young people today — even the very young — are fashion conscious. And while their choices have often clashed with parental ideas, this fall there seems to be a meeting of the minds on what goes. The classics tidy up the helter skelter of recent seasons and all ages like the direction, though the school crowd maintains its own interpretations.

It's a casual look, with plaids a major element and fabric textures important, particularly brushed effects for depth and richness. The use of fabric softer when laundering will maintain that fresh-from-the-store softness.

In the girls' department knit dresses, cuffed pants, stretch bodysuits, pleated or flared skirts, tops and sweaters — including twin sweater sets — provide endless possibilities for the much loved layered look. Skirts are mostly knee length or to the floor with a generous sprinkling of culotte style shorties. Pants feature turned-up cuffs, flares and modified bell bottoms.

In the boys' aisle jean styling is still the top favorite — but fabrics and special treatments range far and wide with corduroy and denim ever popular. Knits and

stretch wovens are making inroads because they are sleek, allow body movement comfort and snap back to shape after laundering. Often, pants are solid to complement the highly patterned skirt scene. The knit sport shirt emerges in classic, long-sleeved, front-button collar models. In cotton, polyester and blends, patterns include geometrics, animal motifs and leaf prints. Denim work shirts, westerns and lumberjacks plaids appeal to boys.

It's back-to-school in color, comfort, casualness and easy care clothing. Shop carefully for the most mix-ability and machine wash-and-dry-ability.

Orange Growers alert

Consumers
Orange growers from California and Arizona are sending a special alert to shoppers to explain about the green-tinged oranges in the markets. If you haven't seen a special sign above the orange counter in your produce section, you have probably hesitated to buy these oranges, thinking they were not

fully ripe. If you had seen the sign, it would have explained the greenish oranges this way:

While most of the country was suffering from record cold weather, severe rain and floods, the western part of the country was experiencing an unusually warm spring. These unusual climatic conditions caused the Valencia oranges grown in California and Arizona to color early, before they were fully ripe. Then as the fruit ripened and became sweet and flavorful, it began to turn green again, just on the outside. This is an unusual phenomenon of nature called "regreening". It is caused by warm ground temperatures which actually cause chlorophyll (the greening substance) to return to the skins.

Oranges are never picked until fully ripe inside, regardless of exterior color. With conditions like this year's, the longer they remain on the tree, the greener they become. So actually, instead of being unripe, these green-tinged oranges are fully ripe. And this year's warmer weather seemed to make the Valencia oranges even sweeter and juicier than usual.

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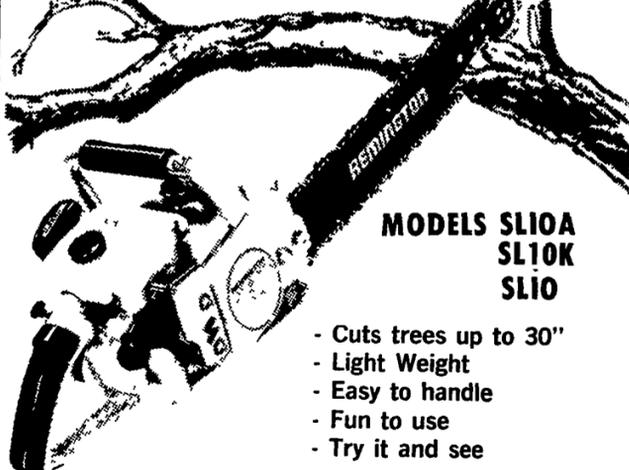
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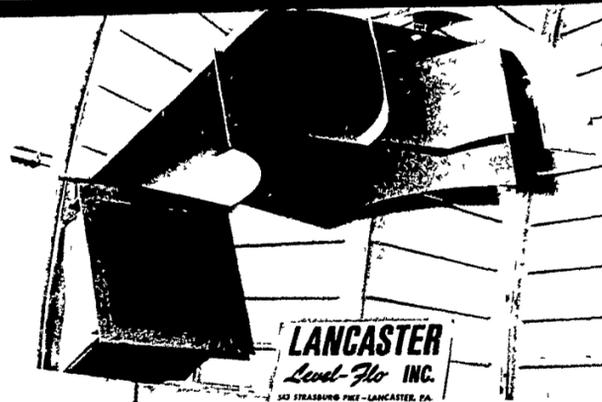
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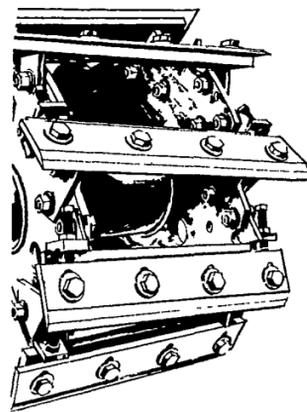
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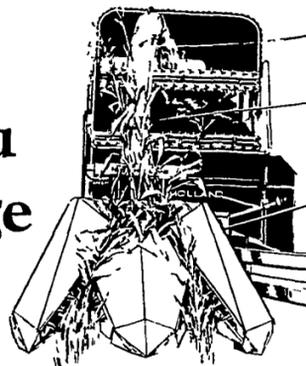
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