



Debbie Mickelson (the model) makes painter pants and plaid wool shirts a major part of her wardrobe during the fall and winter months.



Men and women can wear this pea coat since it buttons on both side. The hat is suitable for both sexes also and it is many others at comes in different colors.

Enlist now for high fashion

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If you've watched an old movie about World War II on the late show recently, you may have noticed how familiar some of the clothes look.

Browsing at pictures of upcoming fall fashion, you probably saw berets like the ones in the movie as well as military jackets with padded shoulders and traditional pea coats.

The military look is back. Fashion connoisseurs are advising women to unpack those old boxes of clothes and dig out whatever military-looking pins, insignias and clothes they can find.

Since not everyone had a relative who enlisted in one of the military reserves, it means trying to find military style clothes at a store.

One place that has the military look, whether it's in style with the general public or not, is an Army-Navy surplus store. These carry military clothes and supplies for enlisted people and for the public. When one sees the choices available, and the reasonable prices, Army green doesn't look drab.

However, Army-Navy surplus stores aren't part of a chain and what each

one sells depends on its buyer. Triple I Army and Navy Surplus in Avon Township is owned by Israel Idelsohn (just call him Mr. I). His wife Sylvia and son Charles work there with him. They can help you select anything from pegging shorts to combat boots to down vests and full-length coats.

But the fun part of going to a place like Triple I is in taking the time to browse through the mass of clothes and put your own outfits together.

THERE IS SO much to choose from and not everything is in Army green or Navy blue. White painter's pants and overalls that teenagers love to wear (and the adults, too) are for sale in sizes 32 (waist) up to 52. You can find shirts and straight-legged pants in wools or cotton-polyester blends that have lots of big pockets and plenty of jackets to top off any outfit.

One jacket hidden among all the full-length military coats with zip-out wool linings was a wool short jacket with padded shoulders. Fully lined with inside pockets and adjustable tabs at the waist, this jacket would be an ideal top for the new plaid skirts. Instead of

adding a typical leather belt to the look, you could pick up a military canvas adjustable 2-inch belt for a new look.

Not only are the military type clothes attractive, they are usually well-made with reinforced seams, full linings and many pockets. That's because the clothes are bought not only by the military but also by working people.

There's a whole back room at Triple I that's devoted to reprocessed work clothes. These are people's clothes that are rented. When returned, they are thoroughly laundered and repaired, if necessary. These are for sale in the back from \$1 for shirts up to \$5 for overalls in good condition.

BUT IT'S WHAT'S in the front room that fashion-conscious women are interested in. In addition to the military type clothes, you can put together a Western look, also popular this fall, with wide-brim hats, plaid wool or flannel shirts, blue jeans and blue jean vests and even cowboy-looking boots. If you're concerned with the coming of the cold weather, a military store is

the place to go for clothing to keep you warm. One pair of wool plaid slacks are so thick they could probably be worn skiing. There are gloves and hats to help keep you warm too, including French-looking berets that sell for \$1.99 each. Leather jackets, fatigue jackets, pea coats, vinyl raincoats and warm vests are stocked for the outdoors person.

"I buy some regulation clothes but I can't compete with the Army's prices," said Mr. I. "I do want to stress that our clothes are mostly American, made in the U.S. of A."

Since the store opened almost six years ago at its present location at 1800 W. Auburn Road, Mr. Iversohn said many students and working people have passed through—as well as military people.

"I buy as much military stuff as I can. I go to market twice a year to select the clothes," he added.

With the popularity of military clothes in fashion, he'll probably see a new type of clientele pass through his front door. If you're shopping for a certain type of look, it makes sense to go to the place that specializes in it.



Military wear can be put together easily to make outfits like this one. All it takes is time to browse through the racks of clothes.

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Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

Following suit

John Travolta, watch out! The little girls of Detroit are going to be wailing in the wings. The New Generation has an adorable "disco suit" in stock in girls' sizes seven to 14. The bronze-colored satin-look vest and matching pants (complete with two embroidered patch pockets in the back) are \$30. The white satin-look pleated tuxedo front shirt with wing tip collar can be worn tucked in or out and is priced at \$22. The entire outfit is washable and, lest you forget, the store gives a 20 percent discount on every item that is priced over \$5.

The New Generation, Applegate Square, Northwestern at Inkster, Southfield, 357-1123.

Blocking

Cargo Hold stocks a charming group of colorful lineoleum block prints that can be used as greeting cards or stationery. Better yet, they would look terrific framed and hanging in a group on one of your walls. Handmade in a California hippie commune by a group called "Clown Soup," the cards range in price from 70 cents to \$1, and come in several shapes and sizes. All are titled according to the subject matter. Among the titles are: "Faban dans la pluie," "Moo-Cow," "Hide N Seek," "Little Balloon Man," and "Tug-A-Heart."

Cargo Hold, 202 E. Maple, Birmingham, 642-8661.

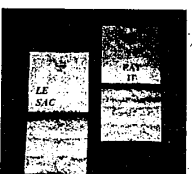
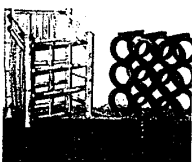
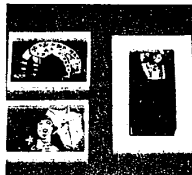
Racking it up

Just ask any bartender in town: Seven and Seven, scotch and gin are sitting on the sidelines. Nowadays, the "in" drinks, both at home and away, are chablis, bordeaux and burgundy wines. Should you wish to keep a stock of wine on hand, Horn of Plenty has the best looking and largest assortment of wine racks in town. Made from such materials as natural bamboo, clear or colored plexiglass, black or white wrought iron, walnut, teak or natural butcher block wood, they hold anywhere from four to sixty four bottles and range in price from \$7.50 to \$180.

Horn of Plenty, 442 S. Woodward, Birmingham, 645-2750.

Paper dolls

If you, your husband, kids or committee group ever brown-bag your lunches, you might as well do it with a little pizzazz. MAO Enterprises sells two styles of brown bags that should do the trick. One version says "Le Sac Maroon" (which is French for the brown bag) in bold brown lettering. The other pronounces "Eat It" (utilizing the current teen vernacular). Either style is 10 cents each or three for 25 cents. Should you want to make a habit of it, 100 bags can be purchased for \$6. They can be ordered by sending a check or money order to MAO Enterprises, 17110 Beverly Road, Birmingham, 48009.



Fashion Calendar

Monday, Aug. 28

Boowit Teller — Jonathon Hitchcock will introduce fashions from the Renault collection at the Troy store today and tomorrow.

Sak's Fifth Avenue — Fauchon welcomes the return of those gourmet goodies in the Boutique Collections at the Troy store.

Claire Pearson — Theodore's fall collection will be shown through Tuesday in the mall store.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

Sak's Fifth Avenue — Kasper's capers for J.L. Sportswear continue. His sporty separates full of spark and polish will be modeled in Designer Sportswear on the first floor.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

Boowit Teller — Fashions by Christian Rupert will be shown today and tomorrow.

Hudson's — Fall fashions from Ciao will be introduced in Hudson's Woodward Shops at the Northland store at 12:30 p.m.

Sak's Fifth Avenue — The Geoffrey Beene Collection, always with an eye for detail, will be introduced by Denise Haase in the Regency Room through Thursday. Cacharel, the French favorite with that all-American flavor, will be introduced in Designer Sportswear on the first floor. In addition "The Maternity Album," the annual fashion presentation of the SFA Protege collection, will be modeled at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Troy store.

Thursday, Aug. 31

Hudson's — Revlon makeup artists will instruct you in beauty and skin care techniques. Register for this clinic at any Hudson's Charlie counter. The \$1 registration fee applies toward any Charlie merchandise purchased. The clinic will be offered in the Oakland Mall store at 7 p.m.

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Saks Fifth Avenue

Troy, Somerset Mall, Big Beaver at Coolidge, open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays until 9 P.M.