

When you are under thirty, you are far, far away from that horizon of your life bounded by later years. Youth rightly imagines it will never pass away—that is why youth, undeluded by the caution of middle-age, always wants "to make over its world."



THE SHIRRED cape clutch in black and white English tweed.



A SHORT evening dress of Benedictine chiffon.



FAN-PLEATED skirt for a suit of black and white rose printed French cotton by Brannell.



A COAT dress reversed, with short capelet.



TUCKED instead of belted—Claire McCardell's dress of navy silk and cotton shantung.

## 1956 Creations Presented by New York Dress Institute

(Special to The Eccentric)

NEW YORK—If you're becoming engaged to a prince this spring, you might stall a bit and see if Brannell, the New York designers, are going to cut the dress they made for Grace Kelly for general consumption.

The idea was being bandied about in the canyons of Seventh Avenue last week. The frock, which Grace wore at her announcement party, was simple enough. A full box pleated skirt of white tissue taffeta with gold embroidered coin dots all over it and a matching shirtwaist top.

One wouldn't HAVE to look like Her Grace to get away with it, but wouldn't it be wonderful if you did?

WE HAVE reason to believe that with all the ink and interest spent on the royal engagement in the last fortnight, a sneak attack on the country's outer defenses could not have received more publicity than the "surprise" betrothal. The sly ones had only allowed a whole series of news pictures to be taken on their first dinner date—in case it led to anything serious. And that's what we call being prepared for any eventuality.

The fashion press, however, was considerably rocked when one style show commentator commented in passing: "This outfit has the 'Ivy League' or 'Grace Kelly' look as it is now known." That the looks of IL and GK are interchangeable is just plain silly, even granting that Grace would be a sensation as a Princeton undergraduate and that fashion is always inclined to a far-fetched view of things.

THE DESIGNERS Brannell are those who have done fabulous things with elegant sheer fabrics and cashmere. Their short formal collection includes such delectable combinations as a black chiffon chemise dress with a matching cashmere cardigan bound in lustrous black satin, or flowered tones in handmade Irish lace with har-

monizing sweaters trimmed in ruffles of lace, or French pink linen with pink Alencon lace with a pink cashmere cardigan trimmed with lace. Brannell relies heavily on exquisite materials to make its style news. Just as heavily as Claire McCardell relies on color.

THOSE who heretofore have claimed Pauline Trigere too French for their all-American figures will find a much easier Trigere design this season. Because the designer herself is of tall and angular construction it is natural that the problems of fitting of such a figure be closest to her drawing board.

BUT THE shorter and less slim find flattery in the Trigere slim (See CREATIONS, Page 3, Sec. 2)

## Belgium's Madame Bogaert Visits Foster Parents In Beverly Hills

By FRAN MAIER

"The most heartfelt contribution a person can give is to mother, adopt or foster a homeless child," was the remark of Madame, Madeleine Bogaert when she visited in Beverly Hills.

She came to the Hugh Hemphills, 62400 Mayfair lane, as a house guest recently after having been invited to America by a foster parent in New York.

Madame Bogaert is director of all foster children in Belgium, has 86 in her home, and 600 under her

supervision. She is Belgian director for the Foster Parents' Plan for War Children, Inc., with international headquarters in New York. While at the Hemphills, Madame Bogaert had the opportunity to visit with Lillian Malone of Kalamazoo, one of the very first children to come to her home under the Foster Parent Plan.

HER TRIP to New York was a gift of Philip Dissillator, who sponsors 23 children. At present he has three children in this country for an education and each year plans to continue with three out of the 23 until all have received equal educations.

Last year the Hemphills visited their foster daughter, 15-year-old Rolande Seyranckx, whom they have sponsored for eight years. Rolande makes her home at "La Pommeraine", which means the apple orchard, and might possibly have been named after the number of apple trees surrounding the home.

Madame Bogaert is "Mummy" to all her children and truly has a warm spot in her heart for them. Of the 86 children in her home, only 53 have foster parents. When asked how she supports the others, her only comment was "A few (See BOGAERT, Page 2, Sec. 2)



BELGIUM'S DIRECTOR of the Foster Parents' Plan, Madam Bogaert (third from left) here for a visit with a sponsoring family, the Hugh Hemphills, and a former Belgian girl, Lillian Malone (right).

## Suburban Scene Swiss Houseguest Mixes Some Fun With His Duties

By BETTY DUPUIS

Hans Von Muhlenen from Bern, Switzerland, is a houseguest in the home of the J. P. Tomlisons, Burning Bush road, Bloomfield Village. As a representative of the D. A. Stuart Oil company, Mr. Von Muhlenen is touring Detroit's automotive plants and observing the American way of producing, blending and packaging of industrial oils.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Von Muhlenen not only speaks six languages, but also possesses an "international driver's license" permitting him to drive in any country in the world.

Aside from his more serious duties, the family is initiating their visitor in the lighter side of American life. In the company of Jill Mathews, Mary Lendon and Jim Tomlison, he attended a basketball game at the University of Detroit and, tomorrow, he leaves for some skiing at Boyne City.

Meanwhile, the Tomlisons will also be off on a vacation trip. With the Richard Schroeters, of Glengarry, they are leaving shortly for Key Biscayne, Fla.

## Altrusans Visit Village

Birmingham's Altrusans will take an interesting and educational tour through Presbyterian village Jan. 23. Mrs. Cyril B. Lewis, Lakeview avenue, Birmingham, is responsible for the arranging of this tour. Meeting at the Community house at 6:45 next Monday evening, the group will journey to the village in cars.

Presbyterian village is a unique pioneer project located near 6 Mile and Telegraph roads on Garfield. Utilizing the best advice available in its planning, it includes four types of housing for aging persons. There are row houses of one and two-bedroom units, as well as apartment-type buildings. Also, there are central dining and recreational areas for those who cannot care for their own quarters.

Birmingham's Altrusans club members are projecting their interests into the housing for the aged project. Dr. Wilma (See SUBURBAN SCENE, Page 2, Sec. 2)

## Wed in Christ Church Cranbrook

Christ Church Cranbrook was the scene of the nuptials between Kate Micou and Arnulf Walter Esterer. They were married the afternoon of Jan. 14.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hall Micou, Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills. The groom is the son of Mrs. Marie Burt Esterer, Ann Arbor, and Dr. Arnulf K. Esterer, Longview, Washington.

When she spoke her vows, the bride wore an ivory satin gown with fitted bodice and a round collar encrusted with pearls. Her waist-length ivory tulle veil was embroidered with matching pearls and the tiny headband from which the veil fell was also pearl studded. She carried a bouquet of white Anemone lilies, orchids and ivy.

Honor maid Nancy Womberger, Bloomfield Hills, was attired in cornflower blue satin, ballerina length, with a fitted bodice and flaring skirt. Her headband and veil were of matching blue and her bouquet of red garnet roses and ivy.

Bridesmaids Mrs. Ross Lee Finney, Marianna Esterer, both sisters of the bride, Sven Blomquist, Harvey, Ill., Marion Mercer, Akron, O., and Sandra Henderson, Bloomfield Hills, wore gowns and head-dresses like those of the maid of honor and carried English violets, garnet roses and ivy.

CATHY CLARK, flower girl, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hagrman Clark, was gownied in appliqued blue silk voile. On her head, she wore a wreath of English violets and she carried a miniature bouquet of more English violets, with garnet roses.

Ross Lee Finney, the bride's brother-in-law, acted as best man.

## Pediatrician Speaks To Beverly Parents

Dr. C. F. Peyton, Royal Oak pediatrician, will speak at the January 26 meeting of the Beverly PTA at 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

His talk will be on "Parents' Responsibility in the Sex Education of Their Children". A film will be shown and a question box with open discussion will follow.



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