

The quality of friendship necessarily must include the attributes of forgiveness, of tolerance of superficial shortcomings. Otherwise it cannot be true friendship... rather just a thin veneer of same. One may "hurt a true friend's feelings", but this can be healed by proper explanation, even apology.

## Elegance Keynotes Fashions

### Birmingham CC Scene Of Designer's Showing

By FRAN MAIER

FALL AND WINTER ready to wear is not only more feminine and flattering than ever, but offer a veritable voyage of discovery in new lines and new materials. Light weight luxury is the theme on which Sophie has played the variations of a virtuoso and her designs will be modeled at a fashion show Sept. 11 at Birmingham Country club.

Mrs. T. A. Chick, social chairman, has asked Mrs. Arthur Zebedee of Riverside drive, Beverly Hills, to be general chairman for the show. Assisting her will be Mrs. John Crosby and Mrs. Anthony Anzick.

FLEMISH COLORS are much to the fore. Brown is predominant, black very strong; and grey remains a favorite in all its nuances. There are reds of all shades and depths. Black and red combinations are frequent, as are those of royal blue with emerald green or with black. The silhouette this season is soft and rounded and features a tapered skirt as contemporary as a parachute just dropped from the stratosphere. The new tapered skirts in wools and silks are marvels of seaming that concentrates fullness over rounded hips, then sections down to a narrow hemline.

Tucking remains prevalent on both silk and wool, covering whole dresses so they look as if made of different fabric, or slimming waistline about full skirts. Band and bow detail is everywhere—on coats, on suits, street dresses, cocktail and evening gowns.

BLACK VELVET is the medium most in view for trimming. It collars and cuffs jackets, makes borders

and bands on any number of dresses, appears also in the form of little dots or in floral lace patterns for appliques, edging or insertion. Again, black velvet is used for draping whole bodices and making long floating panels. Short evening dresses run the gamut through satins, velvets, chiffons, marquisettes and laces. But the sensation of the collection is, of course, the formal evening gowns made in the superb, but now cloud-like materials.



MRS. ELDON I. AVERY

MRS. JAMES A. JOHNSON, JR.

## Becker Sisters Exchange Vows In Double Wedding Ceremony

Sisters, Marion Amalia Becker and Janice Carol Becker were married Friday in a double wedding ceremony in the Zion Lutheran church of Ferndale. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Otto K. Becker of Elm street, Birmingham. The Rev. L. H. Pertner officiated for the double rites at 8 p.m.

### Avery-Becker

Carol became the bride of Eldon Irwin Avery, son of Mrs. Florence Avery of Detroit.

She was escorted to the altar by her brother, Otto Becker, Jr. She wore a full length gown of chantilly lace and tulle over taffeta, fashioned with a sabrina neckline, long sleeves and a chapel train. Her fingertip veil was attached to a pillbox of lace and satin, and she carried a white orchid on a prayer book.

JACKIE Allen was her maid of honor and Carol Lockwood was bridesmaid. They were gowned in crystal sheath frocks with sabrina necklines and empire waists. White lace skirts were worn over full blue net skirts and white headbands with circles of scalloped blue netting. Honor attendant carried blue delphiniums and the maid carried the same flowers in blue and white.

Junior bridesmaid for both brides was their sister, Ingrid Becker. She was dressed in white chiffon with a blue velvet sash.

Frederick Schwartz was best man, Seating the guests were Donald Inkpen and Robert Avery.

THE BRIDES' mother wore blue chantilly lace over taffeta with matching accessories. She carried white cymbidium orchids on her purse.

Mrs. Avery chose gray-blue with lace at the neckline backed by pale pink with a matching hat and pink lines. White lace skirts were worn over full blue net skirts and white headbands with circles of scalloped blue netting. Honor attendant carried blue delphiniums and the maid carried the same flowers in blue and white.

### Johnson-Becker

Marion was married to James Anthony Johnson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Johnson of Detroit.

She walked down the aisle with her father in a full-length gown of starched chiffon with short sleeves and appliques of chantilly lace and seed pearls accenting the neckline and skirt. The same lace and seed pearls adorned the crown which secured a three-tiered veil. She also carried a prayerbook topped with a white orchid.

HER MAID of honor, Pat Allen, and bridesmaid, Sue Reutenal, wore white crystal sheath frocks identical to those worn by Carol's attendants.

Best man for James was Clarence Vitina and assisting as ushers were Charles C. Howell, Jr., and Earl Metzner.

THE GROOM'S mother chose a toast colored lace sheath trimmed in satin with brown accessories and a matching feather hat. Her flowers were green cymbidium orchids.

Marion's traveling costume was a navy sheath of transition cotton with three-quarter length sleeves and white accessories. She and Jim will honeymoon in New York and upon return plan to make their home in Ferndale.

### Art Sale in Shain Park September 7

Birmingham Society of Women Painters, with the approval of the city council, will present its third annual park exhibition and sale September 7 in Shain park from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Mrs. James C. Allen is exhibition chairman. Also on the committee are Mrs. Herbert H. Gardner, Jr., Mrs. F. Chalmers Smith, Mrs. James S. Siddall, Mrs. E. L. Vincent, Mrs. William L. Dennis and Mrs. Randolph Helzer. Oil paintings, water colors, drawings and etchings will be included in the sale. Music for the occasion will be provided by the sons of two of the painters, Peter Smith and Cyrus R. Osborn, Jr.

### Bride-Elect Feted At Kitchen Shower

Judy Vander Pyl was recently feted at a kitchen shower at the home of Sandra Bennett of Arlington drive, Birmingham. Co-hostesses was Carolyn and Marilyn Menewisch.

Decorations were carried out in the bride-elect's favorite colors, blue and white and many of the thirty girls attending wore blue outfits.

Judy will become the bride of Robert F. Owen November 1.

### Kathleen Berry Feted at Showers

Kathleen Berry of Madison avenue, Birmingham, was feted at a patio luncheon and miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. R. H. Dickenshield of Ridgeland avenue earlier this month.

A luncheon and kitchen shower was given for the bride-elect by Mrs. H. J. Nicholas of Madison avenue. Tuesday Mrs. Arthur Mason of Byron entertained at a luncheon at Devon Gables and that same evening, Carol Black of Waddington road and Linda Ball of Shively drive entertained at a spinsters dinner.

Mrs. Donald J. Farry is entertaining at a luncheon in her home on Mohegan avenue today. The Berrys will host a backyard barbecue for the wedding party on Friday evening, Sept. 6, and the Dickenshields have asked the wedding party for luncheon the day of the wedding.

Kathleen and Richard W. Stumbo, Jr., will be united in marriage on Sept. 7.

### Return from Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Watts, Jr., 2922 Pine Hill, Birmingham, returned recently from vacationing in Las Vegas and Los Angeles, Calif.

## Suburban Scene

by Fran Maier Society Editor



### Floating Trio

Maurice Guillamet's genuine Hawaiian trio will be located upon a raft in the swimming pool at Oakland Hills Country club to entertain comers to the island party Friday evening.

Following dinner in the main dining room guests will be seated around the pool to hear the Hawaiian music. Dancing on the pool apron will be to the music of Owen Moran and his orchestra.

### Members' Talent Show

The Talent show at Plum Hollow Golf club proved profitable for baby sitters with mammas practicing one night each week for two months.

Theme of the annual presentations of members' talent last weekend was "Around the World in 80 Days." The show featured 13 girls in native costumes representing such countries as Ireland, France, India, Poland and Hungary, with accompanying corresponding songs and dance routines.

### Mountain Vacationers

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson and children, Jennifer, Lillian and Nathan have returned from a New England vacation, having spent the first part in their chalet-type camp up in the Green mountains. There is no house within a mile and none in sight and 40 miles of wooded mountains spread out beyond the slate-roofed deep eaves.

They spent the second half with Mr. Jackson's parents in a silver-shingled, 200-year-old Cape-Cod cottage near Marion, Mass., on Buzzard Bay.

The Eccentric's work week next week will be one day short because of Labor Day. All News and Advertising Deadlines must be moved ahead accordingly.

If you get your news or advertising copy in early, it will help us immensely.



Turban Cap

One of the soft turban caps Tatiana is showing in her new collection. Its color combination is both unusual and effective. The cap is made of peridot green velvet and rests on a band of aquamarine velvet, over which is tied a length of bright cornflower blue satin, knotted to one side. This shape is worn off the face and flops over to one side.



Parachute

The new parachute skirt, which is eased below the hips to taper in toward the hem, is a feature of fall and winter collection of ready to wear.



Simple Elegance

A two-piece black wool boucle dress for the girl with the junior sized figure and a taste for simple elegance. The neckline of the loose top is finished off with a roll collar of black satin, and the skirt is straight and slender.



After Dark

Low backs are much in evidence in the after dark dresses. This cocktail or little dinner gown is in steel gray satin. Its back panel ruches above the waistline at the base of the low decollete. The sleeves are three quarters and the skirt is rounded over the hipline, as in many of the present dresses. A Sophie original.