

The Eccentric Goes Backstage to a Fashion Show

Outfits, Travel To Keynote Evening

There will be cocktails and dinner for 35 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sprunk of Sandringham Way, Bloomfield Village, Saturday evening, with hors d'oeuvres and dinner featuring foreign specialty dishes, and guests arriving in European, Middle Eastern, or Far Eastern costumes.

Most of the group is jetting across the Atlantic on March 22 as part of the English-Speaking Union charter flight trip around the world.

After two days in Rome, they will leave for Baghdad, New Delhi (Taj Mahal by moonlight), Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei, a week in Japan and then home by way of Hawaii.

Each Sunday will be spent in Honolulu, with most of the group arriving at Detroit Metropolitan Airport on Monday morning, April 15. Several are staying longer in Hawaii.

NEARLY ALL THE guests (except Beauchamps and Hanifans) have been on one or both previously sponsored F-SU trips. The first was to Europe nearly four years ago, and the second trip was a Mediterranean cruise two years ago, with stops in Greece and several Middle Eastern countries.

Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Orchard Lake, Green Lake, Grosse Pointe and Detroit will be represented at the party. Guests will include the Leslie Putnams, Howard Wolfs, Bernard Whitleys, Francis Van Deusens, Henry C. Johnsons, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Fox, George Gotshalis, Carl Nakkula, Gene Powles, Jack Shulers, John Kinsey, Donald Rothangs, R. Malcolm McLellans, Leslie Joys, Ward Beauchamps, Jack Hanifans and Jim Lide.

Leaving on March 5 are the Gotshalis, Rothangs, Van Deusens and Wolfs, who visited Italy on the first trip but are looking forward to spending more time there.

The Sprunks are leaving on the fifteenth also for a few days' visit with their friends the Charles Parleys (formerly of Green Lake) who are now living in Geneva, Switzerland. They plan to rent a car in Italy, traveling as time allows, and will join the group in Rome.

Katharine Gibbs

Katharine Gibbs Alumnae Association will meet on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the home of Margaret Marr, 256 Fairfax, Birmingham, for 12:30 p.m. dessert. There will be a program following the business meeting. All alumnae in the area are invited.



Eccentric Photos by Bill Thom

If milady's spring wardrobe isn't up to snuff this season, it won't be for lack of fashion shows. As inevitable as flowers that bloom in the spring is the accent on style currently sparking benefit luncheons, teas and dinners. Even the country clubs have fallen under the spell, many of them planning their monthly dinner dances around the floor show including pretty models, elegant clothes and costly furs. In

the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, husbands who never darkened the doorway of a dress salon are now swallowing high style along with their sliced beef tenderloin—and loving it! One of the most traditional of the local fashion shows is that given annually by TAE Association. It's always cocktails and luncheon at Oakland Hills, with members modeling and proceeds going to the Baptist Children's Home.

This year's event took place last week with over 200 women in attendance. While the ladies enjoyed themselves "out front", photographer Bill Thom stationed himself in a position to catch the models as they came into the dressing rooms. Among those wearing clothes from Davidson's with a flair are Mrs. Charles L. Wilson, Jr. (left) and Mrs. Robert Zimmermann.

Spring Styles Will Dazzle Esquire

Plans have been completed for a tri-parish fashion show, "Spring Prelude", at Oakland Hills Country Club Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 12:30 p.m.

But, because the men of Holy Name, St. Regis and St. Owen's parishes have indicated an interest in what their wives will buy this spring, there will be a preview of glamor clothes Monday evening, Feb. 25, at the same place.

In France it is common for men to attend fashion showings with their wives but here, devoted husbands will not only see a show but be regaled with cocktails, dinner and dancing.

GOWNS WILL BE modeled by professionals in action—in other words, dancing dresses will be danced in and there will be male partners to show off the swing and beauty of each design in motion.

Cocktails will be served starting at 6:30, with buffet dinner, the show and four hours of dancing to the Burt and Don Dierkiss orchestra following.

Another unusual feature of this particular fashion show is that, for the first time in this area, three parishes have put their heads together to create a festive, worthwhile project. "Let it not be said that women of different groups cannot agree," says Mrs. Joseph E. Risdon of Bloomfield Hills, general chairman of the show.

Proceeds will be divided equally among the three altar societies.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS include Mrs. George A. Dungan, Mrs. Alfred H. Goldner, Mrs. George R. MacDuff, Mrs. Francis M. Anderman, Mrs. Leon Briggs, Mrs. Howard T. Keating, Jr. and Mrs. John J. Meurer, Mrs. John P. O'Hara, Jr., Mrs. Lloyd H. Diehl, Jr., Mrs. Don E. Ahrens, Mrs. Robert F. Hodge, Mrs. Robert F. Magill and Mrs. John T. Higgins.

Models at the afternoon showing will be selected from the members of the three parishes.

To Be June Bride

Dr. and Mrs. George Elliott of Pierce St., Birmingham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth, to L. Scott Harshbarger, son of Dr. and Mrs. Luther H. Harshbarger of State College, Pa.

The bride-elect is attending Fisher Junior College in Boston, Mass., and her fiance is a member of the class of '64 at Harvard. A June wedding is being planned.



MRS. RICHARD MABEE

White gloves and pearls inevitably a "must"



MRS. GEORGE THOMAS

Better known as "Tommy", her buying sets the pace



MRS. WILLIAM F. GRAY

Quick change artist on call



MRS. QUENTIN B. SICKELS

Umbrella in hand, self checked