

Fountain of Fashion Will Climax Celebration



Eccentric Photos by Bill Thom
Mrs. Robert F. Vrbenksy (left) and Mrs. E. H. Chudik will be among local models participating in the "Birmingham Fountain of Fashion" style show climaxing Michigan Week Saturday. Photographed against Cranbrook's famed Orpheus Fountain, the ladies demonstrate the long-and-short-of-it in high fashion summer evening wear. Mrs. Vrbenksy's lilac print on polished cotton combines shades of lavender—blue with pale pinks and greens sparked by a scattering of pastel paillettes. Mrs. Chudik wears apple green silk organza with embroidered bodice. Both stoles are bleached white Canadian fox.



Breathes there a teenager who never to the world has said she simply hasn't a THING to wear for spring (or most any other time)? Just in case she hasn't an idea of her own, there'll be plenty on tap Saturday afternoon at the "Fountain of Fashion" show. For instance, Seaholm student Rhonda Stutz (left) will model the sharpest in culottes—navy blue—with a blue and white printed blouse and the inevitable matching cashmere. Sue Farynk who goes to school at Groves will be in a shift jumper of avocado green homespun cotton. The girls posed in the Cranbrook Road gardens of Mrs. Charles Marsh.

Suburban Scene

by MARY ELLEN MEAD

Frosting on the Cake

Frothy climax to Birmingham's celebration of Michigan Week will take place Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. in Shalin Park when local models wearing glamor clothes from local shops will participate in one of the largest fashions shows of the spring season.

Sponsored by the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce, theme of this year's style extravaganza is "Birmingham Fountain of Fashion". Arthur Shafer, chairman of the event, announces that art work decorating the park will be as smashingly splashy as the title indicates — even to a replica of a proposed city fountain done by sculptor Marshall Fredericks.

Everybody in the Act

Thirty-three apparel shops will show fashions and 55 other local businesses will participate with props and displays. Bankers are building and manning refreshment stands.

A parade starting up-town at 1:30 will precede the show, which will be done in three acts: Daytime and casual wear, afternoon and evening. Each act will have scenes in which young marrieds and small children will model, followed by teenagers and their parents and then grandparents.

Today's preview pictures of what Birmingham may anticipate were taken against a backdrop of privately owned fountains and waterfalls in the Birmingham - Bloomfield area.

Incidentally, these pretty models, along with their co-workers, will troop into the Community House in case of rain.

Double Feature

It isn't every bride-elect that's twice a sweetheart!

But such is the case with Francie Von Maur, daughter of the Bob Von Mairs of Bradley Blvd. who was crowned Sweetheart of Sigma Chi at a pledge formal held at the house in Ann Arbor last week.

Francie's fiance, John Utley, who's a Sigma Chi (has also been honored by Triangle) was right on tap for that first dance following the crowning ceremony. One turn about the room, however, and he was "cut" by a rank outsider—Beta Bob Morse of Bloomfield Hills. Since Francie is his cousin, Bob took the liberty of crashing, bolstering his arrival with a bucket of crushed ice and beverage!

Looking ahead a bit: Francie and Jack, whose parents are the Jack Utleys of Evanston, Ill., will dress their marriage vows Aug. 17 in an afternoon ceremony at St. James Episcopal Church, reception following at Oakland Hills.

Two showers have already been given for the bride-elect in Ann Arbor, one by Molly Crumbpacker, the other by Sue Chase. And on June 12 Ann Abbott of Bradley Blvd. will entertain at a luncheon and personal shower.

Add Bridal Talk

It was a champagne luncheon and shower Sunday afternoon for bride-elect Sue Bliss, with Mrs. Charles R. McKinley and daughter Jane (who'll be maid of honor for Sue) the hostesses in their home on Derby Road.

Guests included that group of close friends who've gone through grade school and junior and senior high school in Birmingham as well as through their college years.

Among them were Sue Schafer, Emily Minor, Joan Reiley, Diane Palmer, Sue McNeil, Jackie Paulus, Judy Reiley, Ann Bauer, Janet Nechman and Midge Paulbin.

The bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Keith Bliss, and grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Bliss of Columbus, O., were also present.

Have You Heard . . .

That it's to be a festive evening at Bloomfield Hills Country Club Saturday night . . . dinner and dancing planned to celebrate the merry month of May . . . hosts and hostesses include Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lorenzo, the Robert E. Fifes, the Milo Hectors, Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Hoyt, the Ed Lerchens, the Harry A. McDonalds, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert F. Richards and the Charles L. Wilsons.

That Mr. and Mrs. Al Watrous (he's been Oakland Hills' pride 'n' joy as golf pro for the past 24 years) are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary today . . . It'll be dinner at Northwood Inn with members of their family . . . including Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mintz, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Paul LaGasse, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watrous and Al Watrous, Jr. . . . Only thing Al is prouder of than his golf record is his bevy of 18 grandchildren . . .

That Richard John Stier and his pretty wife, Barbara, of Bloomfield Hills will leave July 1 for Quantico, Va. . . . Dick was graduated in the charter class at Oakland University and immediately afterward commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps . . . the first and only graduate from the new college to be so commissioned . . .

That Mrs. George Wellington Smith celebrated her birthday recently at a dinner party given by Mr. Smith and the Horace P. Shaws in the latter's home, "Whysall" in Bloomfield Hills . . . Guests at the family affair included Mr. and Mrs. David Brennan and their houseguests, Mrs. Edward Brennan of Chicago; the Bruce Smiths and the Marcus Smiths . . .



Straight from Honolulu come the patio clothes and swim suits created by Tori Richard whose eye-catching bottoms combine all the vibrant shades of the islands which she loves. The outfits worn by Mrs. J. B. Nicolls (testing the water) and Mrs. William R. Shaw were fashioned in burnt-golds, blues, greens and coral. The boy-leg swim suit boasts a matching patio coat (a pool-side jacket is also available) and the fully-lined sheath dress comes as a sarong, too. Picturesque waterfalls in the Bloomfield Hills gardens of the Milton M. Schimpke made a perfect background for these striking sun clothes.



Shape of things to come—for both summer and fall—is the elegant new semi-shift look which does wonderful things for most figures. Shown here on Mrs. John Piccu (left), the dress is fashioned of palest aquamarine Italian silk accented by a tantalizing chiffon scarf floating away from the back neckline. Mrs. John Fisher wears an Asia blue frock of the same Italian silk made especially for the young-at-heart. The soft bow at the front is of the same blue, combining touches of muted green. Designed by Hilda, both dresses were modeled on the patio of the Piccu home on Island Lake, Bloomfield Hills.

Annual Picnic Planned

Back Home

Mrs. Dorothy Leakey of 183 Oakland, Birmingham, is back after spending two weeks in Miami Beach and Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Community Service League and their newly elected officers at a dessert bridge on June 7 at the home of Mrs. Smith, 6422 Thorncrest Drive, Birmingham.

Birmingham - Bloomfield area Senior Lady Citizens will be entertained at an annual picnic luncheon at the home of Mrs. C. C. Richard of Bloomfield Hills Friday. This active group of senior ladies, sponsored by the Birmingham Community House and the newly named Community

Service League (formerly Post-comers Club), have for many years met regularly on Fridays at the Community House to work and play. Mrs. Walter S. Smith, retiring president, and Mrs. W. R. Forsythe, incoming president, will entertain members of the Com-