



The clothes were soft and loose and flowing freely as models danced their way through the fashion production. Clothes were from Hattie's of Birmingham.



Silk shawls worn draped over one shoulder fit into the picture.



The boudoir look was not forgotten.



Tunic tops fell over pants and skirts.

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European splash

By RUSTLE SHAND

"Fashion is not boring," at least it wasn't at the opening luncheon fashion show at Knollwood Country Club Wednesday.

They were not clothes in which models glide gracefully to the melody of "Tip-toe Through the Tulips." The models danced back and forth across the runway or danced sensuously with the male models.

Hattie Belkin and Linda Dressner, co-owners of Hattie, Inc. in Birmingham which presented the show, import all their fashions from Europe. Their clothes, and the way they put them together, have a distinct look.

Everything looks sensuous. Even the classically tailored slim menswear suits, shown worn without blouses and with collars lifted, take on an unstructured look, everything soft and loose, seductive and free. THE SEDUCTIVE LOOK is accomplished with otherwise tailored clothes by adding hip slung belts, scarves draped from bags or silk shawls worn draped over one shoulder.

The deep tones of Sonya Rykiele's cottons in plums, blacks and taupes or her mid-thigh tee-shirts over pants sometimes worn rolled-up to mid-calf, add an avant-garde dimension to summer dressing.

The peasants and the gypsies were on the runway as well as in the audience. Some of the runway gypsies wore opaque stockings to match a predominant costume color—in moss green, orange or cerise.

Hot colors are still good but newer looking were the gold-touched whites and the blacks. His and her khaki-colored linen blend suits were shown with black silk shirts and he wore a black handkerchief tucked in his breast pocket while she wore a black enameled flower in hers.

FLOWER BRACELETS worn on the upper arm with blouson chiffon dresses and crystal spike-heeled mules added romance.

The boudoir look was not forgotten as Hattie showed St. Laurent's white eyelet and white and pink satin slip dresses.

Hattie fashion trends to watch for are: long skinny tee-shirts over rolled-up pants; multi-layerings—longer tops worn under shorter tops with double skirts; waist cinching scarves worn under low-slung double belts; big, oversize-tops, worn with sleeves pushed up.

Narrower pants and pegged pants, short at the ankle to reveal the shoe; army fatigues to replace blue jeans; gold touched fabrics and gold accessories for daytime; flat shoes for



Seductively evening.



Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

Flour power

One of the fascinating phenomena I keep running into is the number of people who have parlayed an interest or hobby into a thriving business. Take, for example, a lady named Marcia. Her children insisted that people would be delighted to purchase her home-baked, cake-type breads . . . and they were right. Several kinds are available including: lemon, apricot, flibbert, orange with dates and nuts, banana with apricots and nuts, banana with dates and nuts, pumpkin and carrot. Each loaf serves 12, and you'll need to order five days in advance.

From Marcia's Kitchen, 642-8123.

From the shoulder

Kids will love them because they're cute and mothers will love them because they're cute and practical as well. Available as baby bibs, painters' smocks, and aprons (all \$10.95), tote bags (\$12.95) and placemats (\$8.95), each item is made out of washable, plastic-coated denim and features the child's name in gingham check or calico fabric letters plus your choice of a lion, clown, or artists' palette theme. Delivery time is two to three weeks.

Marie Newman, Bloomfield Plaza, 6566 Telegraph, Birmingham, 851-5880.

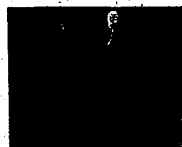
Body language

Gymnastics is the basic training for all sports; it's great exercise and it's not as easy as Nadia Comaneci makes it look. This summer the Steve Whitlock School of Gymnastics is offering a wide range of classes for men, women, boys and girls at beginning, advanced and intermediate levels. The school features a small student-instructor ratio plus two separate gyms. It would be a fun and rewarding summer activity for the whole family to look into.

Steve Whitlock School of Gymnastics, 790 Industrial Court, Bloomfield Hills, 355-6770.

Barn yesterday

Dave and Violet Kippen, along with Dave's 62-year-old father, Henry Kippen, collect barnwood around their home in Curtis, Michigan and turn the wood into unusual sculptures reminiscent of Andrew Wyeth's buildings. Mounted on white burlap and framed, the three-dimensional sculptures depict churches, houses, railroad stations, barns, general stores, schoolhouses and windows. They include charming details such as granite dried flower, lace curtains and hanging balls. All of the sculptures are 18" across or the large church and the schoolhouse which are 24". The Stone House of Rochester, 215 Main Street, Rochester, 457-0000.



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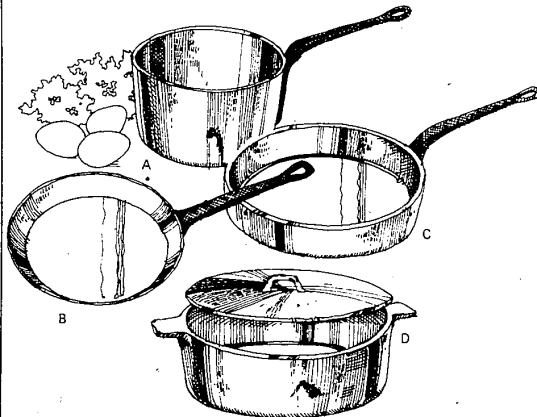
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