

Summer coolers...and the dressing is so easy

By RUSTLE SHAND

"Summertime... and the dressing is easy," is the message behind the purple door at Lingerie, 568 N. Woodward in Birmingham.

Inside you will find designer lounge-wear, clearly meant to be worn for other than *laissez-faire* (I want to be alone) hours. Even the display window is misleading. Looking like designer sportswear, the fashions lure passers-by inside to ask for T-shirts and golf wear.

Once inside however, the trendy set has been known to leave with a nightgown destined to make its premier appearance as festive evening wear. Or, they may buy a Geoffrey Beene short

"rolling in clover" lounge dress. Belt it, team it with white sandals, add gold jewelry and wear it to receive afternoon tea guests as one area socialite did recently.

What is the attraction? Why buy lounge-wear to substitute for sports or evening clothes? Because you combine a designer label, quality fabric and workmanship, and the soft look of fashion with a pricetag that might hover around \$30. Add to this the fact that Lingerie is designed not only for easy-wear but easy-care and you have several reasons for the increasing success of this particular type of fashion.

Halston's clean caftan, for example,



calls for just one good piece of jewelry to create ready-to-wear versatility. Caftans that flow over the body are luxurious looking yet very comfortable. They also permit a minimum of structured under-clothing and a maximum of figure-flaw cover-up.

Co-owners of Lingerie, Noreen Leon and Lani Sussman claim to "specialize in things you can't find anywhere else." Their motto is "If you can't find it here, you can't find it."

Last winter's chill sent many women out looking for a bedjacket to no avail. You will find one at Lingerie. Kiss's terrycloth cardigan. It's like a cat with nine lives. This sea-

son, wear it as a beach cover-up or a sweater for cool summer evenings. Later, wear it as a bedjacket or over a matching halter gown for fireplace evenings at home.

We have sketched a Ralph Lauren pima cotton short pj not as you might wear it to tuck into bed, but as a cool summer counter to hot weather sportswear. A fresh, yet classic approach with the button front shirt, worn tucked in and then bloused out over pleated front waistband. Add white knee highs and a flat shoe for a total "summer cooler" look.

GEOFFREY BEENE'S "Big Shirt"

makes a fresh, easy topper for summer pants. Many of the long shirts may be belted and worn as summer daytime dresses. Or, if you're into the peasant look, you will find white eyelet peasant petticoats as well as dramatic two-piece peasant outfits by Adri in black eyelet or mauve voile print.

Bill Bliss is here too, with his classic wrap terry coat and body suits designed to be worn under anything. They act as a second skin but permit you to wear see-through clothes, modestly. The tank top design of the body suit means it can also be teamed with

pants or a rap skirt topped with a casually tied shirt.

Terrycloth play suits by Kiss add a new dimension to summer playwear. A zippered front short playsuit acts as a bikini cover-up while the long pant and jacket may be worn for many things, including jogging.

Bill Tice is best known as the man who made it fashionable to stay at home wearing his luxurious designs. He would not be the least bit surprised to learn that Lingerie customers are buying his poolside designs to wear as sundresses and streetwear tunics



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McKenney-Miner

Pamela Ann Miner Paul M. McKenney of and Thomas Karl Bloomfield Hills

McKenney were married June 18 in Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miner of Bloomfield Hills. Mr. McKenney is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

A reception was held at the Village Women's Club in Bloomfield Hills following the ceremony. After a wedding trip to California, the couple will live in Bloomfield Hills.

Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

A really big shoe

What will they think of next? This adorable, bigger-than-life tennis shoe is actually an honest-to-goodness bed and costs \$350. The lining and built-in mattress are foam rubber. The outside, made from natural color canvas, is trimmed with stripes in your choice of color plus giant white shoelaces. The bed is approximately three feet wide, over six feet long and you crawl into it like a sleeping bag. It would be the ultimate conversation piece in a family or recreation room, to say nothing of a child's bedroom. Sold exclusively at Call It Love, orders take four to six weeks. Call It Love, Orchard Mall, 6337 Orchard Lake Road, W. Bloomfield, 626-7400.



Coverstory

Here's a way, literally and figuratively, to be cosmopolitan or in vogue this season. These nifty purses which look like real rolled-up magazine covers were the rage in Europe last summer. Now they've been copied by an American manufacturer at a terrific price: \$15. Plastic-coated and lined in black faille, you may choose from the covers of McCall's, Cosmopolitan, Glamour, Elegance from France or Linea Italiana from Italy.

R.B. Skope Inc., Birmingham, Royal Oak, Ferndale, Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield, North Hill Plaza and Meadow Brook Village in Rochester.



In circles

These wooden napkin rings provide a delightful way to spruce up your table settings either for company or everyday meals. Made in Kenya, each napkin ring features a base to make it stand upright and is topped off by your choice of a giraffe, monkey, elephant, zebra, lion, bull, hippo, alligator or rhinoceros. Because they are handcarved, you'll find interesting variations in wood tone, wood grain and animal depiction. They are now on special at Slades for \$3.20 each.

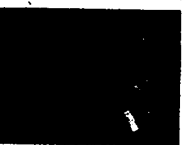
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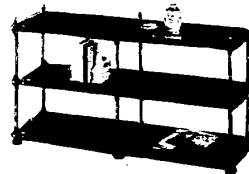
If the kids are getting restless, an outing to The Unique Place might be just what the doctor ordered. The shop stocks 140 different kinds of kites from all over the world. Prices range from 29 cents to \$90. You'll also find materials for making your own kites, plus a wide range of kite accessories. The people who work there will be happy to instruct you on how, where and when to fly the kites you've seen. They will also set up kite demonstrations and shows.

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