Look for cotton-in flowered prints, knit shirts for spring.





While most of us still are mired knee-deep in winter, local fashion buyers are happily preoccupied with-thoughts of sunshine, flowers and warm weather comfort.

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Toned down versions of the French fantasy look are in the offing for day: Loose, flowing peasant frocks with flower prints and ribbons, face, waist-

Spring is closer than you think

lines (though not rigid ones). off-the-shoulder necklines. All very coquetish.

Travolers won't want to miss the sophisticated dress-suit, with a trim cot to the sophisticated of the solid properties. The solid properties of the solid properties of the solid properties. The word for evening wear is romantic. Envelop opurself in a cloud of filmy chiffon, black printed with evolic flowers, or soft clear colors, maybe a delicate peach. Easy elegant lines, shorter lengths—the new evening dresses are becoming to women of all shapes and sizes.

The latest pants are slimmer, with title pleats and drawstring waist-bands. To match, took for comfortable, uncluttered blouson jackets with the properties of the solid properties. Inch for bright sun colors; buoyant greens, true blues, marigold yellows, apple reds, and clean whites.



A smart dress suit is perfect for office wear or weekend jaunts.

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This show stopper dessert is guaranteed to elicit oohs and alts from your dinner guests and it tastes as good as it looks. It's a 10-inch lemon meringue pie featuring a sky-higa meringue that is made with 18 egg whites and literally measures six inches high. The pie is \$7 and there is a \$5 deposit required on the returnable pie tin. Even though Flim Flam IX is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and pies are usually on hand, the management recommends that you place weekend orders by Thursday. Fim Flam IX Deli Restaurant, 1331 W. Maple, Clawson, 288-0410.



For evening wear, nothing's more romantic than filmy chiffon. (Staff photos by Doug Bauman)

Weather or not

Be it snowy or rainy, these shoe boots should help you weather the storm with a little pizzazz. Available in sunny yellow or royal blue and trimmed in white; they feature one-piece rubber construction, have grip soles and are completely waterproof. The boots (824) are made in Sweden by Tretorn and come in both men's and women's sizes.

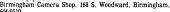
Orthogonality. 135 S. Woodward, Birmingham. 642-1480.



Out of the dark

Shutterbugs take note! If you're a serious amateur with an adjustable camera. Birmingham Camera Shop is offering as series of workshops starting the week of Feb. 14. Included are beginning and advanced camera workshops plus beginning, advanced and color darkroom workshops. The store also has darkrooms available for rental by the hour. A \$15 yearly membership entitles you to a discount on supplies and darkroom rental fees as well as the chance to use dry mount equipment. mount equipment.

Birmingham Camera Shop, 168 S. Woodward, Birmingham, 644-0510.





Company's Coming has a super selection of cocktail-dessert napkins. Available in many different coordinated prints and multi-colored plaids, the eight-dy-eight inch cotton permapress napkins can be mixed or matched and are only \$1.50 each. Once you've made your selection, the shop will stack them into a pile and tie them with a pretty bow. The result? A lovely gift for someone special, and that someone could even be you.

Company's Coming in the Claymoor Apartment Building, 29260 Franklin Road, Southfield, 356-1233.

Fashion in a word... naturally.



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