

'Hizzoner' is the lady judge

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dash out to try to find something to wear that same evening.
"At the same time, I want clothes that are good-looking, yet don't overpower me. I like to get dressed and then forget what I am wearing. There are too many other things I want to think about when I am out."

Whether in New York or Detroit, shopping with Alice Gilbert means searching for fashionable items which feature easy care and durability.

"I research each season to see what's in fashion. I don't want to look like I was put together two years ago. There are places that I go where people are overpowered by fashion, so it's good to have things I can fall back upon from previous seasons. But, they still have to have style that fits into today's look."

Her wardrobe, she confesses, contains clothing in sizes that range from an eight to a 12. At the moment, she is into her size 12 wardrobe, a fact she laments and says she tries daily to remedy.

"I look at fashion the same way I look at the rest of my life," she said. "Being alive should be fun and I enjoy having fun. Daytime clothes should carry you into the evening, because I don't have a lot of time to fuss over myself."

"When I have time between work and going out for the evening I will run home to take care of the family's needs. That doesn't leave time for fussing over my own wardrobe. As a

'I once had a robe designed for me...When the mini went, so did the robe.'

—Judge Alice Gilbert

result, I buy things that I can keep a long time. I'd rather have a few good things than a lot of nothing.

"Also, I don't impulse buy. I won't buy a house just because it's on sale, or because it catches my eye, unless I know that it fits in with something that I already have."

As an outspoken individualist, Judge Gilbert feels that her life style—as a single working parent—ideally suits her for the present.

"I won't go to an evening dance by myself," she said. "But I don't see any reason why I can't go to something like a cocktail party by myself. In fact, I sometimes find it convenient not to have to depend on someone else."

The Gilbert wardrobe hangs on this preference for what's convenient. "I prefer going to stores that have large selections of different clothing," she said. "Next, I prefer working with a salesperson I know."

"Each item I choose must make a statement but it shouldn't detract from me. I certainly don't want to walk into a room and have people say 'What a pretty dress.' I want them to tell me 'You look wonderful.'"

Getting to know you a basic beauty rule

"Getting to know you" is the most popular theme among hairdressers who design and maintain personality hairstyles. Running from one stylist to another is not the way to achieve a hairstyle that fits your lifestyle," said Gerald Haynes of Gerald's of Franklin.

Judge Alice Gilbert and Gerald are good friends. They met 20 years ago when Judge Gilbert first went to Gerald for a \$2.50 haircut. Times have changed since then and so has the price of a haircut. But, more importantly, so has fashion.

Judge Gilbert may well be a judicial personality on the bench but when it comes to fashion she is, as they say, "with it."

Each season brings forth a fashion change and along with it, said Gerald,

a new hairstyle for the judge. Since fashion is heading in a more glamorous direction, he said, so shall Judge Gilbert's hairstyle.

But, said Gerald, there are more things to consider than lifestyle. "The texture of the hair and how well the client can manage the style are important considerations."

In Judge Gilbert's case, said Gerald, her hair is baby fine and is highlighted with color. "We had to decide between color and a permanent because I didn't feel her hair could take both chemical treatments. We decided on color."

SINCE JUDGE GILBERT shampoos her hair every morning, she must have a style she can easily manage herself, said Gerald. She has gained

such proficiency with a hand-held hair blower and rounded styling brush that she manages a well-groomed hairstyle without difficulty.

"But," admits Judge Gilbert, "there are times when I come in for a comb-out for special occasions." The skill with which she manages her hair came after many trials—some successful, others not—but always based on the haircut itself.

As guidelines for helping a client achieve the personality hairstyle for a new fashion season, Gerald suggests that a woman come into the salon looking her best. This includes wearing makeup and precludes jogging clothes, tennis outfits and just plain

"grubbies"—at least until the hairdresser gets to know you.

It helps, too, said Gerald, if the client leafs through pictures and points out what she has in mind for herself with regard to length, color, and the all-over look she's striving for.

"The most important thing," he said, "is not to get locked into the hairstyle and makeup you wore 20 years ago. Your personality has changed since then and so should your appearance."

Chances are, he said, you've changed even since last year. "Your hairstyle and makeup should reflect the new you."

—By Rustle Shand

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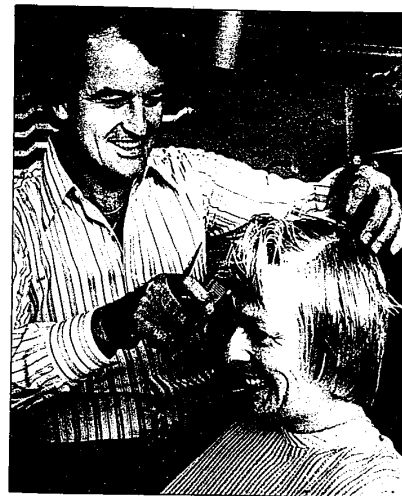
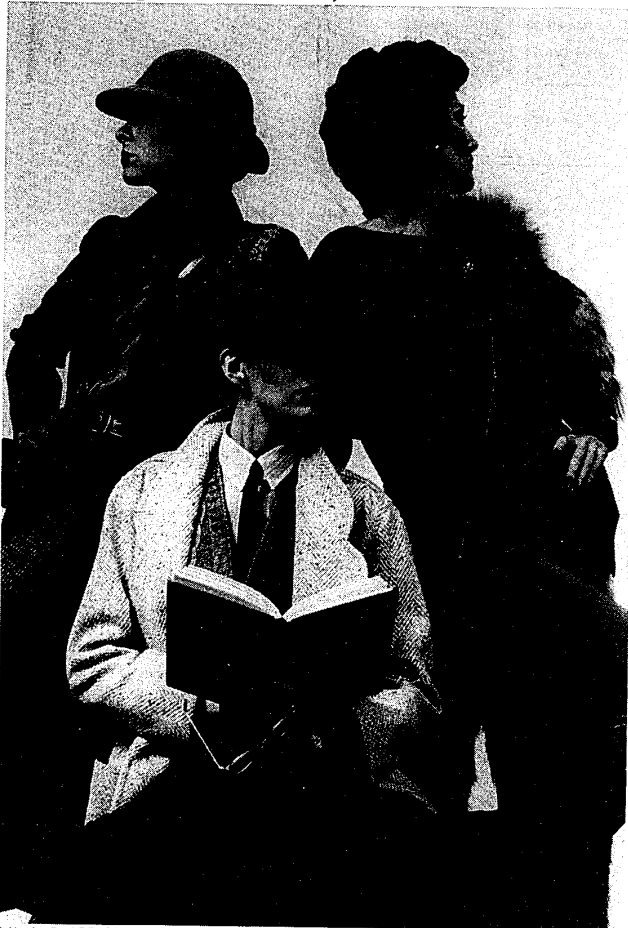


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