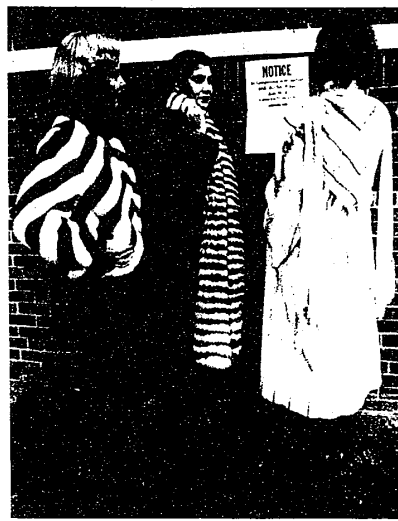




It will be difficult to choose a fur this winter, with so many options available. Ditttrich Furs include (left to right) a natural beaver paw, natural tanucki as well as a ranch mink and autumn haze mink combined in horizontal striping. (Staff photo by Dick Kelley)



New styles in furs include a black and white mink bomber jacket from Furs by Roberts; a black and white tweed Persian lamb from Chudik's; and black and white natural black cross mink with matching fling from Ditttrich Furs. (Staff photos by Dick Kelley)

Keeping out cold with American fur

Fur-minded people have a dazzling array of choices among furs to flaunt in the face of winter this year. There are some 50 different animal pelts in assorted colors and textures in the fur marketplace today.

Hundreds of fur-sighted folk checked out what's new in furs when the Michigan Fur Conservation Association recently presented a big bash Masonic Temple. The emphasis was on keeping warm American style at a country-western, reverse chic hoe-

dow to benefit the March of Dimes in its fight against birth defects.

Twelve area furriers showcased country and city pelts with a focus on Americana. Picking up on former model Mary Jean Lieberman's now famous slogan, "Real Americans Buy American Cars," the furriers stressed "Buy America — Fur America."

"Grab your coat and get your hat," commanded accompanying music as John Robert Powers models streamed

out on stage. All wore this year's answer to last year's ski jacket, the knock-around fur. Faces aglow with makeup by Mira Linder and hair coiffed by Jacobson's, the models were flanked by such well-known sports figures as football's Charlie Sanders and boxer Helmer Kinty.

According to Steve Chudik, president of the fur association, among the important fur fashion trends are, "graphic patterns, dressmaker details, varsity looks, and lots of color."

Furs are following a "no rules are good rules" fashion prophesy that offers many options. But, fur-buying motives have not changed, said Hal Ditttrich. "Furs are still glamorous, still fun, still look expensive. And, they still keep you warm, which is nice."

WHAT'S NEWS in furs? Light weight

furs are the best news yet and the 3/4 length coat is back in the news again as the practical length that defies the yoyo hemline syndrome.

Little lambs, who had lost their way for years, have a new fashion direction in smartly styles, sleek jackets and coats. Although short-haired furs are big this season, the long-haired furs remain very important.

Among the choices featured were shaped and tailored, spliced and colored, flat and fluffy, short and long. New shapes take their cues from dressmakers, offering set-in waists, peplums, pleated shoulders, flounces and ruffles. Classic shapes were also favorites.

Flat furs such as baby lamb, broad-tail and Swakara add new, sophisticated alternatives to the richness of the

long hair varieties. Capes, bubble jackets and blouson jackets are among the season's shortest lengths, adding yet another dimension to the many choices in length which can drop to the ankle, stop at the knee or touch midcalf.

Colors, from fragile frosts and burnished tiffans to deep, rich tapestry shades, free furs to shift from day to night. Unorthodox colors range from delicate apricot in dyed lamb, to soft mauve pink and teal in dyed fox, to rich deep tones of burgundy, raisin and purple in beaver.

FUR FASHIONS also focus on black and white, alone or in combination. Interesting abstract effects are achieved with the stark combination of black and white furs, worked vertically or horizontally.

The art of acquiring a personal style

in furs was dramatically displayed when the furriers worked their magic on the Queen of Country, Minnie Pearl, who was the featured entertainer of the benefit.

When the furriers removed her price ticket-decorated straw hat and enveloped her in a white fox coat, she was suddenly glamorous. As furrier Bob Roberts said, "a beautiful fur is a woman's second best friend."

The hosts of the gala event in the Fountain Ballroom of the Masonic Temple were Furs by Bricker, Furs by Clyde Burtram, Chudik Furs, Ditttrich Furs, Detroit Fur Storage, Furs by Robert, Winkelman's, and Ceresine & Offen Furs.

Also, John Keystone Furs, Furs by Wrubel & Kozin, J.L. Hudson Co., Annsi Furs, Steve Butcher Furs, Inc., Sullivan & Rollins Furs and Furs by Fredrick.

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Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

Travelers' Aid

"Where To Eat In America" (\$7.95) is "an indispensable guide to finding what you want to eat when you want to eat it in 50 of North America's most-traveled cities." What I particularly like about the book is its unique use of categories. For example, the "Big Deal" category names the fanciest restaurants in town and then tells you whether or not they are worth going to. Other categories include: "If You Have Time For Only One Meal," "Restaurant Near The Airport" and "All-Night Service." Ethnic and specialty restaurants are also described. Edited by William Rice and Burton Wolf, the book is in stock at most area bookstores.

Stocking Up

Rainbow Lollipop has adorable holiday hosiery for the little lady in your life. Nylon tights (\$10-\$12) studded with tiny rhinestones along the sides of the leg come in red, hot pink, purple or black. Then there are pink, lilac, purple, black, red or turquoise nylon anklets complete with rhinestone hearts (\$6), Indian bead designs (\$7), or maribou trim (\$8) on the cuffs. The hosiery ranges in sizes from 0-6 months and up to girls sizes 8-10. Rainbow Lollipop, Somerset Mall, Troy, 649-3911.

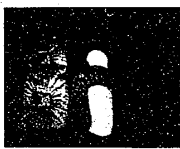
On The Left

Just because you are a southpaw there is no reason for you to be left out. Jacobson's of Birmingham has opened a "Leftys Only" boutique that is chock-full of items designed to make left-handed persons' lives a lot easier. Among other things you will find all types of scissors that feature both left-handed handles and left-handed blades, a wing corkscrew with a spiral motion suited to the left hand, knives serrated on the right side, playing cards marked on all four corners, notebooks with the spirals on the right side and measuring cups with numbers situated so lefties can see them as they pour. Leftys Only, Jacobson's Gift Department, Birmingham, 644-6900.

Letter Perfect

These soft sculpture wall hangings would make wonderful and original gifts for newborn babies or for the special children on your Christmas list. Big, puffy, brightly-colored cotton letters of the alphabet are sewed together to spell out the child's name, with tabs on the back to provide easy mounting. Orders take four weeks and each letter costs \$7. Hopefully, for you, the child you know has a short name such as Kim or John, rather than Elizabeth or Christopher.

Richards Boys and Girls Wear in the Farmington Towne Plaza, 478-3420; Pontiac Mall, 682-1888; or, Lincoln Center, Oak Park, 968-8808.



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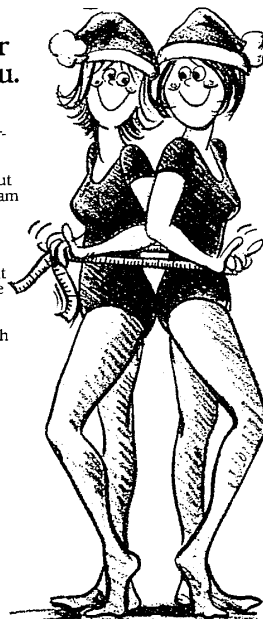
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