

Women on the GO!

By Margaret Miller

A lovely wedding is made up of thoughtful attention to a multitude of details. That's the word of three busy ladies who should know. They've been running Ge-Ce's Bridal Salon in Livonia for two years now.

"We make wedding," says Mrs. Birtie Grace. Diane Black and Bernadine Erratt, managers, nod in agreement, explaining that their establishment features a great variety of beautiful gowns, but their special touch is putting together just the right styles and colors for each bride.

"We do make flower girl dresses, though," says Diane, "and I create our headpieces and veils."

"The women recently completed work for a wedding party that included five bridesmaids and five flower girls. The little dress and headpiece for each flower girl matched the outfit of one of the bridesmaids."

"There were a lot of details to work out on that one," said Bernadine. Styles in wedding change—like all other styles—and the big thing among brides is the cage gown—a sheath with lots of shiny material used over it for a floating effect.

More coat style gowns are coming, too, the women said, both for brides and bridesmaids. Some of the latter choose a matching dress and coat, wearing the complete outfit for the ceremony and removing the coat later for dancing at the reception.

"And of course," said Diane, "we still have lots of traditional brides who want a full-skirted gown complete with ruffles."

The women insist on at least four weeks to get ready for a wedding, and would like two months to be sure everything is just right.

"We start with the bride and her gown, of course," said Diane. "We try to find a gown that suits the kind of person she is."

After that has been chosen, the bridesmaids usually visit the salon in a group and each tries on a different style gown—each of a type that will harmonize with the one the bride has picked.

When they are agreed on a style, it's time to choose colors. "And then we turn to the mothers of the wedding," said Birtie. "They are the ones who often have the most trouble finding something becoming, and we have a full line of half sizes as well as regular ones and can outfit the mothers completely."

Weddings these days, the three agreed, are becoming more formal and more elaborate. Street-length bride and maid dresses, formerly seen often, now are practically non-existent.

Gowns for the entire party now dent the pocketbook of the father of the bride to a



WEDDING EXPERTS Birtie, Diane and Bernadine hold up one of their favorite bridal gowns.

of \$400 to \$600. The women said they have never failed to get a bride to the church on time, but they have been some close calls.

"Like the day of the big snowstorm last year," recalled Diane. "I knew I just had to get to the shop that day, because one of our girls was being married that evening and she hadn't picked up her gown."

"I was afraid if I didn't make it she'd have to go down the aisle in her petticoat. So I got here."

Once in a while, when requested, one of the trio goes along to the church for a last-minute adjusting of wedding finery.

It didn't do much good, though, when Diane's own daughter was married a while back.

"Her gown had a perfectly beautiful cathedral train, and she carried it over her arm all the way down the aisle and during the ceremony," lamented her mother.

"No one thought to spread it out behind her. I was signaling wildly from my spot in the front of the church, but I couldn't get her attention."

Finally, the woman got caught in the middle of a lover's quarrel.

"We had one bride who called off the wedding a week before the date," they

State Farm Will Be Geared To Family Fun

Family fun — pleasant, clean, and good-natured — will be emphasized at the 1967 Michigan State Fair, which opens Friday, Aug. 25, and runs through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4.

Cass J. Wasung, the fair's acting general manager, said that this year, more than ever, convenience and order are being stressed.

Entertainment, for example, is being planned for all age groups. The Music Shell shows, free to fair visitors, will feature such internationally known stars as Sergio Mendes and Brasil '66, Buddy Greco, Buddy Rich, the New Vaudeville Band, Diana Ross, and the Supremes.

Teen-agers will enjoy the Music Shell shows—as will almost everyone — and will also get a kick out of their own. Teen Scene entertainment and information features.

The youngsters will go for the free circus in front of the Grandstand, and the "more mature" crowd will enjoy the square dancing and music elsewhere on the grounds.

All entertainment is carefully planned, Wasung said, to assure a good time.

Additional benches have been scattered around the grounds so the foot-weary may rest when they please.

And for comfort of mind, a "lost children's farm" has been set up. A farmhouse, barn, and windmill will entertain the kids until they are collected by their parents.

The International Mall is certain to be a center for relaxation, with its reflecting pool, spraying fountains, colorful flags, and banks of flowers.

A cool spot during the fair will be the Community Arts Building and Auditorium — completely air conditioned.

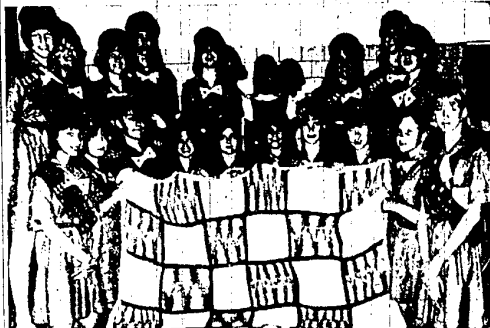
So when visitors tire of the Midway's excitement they can retreat to the Community Arts Building to view the luscious food exhibits and interesting art displays or watch the Farm Theater movies.

"Consumer Meets Producer" is the theme of this year's fair, and everything is being done to make sure that this friendly idea is carried out in a friendly fashion.

On The Local Scene



IT WAS CARNIVAL DAY recently at the Veterans of Foreign Wars national home at Easton Rapids, and several members of the Don Sherman Hubert Post 345 Auxiliary, of Bedford Township, enjoyed the outing. Proceeds of the carnival went to help support the home. Pictured in front of a row of American flags displayed by posts and auxiliaries in attendance were, from left, Margaret Lewis, guest; Pearl Lynch, secretary; Carole Hargis, president; Amy Sherman, senior vice president and Anna Adams, junior vice president. Attending with the auxiliary but not pictured were Jeanne Morse and Jeannette Sprankler.



EVERYONE LEARNED TO KNIT recently in Livonia Girls Scout Junior troop 2058, and the result was the afghan the girls are displaying. They earned their troop's own badge, and then presented the afghan to Mrs. Marie Hickey, 83-year-old resident of the University Convalescent Home, known to her Girl Scout friends as "Grandma." Pictured are, first row, from left, Melanie Bruell, Carol Amas, Connie Clozza, Kristine Lawhead, Leona Roberts, Francis Murphy, Maurine Sullivan, Susan Jones, Nancy Flaherty and Nancy May. Back row, from left, Kim Johnson, Karen Brandt, Evelyn Nicholas, Sherice Ziburean, Sarah Roth, Paula Daugh, Cathy White, Dolores Luttermoer, Maureen Duchene, Susan Small, Frances Anderson and Doreen Hurst. Mrs. Marilyn Lawhead, troop leader, and her co-leader, Mrs. Georgina Clozza, supervised the knitting.

Teamwork Helps Babies With Heart Defects

Out of every thousand babies born in the United States this year, six will have congenital heart defects that could mean death for two or three of them in the first year, reports an article in the "American Journal of Nursing," official magazine of the American Nurses' Association.

"The chance for survival of an infant with cardiac disease often depends on early detection and medical care," says nurse-austrian Virginia Pidgeon, assistant professor of nursing of children, Indiana University School of Nursing, Indianapolis.

Among the symptoms to watch for, the nurse lists: rapid or labored breathing, failure to gain weight, failure to feed well, repeated cyanosis (blueness) of the skin, and signs of heavy exertion during feeding. She advises prompt notification of the doctor should these symptoms appear.

She says the fate of an infant with cardiac disease depends, in part, on the teamwork of parents, nurses, and doctors. Miss Pidgeon notes it is most important for parents to know and accept the realities of their child's problems, and to learn how to care for the baby in the period before major corrective surgery is done.

Corrective open-heart surgery is usually deferred for the first year of the child's life because of the highest mortality risk in infancy. Care of these babies means

reducing the workload on their hearts, keeping sound levels of nutrition, easing respiratory distress, preventing respiratory infection (to which they are most vulnerable) and reducing anxiety.

Miss Pidgeon says the child's energy must be conserved for feeding. Soft nipples with large holes are suggested, and the child should have frequent rest periods while feeding because it is hard work for him.

A time limit of 45 minutes per feeding is suggested to allow enough time for rest between feedings.

People with respiratory infections should be kept away from the baby, and parents would do well to wash frequently with a bacteriostatic soap.

Cotton Gets The Nod

Teenagers prefer cotton. They singled out cotton as the best fiber to wear in hot weather, the easiest to care for, and the fiber which keeps its shape best, says Mrs. Ruth Ann Wilson, extension clothing specialist of The Pennsylvania State University.

Teenagers made their choice among wool, cotton, dacron, polyester, dron acrylic, nylon, and rayon, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture survey.

They based their selection on these classifications: best for hot weather, best for cold

weather, last the longest, retain shape the best, easiest to care for, least likely to wrinkle, and best value for the money.

A close second in cotton was wool, Mrs. Wilson points out. Wool was considered the best cold weather choice. It predominated in winter wardrobes, and was chosen as the least likely to wrinkle.

Those young people selecting cotton as the best value for the money, with wool the runnerup. Girls said wool was the longest lasting, but boys favored cotton.

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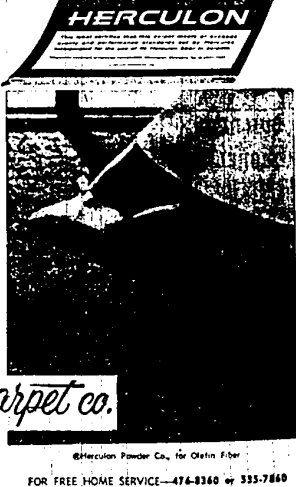
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