

# Area girls learn about models' life

By FELICA KOBYLANSKI  
Two Farmington High School students are in the limelight, having been selected to model the new fall fashions for a major department store. Sixteen-year-old Beth Howder, of 2432 Brookdale, and 17-year-old Sue Bruce, of 3380 Glenview Drive, first saw their opportunity to become "stars" in a newspaper ad. After sending in their entry blanks, the girls attended auditions with hundreds of other young hopefuls at the downtown Detroit Hudson's store.

"We had to get up on stage, say our names, talk a little, and do a freestyle dance," Miss Howder explains. "Right after the audition, which was July 28, we went to a rehearsal." Miss Bruce added:

After two other rehearsals, the girls participated in their first show Aug. 7 at Northland Mall. The half-hour show was narrated by Angela Turner, a guest editor from Seventeen Magazine.

"The other shows at Eastland and downtown went a lot better," Miss Howder says. "The first time, we really didn't know what we were doing."

The two girls appeared with nearly 50 other students aged 15 to 20, including Pamela Miller, Michigan's Junior Miss. Each of the models takes home one outfit of his or her choice.

Miss Howder was featured in two numbers—"High Jumpers," in which she wore a red jumper with white turtleneck, and "Denim Works," a number done to Helen Reddy's "I Am Woman." In that segment, Miss Howder modeled denim gauchos pants with a vest and patchwork blouse.

Miss Bruce appeared in three different outfits. In "Corduroy Capers," she wore a brown corduroy skirt with a multi-colored sweater. "Take Cover" featured her in a blue knit sweater and burnt orange pants. In "Oriental Express" she wore a blue quilted coat and burnt orange slacks.

Neither Miss Howder nor Miss Bruce has any real desire to pursue careers in modeling. "I'm interested in it now," Miss Howder says, "but I'd really like to go into politics."

Miss Bruce says she'd like to be a ski instructor in Colorado. Besides having a lot of fun, the girls made many new friends while modeling. "I got lots of telephone numbers, both from girls and guys, and hopefully we'll keep in touch," Miss Howder says. "A bunch of us plan to get together real soon and party down."

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## History is told through folk song

Three members of the Farmington Musicales have spent the summer working on a project which may well become the answer to a program chairman's prayer: the history of our nation's last 200 years as told in folk songs, interspersed with brief narration. That sounds easy, until you try to narrow the time to 15 minutes.

Betty Love suggested the idea at a spring meeting of the folk music workshop, a sub-group of The Farmington Musicales. As a bicentennial program, she said, it could be used as a segment of each Musicales chorus performance during the coming club year. Chorus Director Helen Anderson liked the idea as well as the singers, and work began.

Actual implementation of the project rested with Mrs. Love, Diane Claiborn and Bea Scaglione. The latter two are studying composition with Robert Jones, composer-in-residence at Schoolcraft College, who offered to help out.

"His objectivity, professionalism and constructive criticism have proved invaluable," Mrs. Scaglione said. The trio of arrangers soon realized their project hinged on the chronology of historical events and they have hunted libraries and checked out books by the armload.

Another discovery was that many folk songs are found in print only with lyrics and a single line of melody notes. With luck there are chord symbols to give some idea of what the harmony should be.

Three part harmony and piano accompaniment must be provided for the majority of the music selected. The project is proceeding on schedule and will be printed in time for the first chorus rehearsal in September. It should be ready for performance around mid-October.

"If your organization is planning a special occasion that would be enhanced by a program of choral music which includes a special segment in honor of the bicentennial, call the president of The Farmington Musicales Chorus, Mrs. Robert Stevens, and set a date," said Mrs. Scaglione, who added:

"In this endeavor we hope not only to trace our history but to express our love for our country and our pride in its people."

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