

Fashion show benefits community center

By LORAIN McCLISH

Friends of the Farmington Community Center have scheduled a fall fashion show and luncheon to benefit the center for Sept. 23 in Glen Oaks Country Club. Fall fashions will come from B Segel's Birmingham shop to chart a fashion course after luncheon at 12:30. The afternoon event gets under way with cocktails at 11:30 a.m.

The American love affair with knits, for both evening and daytime wear, will be strongly evident in the B Segel collection.

Again this fall, the wearable, durable, lovable knits are an important item. Almost rivaling them in wardrobe importance is the veiled and laced look.

Many of these delightful combinations are already put together as suits ready to be broken up as singles to go with other separates.

And all the steps are pulled for after-five wear. The accent is on beauty — great cloaks of it — in softly draped chiffon, or there is "or fringe?" And the fashions are all in subtle colors designed to catch the eye. And hold it.

Marlene Coffey, a professional model, a volunteer at the center and a teacher there, chose two outfits from the B Segel fall collection this week which typify the look for fall of '76.

The daytime suit she chose to model has four pieces, each of which can live a life of its own.

The jacket is rust and gray small check. The vest is rust velvet and the skirt gray flannel. The fourth member of the unit is a matching print blouse.

The A-line print on each piece is a dramatic touch for the chiffon lapped gown for sophisticated evenings.

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING is the name of the game at the Farmington Community Center, with staff, volunteers and board members constantly reaching out to serve the residents in the area in new and constructive ways.

An example of this is a new service the center is rendering: handling tickets for all events sponsored by local organizations. There is no charge to the organization while the patron has but to make a one-stop or one telephone call to get tickets to many affairs that are going on locally.

And under consideration for 1977, an industrial and business fair, to better acquaint residents with the Farmington business community.

With the new stage in the outdoor amphitheatre on the center grounds, board members are contemplating more special events there, such as concerts and plays for young people and adults.

A substantial contribution toward the stage came from the Alexander Hamilton Insurance Company.

THE ALMOST nonstop scheduling of benefits are held by volunteers to bring the plans into reality.

Unfortunately, money problems keep us from expanding our program as much as we would like, said Alberta Taylor, executive director of the center. Here, that we need more parking and a whole new addition.

We are using this building pretty much to capacity most of the time now.

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Marlene Coffey models a four-piece outfit with a classic look of fall 1976, at left, and a chiffon-topped gown for a sophisticated evening.



ill this summer a whole new series of classes in the theatre arts was developed, and will be offered again this fall. And in seeking to serve young people, especially, Mrs. Taylor said, girl and riding. This summer, realizing the interest in

day camps, the center sponsored the Upland Hills Farms as well as the Rochester Hills Riding School day camps. With so many mothers working now and needing all-day programs for their children, board members are also considering a day camp arrangement next summer.

This will probably be oriented toward the visual and performing arts, with some sports," Mrs. Taylor said. Regularly scheduled outings to places of interest are scheduled because so many people dislike driving themselves and want company. Planned trips are made an-

ually to the Detroit Symphony's Coffee Concerts, the Art Institute, the Music Hall, Neatington, Meadow Brook Hall, Franklyn and Stratford. Last year the Holland Tulip Festival was added to the agenda and this year, a bus will leave the center for Fair Lane

MRS. TAYLOR says she and the board of directors are always open to and welcome suggestions from area residents about trips, classes, and other activities that would appeal to them. Tickets for the benefit are on sale now in the center at \$7 per person.

LWV Branch celebrates 30 years in area

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the West Bloomfield Farmington Area League of Women Voters, the local league will host a coffee for its fall general meeting, Sept. 22, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Farmington Community Library, 3237 Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills.

It will be a two-fold celebration, combining the anniversary and an observance of Michigan LWV Week. The event is open to the public without charge.

Special honored guests will be Michigan LWV president, Charlotte Copp, and many of the past presidents of the local league who are still residing in the area.

Dorice Solomon will give a brief history of the local league during the morning session.

Baby sitting reservations may be made by contacting the league at 851-2065. THE LOCAL LEAGUE was organized in March, 1946 with nine women from West Acres in West Bloomfield Township to sell the idea to the community of a new organization, one that would be "non-social and would have for its main purpose that of arousing citizens to their responsibilities towards a democratic government."

The group was officially recognized as the West Bloomfield Township LWV in May of the same year and immediately planned into issuing its first candidates report, which is known today as the Voters' Guide, for a June primary.

By 1948 the name was changed to the LWV of Inter Lake Area of Oakland County in an effort to increase membership as well as scope of interest in its studies. The branch continued to grow, study, in-

form, hold candidate meetings, print guides and lobby for its positions. In 1963, Farmington women organized a provisional league, officially recognized in 1965 as the League of Women Voters of Farmington City and Township. In 1968 it affiliated with the West Bloomfield LWV to become the present organization.

PAST PRESIDENTS of the combined group expected to be at the Wednesday morning meeting are Ann Beurie, Mary Lou Callaway, Adelaide Diem, Mary Enstroph, Ruth O'Gara, Merle Schneider, Paity Smith and Isabelle Tryball.

The national organization technically came into existence on Aug. 28, 1920, when the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was proclaimed in effect. In February of that year, the National American Woman Suffrage Association Convention was held in Chicago.

It was there that Carrie Chapman Catt stated, "The vote is won. Seventy-two years the battle for the privilege has been waged, but human affairs with their eternal change move on without pause. Progress is calling to you to make no pause Act."

While the league's early years are perhaps most vividly remembered for its accomplishments in the field of public issues, achievements in the area of voter and citizenship education are no less noteworthy.

Numberless demonstration classes to explain to the newly enfranchised women the way to mark a ballot and other technicalities of registration and voting were started in the league's first year. Citizenship schools for the study of the principles of local, state and national government were started in 1920, and continue to be a popular part of league work today.

In 1941, THE LEAGUE inaugurated candidate questionnaires and candidate meetings.

And now, in 1976, perhaps the most important topic of conversation politically, is the national group's sponsorship of a series of debates between President Gerald Ford and Governor Jimmy Carter.

Paula Tobocman, president of the local LWV, first learned of the plans for these debates at the National LWV Convention in May. But finalization of the plans was not possible until the two parties had officially selected their candidates, and the much publicized agreement had been reached between the candidates and the league.

Locally, the league had petitions circulating at the Farmington Founders Festival which read "We, the people, urge the

major party candidates for president to meet in public debate on the issues facing the country." Several hundred signatures from the area were sent to the national league to show citizen interest here.

There will be four debates. The first, second and fourth will be between the presidential candidates, the third between the vice-presidential candidates.

The first debate, scheduled for Sept. 23, will be on domestic and economic issues. Contributions to help the league underwrite the cost of the debates are tax deductible.

An interesting aside to the debates is that in 1962, the year of the Nixon and Kennedy debates, there was a record turnout of voters.

The league believes this was due to the interest generated in the elected by the televised debates.

Exciting challenge

Estate tips offered by seven experts

By LORAIN McCLISH
Intelligent planning for the future is the aim of an outstanding seminar, "The Exciting Challenge of Estate Planning," to be offered in the Farmington Community Center starting Sept. 25.

Amy von Morse, coordinator of the seven-part series, calls it "The most costly of seminars." She is a life member of the Women's Round Table Equitable Life Assurance Society.

"Today is that tomorrow you planned for yesterday. Or were you too busy she asks, while she rattles off statistics of how many persons die every year without leaving a will, or have their estates in order."

Her job as coordinator of the seminar is to gather seven experts in various fields of estate planning, who will conduct one session each Tuesday, from 7:30-10 p.m. having to do with their area of expertise.

COMING TO THE community center this fall are G. Ernest Pyle, an officer in Detroit Bank and Trust, Carl Dermis, vice-president and director of education for Real Estate One, and Robert Eggemberger, claims attorney for Eggemberger, Eggemberger, McKinney and Weber.

Others are James Avery Smith, institutional sales manager for Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith; Gordon R. Folmer, a CPA from Folmer, Rudewicz and Company; Richard Bourgon, an attorney and life insurance counselor; and Harold C. MacDonald, an attorney and counselor at law with MacDonald and Umphrey.

Pyle leads off the seminar with "Advantageous Use of Basic Facts" using slides to give an overview of just what comprises an estate and the many problems existent in estates. "He is a happy speaker," says Ms. von Morse.

Dermis is a newcomer to the panel of experts who is on several lecture circuits, and will speak on Oct. 5 about "Pros and Cons of Using Real Estate as Estate Planning."

"Wow - I Didn't Know That" is the subject for Eggemberger on Oct. 12 dealing with no fault and malpractice insurance. "Bob might make you shiver and shake a bit," Ms. von Morse says, "but he also might save you a whole lot of grief. Anyone can sue anybody for anything, so be prepared."

Smith believes that investments should be tailored to one's individual needs and

he will talk on that under the title "Opportunities and Dangers in Today's Stock and Money Market" on Oct. 19.

"IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EARN, But What You Keep, That Counts," says Folmer, who will talk on that subject Oct. 26, and suggest you have your pen and paper handy that night," says Ms. von Morse. "You'll definitely want to remember the ideas and hints he can give you to save your hard earned money."

On Nov. 2, Bourgon brings "Least Appreciated: Most Misunderstood: Most Magic Tool in Estate Planning."

"Dick presents a most unusual opportunity to get all of your questions answered," Ms. von Morse said.

MacDonald winds up the seminar on Nov. 9 with "Why Estate Planning, In Advance, Is So Very Important."

Ms. von Morse says MacDonald will tie together all that the seminar has to offer, and he is "willing to talk about legal fees and the various costs in settling estates. Further, he is knowledgeable and fascinated with the challenge of solving estate problems."

Registrations are being accepted now in the center by phone, 477-6464.



Amy von Morse is flanked by two experts who help her fill out her roster of authorities who make up "The Exciting Challenge of Estate Planning" seminar. At left is Eric Witahire,

president of Retirement Funding Corp. and at right is John Giliroy, estate planner for Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone.