

The fashion plate

Bill Blass talks of Fords

By RUSTLE SHAND

Overheard at the Bill Blass table at the fashion group luncheon earlier this month

on the state of the nation

"I support Gerry Ford. In my opinion the Fords have always included fashion people in their parties which has not been done before, although it is true the Johnsons had Mrs. Johnson. The Fords have supported the arts, including fashion. Mrs. Ford is very interested in clothes. My hunch is that Mrs. Carter is not."

on international affairs

"I dress Nancy Kissinger. Her husband is very interested in what she wears."

on the present industries

"My favorite cloth in all the world is Flame Mac peasant tulle—but if Carter gets in, I am going to drop peasant tulle."

on the gross national product

"In the fall of '77, I will introduce a line of women's perfume designed to compete with the best of the French and German lines. In addition to the Mark IV, V and VI, women wear men's wear. Blouses, shirts and trousers. I also do shoes, too."

on the automotive industry

"Bill Blass dresses the Dearborn Fords but not the White House Fords. Did you see my Mark V in the Mail— isn't it beautiful? I am so crazy about it, but it is hard to have a two-door car in New York because I have to have a driver."

on the length of men's trousers

"One of my criticisms of the American male is that he wears his trousers too short. I always wear cuffs on my trousers. I'm tall—cuffs on trousers make short men look shorter. Nothing worse than the man who wears his pants ankle length. Pants should break one inch above the heel and break over the top of the shoe."

At the luncheon in Somerset Inn, Suite Fifth Avenue fashion coordinator Brenda Rosenberg presented Bill Blass with a group fitting cuff links from his Mark V and introduced him as the designer of American fashion—our Dan, who comes from Fort Wayne, Ind.

His Resort as I see it, a couture collection was exciting. It was bright and gay, sensuously slinky or modestly modest and it hinted at spring to come with soft little tees at waist and early shorter dressmaker jackets, ankle length or asymmetrical hemlines for evening to show out a prettier, more feminine side.

League opens Yule boutique

The Child Research Center League will present its eighth Yule Shoppe, Thursday, Nov. 4 in the ballroom of the Somerset Inn, Troy. The doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All proceeds of the Yule Shoppe, which features handmade items will be donated to the Child Research Center of Michigan at Children's Hospital. The Child Research Center League is a volunteer unit dedicated to promoting active interest, financial support and public enthusiasm for the Child Research Center of Michigan located in Children's Hospital where baby research in children's diseases is conducted.

Assistance to the Center is provided through volunteer services in the Hematology Clinic, although fund raising efforts totaling \$12,000 since 1960.

Daniel Allen is president

Daniel Allen is the new president of the Oakland County Extension Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Serving with him will be James Knoxville, first vice president; Barbara Bowman, second vice president; Robert Schurmer, secretary; Thomas Kumble, treasurer; and Margaret Hutchinson, assistant treasurer.

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2 solutions can make Halloween dress safer

Don't let a fire ruin your Halloween

With all the jack-o'-lanterns out, you might want to make children's costumes fire resistant, advised Joanne Thurber, Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service specialist in clothing.

A treatment of flame-resistance treatment can prevent fires caused by carelessness. However, treatment will lessen the danger that occurs.

There are two solutions you may use to make fabrics fire resistant. Chemicals needed for the solutions can be purchased at most drug and grocery stores.

SOLUTION 1 calls for seven ounces of borax, three ounces of boric acid and two quarts of hot water. Dissolve boric acid by making a paste with a small quantity of water. Add this and the borax to the water. Stir until the solution is clear. Warm the solution if it becomes cloudy or powdery from standing.

Fabrics treated with this solution do not flame when exposed to fire. The glow lasts for about 30 seconds. The solution may be used for garments and other household fabrics, except those made of rayon or resin-treated cotton. Materials treated may lose their flame resistance in time and should be re-treated within a year.

Solution 2 may be used for rayon or resin-treated fabrics. Add 12 ounces of aluminum phosphate to 140 quarts of water and stir until clear. This solution is

less flame resistant, but has good glow retardant properties. It may weaken treated fabrics if stored for long periods.

Neither solution gives permanent treatment. Flame-resistant solutions applied by consumers are removed each time the article is laundered.

It is important to teach children the proper behavior in case of fire, stressed Ms. Thurber. Young children tend to run and this fans the flames. If your clothing does catch on fire, don't run. Drop down immediately and roll to smother the flames.

Herb lecture

Mary Gerathy will offer suggestions for herb culture, fragrances and uses in her lecture, "Self and Sip," the second in the fall lecture series. How Does Your Garden Grow?

The herb talk is scheduled at noon Monday, Nov. 1 in the second floor auditorium of the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, One Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

Mrs. Gerathy is a noted national lecturer and teacher on herbs. These free programs are sponsored jointly by the Michigan Horticultural Society, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company and the Cooperative Extension Service of Michigan State University.

Gala benefits 3 Easter Seal units

Handicapped in Oakland, Maromb and Wayne counties will benefit as the Easter Seal Society sponsors "An Evening of Elegance" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at Fairlane Manor.

A total of 300 tickets are on sale at \$100 each. A gourmet dinner will be served. The Tri-County Easter Seal Societies hope to raise over \$18,000 to help physically handicapped children and adults. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Oakland County Easter Seal Society at 238-9028.

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