The fashion plate

Glamorous treausures give holiday sparkle

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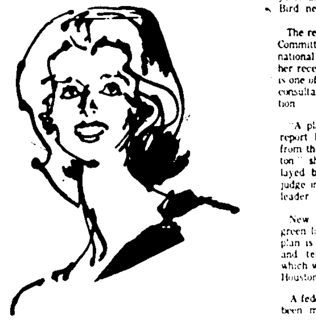


Putting together a festive fashion look for the holidays can be fun. The stores are full of holiday treasures that can be combined with some of your investment fashions or marvelous new things if you're in the mood for a fashion fling.

If you're planning on making the disco scene or simply want the casual chic look in p.m. dressing for holiday happenings, don't miss Albert's. There's a well-stocked, delightful branch tucked away in the center of the Southfield Shopping Plaza on Southfield, between Twelve and Thirteen Mile roads.

You'll find black satin tuxedo trousers, one-shoulder black lace tunic tops, voile butterfly tops, velvet blazers and exquisite eggshell satin camisoles touched with lace to wear under sheer tops or to team with drawstring evening pajamas.

One dramatic evening dress has a spaghetti strapped black bodice with a handkerchief hem skirt made of four different brightly printed satin scarves. There's a black velveteen jump suit and a cowlneck lurex full-length sweater dress.

For brightening up basic black, you'll find a black knit sequinned French beret.

While you're in Albert's you'll want to check out the coats. Aside from a full line of wool and leather coats, there are status furs, including coyote, raccoon and fox.

This store carries a line of clothing sized for the junior woman. According to assistant store manager, Mary Worrelow, the typical customer is "a very fashion conscious woman in her late 30s or 40s—and her daughters."

SYLVIAN, a traveling 20 per cent discount boutique at the corner of Northwestern and Twelve Mile, has taffeta evening skirts a la Yves Saint Laurent and white satin blouses, along with all kinds of casual looks and some winter white flannels. For a great look under sheer chiffon tops, Sylvia has one-piece strapless pajamas in black or white.

At Roz and Sherm Becker's in the Bloomfield Shopping Plaza at Telegraph and Maple, you'll find gold kid cowboy boots among the designer shoes and bags.

Two doors down at Sabrina's, you'll find velveteen jeans to wear tucked into the gold cowboy boots. And if you're primarily interested in updating something from last year, there are artificial flowers imported from Paris. Wear a sprig of violets tucked in a ribbon sash at your waistline a la Bill Blass, or wear silk rose buds at your wrist. There's also a black fishnet weave halter blouse to wear with a pair of narrow black trousers and a cigarette holder to make your look complete.

At the Sander Company in the Claymoor Building off Franklin Road and Northwestern, you'll find natural fibre knitted, woven and crocheted big tops and coats, many of them original designs and others bearing designer labels. This store is a fashion enterprise for three partners: Janet Abramson of Franklin, Noreen Adelson of Huntington Woods and Anne Burkow of Southfield.

Noreen Adelson believes in the "casual look for evening" and recommends "sportswear for all ages and all hours." Although Noreen was wearing jeans, she feels they are on the "way out" and does not stock them. Their clothes are unique and designed to give the wearer "an original look, not a costume party look."

AT VIP NIGHT at the Troy Somerset Mall, models stood on small raised podiums above the madding crowd and showed the many different looks for holiday p.m. dressing.

Apogee featured a beige assymetrical, one shoulder fringe gown that drew attention. In close competition, Jimmy Launce stood nearby wearing a navy pinstripe vested suit in the best British tradition.

The ultimate understatement was made by Bonwit Teller with a beige pigskin suede Calvin Klein coat, fully lined in opossum and bearing a $500 price tag.

Perhaps the biggest fashion question of the year is not what you will wear but what Rosalynn Carter will wear. "Will she really wear a 1971 gown to the inaugural ball?" —or—"Whom will she select as her designer?"

The whole fashion industry is waiting for the answers. The first lady cannot turn her back on one of the nation's major industries, fashion.

Or can she?

Caroline is seeking women

A massive report on the status and needs of women in all parts of the United States will be put together in the coming year, and feminist leaders like Caroline Bird need help in its implementation.

The report is to be made by the National Committee on the Observance of International Women's Year, Ms. Bird said in her recent visit to Schoolcraft College. She is one of a committee of some 25 volunteer consultants who will help amass information.

"A plan for getting information for the report has been made and is available from the Department of State in Washington," she said, "but action has been delayed because the decision of a federal judge in Illinois on a motion by anti-ERA leader Phyllis Schafley."

New legal moves now have given the green light to compile the report, and the plan is for hearings in the various states and territories, including even Samoa, which will culminate in a major session in Houston in November 1977.

A federal appropriation of $5 million has been made for the project, she added.

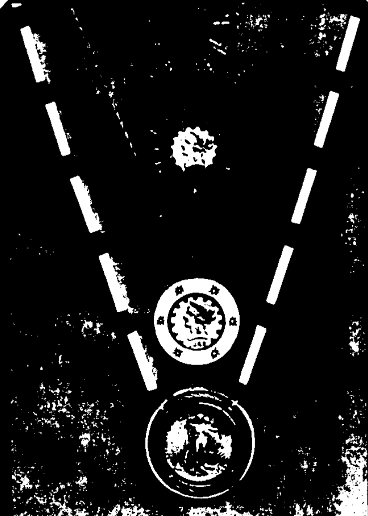
"One of the problems we must solve," said Ms. Bird, "is that we have a mandate from Congress to represent all the women of the nation, but we do not have good contacts with all.

"There will be no problem getting information from academic women, women in various organizations like the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters.

"We also can reach women in labor unions quite easily, but we need some better contacts with black women, women in ethnic minorities, women in lower economic strata.

"We need more women who can speak for the minorities."

Those women who can put the committee in touch with such spokesmen or who could help in various ways to compile the report are urged to write to the National Committee on Observence of IWY, Department of State, Room 1004, Washington 20520.



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Christmas gifts for patients in mental hospitals should be new, says Ted Panaretos, director of community relations at Clinton Valley Center (formerly Pontiac State Hospital).

"Second hand gifts or handmedowns tend to make the patient feel like a second class citizen, especially at Christmas time," he says.

As gifts for men he recommends dress and sport shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, trousers, suits, socks, ties, belts and underwear. He felt they also might enjoy cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, shaving cream, suspenders and ties.

Women would respond to dresses, blouses, skirts, nylon hose, nightgowns, stoles, shawls, shoulderettes, lingerie, cosmetics and purses. Also on their lists might be head scarves, permanent kits, hair rollers, bottles of talcum powder, jewelry, sewing material, yarn and knitting bags.

Panaretos also has a long list of unisex items for hospital patients. These include billfolds, gloves and mittens, scarves, pajamas, sweaters, belts, socks, slippers, washable scuffs, toothpaste, soap, deodorants and cleansing tissues.

Other gifts that might be appreciated by both men and women are comb and brush sets, candy, nuts, cookies, cakes, books, stationery, mechanical pencils, ballpoint pens, cards and stamps. Bathrobes and and shampoo would be popular along with parlor games.

These include checkers, scrabble, chess, Chinese checkers, cards, cribbage boards, picture puzzles, paint-by-number sets and bingo games.

For children in the hospital Panaretos recommends toys, table games, clothing, candy, cookies, educational items and instruction kits.

Any person or group wishing to donate something to a ward would find that furniture, fireproof curtains, radios, TV sets, appliances, hair dryers, pool tables, shuffle boards and ping pong tables appreciated.

Leather, plastic, new cotton materials, sewing material, art supplies, plywood and wood are welcome as gifts for occupational therapy supplies.

Clothing should be washable and sizes should be common ones. Permanent press clothing is preferred.

The center prefers that gifts be donated unwrapped with wrapping paper included for packaging gifts at the hospital. The hospital is located at 140 Elizabeth Lake, Pontiac 48053.

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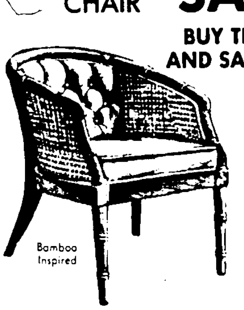

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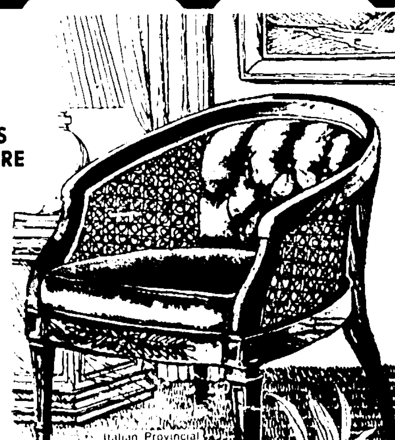

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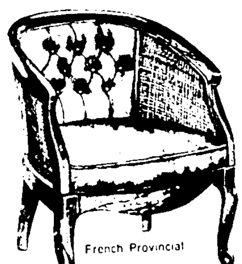

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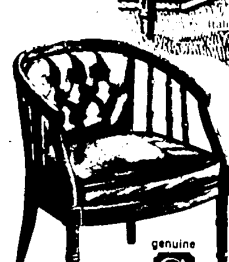

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