The fashion plate

Sugar n' spice returning



Suzy Barr's 'out of the attic' sleeveless dress is white polyester and cotton and worn with an eyelet stole.

an environment of self-awareness. They want to express themselves in the way they dress. Designers believe the more relaxed lifestyle enjoyed by parents is being reflected in the child's choice of clothing, indicating a return to more classic and functional clothing with two distinct looks; one soft and feminine and the other active and sporty.

"A child's lifestyle is a reflection of the parents' lifestyle and they're all much more sports-minded and lind physical well-being as well as into a more overall casual way of living, said Ruth Scharf, who specializes in toddler to 14 sportswear, when she appeared at Jacobson's Children's Shop last week.

"That's why active sports clothes are gaining importance and soft clas-sics with a clean look are replacing sloppy put-togethers" she said.

MS. SCHARF looks forward to "lots of big looks, oversized overblouses with belts, narrow pants with pleats at the waist, loose blazers, soft skirts and faded looks in challis."

She will continue to play up the sweet look and the Annie Hall look. She believes children want prettier clothes because that's what they see their mothers are wearing.

"They are really and truthfully get-ting away from jeans." she adds. "They'll now buy one pair, for instance, instead of three."

There is, however, always the exception to the rule and in this case, the exception centers around the girl 11 or 12 who wishes to be seen in cute dresses and black patent Mary

Janes. On the other hand, she is not comfortable emulating the teenage girl whose clothes are just a little too sophisticated.

As a result, she prefers the anonymity and obscurity of jeans or cords from the boy's department, and wars ashirt under a bulky pullover sweater. Ruth Scharf recently invited a group of 11- and 12-yaar-old girls into her New York design room to test her fashions. "It was very interesting," she said. "They don't want to be seen. They wear jeans, boy's shirts, and big swaaters. They war jeans, boy's shirts, and big swaaters. They want to wear things that won't make anybody look at them."

MS. SCHARF said she used the girls as a sounding board for her new collection. And although she said she is not really answering this problem area. her "sounding board" panel of girls did not utter as many "Ugh, gross" comments as they have in the past.

Suzy Barr, our 12-year-old model agreed with the New York panel. She came directly to her photo session from her sixth grade classroom, dressed exactly the same as her counterpart in New York, wearing ords, shirt and big sweater.

She liked the crinkle cotton separates well enough to ask her mother to order them for her when they arrive in stock the first of April. She liked the active sportswear and didn't mind the "out of the attic" white party dress

"The girls are so changeable at this point, they have not experienced an identity yet" explained Ms. Scharf, adding, "they don't know whether to play with dolls or go out with boys."

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Heart attack topic for discussion series

"Heart Attack—What Now!" a series of programs for heart attack batients and their spouses, will be presented by the Michigan Heart Association 7:308-309 p.m. Wednesdays beginning March 29 at Fisher Center, Providence Hospital in Southfield. Designed to help the patient and his family understand his heart so that he may be selected follow his doctor's advice to the bester follow his doctor's about the control of the selection of

discussion groups.

Topics to be covered are: "How

Connie Crane center opening

Connie Crane is the name of the new skin care center soon to be opened on Northwestern in Farmington Hills.

The Nelly de Vuyst skin care products mentioned in the Feb. 23 Fashion Plate column will be used in the new facility scheduled for opening sometime in March.

Your Heart Works in Health and Disease" by Barbara Stumpf, March 23, "Hints to Assist You in Following Your Diet" by Margaret Frisk, April 5: "How to Take Your Medication" by Dr. Allan Chernick, April 12; and "Work, Exercise and Your Heart" by Fran McCarty, April 19. In order to maximize the effectiveness of these programs, enrollment will be limited to 60 couples. Registration, which is free, may be made by calling Eleanor D. Peterson, Michigan Heart Association, 557-9500.

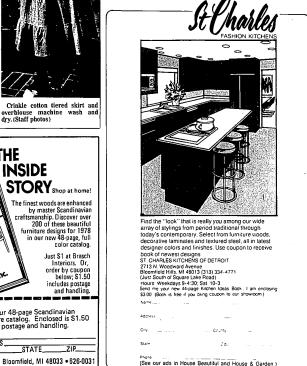
Jews in Detroit

Faxon's topic

Mich. Sen. Jack Faxon (D-Detroit)
will be speaker for the Jewish Welfare
Federation juntor division at 8 p.m.
Wednesday, March 29.
His talk, titled "From Hastings to
Maple and Drake: Down Memory
Lane with the Jews of Detroit," will be
given in LaMed Auditorium of United
Hebrew Schools, 21550 W. Twelly
Mile, Southfield.

The meeting is one of a series open to men and women of post-college age through their mid-30s. There is no charge.

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Volunteers

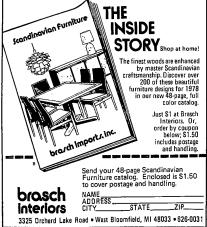
The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, a program of the Volunteer Action Center of United Community Services, has weekly listings of agencies needing volunteer services. Further information about these and over 200 agencies may be obtained by calling the bureau.

DRIVERS—The Michigan Cancer Society needs drivers to transport cancer patients from their homes to area hospitals for treatment. Help is needed in all areas of Oakland County but especially in Birmingham, Bloomfield, Clawson, Farmington, Oak Park, Royal Oak, Southfield and Troy.

EMPLOYMENT COORDINA-TORS—An ability to work with people and an ability to organize and operate the employment service project are necessary for the volunteer interested in this job with the 50th District Court in Pontiac. The aim of the project is to provide employment for probationers. Duties of the coordinator include con-tactine and actine as a liaison with tacting and acting as a liaison with employment agencies, providing follow-up contact with employers, coordi-nating job developers and performing administrative tasks necessary to evaluate and operate the program. Training is provided. Commitment is for at least four hours a week.

RECREATION PROGRAM ASSIST-RECREATION PROGRAM ASSIST-ANT—Easter Seal Society in Pontiac is looking for men and women inter-ested in working in a newly-developed program to provide recreation and social contacts for disabled adults. No previous training is required. A com-nitment of 3½ hours a week is pre-ferred, any weekday but Wednesday.

PROBATIONERS' FRIEND—especially men, who are personable, tolerant and stable in their own lives are needed to serve on a one-to-one basis with a probationer of the Oakland County Greuit Court. The purpose of the program is to provide a probationer with a friend who can provide a steadying influence, help in obtaining a job or further education and be available to listen and offer advice.





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