

Fashion show with narration tells story of Biblical women



Clara Starr wears a gold necklace from which hangs a fish, a symbol which served to identify the early Christians.

There will be no designer labels, no New York models or glaring spotlights. But it will be a unique, one-of-a-kind fashion show when the Women's Society of Christian Service of Franklin Community Church and the Birmingham Area Church Women United present "Two Thousand Years of Biblical Fashion" at 1 p.m. Dec. 11 in the Franklin church sanctuary.

Matriarch Sarah, the golden-gowned Egyptian princess who found the infant Moses, a militant Deborah, and lascivious Queen Jezebel will come alive in a show written, produced and directed by Florence Purvis of Birmingham.

"The fashion show was not a recent burst of creative energy," said Mrs. Purvis. "It has taken more than 25 years of study and research."

The collection actually began in 1950 with her intense desire to communicate the truths of the scriptures to young people, she explained.

"Words were not enough. I wanted visual pictures that would forever be held in the computer mind of the child," she said.

As a teaching tool she introduced dolls dressed to portray characters in Bible stories. One doll grew to 60 and the audience widened from children to adults.

Her research on customs and costumes led to writing and producing two plays on Biblical women.

"The Face of Women" is based on Old Testament women. The other is titled "Vignettes of New Testament Women." Both plays have been presented in many churches throughout the metropolitan Detroit area.

The dolls and plays also led to the fashion show script which Mrs. Purvis began to write about a year ago.

"It is more than a show with pretty flowing gowns," she stressed.

"It is several Sunday school lessons presented in a capsule, fun way. The genealogy of Bible families, the beliefs of ancient peoples, and the customs of their countries are vividly related through narration and music."

During the presentation gowns of 27 Bible women from old Chaldea (now Iraq), Egypt, Israel, Phoenicia, Assyria, Persia (now Iran), and Greece will be displayed by ardent students.

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Proceeds will be donated to Family Focus, a Birmingham-based non-profit organization dedicated to assisting dysfunctional families and abused and neglected children.

Refreshments will follow the pro-

gram. Tickets for the benefit performance are available with a \$2.50 donation and may be obtained from Church Women United delegates, WSCS circle leaders or by calling Joyce Curtis at 851-3634, or the Franklin Community Church office, 626-6605.



Doris Beltz is dressed similarly to the Egyptian princess who found the infant Moses hidden in the bulrushes.

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