

Fashion show with narration tells story of Biblical women

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 into 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 Woman" 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."



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

Mrs. George Smith, as Sarah, will open the show wearing the off-shoulder fringed simlah first pictured on the wall of an Egyptian tomb. Her maid-servant Hagar, portrayed by Mrs. James Osterhoff, will wear a gown with an overall painted hieroglyphics pattern and Pharaonic jewelry.

As Jezebel, Mrs. Ralph Fox will wear black and green, symbols of the evil queen's envy, greed and death. Portraying the good queen Esther from the period of the Jewish captivity in Persia in the fifth century B.C., Mrs. Larry Brown will wear a gown of a thousand pearls with a veiled pearl-studded crown.

THE SHOW progresses from 2000 B.C. through the Greek influence with Mrs. T. C. Walbridge as Lydia, the first businesswoman and European convert, to Mrs. Walter Starr as Phoebe of Cenchreae, a brown-garbed messenger who closes the show as she prepares to go to Rome to spread the "good news" for Paul.

Music to accompany the show will be presented by Mrs. Clark Pardee, vocalist, and Mrs. Verne Istock, pianist. Assistant show director is Mrs. Stanley Fiol. The costume director is Mrs. Don-

ald Dittmar of Farmington.

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 851-3534, or the Franklin Community Church office, 628-6605.



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



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

Lynn Olson crowned homecoming queen

Lynn Marie Olson, a member of First Baptist Church of Farmington and the daughter of Peggy Olson, of Novi, was crowned Homecoming Queen of Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The crowning took place at Temple's annual Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament, on campus, where more than 3,000 persons were in attendance.

The 1979 homecoming queen is a 1977 graduate of Southfield Christian School. She is pursuing a bachelor of science degree with a major in elementary education. She has been on the university's

dean's list for several semesters.

Miss Olson plans to enter the field of Christian education, teaching on the elementary level after graduation.

At Temple, she has served as a cheerleader for the soccer team and as a member of the school's T Club.

The university's campus consists of a division of arts and sciences, the division of Bible and Christian Ministries, a seminary, a junior-senior high school, an elementary school, and the Tennessee Temple School for the Deaf.



Lynn Olson, Temple University's new homecoming queen, will pursue a career in Christian education.

Christmas trees on sale

Farmington Area Jaycees have Christmas trees on sale now every day from noon to 10 p.m. through Dec. 24 on Grand River, one-half mile east of Farmington Road, next to Burger King. Proceeds from the sale are earmarked to benefit Farmington Area Advisory Council, and the YMCA.

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