



MRS. EDWARD JOE JOHANSON

# Cynthia Eaton Weds Edward Johanson

Cynthia Suzanne Eaton and Edward Joe Johanson repeated their nuptial vows in a double ring ceremony at the Episcopal Church, Plymouth, Saturday evening, Dec. 30. The Rev. Canon David T. Davies officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Sterling Preston Eaton, of N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, and the late Mr. Eaton, former state representative and longtime publisher of The Plymouth Mail and founder of The Livonian, weekly newspaper now owned by The Observer chain.

She is the granddaughter of the late Elton R. Eaton, newspaper publisher and state representative who served as executive secretary to the late Governor Alex J. Groesbeck.

THE BRIDEGROOM is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Dodge Johanson, of Ford Street, Plymouth. The senior Mr. Johanson is general manager of the Western Electric Plant in Plymouth.

Given in marriage by her brother, Elton R. Eaton II, the bride approached the altar wearing an embassy gown of oyster white Alaskan. The cathedral gown was designed with a sabrina neckline, wrist-length sleeves and princess-line skirt which ended in a sweep.

A queen's crown of matching fabric, also banded with satin,



A MAN AND HIS FASHION — John Breco, 19-year-old Westland designer, is creating some truly elegant fashions for women in this area. At left, he is shown at his drawing board. At the



right is one of his favorite designs, a flowing brown velvet dress, modeled by Sandra Snowden.

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## Young Designer Has First Showing Of Ladylike Fashion

A very young designer who believes "women should look like women" just might put this area on the fashion map.

John Breco, only 19 years of age but a designer for four years, saw several of his very exciting and completely feminine creations displayed for the first time in a recent fashion show.

His model, Sandra Snowden, appeared in a flowing brown velvet gown, a sleek white "T-shirt dress" and a fascinating "playsuit" done in beige wool and black velvet. The show was put on by the Vasekistat Shop of Royal Oak in the 24-Carat Club, Detroit.

ACTUALLY, his career has been the other way around—he started designing the clothes to go with the feminine hairdos he favors.

"I did one backless dress," he said, "to go with a hairdo that had curls going down the back."

John, a resident of Westland, finished his studies at Franklin High School at night after he began his designing work. He had done clothes for a large number of local women, most of them customers of the Merle Norman beauty salon in Livonia, where he works.

HIS CREATIONS usually cost around \$70, and he can turn one out in about two weeks.

"I style for the individual woman," he said, "so I like to have a chance to talk to her before going to work."

Of all his designs, there's no doubt that John's special pride is the brown velvet. It used five yards of material, and comes out without a suggestion of bulkiness.

The short-but-not-mini skirt is gathered to a high waist, and the deep-V neckline features a stand-up frilly collar that can be removed for a more tailored effect.

ALSO MOST elegant is a fitted, short sleeved dress of white wool with a satin collar and buttons down the sleeve and side.

"It's a copy of the well-cut T-shirts I like," the young designer said. "I figured the darts carefully so the lines would be simple and perfectly fitted."

The playsuit is a masterpiece of cut, with puffed sleeves gathered on a velvet band, and a harem-type pant leg that stops above the knee instead of at the ankle.

"That's an inspirational design," John said. "I was watching television one night and saw a harem dress and got thinking how neat it would be to shorten it."

John considers the outfit suitable for formal wear with sparkly jewelry and "If the girl's effort is properly dressed."

Proper dress for a man, in his view, is a well-cut suit and knit shirt. He's made some of his own suits to show what he means.

m. m. memos

Holiday parties and all the refreshments that must be served point up again a mighty problem that plagues communities and housewives alike — disposing of the endless parade of non-returnable bottles.

While the local governments of Observerland debate the matter of garbage and rubbish disposal, I struggle every week with the need to fit into the refuse cans all the bottles that I used to be able to take back to the stores and turn in for hard cash.

And as fewer and fewer stores continue to accept return bottles, my pile of refuse and my headache mounts.

I was delighted to hear last week that Michigan State Senator Roger Craig thinks this may be a problem for the state, too, and has introduced a bill to outlaw the non-return bottles so drivers and picnickers won't use them to litter the highways.

But I read recently of a possible solution for the local governments' problem, and the state's, and mine.

It's fantastic enough for the realm of science-fiction, but the article I read said it is ready to market.

This solution is a bottle which holds the soft drink until it has been used; is placed in the trash can, and then — so help me — disintegrates into nothing a short time after being emptied.

That inventor really should clean up, in more ways than one. The world has a great need for the guy who can take a problem and make it just disintegrate.

I HATE BLACK SUITS and white shirts," John said. "The suits I've made for men include covered buttons, more color than usually used, and slits at the bottom of the trousers, because I like the look of the close-tapered trouser but want more freedom of movement."

A couple of other job eliminations are left: dressers — "they don't show the figure properly," and purses — "they spoil the line of a dress."

He hasn't quite figured out how to replace the purse, though. Some more John Breco styles will be modeled in a show he plans with two other designers at the Ponchartrain Hotel in Detroit Jan. 26. They should go over well with the gals who want to be ladies.

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