

By Walkers for L'Arche

# "Action '70" styles suit Acton '70 pantsuits star in Auxiliary show



VELVET EVENING jumpsuit avoids the hemline problem. It's in popular purple.

## Elora gorge not doomed

Scenic Elora Gorge will not disappear under tons of water when the Grand River Conservation Authority gets the go-ahead to construct a dam at West Montrose.

Rumors say that will happen, but rumors are a long way from the facts, according to authority officials.

Authority chairman James Bauer of Waterloo said the rumor that the gorge will be filled to the brim is just not true.

**Why destroy?**

"We bought the gorge to conserve it. Why would we want to destroy it," he asked.

The chairman has also said that every effort will be made to avoid any damage to the gorge when the dam is built.

The 90-foot high structure, planned for 8 1/2 miles downstream from Elora Gorge, will create a 1,500 acre reservoir that will assist in controlling spring flooding. Water will be collected in the reservoir during the spring runoff and will be gradually released through the drought season to augment the waterflow in the Grand River.

Another popular rumor about Elora Gorge is that a highway bridge will be built over the gorge at one of its most scenic points, just below the confluence of the Irvin and Grand Rivers.

"As far as we can discover from Wellington County or the Ontario Department of Highways, no decision has been made to put a bridge across there," said Mr. Coutts.

## New hydro rates

An increase in rates for nearly 600,000 rural customers was announced by Ontario Hydro. Effective on bills payable January 1, 1971, the rate change will raise revenue from Hydro's rural customers by 9 per cent.

It is the second general rate increase in 17 years. The last one was effective October, 1968. Specific percentage rate increases to customers vary according to service classification. Details are being mailed directly to all customers.

Hydro Chairman George Gathercole said that the increase is "regrettable, but unavoidable. Owing to inflationary pressures and rising costs, our rural system is now operating at a substantial loss."

## Wellington dairy princess

At Fergus fair, Katherine Osborne, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Osborne, R.R. 5, Rockwood, was named Wellington County dairy princess for 1971.

Runner-up for the title was Susan Kent, 21, of R.R. 2, Elora, also runner-up to last year's princess, Susan Whittaker.

Miss Osborne was congratulated by Miss Whittaker and two other princesses, one of whom holds the title for which the Wellington girl will be competing for next year at the Canadian National Exhibition. Present were Marilyn Honderich, Waterloo County Dairy Princess, and Diane Gunning of Hastings County, who won the provincial title at the CNE.

Skirts were mini and skirts touched the knees, but none were extremely midi or maxi when Walker's presented a very wearable collection of practical clothes for L'Arche Auxiliary's audience last Thursday. The fashion show, attended by about 150, was held in the Robert Little school auditorium.

A few coats reached below the knee but the length controversy was neatly dodged, in many cases, by pant suits, one piece jumpsuits and pant dresses.

### Eight models

Eight models from Guelph took part in the show, Flora Evans, Karal Kane, Phillis Fifield,

Shelly Nicklin, Dawn Farmer, Luanno Grass and Robin Blackburn.

Walker's called the show Action '70, and for Acton '70, the casually smart clothes suited the way of life here.

### Any length

Almost any length is "in" claimed commentator Marilyn Kane. However, the models showed dresses that were not extreme either in shortness or length.

"The short just above the knee look" still holds fast for most of us, she observed.

The longuette, which isn't quite midi, was shown only in coats.

Pantsuits are getting a lot of attention, even for evening.

### Pantsuit popular

Fun furs, lingerie, practical and bright children's wear, pre-teen outfits, crocheted accessories were all included. The commentator's assurance that "every wardrobe should have a pantsuit" was echoed in applause for the smart ensembles that almost dominated the women's wear in the show.

Mrs. Mary Ritchie of Walker's was the co-ordinator of the show. (She later said few long dresses are even in stock).

Show cosmetics Koscot distributors, Jean St.

Denis and Henny van Weezep of Guelph, showed the cosmetics in their line.

Music, set and lighting were by Hank Hubers and sound by David Mokren.

Draw winners were Jane Wong, a sheepskin rug; Bev Norton a Christmas cake; Mrs. Jean Hoy bath powder; Mrs. Carol Bonnar a flashlight and Mrs. Barbara Jackson a vase.

L'Arche Auxiliary president Judy Conroy welcomed the audience and introduced the program.

Refreshments were served.



STILL ABOVE the knee is the skirt on this swingy dress. But any length is "in".



PRACTICAL, COLORFUL outfits for school were shown by the two youngest models in Walker's show.



A PONCHO is a girl's favorite topper this fall.



JUMP SUIT is in black, sharpened with shiny wet-look white trim.



FUN FUR is for when you like to be noticed. Wide wale corduroy slacks are flared.



PANTS ensemble look even extends to nightwear. The outfit is in green with satin trim.



FINAL BOW for models at L'Arche Auxiliary fashion show. . . the school girls all in short skirts still, and the women in trim pant suits. About 150 watched the show and cosmetic demonstration last Thursday at the Robert Little school.—(All staff photos)

## Vocal, instrumental music recommended for schools

A Music Program Council urged Halton County Board of Education to bring in a vocal and instrumental music program in the high schools and middle schools and recommends instrumental music education courses should be available to students in the middle schools.

The report to Thursday's board meeting suggests middle schools be equipped with a basic set of board-owned instruments and equipment valued at \$3,748 per school.

The report also urges music be offered as an option in grade nine and that a program be offered in grades 10, 11 and 12 in combined classes where necessary.

George Houselander, assistant co-ordinator of creative arts said it was too bad vocal music stopped at grade eight. "Why stop singing out after grade eight? Singing is a God-given thing, why not use it," he told the board.

Two agree

Trustees Hugh Clohecy and George Pelletterio supported the recommendations of the council and agreed music appreciation should be an important part of a youngster's education.

Trustee Liberty Pease suggested the course should not

be a credit course as it was more of a social asset than a career aid.

Concerned about the trend towards open concept schools, Trustee Dick Goodin asked if geography would be taught in one corner and music in the other. He

was advised music and shop instruction were given in the confines of closed classrooms, even in the open concept classrooms.

All or nothing

Fred Armitage knocked a suggestion that maintenance fees

be charged to the students. Mr. Armitage said "if we can't provide instruments and cover the cost we shouldn't offer them at all."

The Board accepted the report but took no action at the meeting. The matter will come before the board within the next month for further consideration.

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