

# Anything goes in spring

"Fashion is a person, male or female, who is presenting himself or herself in the best possible way," began Marilyn Ottaway, owner of the recently opened "Village Boutique" in Acton, who in a recent fashion interview revealed some of her strong convictions on the world of fashion.

Marilyn explained that fashions of today are based on an individual preference or philosophy with less emphasis on the screaming demands

from fashion designers. Quickly vanishing is the era of "designer dictatorship" leaving a much more democratic, freer choice of apparel. The choices are wide open on whether a dress, pant suit, skirt and blouse, culottes or jeans are suitable.

Marilyn strongly believes that there is some definite link between fashions and occurrences and affairs of the world but she's not decided on which triggers which.

Touching on the subject of fashion trends and their originality Marilyn illustrating via the newest rage, the Chinese influence, outlined that it was the arrival of Mao Tse-tung's writings, the presentation of Chinese films in the theatres and the domestic demand for a more general Chinese influence which began the influx.

Branching into the aspect of styles in as much as cut and fit are concerned, Marilyn said,

"the overtone in dressing today is comfort. Along with comfort is the climate and the style of living faced by the individual."

Marilyn continued to explain that women are faced with a much larger choice of wardrobe and that they may now dress to meet the climate and constant movement and still manage to be extremely comfortable.

If a woman no longer wishes to wear a binding gown for

evening of dining and dancing the caftan is there to allow maximum comfort and freedom. The same is applied to climate. If a woman prefers to wear pants on a cold winter day the choice is her's to make, without having to face any prolonged glances and giggles.

Marilyn predicts the strong return of the cocktail dress emphasizing the legs and feet. The reason behind the return is that dancing is

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returning to great popularity. Advising those who are starting fresh on their spring wardrobe, Marilyn suggested that two or three main colours be chosen and the co-ordinates be chosen to match and complement the main colours.

An excellent starter is a two-or-three piece suit which allows countless ways to mix and match a wardrobe by utilizing various colours and designs in blouses, sweaters, and highlighting with beads,

chains and scarves. "Today the designer's priority is to design clothes which are geared to the comfort of women. The fact that one can look absolutely fantastic and be comfortable at the same time are the two top priorities."

"Fashion is the harmonization of the individual's needs and preferences to what best looks like and complements the individual," concluded Marilyn.

Spring fashions for '76 feature the extremes in fashion apparel from the loose, billowing 'big dress' to the fitted, figure-accenting dress; from the straight tailored pants to the snug boot pants; and from the soft pastel colours to the bold red, white and blues. Spring fashions for this year are geared to the individual tastes, needs and preferences.

Betty Ann Smith owner of 'by bettanne' in Georgetown pointed out that her spring line-up of fashions accented the casual, yet feminine mood in clothes with the prominent return of dresses which are consequently toning down the surge of pant suits.

"I think business women are returning to dresses more and more. This is evident in the gradual disappearance of the dress pant suits which are slowly being balanced by dresses," said Betty Ann.

Pants are by no means being cast away as the versatile three-piece suits and the occasional four-piece suits are still very predominant this spring. Betty Ann explained that jackets with matching pants and both short and long skirts are ideal for travelling. Because of the many different ways to wear the outfit the suits are indeed a convenient part of any woman's wardrobe.

Striking a popular chord again this season are the co-ordinates and mix and match type of outfits. Blouses, sweaters, vests, skirts, jackets and pants are excellent stand-bys which are necessary to maintain a varied look to any wardrobe.

Evening wear varies from the tailored, revealing gown, to the leisurely caftan to the evident return of the cocktail dress. The long evening skirt skips from one extreme to another; either floor-length, full skirts or ankle-length to slim skirts. Matching triangular capes with a fringed trim or a matching channel-style jacket are favoured with gowns and long skirts.

Jewellery faces little change as strands of beads, chains and the versatile scarf are in full bloom once again.

Tantalizing new taste buds this year are: the dress and skirt at least two inches below the knee; the newest boot pant, a fitted, cuffed pant which end just above the knee (best worn with boots); and the tunic style blouse which features a lower neckline, loose cuffed sleeves, (long or short) in floral and batik prints.

The Chinese influence which ruled the winter season has had an encore applause and is still strong this spring.

This is definitely a season of versatility leaving styles and colours wide open to salute to the arrival of spring.



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## Norval News

by Dorothy McLean

Application forms for the Norval Community Association to be incorporated were signed by the executive at their meeting held in the Norval School Community Centre on Tuesday evening, March 16, with Hugh McFarlane presiding.

It was decided to issue membership cards to those who have paid their yearly membership fee, and to purchase a typewriter for the use of the secretary. It was also decided to give a small donation to Norval United Church where all meetings have been held until moving to the Community Centre.

Tom Pettingill, recreation convenor, reported progress in getting activities started in the Community Centre. Two activities already started are youth dances with Mrs. Evelyn Hedley in charge, and a senior citizens group with Mrs. Dorothy McLean in charge.

Mrs. Rosemary Harrison is in charge of starting a table tennis club, if you are interested give her a call at 877-4215. Mrs. Evelyn Martin will be starting a cuche and bridge evening, and Mrs. Judy Pomerooy is in charge of getting some baseball teams organized. There is good interest in a girls baseball team.

The Y.M. - Y.W.C.A. will be putting on Yoga for beginners and "Take 'A Break'" at the Norval School Community Centre. If you are interested in either course call the Y.M.C.A. for information.

Haltom Hills Recreation Department will put on a couple of days of activities for school age children at the Norval School Community Centre during the winter break. They will be on Tuesday and Thursday.

Further plans for the May 24 fireworks display and the dance to be held at the former Riviera Club on Friday

evening, April 23 were discussed.

Fred Howse, Hydro-Lighting convenor reported that he is continuing the investigation into better lighting for the village and will contact the dept. of highways to see if they will assist on lighting the highway.

Jim Lagerquist, water convenor, reported that he is looking into arrangements and costs of Snelgrove residents who are getting water and compare their statistics with what is proposed for Norval residents. He is planning a meeting with M.P.P. Julian Rogers to discuss the lack of progress of a grant from the Ontario government which is holding up proceedings at the present time.

Tom Pettingill is interested in hearing from anyone willing to teach beginners guitar to groups. Teenagers and adults are anxious to get started, all they need is someone to teach

them. If you're interested call Tom or Mrs. Evelyn Hedley, recreation secretary, 877-6395. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, April 20, when the final plans for the dance will be made.

Norval United Church Couples Club enjoyed a Court Wist party in the church basement on Wednesday evening, March 17, with six tables in play. Paul Johnson won the high score for the men and Anne Wilson won for the ladies. John Dahbert won the low score prize for the men and Glenn Laidlaw won for the ladies.

The executive with Mr. and Mrs. J. Dahbert as president planned the evening which ended with lunch and a social time.

"The Norval Neighbours Club" was the name selected by the senior citizens at their second meeting in Norval School Community Centre on Wednesday afternoon March 17 with 10 members present.

Euchre was enjoyed after which Mrs. Laura Robinson and Mrs. Edna Murray served lunch and a fellowship time was enjoyed.

During the short business meeting with Mrs. Dorothy McLean presiding it was decided that anyone 50 years of

age or over would be eligible to join the club. The main purpose of the club is for fellowship.

A fellowship afternoon will be held every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 to 4 p.m. If there are any men or women in the community who would like to join the club but do not have transportation please phone Mrs. McLean 877-6350 or Mrs. Evelyn Hedley, recreation secretary, 877-6395. Also if there is anyone in the community who would like to assist The Norval Neighbours Club by providing transportation to those who need a ride please call one of the above numbers for particulars.

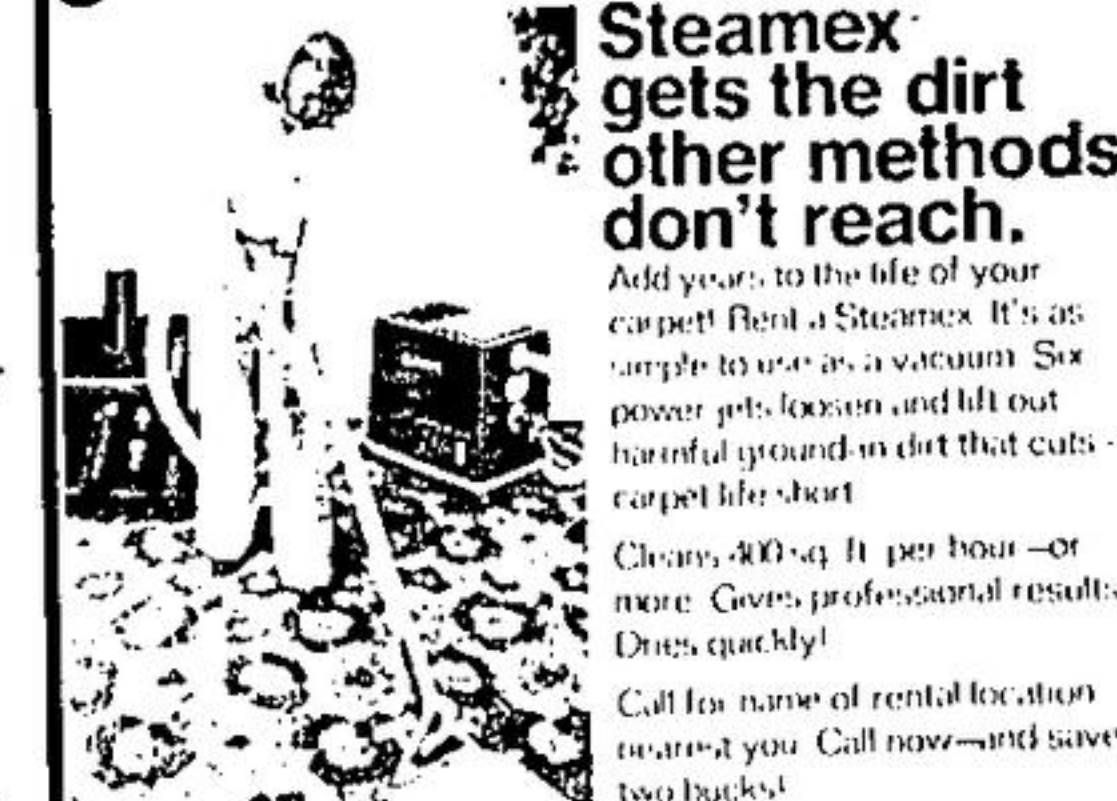
A baby shower was the highlight of the regular monthly meeting of Unit One Norval United Church Women held at the home of Mrs. R. Walter Ridley on Wednesday

afternoon, March 17, with Mrs. Gordon Miller presiding. Mrs. Mary Kan was surprised with the shower of gifts for her layette. She is companion and housekeeper for Mrs. Marion Reed. Mr. and Mrs. Kan came to Canada from Taiwan and are surprised to find the Canadian people so friendly.

Eleven members and two visitors answered the rollcall "What place does the church

take in your life?" Many recalled how the whole family always attended church every Sunday often having to travel several miles in a horse and buggy. Mrs. Bill Graham gave an excellent devotional, and Mrs. Sam Shaw gave an interesting paper on "Difference is the rust that crumbles our civilization" which led into a discussion on changing morals, and our

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