



EVENING ELEGANCE.

Fashion show entertaining

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The room was dim except for the twinkling spotlights circling the red broadloomed stage; lively music was echoing; a slim model chieftly garbed in a tube-top styled red satin jumpsuit danced onto the platform to welcome Georgetown residents to the Touch of Class fashion show.

Jennifer Montiehl, fashion commentator and co-ordinator for Barbara Shuttleworth's first showing of the outfits featured at her Main Street store, had a casual manner which helped the audience feel relaxed for what was more like an evening of entertaining than a winter wardrobe preview.

The 60 women gathered at North Halton Golf and Country Club Wednesday leisurely enjoyed drinks and a cold-out salad dinner prior to the show. It opened with an act by Lincoln, who has a black belt in karate, demonstrating defence techniques to music supplied by Gary Sullivan.

"The music made the show," said Miss Shuttleworth. When Miss Montiehl wearing a black leotard outfit decorated with chains of multi-colored beads exploded into a creative dance routine on stage, the music was funky. When the models appeared in elegant formal wear, the music was romantically soft.

A wide range of the latest looks were displayed by both local and professional models, against a back-drop bamboo screen, hanging bamboo basket and wide-backed bamboo chair supplied by the Bamboo Loft on Guelph Street, Georgetown, for the occasion.

Models Eve English, Simpson, Sandra Greig, Marla Figueroa, Michelle Ridley, Denise Jones, and Maggie Haines solicited gasps and applause from the audience with the poised manner they showed off stylish clothes.

Three main categories of garments were viewed: day-wear dresses, formal gowns and casual pantsuits.

Response from the attendants indicated some of the favorites, were a slinky black jersey evening dress with an oval-shaped black slit to wear for a Christmas dance; a grey turtle neck and boots co-ordinated with red gausches.

Two Georgetown ladies were lucky winners of \$50 vouchers for Touch of Class clothing at the fashion show.

Volunteers from the audience chose tickets from a box held by fashion commentator Miss Montiehl, revealing Eleanor Ingles and Shirley Beaumont as door prize winners.



CONTEMPORARY TUNIC TOP

Play therapy helps disturbed children

When a child comes into the care of the Children's Aid Society he usually arrives with a mixture of fear and guilt. If his parents have died, or separated, he may feel that the circumstances are all his fault.

If a child is being moved from a temporary foster home into a permanent adoptive home, the change may seem like a chasm that he can never bridge.

Play therapy is used by the Halton Children's Aid Society as one of the tools which help a troubled child comes to terms with himself and his life experiences.

It is used to help a child build up his idea about himself and sort out how he feels about what has happened to him in his life. It can identify his compulsive behaviour, his fears, interests, ability to relate to people and often helps him to verbalize his emotional problems.

Mrs. Fran Syer, one of the agency's play therapists said the process is not a fast one and first requires the therapist to gain the trust of a child and form a relationship with him. Because play is the natural language of children, the therapist uses play as the medium of assessment, communication and treatment.

Through the uses of playhouses, dolls, cars, trucks, fire engines, police cars, puzzles and card games, the therapist is able to determine problems the child finds difficult to talk about.

Play therapy sessions last an hour and are held in a toy laden room in the agency's office at 1160 Blair Road in Burlington.

At first a child is apprehensive because he doesn't know what play therapy means.

Before the sessions start some rules are put down. The child is told that he can do or say anything he wants, as long as he doesn't hurt himself or the therapist or destroy the toys.

"It takes a child a while and he will test a bit," Mrs. Syer said. "They may try to break the toys or kick me, depending on how badly they are disturbed. One boy rocked so hard on the rocking horse that he fell off and didn't really believe that I wouldn't let him hurt himself."

Play therapy proved to be helpful to a 4-year-old who was being moved into an adoptive home, Mrs. Syer.

"The adoptive home seemed to him to be many miles from the only home he knew, the foster home. And it was alarming and scary to him to lose his foster parents."

In his hour-long therapy sessions with Mrs. Syer he played taking the car and driving from one playhouse to the other.

Each time he encountered all sorts of accidents and problems while en route between the houses.

"After a year he moved the two houses together," Mrs. Syer said, "and he said he didn't have to worry about visiting back and forth from that time on because there was only one home."

Another dramatic instance where play therapy helped a child was a little girl who lost her father and mother in a car accident.

The child was brought into the care of the Society while arrangements were being made to return her to relatives in another province.

The little girl had been angry at her parents the week before the accident, and in the car. After the accident she not only refused to believe they were dead, but felt she had killed them.

"Play therapy sorted out for her the fact that she wasn't the one who killed her parents. It made her come to terms with the reality that they were dead and wouldn't return."

In play therapy she played out the accident scene: Going for a drive, crashing the car, the ambulance arriving and being taken to the hospital.

Her play stopped at this point because she wouldn't accept her parents' death. The therapist encouraged her to play out the scene further and enabled her to accept the real life situation.

Mrs. Syer said that play therapy is undirected and often this is difficult for a child because he is accustomed to being led in his activities by an adult.

"Another value of play therapy is that a child has an adult's complete attention for a full hour in which he can do or say anything he likes...and that doesn't happen often to a child."

"The children love it and they are resentful if anyone interrupts or the therapist goes on a holiday."

A close bond develops between the child and therapist and Mrs. Syer often receives notes reading "I love you, Mrs. Syer."

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Ombudsman loses repair bid

Ontario Ombudsman Arthur Maloney will not get a road repaired in front of his residence on Guelph Line, that is unless regional council overturns today a recommendation of the public works committee.

Mr. Maloney and a neighbor, had petitioned the committee to improve a knoll in front of their property which creates a hazard to driveway traffic.

Despite acknowledging that the road had a high accident rate and the sightline did

37TH BIRTHDAY
Georgetown and district branch of the Canadian Red Cross this month celebrated the 37th anniversary of the branch charter founding.

Provincial honors for 4-H member

By MRS. A. W. BENTON
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The W.M.S. held the Nov. meeting at the home of Mrs. John Lefterink on Wed. evening. Mrs. Houghley was in the chair and Mrs. Patterson read Scripture and led in Prayer. Roll Call and text word "Grace" were answered in verse of Scripture. Each lady read current events, Remembrance and Thanksgiving items or poems. A number purchased their Presbyterian Calendars for 1977. The Mirpah was repeated in union in closing. Mrs. Houghley invited the group to her home for the Decem. meeting. Mrs. Albert Lefterink and Mrs. John Lefterink served a nice lunch afterwards.

FROM LAST WEEK

The Womens Institute met at the home of Mrs. Houghley on Thursday evening with 12 members and four visitors attending. Have Thine Own Way Lord and the Collect in union were used in opening and the president read Remembrance verse followed by Prayer and two minutes silence were observed. Mrs. Moulden delegate to the area convention gave her report, saying she found it surprising entertaining and hopeful. The next competition will be house logs. An appeal was received from the Red Cross for craft items for a sale.

The roll call was a resolution sustained that is or will be affecting our present day living brought many opinions and led up the guest speaker. Mrs. John Bird's discussion program.

4-H leader Mrs. Anderson invited us to Achievement Day Dec. 4, when Gwen Kirkwood will receive her Prov. Honours. Mrs. Kirkpatrick read current events, and Mrs. Bert Benton read an explanation of part of the Collect, acting out a short skit assisted by Mrs. Houghley and Miss Brigham at the end.

Convenors present gave short up to date reports. Mrs. F.T.C. Brown convened the program and Mrs. Dinereaux extended courtesies. A lovely hot lunch was enjoyed after wards.

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By DOROTHY McLEAN
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Units 1 and 2 of Norval United Church met at the home of Mrs. Dan Wey on Wednesday evening, Nov. 10 with Mrs. Gordon Miller presiding.

Mrs. Jean Rounding, president of the Presbyterian U.C.W. guest speaker, gave an interesting talk on "Always Open - Especially on Sunday."

She quoted several verses of scripture and remarked on our reaction to them in our busy lives of to-day.

She ended her talk by mentioning how we are bombarded by advertising and suggested that perhaps the church should advertise too. One slogan she suggested was "Always Open - Especially on Sundays."

Mrs. Murray Laird gave the devotional on St. Andrew. Mrs. Ann Wilson gave the financial statement.

It was decided to pay our allocation fee for the year and to give a donation to the Presbyterian Scholarship Fund for students from the presbytery going through for a minister. There are 14 students from this presbytery this year.

Mrs. Rounding explained the special "Count your Blessings" donations.

This is a special conference-wide commitment to raise money to help supply clean water in Africa. To decide on how much to give each member is to counter her blessings and give accordingly such as keeping track for one day on how many times the tap is turned on and donate a penny for each time.

A few other suggestions were 10 cents for each grandchild, 25 for 2 telephones, 25 for 2 cars, 25 for a swimming pool, 10 for each bathroom, three cents for a vacuum cleaner, etc.

The donations are to be in before the annual Presbyterian meeting in March.

A Presbyterian meeting will be held in St. Andrew's United Church, Georgetown on Wed. Nov. 24.

Unit one served lunch and the evening ended with a social hour.

Pat Patterson a Norval farmer, has tossed his hat in the political ring again.

Peter Pomeroy of Norval, a Georgetown business man, also has his hat in the ring.

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