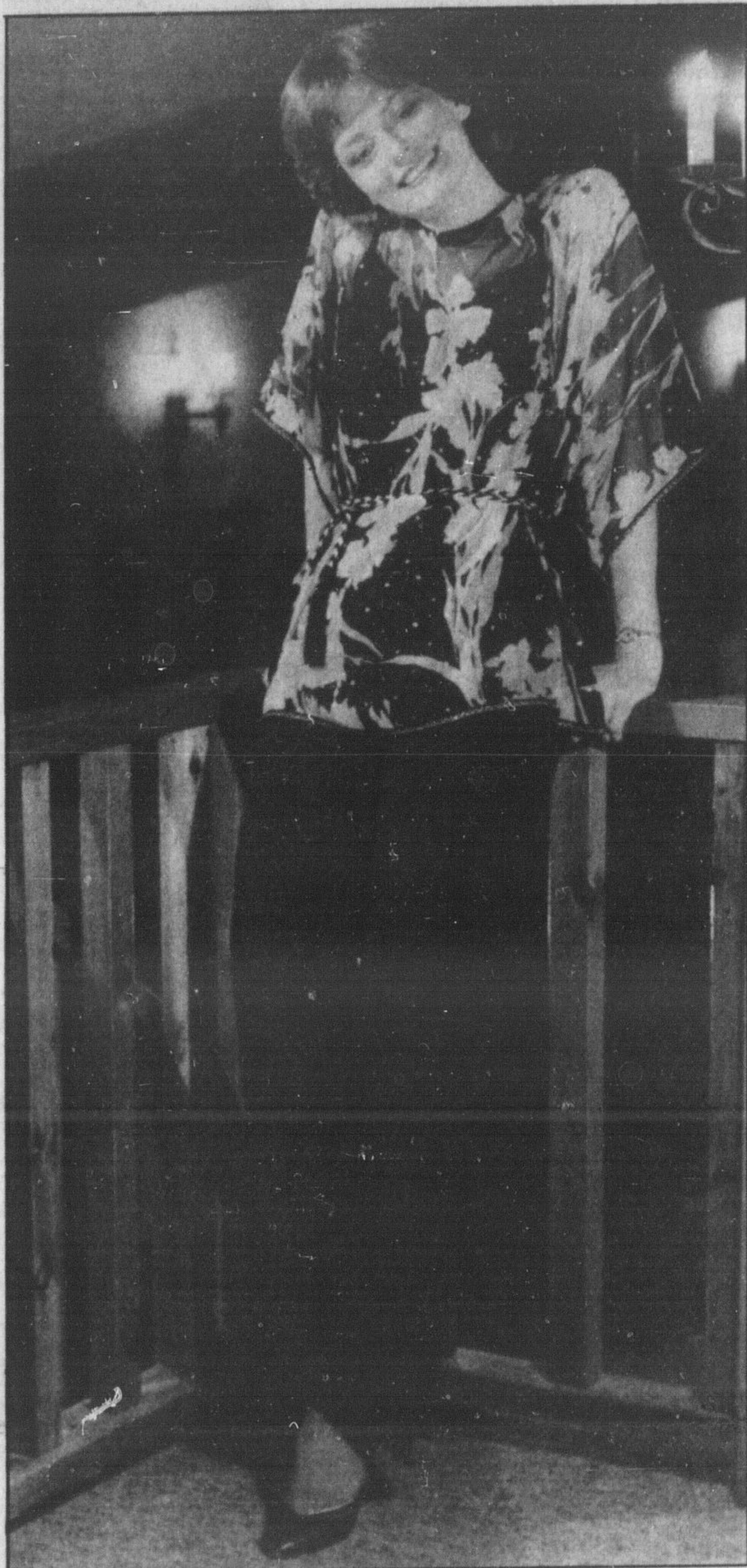


Designer fashions . . .



Jane Reid of Milton looks chic in this black and white ensemble.

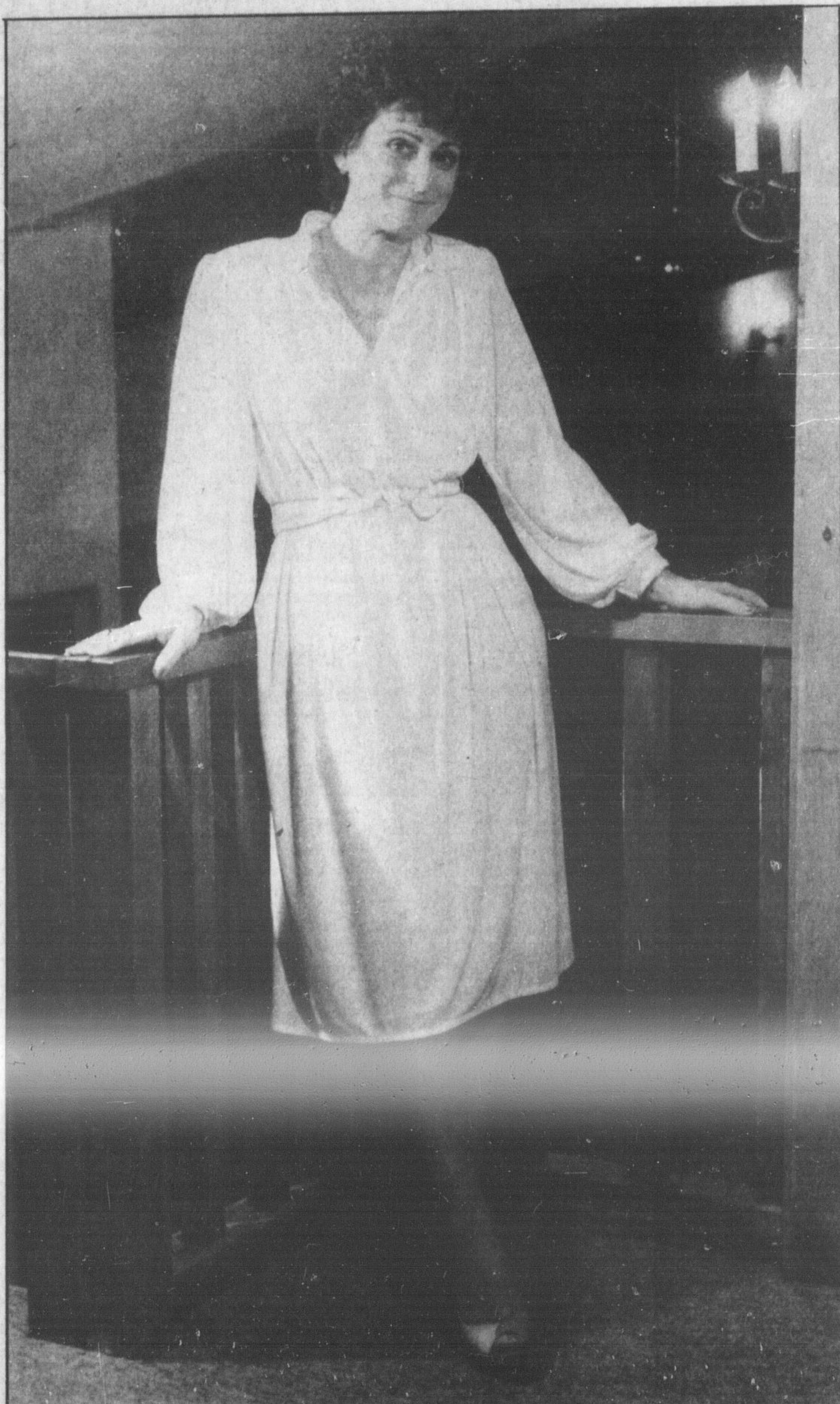


Former model Heather Penman returned to the runway.

All-Canadian!



Bundled for the cold is Uta Parks, in a hand-made knit by "Karen" of Burlington.



A "Linda Lundstrom" cocktail dress in cream and gold is modelled by Bruna Wallis.

Winter fashions featured Sunday

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Exquisite hand-painted silks, kitten-soft knits and sleek black evening wear caught the breath of many a woman and a few men who were among 220 people watching the debut of the House of Green Ginger fashions at a special showing Sunday afternoon.

Up-to-date elegance with flare, is how shop owner Lesley Goertzen described with pride her lines of top Canadian designer clothing.

"Canadian designers are worthy of the same attention as French and American designers," she said. "The quality is there and they are producing clothes that are different and elegant."

The show, held at Bayrischer-Hof Restaurant, came just one month after the opening of the exclusive Main St. shop.

Hand-made knitted suits, supple pigskin pants, pure wool suits, in soft muted colors, and feather weight raw silks all won the warm approval of the audience.

The parade of labels included Linda Lundstrom, a

former Sheridan College design student and now one of the country's most popular designers; "Karen" of Burlington, a Burlington lady who takes her knitting everywhere she goes and is credited with creating "one of the kind" fashions; "Joan", a Native of Trinidad, an artist at heart who hand paints silk jackets, pants and camisoles.

"Evina" a Toronto designer, Lorraine Beauchamp, Mary Chong and "Underhanded Tricky" were among other names.

The clothes of "House of Green Ginger" proved that femininity has not been compromised to achieve the practicality of everyday wear.

Smart business suits took on a new, prettier look for evening with a few simple changes.

"Versatility is the key and you can do that with accessories," explained Mrs. Goertzen.

Natural fibre clothing is one of the biggest features of her clothing and that includes raw silks, lambswool, angora, 100 per cent cotton, leather and pigskin.

Pants and more pants in a variety of styles and

materials prove the garment is here to stay.

For the moment, it is the knicker and walking pant that are grabbing the limelight. Cut in tweed, wool or velvet, knickers are being worn just about anywhere, be it to an outdoor sports event or to a chic party event.

Cocktail dresses remain one of the most desirable choices for p.m. dressing, but for those looking for a bolder look, there were sensational silk tunic and pant sets, and even a "ball gown".

Women can look forward to seeing more knickers and walking shorts for spring and summer wear.

The color forecast indicates China Blue and tomato red, but white and natural hues will be the favorites, according to Mrs. Goertzen.

The sparkle of gold, metallic bronzes and copper will also continue into spring fashions, she said.

A British native, Mrs. Goertzen and her family have resided in Milton for the past five years.

Her shop is a business adventure and something of a dream-come-true for the local lady. A former part-time model, she is also providing make-up lessons and carries a full line of make-up.

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Reny Glucklich shows off a hand-painted scarf, part of a designer collection of jewellery and accessories.