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Rambling Around

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Taste Counts For More Than Money In Clothes and Decor . . . Jean Miller

When I contacted Jean Miller at her lovely home at Keele Street, Maple, she had just come from a preview of spring lingerie which will be shown at the Royal York Hotel in December. Only the elite of the fashion world, the top executives and designers, will be present at this "At Home" put on by the fashion group, a branch of an international fashion organization.

Jean Miller is the wife of Charles Miller, a member of the Vaughan Township Planning Board. Mrs. Miller is a tall, trim, statuesque woman with reddish blonde hair. I found her to be a woman of great personal charm. She possesses a warm and deep maturity which you can really feel either by talking to her or just watching her.

The Millers bought an old but interesting house at the corner of Keele Street and Maple Sideroad, and since it was an old house, Jean said that she and her husband had to grow into it more or less. So they painted all the trim white and the walls a greenish gold which encouraged a feeling of spaciousness. The furniture is a pale gold and white goatskin rugs adorn the oak floors.

In order to furnish her home exactly the way she wanted it, Mrs. Miller collected many pieces of furniture over the years. She refined the furniture herself. It is Mrs. Miller's firm belief that taste counts for more than money in both clothes and decor.

Her interest in art stems back to her childhood and her art-conscious family. Her great grandfather, who once lived in Bradford, used to design furniture. Jean Miller continued this art trend by specializing in art at Central Technical School and has won a series of awards from the Art Director's Club. She has for a number of years operated as a free lance fashion artist with her own company Jean Miller Limited. Her drawings appear regularly in magazines and in the pages of newspapers.

Mrs. Miller recently returned from Paris after attending the fall fashion previews. She went to see the "Collection" as an assistant of Mr. Edgar Burton Jr. of Simpson's. This "Collection" of fall showing was condensed into ten days. This is where all the important couturiers show their most exclusive clothes and consequently the whole atmosphere of the fashion world is exciting and very hush hush.

"Most of the great couturiers at the top are men," said Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Miller explained that the press and the buyers go there to buy models for direct sale or copy. A buyer pays \$2,000 just to walk in the door. The price is high in order to cover the sale or copy.

One of the reasons Paris is the mainspring of fashion inspiration is because through the years a vast army of people has been assembled in this city that is able to cater to the couturiers in knowing how to produce what is wanted. In France, clothing is not mass produced as it is here.

The big snag in Canada and U.S. is the fact that the couturiers may have good designs but it may be necessary to send to Paris for materials and that may represent a delay of six weeks or more.

Mrs. Miller believes that the housewife or business girl with a limited budget should plan her clothes wisely. She recommends a dark, simple, inconspicuous dress or suit, the best one can afford. The color could be beige, black or dark brown. Then a good coat, hat, shoes and cocktail dress could be added. To brighten the basics, jewelry and attractive hats can be used to good effect. Once the basics have been bought then one can afford to branch off into other colors.

For older women to achieve more sparkle, Mrs. Miller recommends warm colors of which rose is a good example.

Mrs. Miller's busy and challenging life in the fashion world leaves her scant time for other interests, but she indulges herself with gardening, home decorating and oil painting when she finds time. At present she is doing a fashion show for the women's auxiliary of the Sick Children's Hospital on November 25.

She does all her fashion drawing at home in the well lighted and well equipped studio that Charles Miller built for her in the downstairs of their home. Her chief method of relaxing is the enjoyment of listening to classical music which she shares with her husband and making tapes of their favorites is their absorbing mutual hobby. Her philosophy for living is simple and direct "Pursue the things you enjoy and get more and more interested in life," she said.

GORMLEY

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Congratulations to Bishop A. L. Winger who celebrated his 80th birthday last Tuesday. His son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Liebeck of Collingwood came for dinner to help celebrate the occasion.

Mrs. E. Smith of Toronto spent a few days with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Brands.

A number of Gormley ladies attended a miscellaneous shower for Miss Helen Doner on Monday night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Doner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of Kilarney, Manitoba, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. William Ash.

Mrs. R. Kenney of Montreal spent last week with her niece, Mrs. G. T. Todd.

Gormley Stud Farm did very well in their exhibits at the Royal Winter Fair. They showed three horses and won 10 ribbons. These were their winners — grandchampion thoroughbred mare; junior champion colt; reserved junior champion colt; reserved grand champion; the Addison Trophy and \$500 for the best thoroughbred yearling.

Mrs. A. Melrose of Tisdale, Sask., is visiting her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Elliott for some time.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George French were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Barke, Kevin and baby Sandra of Brampton, Pa., Rev. William VanderBent of Richmond Hill, Mrs. Charles Conner, and Mrs. Delta Boyce. The United Missionary Sewing Circle was held on Wednesday at the home of Miss Arvilla Forrester.

Congratulations to George French who celebrated his 89th birthday on November 19.

Heise Hill Sewing Circle was held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. William VanderBent.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Reis of Maple had supper Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Gamble.

Elgin Sider, who is attending university in London, spent the weekend with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. K. Sider.

Dr. John and Dr. Jean Erb, recently returned missionaries from Nigeria, spoke at the Missionary prayer meeting at the United Missionary Church last week.

Bruce Graham of West Pymble, New South Wales, Australia, his mother, Mrs. E. Graham of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. J. Vance of Willowdale, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Paisley and Kyle of Stouffville all had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill.

Wedding
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Doner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Doner and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Schlieter and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wideman were guests at the wedding of Miss Helen Doner and Fred Wilson on Friday evening at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Doner.

The reception was held at the Youth Centre. Miss Shirley Doner and John Doner of Gormley were their attendants.

The special services at Heise Hill Church closed Sunday evening.

SCARBORO: Three communities are to be built in Scarborough north of 401 beginning in 1966. Total population is estimated at 100,000. One will lie between Markham and Kennedy Road not far south of Steeles Avenue. The other two will be between Kennedy Road and Victoria Park.

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TSA 2 Markham Teachers Discuss Needs & Prospects Of New Area

Teachers from the 18 schools in the newly-formed TSA No 2 Markham attended a busy professional development day at the Unionville school on November 17.

During the morning they heard an address by Inspector Maynard Hallman who discussed various aspects of Bill 54 which had created the new school area, the conditions leading up to it and its effect on the teachers.

Principal of No. 4 School William Dodds spoke to the teachers on the growing trend to senior schools and Robert Stover, the teacher at the special class at Unionville discussed opportunity classes generally.

Miss Helen Nigh, grade 1 teacher at Unionville Public School spoke of her experience with the initial teaching alphabet, a phonetic alphabet which is being used to teach reading in her class this year. The alphabet is used for two years, at which time the children are gradually introduced to the conventional alphabet and spelling.

Mrs. Eitel Boyd spoke about the January class at No. 3 school south of Victoria Square which will open again in January for children whose 5th birthdays fall between January and July and who would not normally be admitted to kindergarten until next fall.

An outline of the Oral French program was given by Miss Sylvia Lanctot who is teaching this in several of the schools. This was followed by a session on audio-visual education, demonstration of new projectors and a review of the audio-visual resources of the area.

Following a lunch prepared and served by the ladies of Unionville United Church, the entire afternoon session was devoted to surveying the resources of the new school area.

That grave educational inequalities had existed in the township under the old system was evidenced by figures which showed that the amount of money spent in 1953 on instructional supplies varied under the school boards from \$7.00 per pupil to \$23.23 per pupil.

The average spent was \$15.61 per pupil, which Inspector Hallman stated was consistent with other boards and for next year it is hoped that the new board will work towards this figure.

With this in mind, the teachers broke up into groups and visited the displays of classroom materials which had been set up by five suppliers of school equipment. The groups selected from those the "tools of the trade" they would like to have in their classrooms next year.

From this, Mr. Hallman expects to have a requisition form prepared for the new board which will enable them to buy the required supplies on a tender basis.

On November 19, 40 teachers from Markham Village spent their professional development day visiting the training school for boys at Bowmanville. The principal of the school addressed them at the noon luncheon and they observed the special services and equipment available at the school.

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