Backstage With Sylvia

by Sylvia S. Cutler

There are people who live with zest and excitement, and whenever you see them and ask "What's new?" they always have something to tell you. Such a one is Florence Weir, and if I write about her frequently, it's because I'm fascinated by the interesting life Florence lives. (You too, are welcome to join us in this column. Tell us about your adventures.)

Recently, Florence organized and narrated a fashion show for Lazarus at the Paramount Theatre in conjunction with the premiere of "Mame" this version starring Lucille Ball. First off, the film was surprisingly good. I don't know how many times I've seen "Mame" or "Auntie Mame", or how many actresses I've seen in the starring role, but I've enjoyed every one of them.

Axiomatically, one assumes that the movie version will almost always be awful. This was just fine. Lucille Ball didn't do "Lucy".. and did manage to portray a very sensitive Mame, different from Roz Russell or Angela Lansbury. The little boy who played Patrick was a "luv".

The fashion show illustrated the Mame look, the Gatsby look, the Harlow look, and it was elegant. At last we're back to clothes that spell glamor.

The models in the show were Debbie Fabian, Denise Demko, Karen Kachinskas, Pam Fenner, Linda Whalen, Mary Ann Hubick, Jan Morrash, Nancy Samuels, Bella Fiascki, Joanne Feddock, Wendy Weir, Joanne Castellino, Eileen Brislin, Jane Kluger, and Karen Passarella. All but two are from the Lazarus Teen Board, taught and trained by Florence.

Florence spent a week in New York attending all the big fall fashion shows given by the larger houses. While there she, her daughter Pixie, and Pixie's roommates, attended several plays and inadvertently on a Sunday night wandered into a political benefit performed by the great popular composers of our day. They were admitted as guests to a show where the cheapest ticket was $150!

Florence reports what she saw and what will be shown for fall, so if you want the inside news right from the source, here it is:

The fashion showrooms were crowded with buyers and fashion coordinators from around the country. Each show was positively bedlam as new and some old styles were shown. This year the emphasis is on value, quality and carefully thought out collections. Designers realize that in inflationary times, women want more for their money. The emphasis is also on flexibility.

High on the list of new ideas is the big coat. It's tenty, swingy, capey, wrapped, fur-trimmed, lots of flare and lots of room. Capes are big, with or without hoods. Coat lengths are longer, 43 to 50 inches in length. Fur trims are led by the long-haired furs, fox, raccoon, badger. Fabrics include fleeces, meltons, leathers, suedes, tweeds and solid wools and some are reversible with rainy day poplins inside. It's black velvet that swirls in for evening.

In dresses, the look is soft and feminine. There are more waistlines, prints, full sleeves with a Russian influence, blouson bodices, bateau and V-necklines. The two-piece dress is back--an easy skirt under a belted tunic, the jacket dress, and the suit dress.

Late date dresses are elaborate, very soft looking, lots of motion in the skirt..and one interesting feature was lettuce-leaf edges.

Pants are still "in", but definitely overshadowed for daytime by the return of the skirt in all lengths. For the less daring, they just cover the knee. For the more adventuresome, there is a variety of longer lengths with a large number being shown to top the calf. (There's Gatsby and Mame!) Skirts are shown with the new wide-leg boots or with dark pantyhose such as rust, burgundy, brown, navy and off-black, and higher-heeled shoes.

It's in the evening that pants have their biggest impact...and that's the party pajamas.

In sportswear, it's the sweater now--the outdoor sweater the Kabuki, the chenille sweater, and the sweatshirt sweater with hood. Velour sweatshirts and velour jogging pants are designed for active sports.

The big accessory of the season is the hat. The newest is the fur beret. Then there is the felt hat with unusual trimming, such as art deco motifs, marquisette, buckles and feathers. Knit hats and scarves to match or long mufflers will be a must, with fringe, and sometimes worn two at a time. (Two hats, Florence, or two mufflers?) The colors predominant are black, teal, brick, mushroom, aubergine, and all the brown tones. Details are cartridge tucking, buccaneer collars, muff pockets and miter stripes.

Well friends, you have the real McCoy right from Florence Weir, fashion coordinator of Lazarus, and you won't need to read Mademoiselle or Glamour. You got it all right here!

When evening lights twinkle on to illuminate those moments after the sun goes down, the look is soft, sensuous and sophisticated.

CM Grant

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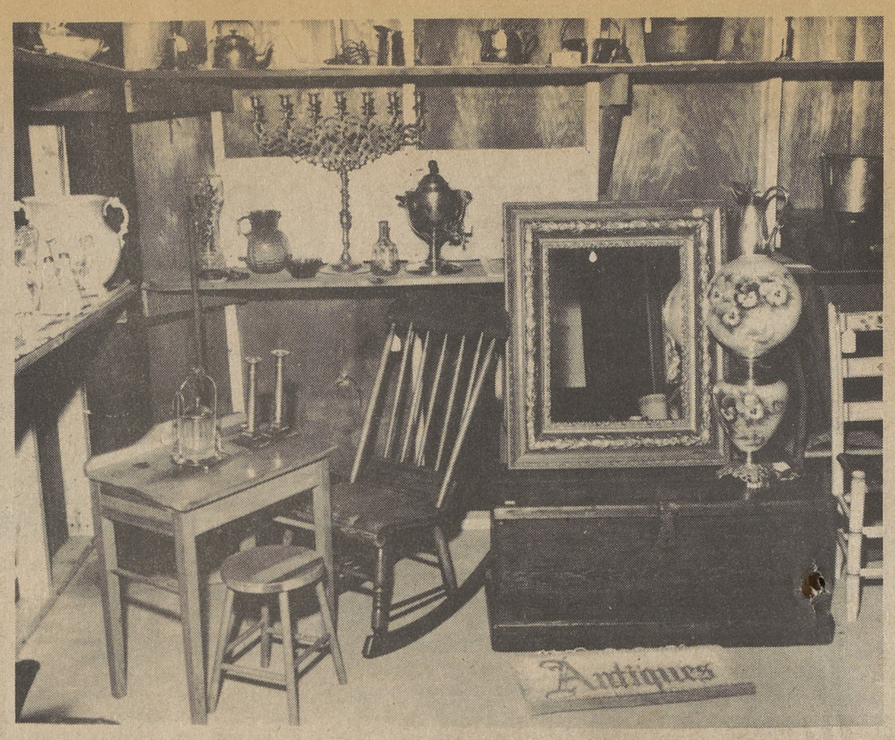
desire and capacity to try to do new things in new ways," said Harold Howe II, Foundation vice president for education and research. "Unfortunately, our limited resources restrict the support we can give. The institutions chosen in the Northeast and elsewhere in the country reflect the venturesome vitality that is increasingly evident on many other campuses, a large number of which are equally deserving of recognition."

Of the 177 colleges and universities screened for the grants announced today, 64 were visited by Foundation representatives and their programs reviewed. Several months ago, a Ford Foundation representative visited the campus at College Misericordia, meeting with staff, faculty, and administration members to review the college's current educational programs and future plans.

The criteria for final selection included evidence of venturesome activity in the past, the quality of present educational programs and leadership, and the prospect that a Venture Fund will be continued with local support after the Foundaion grant ends. The Ford Foundtion was advised in the selection of recipients by a panel of experts from colleges outside the Northeast.



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Antiques donated by local dealers for the 28th annual Back Mountain Library Auction are rapidly filling the Barn. Pictured are some of the items received. From left; a child's desk and stool, Golden Eagle Antiques; glass and silver pickle castor, Pickwick Antiques; a pair of brass candlesticks, Antiques and Art Barn; pine tool chest, the Hitching Post; a nursing rocker, Country Club Antiques; oak frame mirror, Project 40; and a "Gone with the Wind" lamp, Ollie Schallenberger Antiques. This year's special chance-ticket item is a tulipwood and pine dry sink donated by the Silver Sleigh. Members of the Antique committee will be available to receive donations from anyone today and tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Barn.

Upper Demunds Residents Concerned Over Development

A group of concerned residents from Upper Demunds Road were at the public hearing, scheduled before the regular Dallas Township July meeting Monday night. They were there to discuss the future plans of J. Mark Robinson, developer, and Fenwood Park.

Fenwood Park was a proposed housing development which was begun several years ago in the Upper Demunds area but was never completed. Mr. Robinson proposes to divide the 62 acre plot into 107 single family unit lots and construct homes in the $35,000 price range. He requested a zoning change from A-1 to R-1 because A-1 requires one home per acre and his plans will require 1.72 homes per acre.

Those present were concerned with the road problem, water availability and devaluation of their property. After their questions were answered by Chairman Philip Walter and other members of the board together with Mr. Robinson the group left the meeting.

Solicitor Frank Townend was not present at the meeting until later and after his arrival and some discussion, the board decided to table the decision of rezoning until a later date.

The Township municipal office and the police office have been paneled by the Silkworth Remodeling Company Lake Silkworth and the exterior part of the front of the building has been sprayed with a silicone material to prevent moisture from coming through the walls. Cost of this project was $2500. The paneling is dark walnut and will require no painting and a minimum amount of care, the board noted.

Patrolman James Gruver has completed a 10 week training school conducted by the Pennsylvania State Police.

The board is considering an anti-noise ordiance which will eliminate rock concerts in the township. This will be discussed throughly before action is taken, Chairman Walter said.

Chairman Walter, Supervisor Glenn Howell and Solicitor Townend met with a grievance committee from the police department June 20. Patrolmen Elliot Ide, James Gruver, Doug Lamoreux and John Apple represented the police. No decisions were reached they stated and a future meeting has been planned.

A contract was awarded to Bradco Supply Towanda for a 1974 four wheel drive truck for $13,994,95.

Kochers Hold Reunion

The Kocher family reunion will be held Aug. 3 at Sandy Bottom, Harveys Lake.

There will be a basket lunch at 12:30 p.m., entertainment for the children at 1:30 p.m. and a business meeting at 2 p.m.

..Lawn Grass Can Be Cut Too Short--It's natural to want to cut the grass as short as possible in order to lengthen the time between cuttings. But, John C. Harper II, Extension turf specialist at The Pennsylvania State University, says "skinning" the grass can result in injury to the root system, invite weed infestation, and leave your lawn in an unsightly condition for several days. A good general rule is to avoid removing more than one-third of the leaf surface during a cutting. You can also not cut enough off your lawn. This could result in build-up of thatch which hinders watering and feeding and encourages insects and diseases.

Bigger Turkey Better the Buy

If you're looking for a good turkey buy, select a large bird. A larger bird has more meat in proportion to the bone.

Penn State Extension foods and nutrition specialists say a larger bird usually costs less per pound. In addition, you can economize even more with planned-overs.

Use Pesticide Strips Carefully--Insecticide strips, one way of controlling small flying insects, should not be used in rooms occupied by infants or by ill and aged adults, caution Extension entomologists at The Pennsylvania State University.

Lake-Lehman Boosters Plan Metting July 16

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Gene Stone, Speaker For Dallas Rotary Club

Gene Stone of Sieckman and Stone was the speaker at the Dallas Rotary Club meeting June 27. He was introduced by Dale Wagner, program chairman.

Mr. Stone spoke about several American men who successfully overcame bankruptcy and other setbacks.

Walter Mohr announced that reservations for installation night, July 11, have to be in by July 8. There will be a "Happy Hour" Dutch Treat, 6:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Rotarians signed up with Don Evans for various shifts at the Library Auction. All but the 4:00 p.m. shift have been covered.

Four Rotarians have been recognized for their 100 percent attendance records: Art Ross, nine years; Fred Dingle, four years; Duncan Whitehead and Ralph Connor, one year each.

While at the Back Mt. Library Auction, be sure to see the
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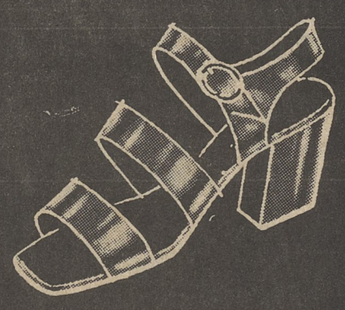

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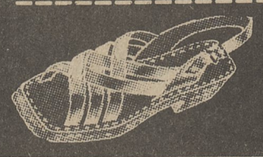

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