

Gourmet Gala Dates Announced

The International Institute will present its annual Gourmet Gala from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. May 15 in the main arena of the Civic Auditorium.

Over 30 nations will present their national specialties in tastings which are included in the \$7.50 price of admission. International groups wearing national costumes will present a program of music and dance.

There will be a drawing for door prizes, and a cookbook compiled by women of the Consular Corps will be on sale.

Tickets can be purchased from Mrs. Guy Jubitz at Jordan 7-3904.

Menlo Park Style Luncheon

A fashion luncheon sponsored by the Church of the Nativity will be held at noon today at the Sharon Heights Country Club in Menlo Park.

Tickets are \$6 and may be obtained from Mrs. Joseph Wirth, Davenport 2-9682.

Dr. Molner

What About Life Without a Spleen?

By Jos. G. Molner, M.D.

DEAR DR. MOLNER: Six weeks ago I underwent a splenectomy, the result of a hard fall. Would you elaborate on the purpose of the spleen and living without it? I am 28.

—MRS. J.D.

The spleen is a remarkable organ serving three general functions. First, it is a reservoir for blood. When more blood is needed in the circulatory system—as with changes in altitude, or in a severe emotional crisis—the spleen contracts and releases red blood cells into circulation.

Second, it destroys old blood cells which have done their work and should be discarded. A special type of cell in the spleen performs this task.

And third, the spleen manufactures a type of white blood cell called the lymphocyte.

Fortunately, all these chores are not done exclusively by the spleen, so if it is damaged or for other reasons has to be removed, you can live long and comfortably without it.

Rupture is one reason for removal. It is a soft organ, normally smaller than your clenched fist and located in the upper left corner of the abdomen under the lower ribs. Thus, in an accident, the spleen may be damaged. If it ruptures, serious internal bleeding may result, since a large amount of blood circulates

through it. And since the tissues of the spleen are very soft, stitches will not hold and it is extremely difficult to repair a rupture.

However, the blood vessels leading to the spleen can be tied off tightly and permanently, and the damaged organ removed.

Sometimes the spleen overdoes its normal work, causing certain blood disorders. That is another reason for its removal.

But in any event, the spleen, for all its helpful purposes, is an organ which we can successfully live without if necessary.

DEAR DR. MOLNER: I am 79, 176 solid pounds, nonalcoholic, in perfect physical health, and do all performs this task.

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Equal Time for the GOP

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FRANKIE WELCH, who runs a boutique in Alexandria that Washington ladies love, has promised to give the Republican party equal time.

A few months ago she designed the Discover America scarf that was used all through the first fashion show at the White House. Now Frankie has come up with something for the Republicans, the first fabric specially designed for a national convention.

The fabric, naturally, is red, white, and blue, but no stripes or stars. The white cotton

ground is sprinkled with big red, white, and blue daisies.

Printed in tiny script and looking like part of the design are the words "Republican National Convention" and "Miami, Florida, August 7, 1968."

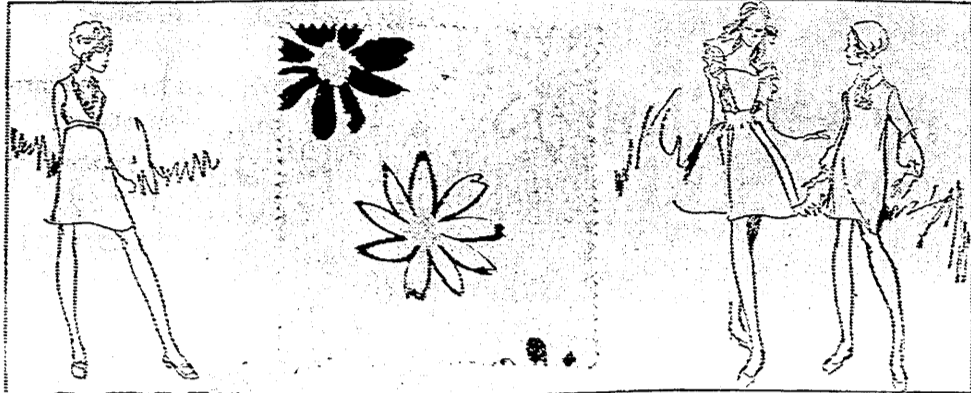
The fabric will make its first appearance Wednesday at a fashion show luncheon at Washington's Hotel Mayflower. It will be used for all the tablecloths and for at least four dresses that will appear in the show.

Later, Frankie Welch plans to have the same print put on silk squares for silk scarfs that

will be outlined in red and blue bands. It's a fresh, pretty design, neither too corny nor too flag waving.

At the Mayflower the show will be based on what to wear to a convention. Washington women will model clothes by Geoffrey Beene, Bill Blass, Donald Brooks, Chester Weinberg, Kasper, Jerry Silverman, and Leo Narducci.

Some of the ladies you can expect to see on the runway are: Mrs. Gerald Ford, Lorraine Cooper, Mrs. Peter Dominick, Mrs. John Tower and Mrs. Charles Percy.



Jane Taylor Marries at Stanford

Jane Deborah Taylor and Second Lieutenant John Bonnet McCoy USAF were married at Stanford Memorial Church.

Jane is the daughter of the Samuel Taylors of Palo Alto.

John's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner McCoy, who live in Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. McCoy is in banking.

Her honor attendants were her sister, Mrs. Robert S. Meltzer, and the groom's sister, Virginia McCoy.

Other attendants were Betty Burk, Dorinda Derow, Joan Stafford, Marcia Trethewey and Joan Wait.

and the Mmes. William Bischoff and Frederick C. Ohly.

The groom's father acted as best man for his son. Ushers were Stanford Ackley, Stanton Brown, Andre Buckles, Charles Marston, George McElroy Jr., Frank Patitucci and Mr. Meltzer and Mr. Ohly.

Jane holds degrees from Smith and Stanford. Her

husband attended Columbus Academy and received degrees from Williams and Stanford. He is a member of Chi Psi.

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Canadian Reception On Board a Ship

The officers of HMCS Mackenzie and HMCS Columbia will host an invitational reception aboard the Mackenzie at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Have you any suggestions? — W. W.

the yard work in the neighborhood and have done so since I retired nine years ago.

However, recently I have noticed that at time of urination, before it is completed, it shuts off like a valve only to resume a few seconds later. Is this normal at my age? I have no pain or discomfort.

Since my wife is somewhat senile, it is not easy to get away for any length of time to see a doctor.

My first thought is that you should be examined for signs of an enlarged prostate, a condition which often, in fact usually, starts without discomfort. Other possibilities could be explored at the same time.

Seems to me that in view of the neighborhood yard work, you could get a neighbor to stay with your wife for part of an afternoon.

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