Belk's Fashion Show

Fashion Genius Jim Daugherty • Impresses Local Audience

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You walk into a dressing room where his masterpieces stand tall and elegant upon a steel rack. His face is stern and serious as he examines each garment and properly fits it with the nervously awaiting model to which it is to be ornamented. Immediately you think it's going to be another "Yes," "No", staunch, stiff interview with another snub nose-fashion designer....But after things quiet down backstage...after each Cinderella has found her magical matching garment, you meet a smiling, lovable, amazing artist....James Daugherty.

JAMES "JIMMY" DAUGHERTY
...Nationally famous designer

Top notch is not exactly the word for Daugherty's work. He comes better under the heading of sensational both as a person and as an artist. He is a veritable genius. Shy, and boyish, he talks about each fashion as if each were his own personal mistress, almost too delightful an experience to reveal, yet too explosively and amazingly beautiful to conceal. Perhaps this is because James Daugherty, even as a young boy living in Los Angeles had a very special past time. He watched women...Not the ones that everyone stares at, the ones that are labeled "beautiful" at the time of birth, but the average woman to whom no one really takes any second glance.

Fortunately, Daugherty did take a first, second and perhaps even a third glance, picturing in his eye all the wonderful things that could happen to her appearance just with a different type of dress, or maybe some accessories. Daugherty believed in his own mind that this woman could be looked at with just as much admiration as the women who supposedly" walk in beauty like the night." "My only inspiration for designing clothes is making every woman beautiful. That's why I design simple styles....things that every woman may look attractive in" Daugherty says.

Daugherty, who incidentally prefers to be called Jimmy, found it very difficult getting started. "I would phone perspective buyers and they'd tell me to come on over, but as soon as they saw that I was Black, they would turn me away without even looking at my port folio," Jimmy recalls. Later on he was hired as assistants to designers, the last designer being Jerry Silverman, who does many of the clothes for the soap operas, which is also one of Daugherty's accomplishments as well. He worked for Jerry Silverman for seven years, during which time he won the Tommy Award - the Outstanding Designer Award that is given to the fashion designer who has most affectively used fabrics during the course of the year. Finally, Jimmy decided to Sprout his own wings....and boy did he fly!

James Daugherty may describe his fashions as simple, but fashion designers all over the world, fashion conscious women and the gleams in the eyes of all those awe-struck people who came out to Belk's Thursday night gazing, staring, admiring and drooling over each magnificent creation will agree that there is nothing simple about a Daugherty fashion.

Public Forum To Discuss Drainage, Flood Control

"Drainage and Flood Control" will be the topic of discussion at a Public Forum Friday, November 21, from 10 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. in the Board Room of the Education Center.

The forum will be conducted by the Mecklenburg County Engineering Department in an effort to provide citizens with accurate information about the County's present drainage and flood control programs and to give the public an opportunity to discuss the subject.

Technical experts will explain the nature of streams and the inherent hazards involved and will give details of action being taken by the County to combat and reduce flooding problems.

County Engineer Kenneth Hoffman says that the County wants "input from the citizens so that we can make plans to incorporate the need of the citizens into the future budgetary and planning process."

Hoffman anticipates that a major portion of the forum will be allocated to receiving statements and requests from citizens who wish to have an input in future drainage and or flood control programs.

Anyone who wishes to speak at the meeting is requested to contact the County Public Service and Information Office, 720 East Fourth Street, and request time on the agenda. Those persons whose requests are received in advance will be given priority on the agenda. Each person who speaks is requested to limit his presentation to 10 minutes and, if possible, to leave a copy of his presentation for further study.

Mecklenburg County Government is responsible for drainage operations throughout the County.

Special Project Will Benefit J. C. Smith

The School of Business at Johnson C. Smith University will benefit from a special project now being undertaken by the Charlotte Blue Chapter of the National Association of Accountants.

Accounting books and periodicals collected by the association will be donated to the business school. The project has already collected 600 publications. A goal of 1000 has been set.

The drive started in October. While it is expected to be a continuous project, a representative from the university will take part in a presentation December 9 at 7 p.m. at Sharon View Country Club.

Mrs. Marilyn C. McClain was honored as "Miss Charlotte Chapter" by the Livingstone College Alumni Association in recent week-end activities.

She was presented with a gold key chain engraved "L. C. '75". She later said, "I was proud to wear the title," and called the activities "a well spent week-end." She was escorted in the crowning ceremony by her husband Patrick McClain.

Main Library To Show "Second Friday Flicks"

BROADWAY MELODY OF 1938 will be shown at 3:30 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m., Friday, November 14 in the auditorium of the Main Library (310 N. Tryon). The movie features the young Judy Garland singing "You made men love you."

This free film is the first in a year-long series of movie classics of the 1930's to be presented by the Public Library. The new program, called "Second Friday Flicks", will have 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. showings of each film the second Friday of every month.

Other movies in the series are SAN FRANCISCO on Dec. 12, MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY on Jan. 9, THE THIN MAN on Feb. 13, DINNER AT EIGHT on Mar. 12, ANA KARENINA on Apr. 9, TOPPER on May 14, WUTHERING HEIGHTS on June 11, KING KONG on July 9, BRINGING UP BABY on Aug. 13, GRAND HOTEL on Sept. 10, and FLYING DOWN TO RIO on Oct. 8.

Fliers listing the films and their stars are available at all public libraries.

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