

Debutante Makes Bow in Christmas Setting

Looking like a Christmas doll, Virginia Ann Beresford made her debut Saturday in the Bloomfield Hills home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Alfred Beresford of Lake Pine road.

Virginia donned a ballerina frock designed for her Christmas bow by Patrick. A crushed panier green velvet cummerbund encircled the waist of the emerald tulle gown, which was solidly applied in crimson silk ribbon. The bouffant skirt was formed with flounces of the attached petticoats of emerald taffeta and tulle.

HER GIFT BOUQUET from her father was of crimson carnations and ivy.

Cypridium orchids topped the brown lace dress worn by Mrs. Beresford for the occasion. Her short sleeves were bordered with mink trim.

Guests were received in the library, which was decked with traditional Christmas greens, holly and crimson carnations. The tea table was centered with yellow orchid arrangements floating in a silver bowl.

ASSISTING THE DEBUTANTE were Emelie Sullivan of Corning, N.Y., a former classmate at Chatham Hall. Ann Coulter, Barbara Barker and Julia Keydel.

Mrs. Beresford was aided at the tea table by Virginia's godmother, Mrs. J. Rodney Weeks, Mrs. Lloyd Kemp, Mrs. John W. Sanders, Mrs. Warren S. Booth, Mrs. Edwin M. Beresford and Mrs. Henry S. Booth.

A dinner-dance Saturday evening at the home of Virginia's friend, Barbara Barker, climaxed the debut. Hosts were Dr. and Mrs. Howard B. Barker in their Martell drive home in Bloomfield Hills.

VIRGINIA WAS ESCORTED by George Vaillant. Emelie's escort was Richard Zimmerman and Barbara's, Verne Hampton.

Other young guests included Allison Brewster, Elaine Darden, Connie Vandever, Gail Glover, Julia Keydel, Ann Coulter, Cynthia Copeland, Martha Wallbillich, Joan Howlett, Martha Browning, Toni Gossett, Betsy Hoey, Beverly Watkins and Ann Ward.

The guest list continued with Jim Huttenlocher, Fred Pfeiffer, Bob Gilow, Richard St. John, Charles Hutchins, Bill Yaw, Joe Ross, Michael Schirmer, Carl Luchenback, Ken Wilson, Howard Parker, Jim Paterson, Dave Somers, John and Jim Beresford, Dick Deskin, Dan Newey, Richard Jones, David Noe, Charles Hetherington, David Hubbard, Charles Cunningham and Richard Fitzgerald.

Holiday Entertaining Busies West Beverly

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WEST BEVERLY—"It'll be Home for Christmas" is the theme in many a neighbor's home now, as family circles are enlivened by sons and daughters home from college or careers.

Home for the holidays are Martha Brown, of Bedford road, from Duke university; Joe Dorough, of Beaconsfield road, from Purdue; John Mysing, of Riverside drive, from Ohio State; Judy Anderson, of Devonshire road, from Ohio Wesleyan; Jean Seitz, of Northchester road, from Michigan; and Chuck Griffin, of Kirkshire road, from Michigan School of Mines and Technology.

For the first time in a year, Sue and Janet Souter will have a reunion at their Riverside drive home. Sue is a junior at Indiana university and Janet has a position in Los Angeles, as an insurance adjuster for Mexican fruit workers in that area. After joining 15 members of the family who will meet for Christmas dinner at the Souter's home, Janet will fly back to California in time to see the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day.

Guests of the W. K. Gimmons, of Beverly road, are her parents, Cal and Mrs. A. M. Heritage, who will spend a few weeks here before returning to their home in Doylestown, Pa.

Monday, Dec. 14, was a red-letter day for Cub Scouts of Pack R-24, who attended a Christmas party that night at Baldwin gymnasium. Assisted by their den mothers, their pack mother, Mrs. Herbert

Ashcraft, and the assistant pack mother, Mrs. Herbert Green, the boys decorated a tree with ornaments they made at den meetings. Following refreshments, skit and the singing of carols, each boy received an Eversharp pencil as a Christmas gift.

The Peter Decker home, on Rose-avenue, will be the scene of an especially happy Christmas celebration. Mrs. Decker, who returned last week from a three-month bout with polo at the Sister Kenny hospital in Farmington, will join her husband and four children, Peter, Lynn, Christine and Chuckie, around the tree. Also on hand for the occasion will be Mrs. Decker's mother, Mrs. Florence Staehle, of Montpelier, Ohio, and his parents, the Charles Decker, and his parents, the Charles Decker, of Magnolia.

New residents since July are Mr. and Mrs. John W. Moore, of 22849 Northchester road, who moved here from Detroit. He is sales manager for Hoskins Manufacturing Co., in Detroit. Their daughter, Mrs. John D. Dunn, with her husband and daughter, Julie, will come from their home in Fenton to be with the Moores for the holidays.

Among those entertaining friends before the Riverside dance



Triop 344 Girl Scouts received their hostess badges after entertaining their mothers at a Christmas party Tuesday in the home of their leader, Mrs. Donald Kalmbach. The girls made cookies for the party, and presented a musical program. On the program were Marjorie Stettbacher, playing several clarinet solos; Janet McCreedy and Judy Palmer singing "The First Noel"; Mary Ann Drinkard, Barbara Beck and Patty Laskowsky singing "Away in a Manger"; Judy Miller, Betty Woods and Lois Trosley sang "Silent Night".

English Family Planning First Christmas in USA

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Newcomers to Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peto and son David will celebrate their first Christmas in the United States.

The family moved to this country from London, England, about eight weeks ago, spending a short time in a terrace apartment in Bloomfield Hills before moving into their present home at 468 Park street.

Peto, an automotive stylist, has been in this country since April, working in the Chrysler corporation design division. Prior to that he had been with the Ford company in England.

Birmingham, they said, reminds them a great deal of their home-land. The general appearance of the country around Birmingham, the city itself, and many of the homes are similar to England.

"The snow and sudden cold has been a bit of a jolt to them, however."

"In London," Mrs. Peto said, "we don't have much snow and when we get it it lasts only a short time, turns to slush and drains away. It usually doesn't get quite this cold, either."

OUR STORES, especially the supermarkets, are providing a real thrill for them.

"It's wonderful to go into a store and see so many things," Peto said.

"The idea of being able to select the piece of meat you want and buy it regardless of size, is my thrill," his wife added.

"Some items," she continued, "are still on ration in England. Meat is one of them, and the amount we had each week was pretty small. The meat rationing there will end in the spring, but it is still doubtful that they will have



SPENDING A HOLIDAY at the Nautical Aire Apartments in Florida are Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Rogers of 887 Redding. They have been enjoying the sunshine in Delray Beach and cracking about on their cruiser the "Jolly Rogers." Rogers heads a publishing firm in Birmingham.

Best Cherry Pie Baker Is Sought

Cherry pie is one of America's favorite desserts and girls in the Birmingham area will have a chance to demonstrate their baking skill in competition with others in Oakland county at the annual cherry pie contest, on Jan. 14, 15 and 16, at the home of the contest.

First place winner in the county will receive an all-expense trip to Grand Rapids to participate in the state contest Feb. 11 and 12. Second and third place winners will receive small electrical gifts.

The contest will be held at the Consumers Power Co. auditorium, 28 West Lawrence Street, Pontiac, starting at 9 a.m. on January 23. Further information may be obtained from 4-H club leaders, homemaking teachers, or the county home demonstration leader at 1260 West boulevard, Pontiac.

Officer in Korea Has Many Duties

In a recent letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Carlisle, of Oak Hill drive, Lt. William G. Carlisle, told of meeting two or three Birmingham men stationed in Korea.

Lt. Carlisle, a Baldwin high school graduate, has been in Korea since last September. He told his parents a recent article in a service paper described in detail "the officer with the most duties."

He said that currently he had 17 separate duties to perform, but that since he was no longer the "junior lieutenant" with his outfit, he felt he might be relieved of some of them before long.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle said their son mentioned how much the fellows enjoyed getting their hometown papers.

Lt. Carlisle is with the Headquarters and Service Co., 72nd Tank Battalion.

Geraldine Ganley Has Xmas With Relatives

Geraldine Ganley, a student at Tope-Coburn School for Fashion Careers, has been employed at A. De Pina Co., New York, during the Christmas season. This on-the-job experience is part of the training offered by the school for executive positions in merchandising.

Miss Ganley will spend the Christmas holidays in Birmingham with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hyland, 316 South Glenhurst drive.

Have You Met . . .

The residents of 1678 Stanley boulevard? Mr. and Mrs. John E. Lane have one daughter, Connie, age 6, and moved here from Park Island, Ill. Lane is shoe parts and accessories manager for Packard Motor Car company. He is a Phi Delta from the University. His wife is a Phi Phi from Montana State College.



COOKIES, COOKIES, and more cookies—all sizes and kinds were evident at the annual "cookie swap" held last week at Walnut Lake. Unloading their boxes are Mrs. Oscar E. Schultz, Mrs. M. R. Sutton, Mrs. Martin Wade, president of the Walnut Lake Woman's club, and Mrs. Frank Morton. Each guest brought her favorite cookies and recipe and exchanged them with her neighbors, sampling one of each. (Eccentric Staff Photo)



AFTER ALL COOKIES WERE unpacked, tea was served with the samples at the home of Mrs. John R. Phelps on Walnut Lake road. Receiving tidbits from hostesses Mrs. Dwight B. Butler and Mrs. Phelps are Mrs. Frederic W. Hartman, Mrs. R. H. Stevenson, Jr., and Stewart Schultz. This is the second year the cookie swap has been held, and the group plans to continue each year.

MISS MARTIE SLY and **MRS. ROBERT L. BIRD** Assist hostesses at annual tea. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Church Women Guests At Traditional Tea

Ladies of the First Methodist church were guests of Mrs. Henry McCurry, 820 Puritan, Dec. 16, when she was hostess at her traditional Christmas tea.

The custom of the teas, according to Mrs. McCurry, started about 20 years ago, when her guests were the members "of my own church club."

With the constant growth of the church and the organization, the guest list has grown correspondingly. Today, an open invitation is extended to those ladies of the church who care to attend.

"It's one of the nicest affairs of our church's social side," one attendee said.

"The McCurry home is so beautiful and so gracious, reflecting the personality of the hostess in every room."

"Mrs. McCurry always has her home so beautifully decorated that it is a pleasure to visit there."

"SHE ALWAYS has the gifts for her family and close friends in an upstairs room and the huge array, tastefully wrapped, is something her guests remember for many a day."

"Of the tea, the hostess said, "When I first started it the group was really quite small. I was told by many of my guests that they enjoyed the party very much, but thought I'd extend whatever pleasure there was to the other ladies in the church."

"By extending this broader invitation, the guest list was large enough that it became a happier and more festive event."

"During those early years I more or less handled all the details myself. Now I have assistance."

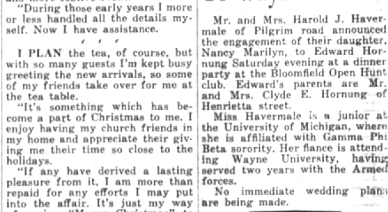
I PLAN the tea, of course, but with so many guests I've kept busy greeting the new arrivals, so some of my friends take over for me at the tea tables.

"It's something which has become a part of Christmas to me. I'm having my church friends in my home and appreciate their giving me their time so close to the holidays."

"If any have derived a lasting pleasure from it, I am more than repaid for any efforts I may put into the affair. It's just my way of saying "Merry Christmas" to many of the women in my church."

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lodigensky and 14 months old daughter, Maya? A commercial artist for McNamara Brothers, he brought his family to 1553 Emmons street on Nov. 4. Mrs. Lodigensky is the former Marjorie Wilson of Birmingham.



Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Havermale announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Marilyn, to Edward Horning Saturday evening at a dinner party at the Bloomfield Open Hunt club. Edward's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Horning, of Henrietta street.

Miss Havermale is a junior at the University of Michigan, where she is affiliated with Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Her fiancé is attending Wayne University, having served two years with the Armed forces.

No immediate wedding plans are being made.