*I never observe the love that a good mother bestows upon her offspring without thanking Providence for this earthly evidence of Divinity. If the role of true Motherhood and Fatherhood were acted by each of us all of every day, the Millenium would be here now.*

# The Birmingham Eccentric

Thursday, April 22, 1954

SECTION 2

## Music Professor To Appear At Cranbrook Guild Concert

Benning Dexter, associate professor of piano on the faculty at the University of Michigan School of Music, will be presented in a program of contemporary music by the Cranbrook Music Guild. The event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, at Cranbrook House. A graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, he began his study of music at the early age of four.

Climaxing this season's concerts will be the Fishburne-Case two piano team on Sunday afternoon May 23 at 4 o'clock. The Berkshire String quartette, will appear in Cranbrook House Oct. 6 for the opening concert of the 1954-55 season. It has been a tradition for the guild to present the Grinnell Opera Award winner, with an assisting young artist, in November and on Jan. 8 the Detroit Symphony will be heard in Cranbrook school auditorium with a children's concert in the afternoon. Three additional concerts will complete the season.

BENNING W. DEXTER

A COFFEE hour following the Wednesday evening concert will honor guests of members who will be considered prospective members. Memberships, limited to 400, and available to any music lovers, may be arranged with Mrs. M. Parsons Neff, membership chairman.

Mrs. Martin Archangeli and her committee, consisting of Mrs. J. W. Sanders, Mary Buick, Mrs. Edward A. Proctor and Mrs. Robert P. Nevin III, have planned the coffee hour. Mrs. Robert F. Jones and Mrs. Robert K. Schaffer, representing Birmingham Junior League, will assist.

Presiding at the coffee urns will be Mrs. Earl Bartholemew and Mrs. Albert H. de Salle. Mrs. Benjamin Brewster is president of the Cranbrook Music Guild and Mrs. Walker A. Williams, program chairman.

## Barabra Bartling Penn Hall Student Plans European Tour

Barabra Bertling has returned to Chambersburg, Pa., to resume her studies at Penn Hall Junior college after spending her spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Les Bertling of Ardmoor drive.

At the close of school in June, Barabra will go to New York to leave aboard the S. S. United States on June 11 for a ten weeks tour of Europe.

She will be traveling with a group of students sponsored by the Georgetown University's International Relations club, and conducted by Dr. Tibar Kerekes of the university.

## Visits Ohio College

Dolores Geisler, 5630 Wing Lake road, was among the delegation of three Mercy college students who visited Notre Dame college in Cleveland, O., to attend the meeting of Region 9 of the National Catholic Council of Home Economics.

## College Society Activities Occupy Area Students

Students from Birmingham area were among those recently honored by college sororities, fraternities and elected to chapter offices.

James M. Taylor, Jr., of Bingham road, has been pledged to Chi Psi, national social fraternity at Lehigh university, Bethlehem, Pa.

Pledged to Lambda Chi Alpha, social fraternity at Valparaiso University, is Paul Dremann, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dremann, 27185 Scenic highway. Dremann is a freshman in the college of engineering at the Lutheran university.

Suzanne Blair, freshman at DePauw university, Greencastle, Ind., has been initiated as a member of Delta Delta Delta. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Blair, 1087 Glenhurst drive.

Roger Miller, 31709 Auburn drive, is an active member of Kappa Sigma at Michigan State college.

RECENTLY honored by Sigma Epsilon Sigma at the University of Wisconsin were Kathleen A. Berry, 861 Madison; Janet D. Brown, 182 Glengary road; and Andrea C. Snyder, 1901 Kenwood court.

Elected president of Delta Gamma chapter of Chi Omega was Mary Kenrick, and chosen secretary of Beta Tau chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, Mary Drake, both juniors at Denison university, Granville, Ohio. Miss Kenrick is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kenrick, 6345 West Surrey road. Miss Drake's parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Drake, 716 Pilgrim road.

Byron Warner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Warner, 3150 Frankton, Troy Township, has been selected for membership in the University of Detroit Blue Key, national honor activities fraternity, which honors students who have excelled in scholarship and co-curricular activities. Byron is a senior electrical engineering student.

## Birminghamites Participate in DAC Activities

Birmingham dads and daughters joined other members of the Detroit Athletic Club Saturday afternoon for the club's annual Fathers and Daughters party.

Everyone went directly to the swimming pool for the aquatic exhibition which initiated the fete. Among the Birminghamites with vantage seats for this were Peter J. Monaghan and Mary; William F. Pioch, Jr., with daughters Marty, Margaret and Kathy; Draper Allen with his daughter, Mrs. Edgar Maxson, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Thomas B. Allen, and W. E. Blythe with his daughter, Mrs. John W. Gafill.

OTHERS WERE Jervis C. Webb with Susan and Virginia; W. Rodman Turner with Nancy and Holly; W. M. Bullock with Marcy and Ann; Dan H. Andrews with Carole and Sharon.

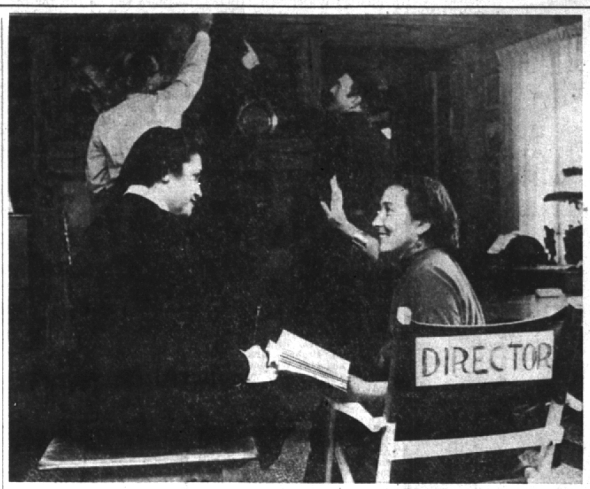
Fun was the keynote of the 1 o'clock luncheon, especially when the party favors were distributed. These were small music boxes with ballerina figurines revolving to tinkling music.

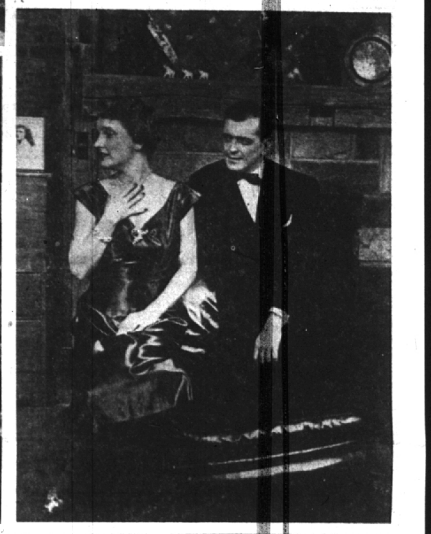
More of the party-goers from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area were Percy K. Loud and Susan; J. S. Beechler with Jo and Julie; Norman J. Fredericks with Lois and Marcia; the Rev. Harold E. Towne with Judith and Susan; Thomas J. Bolton and Sally.

STILL others were Dr. Luther R. Leader with Susan and Jane; J. D. Richardson, Jr., with Donna and Diane; Charles E. Diehl and Diane; Clyde J. Craine, Jr., and Susan; D. F. Dunnabeck and Ann; Charles C. Dybvig and Karen; Edward W. McCaul and Margaret; William L. Mitchell with Nancy and Wendy.

More activities were on the DAC stage in the evening at the dinner-show opener. At this, Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Forsyth entertained the Charles L. Gehringers, Barbara Carlson, Earl Forsyth, and the David Fyffes and Paul Bergmosers of Detroit.

With the Frederick W. Zimmermanns were the Henry Beams. At another table, the James H. McPhails and the Carl W. Sundbergs were co-hosts to the Richard A. Fischers, the Donald J. Buells, the Frederick Ollisons, Jr., and Terry W. Kuhns of Grosse Pointe.





**A NEW TWIST, a color film, is being used by Village Players as an introduction to their closing performance for the season, "Personal Appearance". Filmed at the Gilbert Lake Home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Carleton Scott, the picture will open the story of a famous movie star, using "personal appearances" as a promotional scheme. Although only two people appear in the film, a crew of nine was needed to record it. Upper left shows Mrs. Scott as director with Mrs. Russell Richardson, assistant director pinch hitting as script girl. In the background, crew members string wires necessary for lights and sound equipment. In the lower left, crew members Henry Murray, cameraman; William Kegal, boom boy, and Dean Burnett, sound engineer get their equipment in order to record the voice and action of Mrs. John Hall and D. Pierson Smith (below), principles in the scene. Another member of the Players, John Hall, was stationed outside the house to restrain any visitors from ringing the doorbell, thus fouling up the whole sound track. Background music was dubbed in from a phonograph on a lower level of the Scott home, with "W. C." getting his cues by a handkerchief being dropped down a stairwell. Players involved in producing the short film have declared that Hollywood is in no danger of an invasion by them—they are content to stick to stage productions.**

# *Overseas Visitors Learn American Way of Life*

By VIRGINIA DETWILER
West Beverly Correspondent

International friendship may seem to some a project only for world travelers, governmental agencies and diplomats, but Mr. and Mrs. Norris Host of Bedford road, Beverly Hills, who fit into none of these categories, have been doing a remarkable job in this field for the past year in their own living room.

Since January of 1953, the Hosts have entertained 15 members of six European productivity teams, referred to them by the American Overseas Association (A O A) of the Red Cross.

Sent to this country under the auspices of the Foreign Operations Administration (F O A) to study American techniques, the teams are nationality groups handpicked to represent every phase of a particular business from technician to management.

AS A SERVICE project, the AOA is working with the FOA to see that the groups will have the opportunity to become acquainted with how America lives, as well as how America works.

Mrs. William J. Simpson, of Derby road, program chairman of the Detroit group of AOA, is in charge of assigning overseas visitors to suitable families for "home hospitality" in this area.

It will be noted that the word "foreigners" is avoided.

"Our company, when referring to themselves, say 'visitors'", explains Mrs. Host. "When referring to Americans in Europe, they also say 'visitors', never use the word 'foreigners'".

In addition to being well-named, Mr. and Mrs. Host also are well suited for their venture into international relations. Both served in Europe during and after World War II, she as a Red Cross club director and he as an Army captain.

THEY FEEL that by having these men in their home, they are contributing something to better world understanding.

When a friend recently remarked how much time and effort they give European guests, Mrs. Host quickly answered, "But, look how much they give us!"

A typical "night out" for overseas visitors begins early in the evening, when Mr. Host drops by at their downtown hotel to pick them up. He has received full particulars from the AOA concerning the men's names, nationality and business. Usually two or three men are assigned to each group.

When the men are introduced to their hostess she clears away any doubt of their welcome by saying, "Now, we do not have weeks or even hours to become fast-friends, so let us accomplish that as quickly as possible. Shall we begin by calling each other by our first names?"

"You know, good friends have few secrets from one another. We have none from you, and will answer all your questions the best we can. Please inquire about anything that puzzles you, and feel free to look behind any of our closed doors."

THIS GREETING always is met with broad smiles and another round of vigorous handshakes. It relaxes the visitors, and the evening is off to a faster start.

The Hosts keep dinner menus as typically American as they can. Steak, or roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, tossed salad, hot rolls and ice cream are favorite standbys.

They also have made it a policy not to hustle their son, Bradley, 4, off to bed on these "special evenings." He has his place at the table with the guests and helps to entertain them.

Toward the end of each dinner, one of the visitors invariably echos the sentiments of an earlier visitor who remarked, "Children are the same the world over. The laughter of children sounds the same in all languages. They are our treasures".

After dinner, the evening is devoted to animated discussions around the livingroom fire and to thorough inspection of the house.

Mrs. Host's opening greeting, not at all facetious in intent, makes the men feel perfectly comfortable about satisfying their natural curiosity about the technical aspects of the modern American home.

"OUR AMERICAN kitchens and basements are the rooms most admired by Europeans," observes Mr. Host. "Since most of the men have been in the field of engineering, they are overwhelmed by our household aids. Our toys are most interesting to them too."

Language differences have not been a barrier during any of the visits, because, as the Hosts put it, "Europeans make more effort to speak our language than we do theirs."

Some of the men have spoken excellent English and for those who did not, there was always someone in the group who could interpret for them.

Only Europe's wealthier classes travel in this country, while the rest are left to rely on such questionable sources of information as Hollywood movies, news reels, the popular European press, Red propaganda organs and the "typical American tourist."

This total lack of a true picture presents a real challenge to people like Mr. and Mrs. Host, who have only one evening in which to get acquainted with their guests.

A GOOD example of this was the visit last spring of three men from the Netherlands. The first two were characterized as "all-around family-type men", but the third prided himself on being a real student of America.

"He was sold on Steinbeck, Hemingway and several others who paint a very poor picture of the average home in America," recalls Mrs. Host.

"I asked him if he had read 'A Man Called Peter', or any of our sociological books of fiction, such as 'If I Had Four Apples', and found he had not. He said, 'After all, Hollywood has given us a good notion of what you Americans are like'. I shudder to think of what he meant by that!"

When he left, however, he turned to his hostess, and said, "Miss Margaret, I will get some of the books of which you have spoken. I think maybe I am wrong."

IT WAS apparent that the position of women overseas is quite different than in this country. When Host told his guests that he often talks over a business problem with his wife, the Austrians, particularly, raised their eyebrows. One of the men from Vienna remarked, "Women are wives and mothers, and not of the world."

The Frenchmen were amazed that Mrs. Host could be with her guests before, during and after dinner, and still be able to serve an excellent meal.

In France, the lady of the house sometimes does not sit down to dine with her guests. Even with a staff of servants, she often prefers to supervise the food's preparation in the kitchen during dinner.

With his thank-you note, M. Jacques Weiss of Paris enclosed what he termed a "sit-down" recipe for Chinese salad, a favorite of his daughter's, printed at the end of this story. He carefully explained that it was for use "when you want to stay continuously with your guests."

"BUT, AMERICAN women are different; they are much more efficient than our women", remarked another Parisian. "A French woman makes an all-day project of cooking dinner. Granted she does not have your wonderful packaged mixes, but she doesn't take to short cuts. She does things the same way all her married life."

In line with this, Mr. and Mrs. Host remember that all the time they were in Europe, they never saw an ironing board. Ironing is done on a table. They have made it a point to question each group about this and the concensus is the same; No ironing boards.

All of the evenings spent with overseas visitors have been interesting and stimulating to the Hosts, but their real reward comes later with letters sent by the men themselves, and by grateful officials of the FOA.

A LETTER received last month from John H. Street, of the FOA, quotes a preliminary report prepared by some recent French visitors: "The warm kindness and simplicity of the American way come has made upon us an unforgettable impression, enhanced by the hospitality of the families who invited us to their homes." In conclusion, Mr. Street wrote, "Your thoughtfulness and co-operation in this program are valued highly."

But, just as highly valued in the Host home were 15 cards from overseas, which arrived at Christmas time. Especially appropriate was the one from Pieter Koning of the Netherlands, which read: "Christmas is the time of year when friend remembers friend."

### CHINESE SALAD

This Chinese Salad recipe was sent to Mrs. Norris Host by M. Jacques Weiss of Paris, who was recently a visitor at the Host residence in Beverly Hills.

For 3½ servings, measure and cook 1 cup of rice. Strain, rinse in cold water, and when rice is luke warm dress it with 3 tablespoons oil, 3 tablespoons vinegar and salt and pepper.

Dice and mix in with the rice desired amounts of apple, celeri root, celeri stalk, walnut meats and tomatoes, all raw.

Finish off with mayonnaise, strongly flavored with mustard, and decorate with green salad or any other green. Purpose of the first dressing for the rice is to take away the dullness and prevent dry rice from soaking the mayonnaise in.

M. Weiss especially likes this salad served with cold cuts.

NORRIS A. HOST — BRADLEY D. HOST

**Father and son examine tiles representing Austrian states. (Eccentric Photo)**

**Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.**

## Plan Dinner Meeting For Beverly Association

By VIRGINIA DETWILER
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WEST BEVERLY—With Southfield township suffering from acute growing pains, and some of its communities seceding through incorporation, the program for this year's Beverly Hills association dinner is a timely one. Following the business meeting, the featured speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Betty Lewis, editor of the Four Corners Press, who will discuss the "ins and outs" of incorporation.

The dinner will be held May 11 at the Community House. Mrs. Stanley Andersen, chairman for the event, advises early purchase of tickets from block hostesses, as space is limited.

Excitement ran high among West Beverly's high school seniors last week, as they prepared for the annual senior class trip to Washington. Students from this area who took the trip are Howard Knorr, Don Dorough, Bill Hohmeyer, Tom Tabor, Betty Stoddard, Kathleen Blackwood and Dick McGee. They are due back today, after visiting Washington, tidewater Virginia, New York and Niagara Falls.

The Robert R. Allisons, with children Robert, Bill and Julie, returned April 20 from La Grange Park, Ill., where they visited Mrs. Allison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Wetzell, for five days.

Hard-to-get tickets for "Caine Mutiny" were a chief concern of the L. G. Goodriches, before they left for New York on a recent business and pleasure trip. They are back in their Hillcrest road home now, after spending ten days in the city.

With a May 7 deadline drawing near, plans for the Baldwin PTA fair are progressing rapidly. W. K. Ginman, of Beverly road, general chairman of the fair, has announced that there will be a game room, plant sale, handiwork booth, comic book sale, white elephant sales for adults and children, and many more events. One-third of the proceeds will be used to get the new Beverly school PTA off to a good start in the fall. Anyone wishing to volunteer services or ideas are urged to contact Ginman.

Mrs. Charles J. Dameron, of Warwick road, returned last week from a two-week vacation in Ft. Lauderdale. While there, she visited Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Dickhout and the F. B. Hunters. Accompanying her on her return flight was Mrs. M. K. Moore, of Detroit.

The Harold Souders, of Devonshire road, returned Sunday from a two-week motor trip to Florida, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison, of Richwood, Ohio.

Cub scouts of Den 3 have been busy lately, making leather comb cases, highly decorated shields, and Easter baskets fashioned from cottage cheese containers and construction paper. At the April 12 pack meeting, Francis Jankie was awarded his wolf badge. A special feature of this month's meeting has been the showing of colored movies of agrarian Poland, and a Michigan Bell Telephone educational film entitled "Party Line." Dan mother of the group is Mrs. F. J. Jankie, of Locherbie road.

At a charter presentation and investiture ceremony held at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church, April 4, 22 members of the new troop received registration cards and tenderfoot badges.

The charter was presented by B. J. Mitchell, neighborhood commissioner, to Stewart Barton, institutional representative from the church.

The investiture ceremony was conducted by 6 Explorer Scouts from Post 127 of Pierce school. Following the ceremony, the Rev. Heber said a few words of welcome, and the troop committee served refreshments to members and guests. Scout master and assistant scout master of the troop are William Brooks and Charles Hartner.

Mrs. Maynard Beukema, of Devonshire road, has recently returned from a month's vacation in Caracas, Venezuela. On her flight home, she made overnight stops in Curacao and Port au Prince to do a little sightseeing.