

# Old Fashioned Baubles Deck Tree As Seasonal Activities Get Underway

By FRAN MAIER.

## Surprise! Surprise!

"Just a few friends" to their holiday parties meant 110 people when Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bennett, Jr., entertained at their Suffield road home on the weekend. The celebrations were held on Friday and Sunday nights.

The surprise elements held forth for the guests were the fascinating and weird powers of suggestion demonstrated by Rex Billings, hypnotist. A state resembling profound sleep, marked by subconscious activity and sensitiveness to suggestion and card gimmicks were highlights of his entertaining.

An arrangement of evergreen and reindeer graced the center of the table covered with a red tablecloth, from which a buffet supper was served. Stockings for the family hung from the brightly glowing fireplace and red poinsettias, added color to the flower box.

## An Old Fashioned Treat

An old fashioned Christmas tree, decorated with strings of cranberries, popcorn and candy canes, will provide the setting for the annual kiddie party at Forest Lake Country club. Wide-eyed little tikes will be greeted by Santa, as he arrives laden with individual gifts, at 4 p.m., Dec. 19. An added attraction will be a puppet show presented by Mrs. J. M. Schriber.

As much fun was probably had by the women who were on hand for the interior decorating and the "stringing party" for the tree trimmings, under the guidance of Mrs. Ernest F. Bentley.

Preceding the Sunday party will be a dinner-dance beginning at 7 o'clock Saturday evening for the adult members of the club. Mrs. Arthur L. Foltz, Jr., will act as general chairman.

Guest list includes Mr. and Mrs. George E. Jacquillard, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Warnick, Mr. and Mrs. Melville T. Werner.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Dittick, Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Horner and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil E. LaMarre.

## Santa's First Visit

Holiday plans afoot for the Joseph Basfords are a little uncertain since father just arrived home Saturday from Ft. Lewis, Washington, where he was stationed, and for the first time saw his three-month-old daughter, Kathleen. Mrs. Basford assures it will be a gay household with Santa making his first appearance.

Cpl. Basford, coach at Holy Name before entering service, plans to be home for three weeks. His parents are the Frank Basfords of Lake Park boulevard.

Last weekend, Mike, another son of the Frank Basfords, was home from the University of Michigan with his roommate, Ron Kramer. They were dinner guests of Mike's parents before going to the Lions game and returning to Ann Arbor.

## Symphony-Supper

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence S. Heintz of Pilgrim avenue hosted a chop suey supper following the Pontiac Symphony last week. An added attraction was the McDowell chorus, comprised of approximately 100 male voices, which presented a number of Christmas selections.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Francesco DiBiasi, director, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Cammareri, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Reardon, and Miss Theresa Plunkett, Miss Mary Cosgrove, and Miss Lillian Cassie, members of the symphony.

## Entertaining—Their Fun

The Misses Shirley and Louise Hershey were hostesses Wednesday at a Christmas open house tea at their home, 460 West Maple avenue. Members of the Children's Theater group of the American Association of University Women and their guests were invited from 2 to 4 in the afternoon.

A green monk's cloth and outside red candles, offered an attractive background for the table setting. One end of the table was graced with a basket of fruit cake tied with large bows, from which bells tinkled.

## I'm One Year Old

Holly and poinsettias will be the decoration when Mrs. Glen Davis entertains at tea for her daughter and grandson today.

Occasion is the arrival Monday night from Hohokuk, N.Y., of Mrs. William H. Pruden II, and her son, William H. Dr. Pruden will be arriving Dec. 23. Today is the first birthday for young William.

Mrs. Davis has issued 100 invitations and has asked tea-table assistance from Mrs. Norris Perkin, Mrs. L. M. Ball, Mrs. Stuart Gastren, Mrs. Bert E. Uebele, Mrs. Hugh McLeese, Mrs. Harold Mehrer, Mrs. George Mullin, Mrs. Ralph Sheele, all of Birmingham, and Mrs. Norman Berry of Pleasant Ridge.

## Laidlaws Host Tyrone Power

Tyrone Power was the special guest at cocktails and buffet supper at the Walter C. Laidlaw home on Tottenham on Sunday evening.

The Laidlaws, who met the movie star who is playing at Detroit's Cass theatre in "The Dark Is Light Enough", two months ago, invited 40 guests to meet him.

The friendship between Power and the Laidlaws grew out of Laidlaw's arranging for the star's appearance supporting the metropolitan area Torch Drive of which Laidlaw is executive vice-president.

Two others with parts in the show at the Cass who attended the Laidlaw party were Arnold Moss and Christopher Plummer.

The Laidlaws had gone to the Cass last week with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reynolds of Birmingham.

## For the 'Small Fry'

A Christmas party and buffet dinner is planned especially for the "small fry" at Birmingham Country club, Sunday, Dec. 19, at 3 p.m.

A four-star show will be presented by the Bonelli family and the Eddie Mae Duo will provide the yuletide music and lead the group singing.

## It's a Candlelight Party

Mr. and Mrs. Kelso M. Taeger have sent invitations for their annual punch bowl party to be held Dec. 18 at their Hickory Grove home in Bloomfield Hills.

Plans leading up to the party have been hours of enjoyment for the hosts who carefully make each candle which provides the seasonal atmosphere.

## Won't Miss the Rose Bowl

Adele Toepfer will be among the many students returning from colleges to spend the holidays with their parents. She plans to arrive home Sunday, and already her sister, Gail, a Birmingham high school senior, is in the middle of plans for an open house in her honor on Dec. 23.

More than thrilled about her holiday plans, Adele will go back to the coast in time for the Rose Bowl football game. A student at Scripps college, Claremont, Calif., she is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. K. Toepfer of Knox avenue.

## Children's Treat

For the first time since its beginning over ten years ago, the Bloomfield Cooperative Nursery school entertained the kiddies at a Christmas party. With 46 children enrolled, the group was divided into two parties, with one party Tuesday and another Wednesday.

Tentative little eyes watched with anticipation as the AAUW Puppeteers presented "Three Little Pigs". The school was gaily decorated in the seasonal motif. To be sure nothing was forgotten. Mrs. John String, Jr., and Mrs. Richard Flannery provided the goodies.

## Never Too Busy . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Berges, who reside in Berthoud, Colo., are planning to spend the holidays in Birmingham. Mrs. Berges is the former Marion F. Hesz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hesz, 1723 Maryland boulevard; the daughters of Bob are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Berges of West Lincoln avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Hesz will honor the couple at an open house at their home on Dec. 20th.

## Art Academy Gets Scholarship Fund From St. Dunstan

Cranbrook's art academy has been named to receive the annual scholarship fund presentation from St. Dunstan's Guild.

This year, for the first time, the fund will be given under the name of the "Shegdon R. Noble Memorial Award." It has been so-called to honor Mr. Shegdon who gave so much of his time and talent to the Guild and its various dramatic enterprises.

The award is made possible from proceeds of St. Dunstan plays, and each year is presented to one of the three schools in the Cranbrook group.

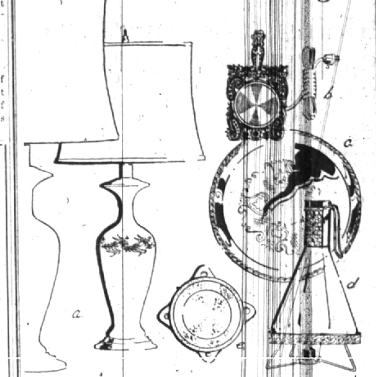
IN ACCEPTING the award Zoltan Szepesky, art academy director said, "It is a privilege to have this award as well as an incentive and inspiration to the student who will receive it. I am sure that in giving the award to a creative young person the spirit in which the scholarship was established will be continued."

The next Guild play is scheduled for February when they present "Country Girl." All four performances will be open to the public.

## Hostesses Luncheon

Mrs. Franklin G. Laucomer of Lake Park drive was hostess at luncheon today for members of Holy Name church's St. Collette's Guild.

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