

The Birmingham Eccentric

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SECTION 2

There is no question but what mankind, ever since it emerged upon this earth, has been more barbarian than civilized. It still is so... in spite of all the cultural endeavors society has set in motion. Materialism has been the barrier to peace.



Fashions of Yesteryear Recall Memories of Old At Country Club Party

Laughter and sighs were both heard recently when members and guests of the Birmingham Country Club watched a review of evening and bridal fashions of the past century.

Leading the parade of brides was Shirley Nikoden in a floor length gown of lace and tulle, depicting the modern, 1954 bride. Also included in the show were afternoon, dinner and evening dresses and several original "gowns" from the Charleston era.

Pictured at upper left is Mrs. Charles Bullock, Jr. in a white bridesmaid's dress topped with black plumed hat and fur muff. The dress belongs to Mrs. E. Collins of Detroit.

SECOND from left is Mrs. B. W. Stephenson in a brown tulle wedding dress of the 1860's. Donated for use in the show by Mrs. Clarence Ewing of Waverly, Ohio, the gown was originally worn by Kizzie Barger for her marriage to a Colonel in the Confederate Army.

Centering the top row and illustrating the changes in the past 100 years of fashions are Mrs. Edward W. Colby and Shirley Nikoden. Mrs. Colby's gown of 1854 is also from the Ewing collection and was worn by Mrs. Ewing's mother, Mrs. Rachel Foster.

An 1885 wedding gown modeled by Miss Elizabeth Boyne was first worn by Mrs. Samuel Baxter, age 94, now of Virginia. She is the grandmother of Mrs. R. T. Eddy of Birmingham, who also wore the gown for her marriage.

MRS. GENE Tappero was dressed in an 1892 wedding gown worn by Grace Wilson for her marriage to Wilmer

Butler at Milan, Mich. Mrs. Butler is now 85 years old and lives in Detroit.

At the lower left is one of the prize pieces in the showing of historical gowns, worn by Mrs. Herbert Herzberg. First owner of the gown was Mrs. Kizzie Barger, who wore it to Abraham Lincoln's inauguration in 1861. It is now part of the Ewing collection.

Pictured at lower left is Mrs. Eugene Rowley, who wears a replica of a gown that an English lady in 1865 might have worn for afternoon tea. Mrs. Rowley's family purchased the material in England and had the dress made in this country.

ALSO ON the afternoon program were a housewife outfit from 1890, Southern belle from 1885, an 1890 bathing suit and many other wedding dresses worn through the years.

Other models for the show included Mrs. J. C. Cotter, Jr., Mrs. Al Lyner, Mrs. Joseph Nikoden, Mrs. F. C. Langley, Mrs. T. A. Chick, Mrs. Arthur Swenson, Mrs. Gale Stringer, Mrs. Kenneth C. Dick, Elizabeth Collins, Mrs. Harry Stinson, Diane Fitter, Mrs. Robert L. Shockley, Mrs. George Laneen, Mrs. Thomas L. Lowery.

Skits were presented by Mrs. Chester F. Guilmette and Mrs. Lynas, doing the Charleston; Mrs. George South in a solo number, and Mrs. W. J. Walsstrom and Mrs. W. D. Fisher in a goodnight skit.

HOSTESSES of the party were Mrs. S. D. Bullock and Mrs. W. D. Fisher. Co-chairmen were Mrs. Marley Brickner, Mrs. Arthur Laffoon, Mrs. James Cotter and Mrs. Glenn Whitney.



Many Take Part In Cranbrook's Short Play Set

A group of 50 students and directors at the Cranbrook Summer School of the Theater, participated in the second on-stage play school. The program consisted of 11 numbers for the older students, six for juniors, presented July 2. Nan Adams directed "Out of the Mouths" which cast Sonnie Bloch and Judy Goldstein. "George" included Carolyn Hanton, Pet Cartwright and Linda Kayes. Angelo Angelelli, Birmingham high school dramatics teacher, directed "About Face" and "Road to Glory." The latter included Jean Dorrill and Cherie Seibert. Claire DeNador appeared in "The Importance of Being Ernest," while Jobie Fredrickson and Jay Miller had roles in "Enter the Hero."

Hawley, Joan Boudreau and Karen Purnell. Martha Cox appeared in "Trinkets" and Sally Satterthwaite in "Number Two." The junior division included an Indian epic, "Rain in the Face" under the direction of Nancy Wonnberger, and with Karen Dawson, Jane Griffith, Carolyn Vogt and Dick Cavalier in the cast. "Cracker Conspiracy" had Barbara Aikens and Marcia McIntosh directing, and Priscilla Holmes, Mary Funke, Linnie Underdown, Susie Bunt, Nancy Chapman, Marjorie Rapaport, Mary Siebert, Diane Stansbery, Amy Miller and Terry Barnes in the cast. FEATURED in "The Fifth Truck" were Frances Quillian, Frank Green and Mary Ann Afleck. "Pearls of Gold" directed by Sally DeMaria, included Joyce Harlan, Brooke Buen, Everell Fisher, Buntly Bunt, Ivan Bloch and Lorry Surowitz. The melodrama, "Not Fit for Man or Beast," included Nancy-tracy Smith, Jane Anderson, Phil Satterthwaite, Dave Huebner and Karen Altmanberger. Household funds of every description are offered for sale in the Classified Columns of The Birmingham Eccentric.

Vacation Trips Planned By Beverly Residents

JOAN SPIEGEL Staff Correspondent EAST BEVERLY—It's vacation time again and East Beverly residents are taking full advantage of it! Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dewar left Sunday, July 4, for a week's vacation to Long lake with their two children, Robin and Jane. The Dewars have a full week planned, for they will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mahinister of St. Clair Shores, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kellett, Jr. of Grosse Pointe, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hensel of Allen Park. Before leaving on Saturday, Mr. Dewar celebrated his fifth birthday with a picnic lunch party. Attending were his friends Susan and Nancy Brown, Cathy Hughes, Jimmy Sharkey, Chris and Steve Koeller, Phyllis Snell, Lee and Lynn Spiegel, Anne Gieck, Fanny Martin, Jeff and Kathy Krogh and Robbie Tolles. Recently returned trippers are Mr. and Mrs. John D. Young of Birmingham. The Youngs, with their two daughters, Cathy and Mary, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Young of Durham, N.C. From Durham the family went on to Carolina Beach for a week and returned to their home June 26. Mr. and Mrs. Veggo Dyrberg

with a picnic supper in their Birchwood road home. Mr. and Mrs. Loydy Brewer of Auburn spent the weekend in Flint with Mrs. Brewer's sister, Mrs. R. N. Pryce, and Mr. Brewer's mother, Mrs. W. J. Brewer. With children Johnny and Barbie, the Brewers, joined their daughter, Sherry, who had been the guest of Mrs. Pryce. As part of the weekend festivities, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Pearl of Verona Circle were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Anon de Ravignon, who entertained a large group for the dinner dance held at the Pine Lake Country club, Saturday, July 3. Taking advantage of the long weekend were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sautter, who traveled to Torch lake for their holiday. Miss Kathleen Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly was the houseguest last week of Patricia Hartner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hartner of Beverly road. Mrs. Stewart Stevenson of Locheridge road recently entertained a group of her neighbors with a swimming party at Western Golf

Local AAUW Will Host Area Units

Plans for a summer workshop were made at a recent luncheon for 26 committee chairmen and board members of the Birmingham American Association of University Women. Mrs. Bartley Laurimore, president of the local branch, held the meeting at her Melbourne road home. The summer workshop will be held July 15 in the Community House, when for the first time Birmingham will be host to area branches. Members will be present from Pontiac, Ann Arbor, Dearborn, Grosse Pointe, Plymouth, Monroe, Lansing, Flint and Port Huron. The workshop will give specific practical help to branch leaders and develop interest among the membership. Mrs. Neil Warren of the Oakland branch will lead discussions. Warren, president of the Michigan division and a member of Oakland branch, will lead discussions. THE THREE group seminars leaders will be Mrs. Roy E. Robinson, Oakland study program; Mrs. Wayne W. Crosby, Lansing, community relations; and Mrs. William H. Jackson, Birmingham, leadership. Local members will arrange a display of puppets and fine arts. The affair is under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Laurimore, assisted by Mrs. N. C. Talmadge, coffee hour, luncheon and tea chairman; Mrs. W. R. Morgan, hospitality; Mrs. V. P. Blair, recording secretary in handling reservations. A coffee hour at 9 a.m. will open the day's program. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m., with a late tea before the session adjourns. The finale of the day will be a trip to Cranbrook and other points of interest in the area. The affair is under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Laurimore, assisted by Mrs. N. C. Talmadge, coffee hour, luncheon and tea chairman; Mrs. W. R. Morgan, hospitality; Mrs. V. P. Blair, recording secretary in handling reservations. Featured Player Thomas Hawley, son of Mrs. Charles D. Hawley of Lyonhurst road, is a featured member of the Denison Summer Theater company at Grayville, Ohio. A sophomore at the university, Hawley will star as Christopher Sly in "The Taming of the Shrew" opening July 26 and is now playing the main role in "The Crucible."

Spend Summer Here

Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Davis of Mt. Dora, Fla., are spending the summer with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Eager, 3108 Webster.