

The dinner table is one place, still, where the family is gathered daily, not only to eat food, but to indulge in conversation. It is to be hoped that the conversation is as "edible" as the good food that is placed before one.

Garden Club Sees Shrub Use in Hills

by DOROTHY BENJAMIN

Flowers will be fitting themselves into nooks about the Dean Draper home atop a rolling Bloomfield Hill, where up to now shrubs and trees have been the main landscape's decor.

Mrs. Draper, who entertains in the Bloomfield Hills branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association at her home on Braden road in the Hills on Tuesday, has just this year turned to flowers as an active hobby.

"I joined the garden club last year to learn," she says, as she points out that she has realized especially the need for flowers on her tables.

BUT THE SHRUBS about the Draper home flower in the spring, and even when snow-covered provide a softness about the stone home that looks down on a ski and toboggan slope and a winding brook.

Activities on the spreading grounds of the Draper estate include the Saturday snow-tractor operations and wood chopping. Draper, who owns the Draper Motor corporation, takes that day to work with the couple's two youngsters, Danny, 10 and Peter, 7. After clearing the driveways, and forming neat piles of fireplace wood, the trio and neighborhood children go for tractor rides.

INDOORS, THE DRAPERS follow similar lines in their activities with their two youngsters. A basement houses a room of train equipment, limousine space where the boys use their popo sticks, a pool table, another game table, and television.

Their interests in sports is shown by their wall displays—heads of mountain sheep that Draper shot in recent years in Idaho and Alaska, propeller from an airplane since sold and an outboard motor. A muskrat trapping venture for Danny was a family adventure.

"WE REALLY ENCOURAGE sports and activities," says Mrs. Draper, "but we're slightly unpopular for banning the youngsters from the pond." She explains they fear children skating on the pond might not check thin ice, and since it is hidden from the house by a hill, watching youngsters would be impossible. So the rule is simple: "No skating on the pond."

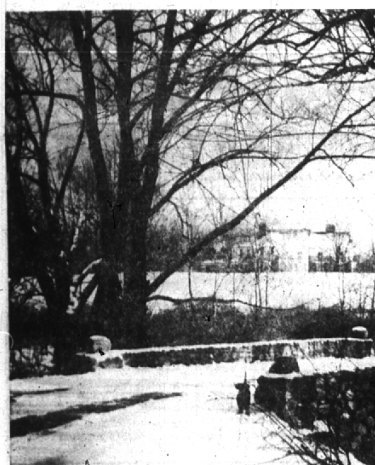
"Gardening is one activity that Mrs. Draper enjoys by herself. The success of a garden comes in when a person is interested in the results enough to be there either supervising or to do the work herself," she says.

A NATIVE OF NEW YORK state, Mrs. Draper is active in the Lake Erie college alumni association and its project of helping a school.

The school, located near Pointe du Lac, lived by Grace White before moving to the Hills three years ago, is provided with programs once a month by Mrs. Draper and her committee. (See GARDEN, Page 2, Sec. 2)



MRS. DEAN DRAPER BY HER HOME Shows club landscaping on hillside



BROOK, TREES SET FOREGROUND FOR BLOOMFIELD HILLS HOME Joy-boy the dog, center, joins in snow-romps (Eccentric Photos)

Bowling in Formal Attire Handicaps Party-goers at DAC

By FRAN MAIER

Many Birmingham area members of the Detroit Athletic Club went into town Saturday evening for the annual DAC Bowlers Ladies' Party which brought together some 325 couples for this festive occasion.

From the 6 o'clock cocktail hour right on to a late hour, the evening was one of fun. There was music in the club's gymnasium, abey grill and ladies' dining room where different groups joined for cocktails before taking their places for dinner.

At 9:30 p.m., the party-goers thronged to the big gymnasium for dancing, and between times a star-studded floor show was presented.

Highspot of the evening, however, was the 11 o'clock feature of bowling on the DAC alleys—the only time in the whole year when the feminine contingent is given this privilege.

Mrs. A. M. Wibel was among the Birmingham wives who took their turns at the alleys—Mrs. Wibel regularly bowls at Bloomfield Lanes with a Bloomfield Hills Country Club league. Mrs. Arthur W. Roehm, of Franklin, and Mr. Roehm also prepared to the alleys for some bowling games. It's all in fun, and in party dress which provides somewhat of a handicap. For those who wanted a respite from the games, there was dancing in the nearby abey grill.

Naming a few who attended from the Birmingham area—The Harold A. Frosch, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Diehl, Jr.—they were noted visiting with the senior Lloyd H. Diehl, who were also at the fete; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon D. Daugharty, the Harrison W. Wilders, Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Marr, the John P. Denison, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Bee, M. and Mrs. W. Franklin Graham were there, also Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Fresse III, Mr. and Mrs. Simon James, Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Bevis, the Tim G. Meulenbergs, the Peter J. Monaghans, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Poch, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Cousins.

Lunches With Musicians

Miss Louise Cuyler, a member of University of Michigan's music faculty will have luncheon with several local musicians this afternoon.

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MRS. DOROTHY ROOSEVELT, MRS. ADELAIDE HILL, MRS. FRID MCCrackEN, MRS. MARY PARDEE. Four musicians laid over program items. (Eccentric Photo)

French Music Keys Program With Mrs. Roosevelt at Piano

Works of French composers will be included in the program of the Birmingham Musicale on its Feb. 10 program.

Mrs. Dorothy Kemp Roosevelt will present the piano portion of the program, with Rayvel's La Valle's de Bee clothes and Poulenc's Pastourelle as her feature numbers.

She has listed four compositions by Debussy in her program, to be presented at 2 p.m. at the Community House.

Mrs. Roosevelt, who studied violin and piano in Detroit, New York and Fontainebleau, France, appeared as assistant with the National Symphony orchestra, and also as soloist with the Michigan Symphony orchestra under Walter Dooly. She has concertized in the East and has collaborated with Phillip and the Late Edward Bradford.

FEATURED ALSO on the program will be Mary Pardee, soprano, who will present, for her first group, two Berceuses by Weckerlin, the L'Hour envolue and the Non, je r'rial plus an Bois, La Chevalier le-Jobassy.

Local Women Aid Reception Plans

Mrs. Kenneth Nichols of Franklin has charge of tea details and Mrs. Barry Henderson, of Southfield, of music for the reception that will precede the Lincoln Day Banquet of Oakland County.

The two Birmingham area women are among committeewomen of the Republican Women's Federation of the county who are planning the event for 2 to 4 p.m. at the Waldron Hotel in Pontiac, on Feb. 9.

Junior Women Hear-Speaker On Education

The Birmingham Junior Women's club meets at 8 p.m. Feb. 8 at the home of Mrs. Alton Strom, 1567 Sheffield. Guestesses are Mrs. Louis Randolph, Jr. and Mrs. William McTavay. Speaker will be Mrs. Oak Aushorp, on "Education for Women."

On the lighter side, her second group includes Bud at Night by Tompeter. Her accompanist is pianist Adelaide Hill.

Mrs. Pardee is one of the original members of the Junior Musicale and is a graduate of the Eastlake School of Music and studied with Joan Woodford while there. After study in New York she spent a year with a Musical family company.

Kappa Deltas Host Pontiac Alumnae

South Oakland County Alumnae of Kappa Delta sorority will meet Feb. 8 at the home of Mr. John Von Eberstom, 2642 Bombridge Royal oak. Pontiac area alumnae will be entertained at the social meeting.

Assisting the hostess will be Mrs. David Smith and Mrs. F. D. Buechert of Southfield.

Canadian Ski Trip

Greta Bergshagen of Adam-rod, Bloomfield Township, and Mrs. Lee B. Monroe of Eton road, left Friday for a ten-day ski trip to Mt. Tremblant, Canada.

MRS. HILL TRAINED with C. A. Johnson of Chicago and accompanies the morning service at the Central Woodward Christian Church in Detroit.

Chairman of the day is Mrs. Fred McCracken, who has arranged for Mrs. Newell Allen, Mrs. Richard Manger, Mrs. Walter Ruffer and Mrs. Delbert L. Tate to pour at tea tables.

Assisting Mrs. William Basch studying for her master's in sociology at Wayne, where she received her bachelor's degree Feb. 1, John J. Joyner.

Feads Recall Alpine Picnics, Dances in Japan

By VIRGINIA COLE

Picnics, near the Matterhorn, classes in French in a Swiss school, and Japanese dance lessons are only three of the memories at the Maxwell E. Fead family of Foxcroft gathered during the past two years.

The Feads and their four children returned recently and are still unpacking boxes from their nearly two years traveling and living abroad.

Beginning their trip in Naples, Italy, they drove their own station wagon about Italy for several weeks, then rented a Swiss chalet at Zermatt, near the Matterhorn, for July picnicking often, they hiked in the mountainous areas.

During August Mr. and Mrs. Fead joined her cousin's family, the Edward Lerchen, and their four children who were in Holland. The adults took a bicycle trip throughout Holland for 4 weeks.

Planning to reside in Switzerland for a year with children in school there, they settled in Lausanne, Switzerland, a city of approximately 140,000, located on Lake Geneva, known as Lake Leman to the Swiss.

"They rented the Villa Font Villie home," by a French baroness who spends most of her time in New York.

Lausanne is built on hillsides in the mountains and rises high above Lake Geneva.

From the villa's picture window the view was down the steep mountain side to the lake on to the French Alps beyond.

The three Fead sisters spent many hours exploring Lausanne, an educational, cultural and artistic center. Going via tram and foot they saw its university, art theaters, opera houses, dramatic clubs and craft shops.

"I especially loved to buy cakes and cookies in the Swiss patisseries," Mrs. Fead recalls.

Careful in selection of a school for the girls, Susan, 12, Sally, 10 and Beverly, 9, the Feads finally chose the Ecole Vinet, a Swiss school for girls which is 150 years old and takes 200 girls 8 to 18. Here they have three terms or "semesters" to the school year.

The first semester, the school hired a teacher especially for the girls to teach them nothing but French as everything there is taught in French.

They had taken all of their American school books along so the second semester, another special teacher presented their American texts in French to get them used to studying in French.

By the third semester, they joined the regular classes of the school and took the work presented by the school in stride, all in French.

"It was a tremendously successful school year and the girls came through with apparent ease and in high grades," The Feads report. "We were so impressed with the special effort the school went to to orient our daughters."

All this time little Eddie, a little over a year old, was learning to talk the only language he heard all around him, French.

The Feads arranged their side trips that year to coincide with the school vacations. The first one was an autumn week, which they all spent in Austria and Germany.

At Christmas the family spent their three weeks at Gstaad, Switzerland, in Bernese Oberland or the German section of the country. This is a ski village high in the mountains—a quiet, secluded spot, where the girls had daily skiing lessons.

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SALLY, SUSAN, EDDIE AND BEVERLY FEAD, FROM LEFT They learned French in their year abroad. (Eccentric Photos)



MAXWELL FEADS AND ORIENTAL SCROLL! Home from a world trip, they eye mementos.