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New Year's Gaiety Reaches Into Homes, Country Clubs



RENFREWS AND SCHAFERS GREET YEAR Mayor and Mrs. Renfrew, left, were among guests of the Everett Schafers. (Eccentric Photo)

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1954'S LAST PARTY AT FOREST LAKE The Leland B. Churches, at left, and the Martin W. Hoovers. (Eccentric Photo)



YOUNGSTERS AND THE MAYOR AT PARTY Mayor Charles Renfrew and other guests. (Eccentric Photo)

New Year's eve brought parties with gay hats, loud and smooth bands, elaborate country club dinners and simple home buffets.

Revelers at Forest Lake country club found huge letters in gold above the band stand saying farewell to 1954. The band's music began at dinner at 10 p.m. and ended in the wee hours.

AMONG THOSE HAVING tables of guests were the William H. Bibbens, who are shown with their guests in the photo, and Blaine E. Eynon, and the Leland Churches.

At the Everett Schaffer home on Sunday a home gathering included Mayor and Mrs. Renfrew, Mrs. Renfrew. The guest list included other city workers at Jam Handy with the host and the mayor, their wives and their teen and sub-teen youngsters.

DECORATIONS were the reds and greens of the Christmas holiday season, and refreshments were served in mid-evening at a buffet arrangement.

At the Birmingham Hill Country club, the New Year's eve party featured late dinner and dancing after many of the guests gathered at homes for smaller parties.

SILVER BELLS IN A New Year's doorknocker gave guests of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Cammareri a clue to cause for celebration at a party to open house Sunday on Adams road.

The couple marked their 25th anniversary by entertaining 150 guests in a 1 to 9 p.m. buffet supper and reception.

This touches of red were the only color in the silvered fruit and taper arrangement of the buffet centerpiece where the guests were served.

HOLIDAY PARTIES last week also included two at the Harry S. Millman home, Mary Jean Millman, who was home for holidays from Northwestern University but who has since returned to registration and classes there, entertained friends on her 21st birthday.

She had guests in for one hour and supper early last week.

Her parents entertained their friends last Thursday with cocktails and supper.

Chi Omega's Meet Features National Veep

The national vice president of Chi Omega will speak at the luncheon meeting of the North Suburban Alumnae club of the alumnae group on Jan. 13.

The meet is set for 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Thomas Hogan, with arrangements in the hands of Mrs. Ralph C. Bozoz.

HER ASSISTANTS are Mrs. Thomas E. McDonnell, Jr., of Birmingham, and Mrs. David G. Barnett of Pleasant Ridge.

The featured talk by Mrs. Lola Jeffries Hanavan, who has received honors as the only woman to have received the distinguished Alumnae award of the University of Michigan, will tell of her recent tour abroad.

She has just returned from India and the Mediterranean, and will show illustrations of these areas.

Saturday's Stories

At the story hour at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Kathleen Picket, children's librarian at Baldwin will tell two stories, "The Husband Who Was to Mope the House," and "Seven at One Blow." The story hour is a regular Saturday morning affair, open to children from kindergarten through the sixth grade.



A DAY IN THE SNOW IS SHARED BY WARMLY DRESSED YOUNGSTERS TOBOGGANING IN CANTERBURY HILLS Richard Kuschell ready to start slide for his daughter, Heide, Jennifer Greene, Chrissy Myers, and his son, Richard. (Eccentric Photo)

Snow Brings Sportstime on Hilly Slopes

By DOROTHY BENJAMIN

Snow fell on the area, and youngsters turned to using everything from toboggans to flying saucers for their enjoyment of the white covering of the icy ground.

Out in Bloomfield Hills, parents found themselves taxing their children to sliding and skating parties. But one father remarked that the view of the white water pouring over the dam on Ridge road was well worth being late to the office.

Snow-suits were donned by Chrissy Myers, whose parents are in drive, for a day in Canterbury Hills with Heidi Kuschell.

Will-O-Way Sets Date Of New Winter Series

With the advent on scenic, quality theater rather than summer fun, Will-O-Way Playhouse opens Jan. 12 with a 12-week season of professional winter plays.

Six plays will be produced, one every two weeks, starting with "Mr. Roberts."

The Joshua Logan-Thomas Heggan smash hit will be followed by "Night Must Fall," the chilling melodrama from the pen of Eynlin Williams.

Sinclair Kingsley's dramatization of the terrifying anti-Communist novel, "Darkness at Noon," by Arthur Koestler, will be next in sequence. Kingsley will also have the fourth production, "Detective Story."

For its fifth offering, Will-O-Way will premiere a new poetic tragedy, "Chris De Monde," written by Andrew Sussie of New Orleans.

Charles Goren Bridge Played by 7-Collegers

Bridge enthusiasts of Birmingham are being told this week of the Seven College committee's plans to bring Charles Goren, world-famous bridge authority, for a three-day session in mid-month.

Goren will be on hand at all three sessions of duplicate play sessions and his explanations, timed for 2 p.m. on Jan. 18, 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 19 and 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 20, all at the Veterans' Memorial building's ballroom.

Three Birmingham women have important places on committee for the event.

MRS. JOHN C. FINEGAN, a Rockville graduate who lives at 5739 Crabtree, is chairman of the entire project. She is busy checking program of her many committees for card sorting, ushering, window display, and card holders.

Meet any day you can see part blonde Bette Hargrave on her way to or from a protest errand, with six month-old Chris perched on her arm and hand in hand with three-year-old, March.

MRS. MALCOLM MOORE of 1928 Grandfield, a Vassar graduate, is card sorting chairman for the project of the seven Faculty collegers' alumnae in this area.

Mrs. Moore and her committee will soon be energetic in sorting out 700 decks of cards for each of the three sessions. Goren has sent ahead 18 exciting bridge hands so that each hand will pose an entirely different problem.

Mrs. Stephen Bauer of Cranbrook road is the South club ticket chairman for the project, and will take orders for one of all of the proceeds.

'Adoptions' Topic For ADP Meeting

"Adoptions" will be the subject of a probate court representative who will address the Jan. 18 meeting of Alpha Delta Pi alumnae. The meeting is planned for 7:30 p.m. at the Hunt Club drive home of Mrs. T. Swearingen, who will be assisted by Miss Irma Roberts and Mrs. Donald Van Hook.

Birmingham residents planning to attend include Mrs. Willbur Sayler, Mrs. Philip Preetz, Mrs. Robert Brown and Mrs. Sam Bruhl.

Newcomers Plan January Schedule

Several activities are planned for the month by members of the Birmingham Newcomers club.

Activities open at 12:30 today with a bridge luncheon at the Community House. Hostesses are Mesdames W. A. Coates, A. E. Curtis, M. Frank, G. W. Ferris and M. Johnston.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 15, at the home of Mrs. P. E. Cartwright.

The following evening at 8, the couples bridge club will meet at the Community House, while on Jan. 20 the general luncheon meeting will be held.

Highlighting the program will be the creation of officers and a hair-styling demonstration.

Players to Stage Comedy This Month

"Oz!" the Anita Loos adaptation now being played by the same group has been selected for the monthly production of Village Players, Jan. 28-29.

The featured comedy will be under the direction of Mrs. Mary Kling assisted by Mrs. Thomas B. King.

Other cast members Mesdames E. Helen Barrette, Arthur L. Gorman, Barton Allen, Wallace Fees and Richard Cottman.

Robert Keller and Franklin Bick are handling the two musical comedies.

Newman Club Meet

All Birmingham young people of high school age are invited to attend the Newman club session on Jan. 10, Jan. 15 at the community house Youth Room, James M. Joyce will be present to speak on "Let's Take A Look at the Future."

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YOUNG FOLKS OF THE Birmingham Country club families met Dec. 29 for their annual prom, social highlight of the holiday season. In spite of a blizzard storm which made the entire area a place of treacherous driving, nearly 100 youths gathered at the club for refreshments and dancing to the music of Eddie May Duo. Typical of the girls attending were Sydney Whittlesey, Sharon Dittrich, Sue Shepherd and Barbara Sommer, pictured as they rested between dances. (Eccentric Photo)

Will Meet Tonight

Birmingham Business Women will meet for their monthly business session at the Birmingham Community House at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 6. A dinner will precede the meeting.

Collegians Return to Campus For Mid-Winter Socials, Studies

Back to college went the collegians this week, and immediately news of new pledging and winter-campus activities filtered back to parents in the Birmingham area.

Louisa S. Roberts, of Lakehore road, is planning to take part in the annual Mid-Winter concert by student music groups at Western Reserve university, Cleveland, O.

The concert will be Jan. 12 at the Anna Stone chapel on the WRI campus, at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Roberts, a Freshman, will sing with the alto section of the campus choir as the group sings 10th century pieces, Russian songs and folk music.

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JANIE WALLACE, a Macon, Ga. college freshman and daughter of Mrs. J. H. Wallace, is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society.