

## Recall Memories of Native Feast, 'Luau'

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Mitchell, who left in December for a vacation in Hawaii, have just returned to their home on Colby lane. Flying both ways, they planned the trip to be with their son, Bob, first year vetman in the U. S. Navy, over the Christmas holiday. Bob is stationed at Barbers Point, on the island of Oahu. The Mitchells made Honolulu their holiday headquarters, staying at the Comstock Hotel apartments.

A fun-filled and exciting time, there are special memories of the 'Luau' at Waikiki Beach, where they had a special feast which they enjoyed with other guests they attended at the Queen's Surf, on spent cocktail time watching the

native preparing the feast. A pig was stuffed with hot stones, wrapped in taro leaves and lowered into the fire pit to roast for four hours along with vegetables and fish, wrapped together in the taro leaves, and bananas which baked during the long process.

THE FOOD was removed from the pit only after ceremonial dancing and chanting, with a native high priest officiating. With the food was served a spiced fish and bowls of poi, a white starchy sauce of the taro root, into which the various delicacies are dipped with the fingers as eaten. No knives, forks or spoons were at hand but a hot towel served in lieu of a finger bowl for the guests, seated on the ground.

The Mitchells report the food most delicious and the whole event memorable indeed.



THE MEL MITCHELLS with son, Bob, on Waikiki watching the preparation of a native feast which followed ceremonial dancing and chanting.

## Reservations Scheduled For Downtown Activities

Birmingham and Bloomfield members of the Detroit Athletic Club, as well as their Grosse Pointe and Detroit associates at the club, will have a wide variety of activities at the downtown clubhouse throughout January, beginning with today, the 12th.

On the agenda are the DAC's January dinner-dance show, the annual Fathers and Sons Party, and the Beavers' and Bowlers' respective mixed parties, and these are only part of the exciting list.

Naming events and dates in order, the first will be the Emery Deutsch Recital, especially arranged by the club for members and their guests this evening. This will be the closing night of the Emery Deutsch Orchestra's eleven-week stay at DAC. A virtuoso violinist, Mr. Deutsch will play a number of his own compositions. Accompanist at the piano will be Jan. Schaff.

THE BEAVERS, DAC's swimming group, will give their annual mixed party this coming Saturday, the 14th. By-passing their usual aquatic sport, members will don formal attire and acquire their ladies to

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