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**DIANNE HENDERSHOTT  
Birmingham Girl  
Makes 'Who's Who'**

Dianne Hendershott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Rathbun, Banbury road, Birmingham, was one of 14 seniors elected to represent Madingham college, New Concord, O., in the 1955-56 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Students were chosen on the basis of character, leadership and scholarship and picked by the activities committee of the community council on campus. This committee is composed of students and faculty members.

A 1952 graduate of Birmingham High school, Dianne has participated in many campus activities during her college years. Currently, she is president of the Women's Athletic association and secretary of the senior class. She is majoring in physical education and health.

## Bloomfield Village Peg Nicholls MI 6-1053

### Families Gather for Joint Christening Ceremony

A joint christening was held Sunday noon at St. James Episcopal church in Birmingham where the Rev. Harold Towne christened Nancy Elizabeth Kerr, daughter of the Robert Kerrs of Franklin and Richard Ford String, son of the John String of Overhill road.

As both couples are close friends, they each in turn became godparents to the other's children. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. String entertained close friends and relatives of both families at a luncheon in their home in honor of the event. Among those attending was Mrs. String's mother, Mrs. E. Kay Ford of Bethlehem, Penn.

Celebrating her 13th birthday last week was Nancy Jane Bricker, daughter of the Charles Brickers of north Glenary road. Nancy entertained 14 guests at a luncheon at the Detroit Golf Club and the group returned to Nancy's home where games and prizes completed the party.

Dr. and Mrs. Thornton Baileu have as their houseguest Dr. Baileu's mother, Mrs. R. F. Baileu of Cincinnati, Ohio. The senior Mrs. Baileu came to spend the holidays with the doctor and his family and also to attend the open house that Dr. and Mrs. Baileu gave to celebrate the opening of his new clinic. Several hundred people were guests at the event

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lenious of Amberly road have as their houseguest, his mother, Mrs. Fred Lenious, who traveled here from her home in La Jolla, Calif. to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Racine of Amberly road spent the New Year's weekend at St. Clair Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Judd of Glenary road have just returned home after vacationing with their two daughters, Nancy and Susan at their winter home in Miami Shores, Miami, Fla.

Mrs. Charles M. Bauervic has been enjoying the fine weather at Del Ray Beach, Fla. for the last ten days, while Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hargraves of Hamilton drive

have spent some time at Saranota, Fla.

Another villager to travel to Fort Lauderdale soon, will be Mrs. D. B. Burleigh where she expects to remain until May. Mr. Burleigh will join his wife a little later in the season.

The George W. Millers plan to leave their home on Glenary road sometime after the first of February for their apartment in Fort Lauderdale which is situated right on the ocean. Mr. Miller will pursue his favorite hobby, deepsea fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Triplett have had as houseguests recently, Mr. and Mrs. George Stantz of Westfield, N. J. The Triplets and Stantz became acquainted when both families lived in Akron, Ohio some time ago. The Triplets are now awaiting a visit with Mr. D. Earle Clutter who is returning to the States from Singapore where he is managing director for Firestone. The Triplets also made their home in Singapore some years ago.

### ★ Smile A Minute

There had been a rear-end collision. One of the drivers climbed out in a fit of temper and strode up to a man standing on the sidewalk, thinking him to be the other driver.

"Say, where's your tail light?" he roared. The innocent bystander looked up at him. "What do you think I am—a blooming lightning bug?"

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The adult evening courses listed below will be offered for a period of ten weeks beginning the week of January 23rd.

- All classes will be held at the Birmingham High School.
- Classes are for two hours and meet one night each week (8:00-10:00).
- Registration for all classes will be taken at the Hill Building (Board of Education offices—Chester and Martin Streets) Monday-Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. COURSE REGISTRATION CLOSING JANUARY 20, 1956.
- The course fee is for instruction and DOES NOT include books and supplies.
- For course content and other information call MI 4-9300. Please ask for Adult Education Department.

#### COURSES:

##### BASIC ECONOMICS

Instructors from Henry George School of Social Science—No Fee. Tuesdays.

##### CAKE DECORATION

Instruction in the making of flowers, scrolls, etc. Designs for the professional-looking cake. Fee—\$6.00. Thursdays.

##### CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH

Informal instruction in intermediate French. Fee—\$6.00. Wednesdays.

##### INVESTMENT GUIDANCE AND STOCK MARKET PROCEDURE

Broad concepts of successful investment presented in a practical down-to-earth manner. Fee—\$6.00. Wednesdays.

##### OIL PAINTING

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##### SEWING (Beginning)

Fundamentals of sewing. Fee—\$4.00. Tuesdays.

##### TAILORING

A course for adults who wish supervision and aid in the selection of patterns, fitting, cutting, and finishing garments. Fee—\$4.00. Wednesdays.

##### TYPIING

Practice for improving typing. Letter forms and outlines. Fee—\$6.00. Tuesdays.

##### UPHOLSTERING

Instruction in the upholstering of chairs. Fee—\$7.00. Thursday (12 weeks).

##### WOODWORKING

Principals of woodworking, design, layout, construction and finish. Use of hand and power tools. Fee—\$6.00. Wednesdays.

#### JOAN ARLENE RYAN

### Spring Wedding Date Announced

News of the engagement of Joan Arlene Ryan to James Franklin Weber, son of the Rolland F. Weber, Baldwin avenue, Birmingham, was told by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Ryan, Dearborn. Joan is attending Western Michigan college, Kalamazoo, where she belongs to Alpha Sigma Alpha. James is a graduate of Western Michigan college and is now teaching industrial arts in Schoolcraft, Mich.

They plan to be married April 7 in Martha Mary chapel, Greenfield village.

#### BIRTHS

A daughter, Kelly Ann, was born Dec. 19 to MR. AND MRS. HENRY J. CRICHTON, JR., Birmingham. Mrs. Crichton is the former Molly Kelly.

A son, Frank Edward, was born Dec. 21 to MR. AND MRS. FRANK CLARK, Birmingham.

A daughter, Robbyn Sue, was born Dec. 30 to MR. AND MRS. DONALD M. GOLDSMITH, 3503 Oakwood, Ann Arbor, Mich. Mrs. Goldsmith is the former Joanna Harvey of Bloomfield Hills. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Harley, Oakleigh drive, Bloomfield Hills. The paternal grandparents are the Donald H. Goldsmiths, Brookwood court, Birmingham.

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