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150 Guests Surprise Birthday Celebrant

By VIRGINIA COLE

One of the most prominent parties of the fall social calendar was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred P. Hopkins of Colby lane, Bloomfield township. It was a surprise birthday festival in honor of Mrs. Leo LaFleur of Putnam road, Walnut lake.

Pink and black printed, folder invitations went out to over 150 friends, inviting them to attend a gala surprise birthday festival for "Our Buddy" Ida whose picture appeared on the inside of the folder. Behind a bill of their 20-acre estate, the Hopkins cleverly concealed some 77 parked cars so that when Ida arrived, supposedly to be taken out to dinner, little did she guess the surprise awaiting her when she walked through the door to find some 150 guests singing Happy Birthday, accompanied by the Erin Trio.

This musical combo, composed of Erwin Grundy, Charles Auld and Chuck Leonard furnished music for the entire party. With their cocktails, guests received napkins bearing a message in French and book matches reading "Happy Birthday Ida" in French.

ALL GUESTS registered in a large guest-book bound in pink leather and bearing the inscription in gold, "This is Your Day, Ida." This book, to be completed by Mrs. Hopkins, will contain several dozen pictures, the complete guest list and mementos of the entire party and will be given to Ida as a keepsake of her first birthday party as well as the only surprise party of her life.

There were three 8-foot tables laden with gifts. In front of them was a throne made of a chair with a fan-shaped back and decorated in pink. Across the top of the back of the throne was stretched a white satin ribbon with the caption "Ida-Sweet as Apple Cider" done in silver glitter.

Ladies-in-waiting who attended her during the unwrapping of the gifts were, Mrs. Alfred P. Hopkins, the hostess, who handed them to her, Mrs. John Booth and Mrs. James Greene who tabulated the gifts and gave and attended the wrapping and ribbons respectively.

HER GIFTS consisted of a staggering supply of beautiful jewelry, billowing clouds of lingerie, blouses, gloves and purses, a set of flamingo garden birds, an antique clock which is over 100 years old to be used for fireplace wood, a large stoneware musical bottle, etching and a white leather model's hat box with attached black umbrella and a supply of choice records.

But the surprise gift of all, from her husband, was 2 pink shrugs, held till the very last for her to open. As she shed tears of joy, several of the guests joined in tears of happiness for her.

A dinner of standing rib roast, french corn on the cob and tossed salad followed. This was topped off with a three-tiered pink birthday cake with a fluffy pink paper doll atop with the face of Ida, cut from her picture as its head. This was served on special pink and black cake plates with French design.

MR. AND MRS. Donald Pederson of Detroit, guests at the party were also celebrating their 24th wedding anniversary. For them, the trio played the Anniversary Waltz and Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins presented them with a gift.

Another guest, celebrating his

Birmingham Area Party-Goers At DAC Opening

Birmingham and Bloomfield members of the Detroit Athletic Club are planning to attend the big festivity with which the club opened its fall social season. The fete, a six-night gala, began Monday and will continue through the 26th, with 7 o'clock dinner starting a floor show hour followed by dancing.

Robert Merrill, Metropolitan Opera baritone, will be the luminary on the entertainment show. Ranking as one of the world's most popular singers, Mr. Merrill is known in all fields of opera, concert, television, radio, motion pictures and recordings.

The club's entertainment committee, headed by Martin C. Calahan, has suggested black tie for the week-long gala.

AMONG those from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area on Monday, the first night, with DAC president and Mrs. Joseph E. Bayne and their group present to open the party week, were the Roy A. Fruhauf, the William S. Spiegels and Mrs. M. M. Burgess, each with a group of friends. The Judge W. Beardsley had a foursome, as did the William J. Clearys.

With reservations for parties or four-somes on succeeding evenings are the J. P. Selmans, the Neil Dostie, the H. F. Zions, the Percy K. Louns, the Marshall Pottera, the Syver K. Thingstad, the E.

F. Rickelmann, the Fred E. Bigelow, the Bernard P. Costello, Jr., the Lester Downies, Mrs. Gunnar Karlstrom, the John C. Kinsels, the Warren Peases and the William F. Royers.

Dancing is to the music of the Jerome Twichell orchestra which just arrived at the DAC for a several weeks stay.

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County on the 4th day of September, A. D. 1956.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mueha Kuehlan, Deceased.

Wile Harshman, having filed in said court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner or to some other suitable person, and for determination of the legal heirs of said deceased.

It is ordered, That the 8th day of October, A. D. 1956, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, he and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the record in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further ordered that public notice of this order may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Oakland, Michigan, at the expense of the petitioner, and that the cost of publication be paid by the petitioner.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

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