

Falks who should know tell us that one ought to spend lots of time eating his food at mealtimes. This allows you to masticate your food properly . . . and remember, they say, it's not the minutes you spend at the table that makes you fat—it's only the seconds.

The Birmingham Eccentric

SECTION B

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Suburban Scene



MRS. HERMAN F. LUHRS

Bannards Were Guests of The President

Localities caught up in the whirl of inaugural festivities in Washington early this week included Mr. and Mrs. Homes Bannard of 123 Hawthorne road. In addition to the official invitation, the Bannards received a personal letter from President and Mrs. Eisenhower, asking them to be their guests for the various ceremonies. Mr. Bannard, as a representative of the Pennsylvania railroad, traveled with General Eisenhower whenever he used the private car placed at his disposal by the railroad. They have remained fast friends, and the Bannards have visited, on occasion, at the White House.

Mr. and Mrs. Luhrs Attend Festivities

Active in Republican circles in Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Luhrs of Lathrup Village, also made the trip to the capital. For the gala ball Monday night, Mrs. Luhrs was gowned in a smoke blue silk chiffon creation, designed by Madeleine, French lace in a matching hue accented the gown's V neckline and extended to grace its floating back panels. Her long gloves were in white kid and she carried a pearl beaded bag. Completing her ensemble were an "Iris" bracelet, brooch and earrings.

Mrs. Luhrs is vice president of the State Federation of Republican Women's Clubs of Michigan, and her husband heads the Republican Voters of Michigan. Their Washington invitations included a reception for Postmaster General Summerfield, the National Republican League's officers meeting and the League's reception for cabinet members. Also on the agenda was the inaugural ceremony, by special invitation of Vice President Nixon, the Michigan reception, and the governors' reception, by invitation of the governor of Indiana.

Wears Gold Chiffon to Inaugural Ball

A ball gown in gold chiffon was the choice of Miss Joan Robertson for the inaugural ball. Daughter of the Gordon H. Robertson of Wadlington road, she traveled to the nation's capital from Boston where she is spending a few months as a secretary in the science department at Harvard university.

In Washington at Hall's Invitation

Visiting Republican national chairman Leonard W. Hall and Mrs. Hall, over the inaugural weekend, was another Lathrup Village couple, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Wilson. Their time schedule for the festivities ran something like that of the Luhrs', with activities planned every minute. Mrs. Wilson's gown for the big Monday night event was fashioned of black taffeta. A band of white satin formed an empire line on the square necked, short sleeved bodice, tied in a tailored bow, and extended its streamers down the skirt front.

Mrs. Burgess Named Nephrosis Chairman

A Bloomfield Hills resident, Mrs. M. M. Burgess of Country Club road, has been appointed state chairman of the National Nephrosis Foundation 1957 fund raising campaign.

The announcement was made by J. Douglas Alair, Michigan chairman of the Bloomfield Hills Country club, where Mrs. Burgess gave a luncheon for 72 friends whose support she seeks in the coming drive.

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Thetas Celebrate 87th Founders Day

Mrs. Max Tunicliffe, Cranbrook road, grand national second vice president of Kappa Alpha Theta, was the main speaker yesterday for the group's celebration of its 87th year of founding.

Lunch was served at Orchard Lake country club, with arrangements under the direction of Mrs. G. Florez. Mrs. Ferd M. Brook was toastmistress and Mrs. John Boehm had charge of decorations, which were all in the sorority colors of black and gold.

Immediately following the afternoon festivities, Mrs. Tunicliffe left for Alabama to meet with other grand national officers to install a new active chapter.

Tours AF Base

John Harlan Hogshead, 1519 Henrietta, was one of the 2000 cadets at Denison university, Granville, Ohio, chosen to make a tour of the Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala.

University Club To Honor Colombo

The University club of Detroit will be celebrating its 58th birthday at a dinner-dance Friday evening. Honoring past presidents of the club as well as the present president, Louis J. Colombo, Jr., of Birmingham, the formal party will get under way at 7 p.m.

Serving on the party committee, from this area, are club members, Mr. and Mrs. Colombo, Mrs. and Mrs. Robert R. Ferguson, the William H. Baldwin, the Thomas L. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. VanDusen.

Soroptimists

Soroptimists International of Birmingham has scheduled a dinner-dance for the evening of 4:30 in Devon Gables. Guest speaker is Mrs. Philip Gentile of Detroit who will bring observations on the United Nations.



Aiken Club Sponsors Horse Show

Outland's Riding Stables in Southfield township was the scene of the Aiken club's annual horse show Saturday night. Ribbons were awarded to from four to eight winners in each of the show's 11 events.

Membership in Aiken club is open to boys and girls who ride at the stable at least twice a week, and pass an oral, written and riding test.

SATURDAY'S first place winners in the horsemanship class were Janice Byers, nine years of age and under; Mary Wayne, 10 to 13 years; Earl Brown, 14 to 17 years; Marilyn Cole, advanced, and Betty Cook, adult.

Marilyn Cole, riding Cat Boots, took first place in the pleasure class, and Marie Hammal and Nancy Brundage came out on top in the pairs class.

HORSEMANSHIP over fences first place ribbons went to Ann Woodbridge, beginner; Linda Lackey, intermediate; and Joe Baccini, advanced.

Sue Woodhouse and Julie Smith tied for first place in the lottery class. Ring master was Frank Schroeder.

R. E. Bells Mark 25th Anniversary

The Ralph E. Bells of 592 Chester celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Friday evening with a buffet dinner for 30 friends. A wedding cake was flanked by arrangements of red roses and white tapes, on the serving table. Floral decorations also included a bouquet of white carnations and silver foil.

Home from Hillsdale college, for the occasion was the Bell's son, John, with his guest, Nancy Paulson of Detroit. Another son, William, a senior at Birmingham high school, also joined in the festivities.

Among guests was Dale McCelland of Pontiac, who served as best man for the Bell's wedding rites Jan. 14, 1932, in Royal Oak.

Entertain at Commodore's Ball

The William R. Farringtons of Saffold road entertained eight guests at the Commodore's Ball at the Grasso Pontiac Yacht club.

Guests included Mrs. and Mrs. Gordon Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Wrook, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn McCard and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tykic.

Charlotte Nichols served as judge and Joan Outland was show secretary.

Spring Fashion Preview For 200

Birmingham CC Members Model At Wednesday Show

By FRAN MAIER

Oh to be in the land of sunshine this time of year, echoed many voices Wednesday at Birmingham Country club. Their thoughts were spurred on by Davidsons, who presented an advanced showing of spring styles and cruise wear.

Whether planning a vacation or just looking forward to spring, ladies were given a boost over the fence into the green pastures.

PORTRAYING a flower garden were club member models to the commentary of Mr. Howard Willett, Jr., our own city commissioner.

Presenting the array of colors were Mrs. Frank E. Leibert, Mrs. Alva R. Deid, Mrs. Thomas D. Clobery, Mrs. Robert E. Ross, Dr. James G. Nick, Mrs. Daniel R. Wirth, Mrs. George I. Connelly, Mrs. Chester Gilmert, Mrs. Thomas J. Martek, Mrs. C. Brigham Allen, Mrs. Donald A. Dittrich, Mrs. Edward W. Colby and Mrs. Marshall R. Chatters.

MRS. ROSS opened the show in a silk tulle strapless dress of shocking pink floral print on a white backing. A velvet bow and matching stole accented the draped bodice. She also wore a straight-astock sheath of navy wool fashioned by Olga Knapp.

An Estevéz creation of emerald green silk shantung, sleeveless cocktail length, was among the more lush styles. A fringed jabot accented the neckline.

FOR THOSE dual-purpose, care-free fashions so perfect for now through spring and summer, Mrs. Chester Gilmert of Riverside drive.



Mrs. Sue Adams Stall To Marry D. B. Thorburn

The matrimony of Mrs. Sue Adams Stall to Donaldson B. Thorburn of California will be solemnized in the chapel of the First Methodist church at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 2.

Attendees for the small family wedding will be Mrs. C. J. Whirl and Norman Strouse. Mrs. Stall, who resides at 971 North Adams, will have her brother, John R. Overall of New York, present her for marriage.

Mr. Thorburn, a graduate of the University of California and a Phi Beta Kappa, is vice president of the J. Walter Thompson company. He is director of television and radio in the Detroit office.

Boarding Mother Has Given Loving Care to 200 Babies

By BARBARA GANSCHOW

Loving care in a Christian home is the blessing bestowed on over 200 youngsters by a kindly Birmingham grandmother, who, in 22 years, has had only three weeks without a child in her home.

Much evidence of this care is seen as you enter the home of Mrs. Catherine Mudge, at 319 West Brown street. There's a comfy rocker where the wee ones are cuddled, a bassinets is handy in the dining room so she can keep an eye on baby between nap times. . . a teeter-babe stands ready for playtime use.

Pride shines in her eyes, and justly so, as she shows you the freshly bathed little two- and three-month old boys, who are her current charges, all dressed up in blue romper suits with matching sweaters and booties.

FOR THE PAST eight years, Mrs. Mudge has been operating a licensed boarding home for babies from a hospital in the area. The tiny tots are brought to her home about once a day, old, and stay with her until arrangements are made for their adoption.

Before this time, Mrs. Mudge took care of private babies. Left with an 18-month old son at the time of her husband's death, late in 1925, she got along comfortably until the depression. Forced to seek employment, she took in a friend's baby. Others heard of this, and asked to board their youngsters—the idea snowballed, and before she knew it, she was in the business.

Over the years, Earl Mudge has taken an active interest in his mother's work. "When he was in service, he never failed to ask about the children in his letters," his mother told us. Married, and the father of an 8-year old child, he is with the Birmingham fire department.

CHILDREN of working mothers were left in her care, as were those from broken homes. She got along with her a few months and others, several years. Evelyn Kerr was one of these children. Placed with Mrs. Mudge when only five

months old, she literally became Mrs. Mudge's daughter for seven years.

Today an attractive young lady of 16, and living with her mother in Pontiac, Evelyn shows the influence of her early training. Well versed in Birmingham plus longer stays in the summertime, give indication of her love for her second mother. And when Mrs. Mudge says, "I don't know what I'd do without Evelyn," you know the love is mutual.

THE REWARD of caring for babies are many—the sweet smiles, the tug on the heart when they cuddle up close, the pride when a sickly child is nursed back to health—but so are the heartaches. About a year ago Mrs. Mudge "lost her heart" when a three- and a half year old tot, whom she'd had since babyhood, was taken from her care and placed temporarily in Lapeer State Training Home. Because the little girl's mother has a history of mental disease, the child is, of necessity, not adoptable. Though Mrs. Mudge wanted to keep her, it's against regulations to leave youngsters in a home where there is not a foster father as well as a mother. So she's on a farm someplace, now, she stated. "I'd give my life to see that little girl with me to my grave."

THIS FOSTER mother is always happy to see the babies placed for adoption, knowing they're going to good homes, where they'll be loved. "I've known mother love as well as love for children, now, she stated, "and I know you can cherish them equally."

Three adoptive parents sent pictures and notes at Christmas time she related. "If they only knew how wonderful it is to hear how the children are getting along maybe more of them would keep in touch. But I understand their reluctance."

When asked how she has managed to keep up with all the work involved over these many years, she humbly stated, "God works with you" . . . thus she sums up her philosophy on life.



OPERATING a licensed boarding home, Mrs. Catherine Mudge cares for babies waiting for adoption. Two of them are shown with her here, along with Evelyn Kerr, who stayed with Mrs. Mudge until she was seven years old, and still comes back for visits.