

Parents whose offspring are away of college or university generally find themselves more-than-average-generous with the youngsters when the latter are home during holiday intervals. All this is wonderful... and it would be much more so if the students fully realized their need to show appreciation for this being home environment.

## Suburban Scene

by BARBARA GANSCHOW

### Betrothal Announced at Party Sunday

At a cocktail party Sunday, in their home on Kenwood court, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Snyder announced the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Claire, to Lt. J. G. Robert Addison Ely.

For the party, Andrea was gowned in a lovely green satin cocktail dress accented by a corsage of cymbidium orchids. She and her fiance received the 150 guests before a fireplace decorated with a snow man and snow girl reflected in a mirror bordered with gold leaves and Christmas greens.

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### Cynthia and Donna Bell Entertain

For the third year, Cynthia and Donna Bell were hostesses for mother and daughter Christmas teas.

Cynthia, 13, invited 30 friends and their mothers for tea on Thursday, and Donna, 8, had her party on Friday. Their brother, Larry, 10, also entered into the fun by entertaining 15 boys at a clean-up party on Saturday, (cleaning up all the left-over goodies).

Centering the serving table for the teas, in the home of the children's parents, the Merton J. Bells of 2140 Y. mouth, was a Santa Claus in a red sleigh, surrounded by greens, ornaments and holly, all sprayed white, and flanked by red candles.

### Over 300 Dancers at "Jingle Bell Ball"

Bonnie Brook golf club was the scene of the "Jingle Bell Ball" Saturday night for members and guests of the Dance club of Birmingham. Over 150 couples danced amid Christmas decorations to the music of Dave Farley's orchestra.

Surprise gifts to the first 50 ladies to arrive at the party were corsages of carnations. Chairmen for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brookman, assisted by the Richard Allmans, the Eugene Moores, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Etter and Mr. and Mrs. James Mauders.

Among those attending were the Thomas Stolbergs and the John Allmans. The only couples still living in this area who helped found the Dance club 10 years ago.

Pre-dance parties were hosted by the Thomas Martins, the Macdon Camerons, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mauders, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trimble and the Richard Hennes.



VIRGINIA HILLS PENROSE and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clement A. Penrose, Jr., of Waddington road, received guests at Ginnie's debut tea Friday in the Little Club, before a fireplace banked with red carnations and greens. (Photo by the Detroit Free Press)

## Ginnie Penrose Makes Debut At Tea Friday

### Selects White Lace Gown With Accents of Red Satin

Virginia Hills Penrose chose a gown of white lace and American beauty satin to make her debut Friday at a tea dance in the Little club, Detroit.

She was presented by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clement A. Penrose, Jr., of Waddington road, Bloomfield township, and her grandmother, Mrs. C. Henry Hecker of Indian Village.

Invited to the Little Club, she received the 150 guests before a fireplace decorated with a snow man and snow girl reflected in a mirror bordered with gold leaves and Christmas greens.

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### Past Chiefs Elect Officers

Mrs. Joseph Davidson was elected president of Past Chiefs, Pi Theta Sisters Temple 94, Friday evening. Mrs. Florence Wilson of Stanley Blvd. was hostess for the meeting at which gifts were exchanged and secret pals revealed.

Also elected were vice-president, Mrs. Claude Walker; secretary, Mrs. John Matice; chairman, Mrs. Daniel Symons; and press correspondent, Mrs. Grant Capling.

### Child Study Club To Hear Nurse

Mrs. Betty Riegan, registered nurse, will speak on dangers in the home, to members of Birmingham Child Study club, Tuesday.

Mrs. Joseph Dran of 6222 Lahser road will be hostess for the meeting, planned for 8:15 p.m. She is to be assisted by Mrs. Fred Dieter and Mrs. George Montgomery.

### Psychology Of Humor Explained

On the program, for the December meeting of Birmingham Newcomers club, at the Community House, was psychologist, Dr. J. Jerome Fink of Pontiac.

Speaking on "The Psychology of Humor," Dr. Fink told the group of about 200 that humor is directly proportionate to intelligence—the more intelligent a person, the better sense of humor. He said that humor keeps us from taking ourselves too seriously and

With the W. Roy Akitts being their son and daughter-in-law, the H. W. Decarys, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Post of Birmingham were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jacques of Grosse Pointe who had a party of 14.

### Localites See New Year In At DAC Open House

Celebrating New Year's Eve with the throng of merry-makers at Detroit Athletic Club's open house were Mr. and Mrs. J. Glenn Wisely of Samsont trail, and their guests, the M. E. Wisleys of Milford, the Harler Downings, and the C. E. Wilsons.

The DAC's big New Year's Eve party—presented a beautiful scene, with the spacious Post-chairman room, given over entirely to dancing. Here Leo Reisman and his orchestra held sway. Dinner was served in the adjoining main dining and Georgian rooms.

Fancy hats were favored, and there were noisemaker and serpentine ribbon trappings for the midnight hour when 1957 bowed in to "Auld Lang Syne."

The Edwin Owens and Rowe balms of Bloomfield township were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Post of Birmingham were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jacques of Grosse Pointe who had a party of 14.

### William McBride Wed in Colorado

The Walter E. Zahlers of Mantoloking, Iowa, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Sharon Kathleen, to William McBride, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell McBride of Bloomfield Hills.

William is a senior at the University of Colorado, and his bride is a freshman at the same school. They were married in Boulder November 3.

### Cake Decorating To Be Demonstrated

North Woodward alumnae association of Kappa Kappa Gamma will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Frank M. Lark, 310 Southlawn, Birmingham.

Technique of cake decorating will be demonstrated by Mrs. Robert G. Sarridge of Glenhurst drive, Granville Barker, Mrs. Robert Frazer and Mrs. Peter Gault. They are to be hostesses.



## Patricia Nieman Weds Lee A. Bertling, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Bertling of Ardmore drive, Birmingham, traveled to Fort Mitchell, Ky., to be present for the marriage Saturday morning of their son, Lee A. Jr., to Patricia Ann Nieman.

Following the double-ring ceremony in Church of the Blessed Sacrament, the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Leonard Nieman, entertained at a wedding breakfast for the immediate family and wedding party, and guests at an afternoon reception.

THE BRIDE was gowned in an ice blue gown de sole creation fashioned on princess lines with an extremely full skirt terminating gracefully in a yoke of cream-broidered alençon lace traced with crystal beads and seed pearls. Her tripe-tiered ice blue silk illusion veil cascaded from her matching silk pillbox, falling gracefully over the gown's wide court train. Complementing her ensemble was a bouquet of white carnations, stephanotis and variegated holly.

Nancy Nieman was maid of honor or for her sister and another sister, Martha, was a bridesmaid, as were Barbara Bertling, sister of the groom, and Myra Bischoff of Covington, Ky.

## Author, Teacher, Housewife And Mother - All One Person

By JULIE CANDLER

When you enjoy doing something, you do it well. It's plain that Mary Celestia Pearson (Mrs. Roland D.) of 690 Kimberly, Birmingham, enjoys writing. For she has done a creditable job with "His Own Interpreter," her first novel, published this week by Exposition Press.

The craftsmanship displayed in her writing was the result of many hours of painstaking research for additional facts at the actual writing. But when you like to write, and this trim, Titan-haired authoress says emphatically that she loves to, you can find the time. Even when you have other time-consuming responsibilities.

DURING THE 10 YEARS "His Own Interpreter" has been written, her busy author has also been a teacher, housewife and mother. For several years she was director of St. James Episcopal church school's nursery department, and later the choir mother. She still spends three hours each week teaching remedial reading at the City and Country school in Bloomfield Hills.

Yet she has found time to encourage her 11-year-old son, Timothy, in his love of music. Tim sings in a young people's choir at St. James and is making real progress in his study of the piano.

HIS MOTHER MANAGES to devote two hours a day to creative writing by setting aside early morning hours for this favorite pastime of hers. She writes in longhand.

Sometimes the two hours are as early as 3 a.m. to 5 a.m. These strange working hours developed from something she read in a psychologist's book.

"The author said people should make their insomnia work for them," Mrs. Pearson said. "I thought of it when I was awakened one morning and couldn't sleep because ideas for my book were rushing through my head."

"So I decided to get up, and set my thoughts down on paper, instead of wasting time vainly trying to go back to sleep."

### Telephone Bridge Parties to Aid Scholarship Fund

Activity begins this week in preparation for the scholarship fund-raising project of the Birmingham alumnae of University of Michigan. The project, a telephone bridge party, scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, is being arranged by a committee headed by Mrs. Neil W. Hyde, the group's ways and means chairman.

Alumnae president, Mrs. Norris A. Host, states that funds raised through the afternoon and evening bridge parties will be applied to a scholarship fund which gives financial assistance to University of Michigan students.

THREE students are being helped by the fund, which is administered by Mrs. S. F. Leahy, William E. Dove, Jr., 19, 640 Walden, has been awarded an alumnae scholarship for the second year. A graduate of Birmingham high school, he is a pre-medical student at the university. He supplements his scholarship by working eighteen hours a week as a cook.

Jane Collier, 18, 1083 Northlawn, a graduate of Birmingham high school, is studying nursing.

### Fashion Show Slated Jan. 10 By Music Group

Favorites from various eras of musical comedy and light opera, will be featured along with this season's fashions, to comprise the program of Birmingham Musicale, at the Community House, January 10.

The afternoon will begin with a dessert luncheon at 1:30 and will be followed by the fashion show of resort and cruise wear, presented by the Bloomfield Fashion Shop of Telegraphy road, Bloomfield Township.

Clifford A. Nelson, chairman of the event, has as his assistants, Mrs. Eldred H. Scott, Mrs. Howard E. Hollis, Mrs. R. A. Caldwell, Mrs. Harold Warner, Mrs. Grant West, Mrs. Elsie Field, Mrs. William C. Simpson and Mrs. Harold S. Christian.

Mrs. David Riegel, formerly a professional soprano in light opera companies, will open the afternoon's program.

Mrs. Clark E. Parlee, Jr., soprano, also with a professional background, will present current successes including favorites from "My Fair Lady." A group of songs from "Carousel" will be sung by Mrs. John H. Mitchell, contralto.

Dorothy Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Rogers of Wilmington Drive, violinist, is to present several selections, has been a Musicale scholarship winner for two seasons.

Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. R. S. Clifton will accompany the soloists, and Mrs. Douglas P. MacIntosh will play piano background music for the fashion show.

The Charmettes, a group from the Birmingham Musicale choral ensemble, will present melodies on the theme, "It's a Lovely Day Today," directed by Mrs. Frank Finney. Members of the group are, Mrs. Edwin C. Post, Mrs. Charles E. Randall, Mr. Edward L. Hendrick.

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### CURLED UP ON the couch before an old-fashioned fireplace, Mary Celestia Pearson, of Birmingham reflects and writes. Her first novel, "His Own Interpreter" was released to the public last weekend.