



**DRESSED in costume for Mardi Gras, Mrs. Kai Hanson and Mrs. John Oelkers, pose with their New Orleans hostess, Mrs. John Oelkers, in a garden setting.**

**Lathrup Couple Visit New Orleans**

LATHRUP—As guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Oelkers of New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Kai Hanson of San Diego drive attended the Hermes Ball during their winter vacation in the South.

The ball was presided by the presentation of a pavilion pageant "The Little Chinese Princess," and depicted the life and travels of Marco Polo.

A formal "call out" followed the pageant, with gentlemen calling out the names of the ladies on their dance programs. Except for size, Mrs. Hanson reports, each man looked exactly like every other, for all wear similar face-covering masks. As their names were called, beautifully gowned women floated down the grand staircase to be claimed by their dance partners.

The Hanson's trip included visits given for the occasion and was "called out" by Mr. Oelkers. In Mardi Gras Day, the Hansons and Oelkers joined the costumed revelers watching spectacular floats wind their way through the New Orleans streets. Dressed as Gypsy singers, they wore hats made of fresh gardenias from the Oelkers garden.

The Hanson's trip included visits to the Florida Passion Play, the Bellinardi gardens in Mobile and the antebellum homes of Natchez, Miss.

**Cowboys Gather at Wunderlich Home**

LATHRUP—A section of Glenwood was magically transformed Saturday into El Rancho-Robbie when 16 six-year old cowboys and cowgirls took over with a real live pony to celebrate the sixth birthday of Robbie Wunderlich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Wunderlich of Glenwood.

In response to cowboy invitations, guests arrived geared in cowboy outfits and bearing gifts, many of which were wrapped in cowboy-designed paper and cowboy baubles dangling from them. Most of the birthday cards were also in the cowboy motif.

The live pony ride during the party was a complete surprise to the youngsters but they all rode thoroughly convinced of their roles as real cowhands.

The home and table were decorated in western motif and even the birthday cake was in cowboy design.

Guests were Johnny Robertson, Tommy and Jimmy Macdonald, Robbie Mair, Debbie Livingston, Kathy Sheffer, Denny Sue Gildersleeve, Lynn Taber, Debbie Zietz, Judy Munro, Doree Baumman, Billy Ritter, Jeff Scott, Alan Campbell and Ricky Slavik, all of Lathrup.

**Lathrup Players To Entertain At Woman's Club**

LATHRUP—Hostess, Mrs. Earl Hoener has listed her tea committee for the April 1 meeting of the Lathrup Woman's Club as Mrs. Bernard Vost, Mrs. Adam Phillips and Mrs. Martin Hartwell. Mrs. Charles Thompson and Mrs. John Kraw will pour.

Following recognition of the Lathrup Neighborhood Girl Scout leaders, the Lathrup Players will present a one-act comedy, "The Mother Part" by Lydia Nagel.

The play is the story of an ageing actress who has hidden her age and two grown daughters in order to stay young for her public.

The lead role is played by Mrs. Thomas Gibbs assisted by Mrs. Richard Cogger, Mrs. John Gould, Mrs. Alfred Braun, and Mrs. Vincent Zattell. In rehearsal for the past six weeks, the play is being directed by Mrs. David Dawling.

**Lathrupites Return From Florida**

LATHRUP—Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Cattell of Bungalow have returned from a trip to Ft. Lauderdale together with a few days trip to Key West.

Houseguests for the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Cattell were Mrs. Cattell's sister, Mrs. R. C. Hurt and her son Stan Hurt of Indianapolis, Indiana.

They were in a swimming competition at University of Michigan together with three other swimmers.

Weekend houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell J. Gannon of San Diego were her brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Gellenbeck. Mrs. Gannon's mother and father Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Gellenbeck and friends, Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson, all of Cincinnati. Mrs. Gannon's mother and father will remain for a visit of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Roy Fryer of Coral Gables are anxiously anticipating a trip to Euclid, Ohio on or before Easter to see their new granddaughter, Debra Ellen, born March 9 to their son and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Fryer.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kraatz of Delores and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Lindow of Amherst just returned from a 12-day trip to Sun Valley. They travelled on the Union Pacific Dome Liner, a luxury train which they thoroughly enjoyed.

They stayed at Challenger Inn where they were entertained every evening with novel activities including a horse-drawn sleigh ride up to Trail Creek Cabin for a steak dinner and a gay song fiesta with group singing of old familiar songs and an amateur show put on by the Sun Valley employees.

Despite her accident on the first day there, putting her one leg in a walking cast, Mrs. Kraatz enjoyed every minute of it and is already planning next year's return trip.

Several other Lathrup couples were on the island including Mr. and Mrs. Edwin K. Blake and Mr. and Mrs. E. Blue, all of whom make their winter home on the island. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Briseley were also vacationing there. The Busbes attended the baseball game of the Detroit Tigers vs. the Milwaukee Braves.

**Appeal for Quonset Hut Turned Down**

SOUTHFIELD—Request to build a quonset hut along North-western Highway near Franklin road was denied by zoning board of appeals last week on the grounds that it would violate the building code and would not be an asset to commercial zoning in the area.

Nevin B. Harmon, 2762 Wellington road, a landscape gardener made the request. He wanted to use the hut to store his trucks during the winter months.

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**Southfield Students See Gov't in Action; Note Light Interest**

LATHRUP—Four Southfield high school seniors, as part of a course in government, attended the city council meeting last week.

The four, Gary Ushman, Darrell Pfister, Bob Stevenson, and Jim Gorman, said they found the procedures complicated and wondered, as do government officials, why more people did not attend their council's meetings.

Former councilman Thomas N. Reed told the boys that Lathrup was a new city fashioning a government from the foundations up.

PEOPLE, said Reed, all have ideas, and that whoever men meet there are differences. "It's the American way of government," said Reed.

Mayor John C. Campbell advised the boys to stay interested in school, community and government affairs, and to make themselves a part of the community instead of just living in it. He told them he thought people generally lacked interest in their community and its government.

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**Rob't Thom Family Recent Hosts To Noted NY Painter**

FOXROBT—Recent houseguest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thom of West Survey was Dean Cornwall, well known mural painter of New York. During his stay the Thom's entertained in his honor at cocktails and a buffet supper preceding Mr. Cornwall's lecture before members of the Bloomfield art association.

Mr. Thom left by plane for Europe last week to do research work for his next series of paintings on the history of medicine. He will be touring Amsterdam, Munich, Rome, Switzerland, Venice, Paris, England and Scotland and expects to return around May 1.

**People's Column Southfield Citizen Speaks Against City Form of Govt.**

To the Editor: Several of your editorials have favored Southfield Township in becoming a city, and I would like to express my feelings on this subject. It sounds mighty impressive when our ambitious politician promises paved streets, water, sewer, etc., but they never tell the voter who will have to pay for them.

Do the citizens realize how much vacant area there is in

Southfield? The funds to pay for these promised benefits would be the result of increased taxes levied on the present residents of Southfield. There would also be numerous special assessments imposed on the residents, even though in many cases they would derive no benefits.

I am speaking from the experience of being an industrial resident of Oak Park. Our taxes have jumped to \$60 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The tax rate has tripled since we have been here, and we have paid special assessments for water and sewer for which we have received no benefits whatsoever.

I firmly believe in progress, but not that kind, at this time.

A Citizen of Southfield/Township

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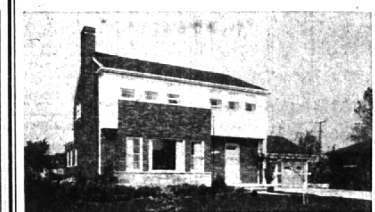
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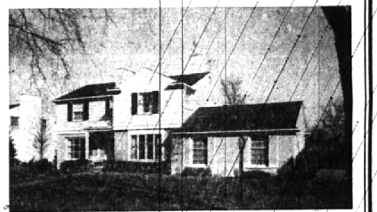
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