

It is no secret that millions of people have perfected their mental talents to points where they can expound upon many subjects, some of them, of course, do add values to the complex task of trying to live the good life. However, the saving of one kind word to another who needs a lift, or the doing of even a small act of kindness... these bring more happiness than tons of words.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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SECTION C

## Fathers -- Favorite Escorts



Commencement Ball... outstanding social event for graduating seniors at Stephens college in Columbia, Mo., where seniors and their escorts danced in a Japanese garden setting. Traditionally, the fathers of the students are favored escorts and from top left is Ann Willett with her fiance, Rusty Miller of Boonville, Mo., and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Willett of Pilgrim; John Roberson of Riverdale and daughter, Nancy; Erin Hayes and her pop, William G. Hayes of Manitow Beach, formerly of Birmingham; Sharon and dad, James E. Hodgson of Northlawn; Patricia and Fred E. Sheldon, Jr., of Burning Bush, and M. F. Garwood and daughter, Maureen, of Williamsburg road.

## Suburban Scene

by Fran Maier  
Society Editor



### BOPOF Dance for Teenagers

Orchard Lake Country club will be host to its own teenagers as well as those of Birmingham, Oakland Hills, Pine Lake, and Forest Lake country clubs at the first BOPOF dance on Friday evening. BOPOF derives its title from the first letter in the name of each club cooperating in the new series of inter-club junior dances. Receiving members and their guests will be Carol Rouse, Pam Jones, Jan McNaughton, Beverly Close, Berry Wilson, Bob Stephenson, Roger Kissam, Warren Sumner and Jim Walsh. Sponsors of these dances are Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Bergesen, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Boucher, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sumner and Mr. and Mrs. William T. McNaughton. Next party will be July 25th at Birmingham Country club.

### At Dedication of New England Rooms

Mr. and Mrs. James O. Keene of Evergreen road and Dr. and Mrs. Donald Shelley of the early Ford Museum are attending the dedication of four new New England rooms at the headquarters of the New Hampshire Historical society in Concord. They will be the week-end guests of Mrs. Katherine Prentiss Murphy of New York and Westbrook, Conn., who is donor of the rare 17th and early 18th century American furnishings of the room. Mrs. Murphy will be hostess at a dinner party at the Society's headquarters Friday evening. Guests will include prominent antiquarians, curators and collectors from all parts of the country. The Keenes and Shelleys, on their return trip, will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Went, restorers of Old Deerfield, Mass.

### Convention Bound

California bound is Mary Kay Fenwick, 787 Woodland drive, who will represent her University of Texas chapter of Alpha Phi sorority at their national convention. The biennial affair is to be held at the Huntington-Sheridan hotel in Pasadena June 23-28th.

### Grand Fireworks

Special attractions for the kiddies... teenagers... adults... and the whole family are planned for Independence day week-end at Oakland Hills Country club. A family night dinner on July 3rd to soft organ music will start the activities. The fourth is chucked full of events... golf, tennis, special events, swimming, family dinner from 4 to 8 p.m., and the grand fireworks display from 9 to 10 p.m. Dancing for the younger members with the Horace Sneed orchestra will begin at 8 p.m. and at 1 a.m. Lights out and home. White jackets will be donated for the dinner-dance to the music of Owen Moran and his orchestra on Saturday—the 5th. The kiddies will have three full days of fun, Friday, Saturday and Sunday... merry-go-round, ferris wheel and auto cars.

### Honeymooning Abroad

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Kilgour of Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills, were in the east over the weekend, where Mr. Kilgour gave his niece, Linda Sara Carrie Gray, in marriage. She became the bride of Geoffrey Rollo Ian Lewis on Saturday in Christ Church, Bronxville, N.Y. Linda is the daughter of Mrs. James Chalmers Gray of New York, formerly of Birmingham, and the late James C. Gray. Geoffrey is the son of the London Writer Commander Geoffrey Lewis and Mrs. Lewis of Boston. After a 6-week honeymoon abroad, visiting Commander Lewis in London, and touring the continent, the young couple will return to Boston to live.

## Garden Party Reveals August Wedding Plans

Engagement of Janet R. Steele to Gilbert A. Freeman was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Earle Steele of Birmingham, on their 30th wedding anniversary at a garden party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Frost of Lathrup. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Freeman of Pasadena, Calif. Wedding plans are being made for Aug. 23.

## Henry Vaillant Weds Massachusetts Girl

Church of Saint John Evangelist in Duxbury, Mass., was the scene of the June marriage for Janet Green and Henry Winchester Vaillant. The Rev. Elmore C. Young performed the 3 o'clock ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William T. Green of Belmont and Duxbury, Mass. Her husband is the son of Mrs. Robert T. Hatt of Bloomfield Hills and the late Dr. George Clay Vaillant. JANET CHOSE for her wedding a gown fashioned of pale ivory pure silk tulle featuring a portrait neckline, court train and short sleeves. A cap of matching lace secured her veil of silk illusion. A bouquet of white orchids and stephanotis completed the bridal picture. Elizabeth and Green was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. George E. Vaillant, Anne Thorpe, Marian Danner de Barenne and Penelope Wheeler. They were gowned in ballerina

## Midvale's Principal Accepts Dictionary from Sixth-Graders

Midvale's sixth-graders were guests of honor at a dinner in the school's "all-purpose room" by the fifth-grade mothers. Dinner and entertainment were planned and organized by Mrs. John Main, incoming PTA president. Nicholas Baskoff and Mrs. James McCracken, Mrs. C. E. Ervin, Jr. was chairman of the food preparations and working list included their teachers, Mrs. Alice McHugh and Mrs. Lucille



SIXTH GRADERS Roy Cavan and Patty Page presenting Webster's International unabridged dictionary to Midvale's principal, George J. Greenawalt. The sixth graders gift to Midvale school.

## B'ham Soroptimist Installs Officers

Installation ceremonies for Soroptimist International of Birmingham were recently at Devon Gables, which marked the 23rd time the incoming officers have been honored. Officers installed were Maxine Lucombe, president; Marjorie Schmidt, 1st vice-president; Dorothy Dunbar, 2nd vice-president; Kay Griffith, treasurer. List continues with Thelma Stubbart, recording secretary; Mary Dewey, corresponding secretary; Edith Foster, board member; Fern Holton, delegate; Virginia Walton, alternate. Nina Noble installed the officers and Helen Larkin inducted the new members who are Virginia Walton, Thelma Stubbart, Shirley Smith, Dorothy Pettit and Annye Gillette.

## We're Coming Out

Early Next Week  
Because of the forthcoming long July 4th holiday  
Weekend!  
Please help us by getting your Society copy in early.

## Corral Accents Western Party For Classmates

Stimulated guests to the backyard corral where young Jan Rihinger entertained 35 members of her graduating class at Holy Name school Saturday night for "The Last Roundup." The 13 and 14-year-old classmates will be separating next year when some go to Detroit parochial high schools, some to boarding schools, others to Birmingham public schools. The sixth-graders themselves were presented with a cake inscribed with "1st graduating class at Midvale" and a diploma with "class of '58" on it. ENTERTAINMENT for the evening consisted of the "hit" numbers from Barnum's talent show under the direction of Majel Brezette, music teacher.

## Carla Highbie To Wed In August

At a supper party Sunday night at her home in Metamora, Mrs. Carlton M. Highbie announced the engagement of her daughter, Carla, to John William Strohs, Jr., son of the John W. Strohs of Lewiston road. Carla, whose father is the late Carlton M. Highbie, was graduated from Miss Hall's school, attended Bennett Junior college and Parkson's School of Design in New York. She bowed at a little club dance in December 1955 and is a provisional member of the Junior League of Birmingham. Her fiance attended the Choate school and Michigan State university. Carla and John will be married in late August.

## Barbara Aikens' Bridal Showers

Barbara Ann Aikens of Wing Lake road was entertained this week for four bridal showers. Mrs. Clyde Reed and daughter, Mrs. William Surridge entertained at a kitchen shower Saturday. A miscellaneous shower and noon luncheon was given by Mrs. Albert permitting to attend two luncheon meetings before joining, if they desire. A newcomers may remain a member for three consecutive years from the date of payment of first dues. There will be no Newcomers meetings in July and August, but the golf league is going strong—meeting each Friday morning at North Hills. Eugenia Breske, golf chairman, welcomes new members Mrs. John Lowry and daughter, Mrs. Ronald Draheim.

## Newcomers Begin 11th Year

Charles J. W. Chamberland, vice president; Mrs. Roger Grimshaw, secretary; and Mrs. Ernest F. Widlund, treasurer. NEWCOMERS, organized by the Community House and the only group sponsored by the same, is for the purpose of newcomers becoming acquainted with one another. Membership is limited to the area canvassed by the Birmingham Community house, and eligibility can be determined by referring to the treasurer's map. Applicants become regular members upon payment of dues, but are permitted to attend two luncheon meetings before joining, if they desire. A newcomers may remain a member for three consecutive years from the date of payment of first dues. There will be no Newcomers meetings in July and August, but the golf league is going strong—meeting each Friday morning at North Hills. Eugenia Breske, golf chairman, welcomes new members Mrs. John Lowry and daughter, Mrs. Ronald Draheim.



OFFICERS OF THE NEWCOMERS looking over "bits" from the suggestion box are (from left) Mrs. Charles J. W. Chamberland, vice president; Mrs. Ernest F. Widlund, treasurer; Mrs. Ralph O. Mead, president; Mrs. Virginia Moore, past president; and Mrs. Roger Grimshaw, secretary.

## Off to Convention

Attending the Pi Beta Phi national convention in Swampscott, Mass., for the week of June 22-28 are (from left) Mrs. G. T. Christiansen of Fairfax avenue and Mrs. Kenneth Conn of Yorkshire road. Mrs. Christiansen is attending as president of the sorority's Epsilon Province and director of five active chapters, three of which are in Michigan and two in Canada. Mrs. Conn, president of the Bloomfield Hills alumnae club will represent the local as an official convention delegate.