

Were you to move into a neighborhood where few birds would daily grace your premises, there is a way to attract them. Just arrange to offer them food, be it placed in a feeding station or tossed upon the ground. First one, then more, first one kind, then numerous others, from out of their own worlds they come to you. Human beings too, respond to friendliness that you manifest.

The Birmingham Eccentric

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SECTION C

Charlotte Ford and Sue Anne Shepherd Bow to Society

18th Century French Setting Suburban Scene Surrounds Deb Charlotte

Petite 'Sweet Sue' Wears Taffeta Frock



Ball of the Year

The red carpet was rolled out December 21 at the Country Club of Detroit for Charlotte Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford II. Approximately 1,000 guests attended this debutante party of the year which was a setting of 18th century French grandeur.

THE WINDING corridor to the main hall was lined with trees of roses, antique candelabra and boxwood hedges. Upon entering the main hall decked with magnolia leaves, guests viewed chandeliers entwined with ropes of flowers and enormous white urns holding gorgeous bouquets of fresh flowers.

CHARLOTTE greeted her guests in a strapless gown designed by Yves St. Laurent of lustrous white satin, banded at the bodice and hemline with embroidered pink flowers, pearls and tourmalines. She carried a touquet of a dozen butterfly orchids and around her wrist sparkled a diamond bracelet linked in the shape of butterflies.

Mrs. Henry Ford, beautiful as always, was in a Simonetta gown of creme rose satin, its fringed bodice heavily embroidered with crystals and pearls. A diamond necklace given her on her 10th wedding anniversary nine years ago by her husband added beauty to her gown.

Birmingham Guests Attend

Birmingham area residents attending the gala affair were Mr. William H. Breech and his charming wife who appeared in a strapless gown of satin; Mr. and Mrs. John R. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Duffy, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Rothman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Winston, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Colbert, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Shaffer and many others.

The Gowns Were Beautiful

Charlotte was escorted by a cousin, Peter Sullivan of Glen Head, L. I. Her father, president of Ford Motor Co., got the first dance . . . to the strains of "The Most Beautiful Girl in the World." Music was provided by the 20-piece Meyer Davis orchestra from New York, flown in for the glittering occasion.

The ballroom, huge gallery, two bar rooms and dining room were ablaze with crystal, marble and gilt.

ANNE, sister of the deb, appeared in a white Balmain gown covered with a floral pattern of shaded blue. Mrs. Benson Ford and Mrs. Edsel Ford, Charlotte's grandmother, both wore Mainbacher originals. Mrs. Cooper, wife of the movie actor, Gary Cooper, chose a pink-rose floor length gown with strapless bodice.

Mrs. L. L. Colbert of Birmingham wore a majestic white and gold Damascus brocade gown with Mrs. Arthur H. Bahl Jr., was donned in white peau de soie, with a heavy band of blue sequins at the hem and scattered across the full skirt.

A Kiss for Charlotte

Lovely debutante Charlotte receives a tender kiss from her father, Henry Ford II, in the club's French room before a bronze statue of Louis XIV which Parisian designer Jacques Frank and Mrs. Ford selected for the occasion.



Fall Deb at Ball

Andy Gallaudet of Shadow Lane, Bloomfield Hills, who made her bow last fall at the Birmingham country club, is surrounded by four young Birmingham men at Charlotte's deb party. She is talking with her brother Ed and in the background (from left) are Jerry Sweeney and Jim Hogan. She wore a full length strapless gown designed with a plaid bodice in various shades of gray and matching panels extended from the waist to the hemline in front and back.

Hills' Couples at Country Club

Two Birmingham couples seen talking in the hallway at the country club with millions of magnolia leaves in the background are (from left) Mr. and Mrs. Don Ahrens of Haverhill road, Bloomfield Hills, and Mrs. and Mrs. John Davis of Lakecrest drive, Bloomfield Township.



Chatting in 'The Cave'

Sitting on kegs at circular tables in a room of medieval decor, nicknamed "The cave" are (from left) Walker Williams, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Charles R. Beacham, Charles Beacham, Mrs. Ben D. Mills and Ben Mills, all of the Birmingham area.

Sue Anne Shepherd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lucian Shepherd of Grosse Pointe, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, bowed last evening from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Hunt club at a tea dance.

The receiving line was in the lounge of the club in front of a seven foot pink fabric screen.

IN THIS SETTING, Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd presented their daughter with their co-hosts Mr. and Mrs. John Storey Goodman. Also in the receiving line for a short period was the deb's grandmother, Mrs. Richard N. Johnston of Birmingham.

Mrs. Goodman and Mrs. Shepherd's simple sheaths enhanced the bouffant beauty of Sue Anne's white taffeta length gown. Her tiny size 7 1/2 shoe and a lace top and very full taffeta skirt. She held her father's dainty gift of a white orchid in her white-gloved hand.

MRS. SHEPHERD'S gown was a sheath of gold brocade with a sweetheart neckline. She also wore gold accessories and jewelry. Mrs. Goodman was attired in a silver and gold metallic suit with a short jacket. She wore matching gold accessories. Mrs. John wore taffeta with a corsage of orchids.

Pink and white peppermint stick cloths with golden mittens peered down at the guests from all the sources or the sides of the hall. From the center of the ballroom hung a white stail chandelier that twinkled with its tiny lights as it slowly turned around spreading the fragrance of roasts of ragnations piled at its base.

Fred W. Piérce Roll Out the Red Carpet For Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Piérce of W. Long Lake road recently entertained 40 couples at their annual Christmas party. At the piano Richard Carver of Dearborn entertained the group with Christmas carols.

Among the guests were the John Andersons, the Kuipers, the Ed Stagnowicks, the Southwicks, the Al Scotts, the John Dicksons, the Gordon Jaynes, the Carlton Jones, the John Powers, the Marvin Youngs.

THE HARRY Wawaka, the Fred Elms, the Robert Woods, the Verne Baekes, Mrs. Ann Gardner, Ray Stewart, the Hall Packards, the Al Kasabians, the Mark Ottlings, the George Clarks, the Charles Wagners, the Henry Koltys, the G. E. Murphy, the John Sykes, the Bill Crooks, the Adolph Magnus, the Levinsons and the Harry Atens.

Corsages for guests which also served as table decorations, were made by the following branches of the Women's national farm and garden association: Bloomfield Hills, Beverly Hills, Osage and Foxcroft.

Out of Town Guests Here for Holiday

Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bernat of Pierce street, Birmingham, will have their guests for the holiday week, their daughters and sons-in-law, the W. H. Hackman and children of Clarksville, Tenn. and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Lipka and son of New Mexico.

Other relatives spending the week with them will be Harriet Chambers of Indianapolis, Ind., and the Harry Bernats of Montreal, Canada.

Retirement Party For W. H. Holloway

William H. Holloway, treasurer of the W. F. DuComb Co., was honored Saturday at a retirement party planned by Mr. and Mrs. William Du Comb of Fox Chase road, Birmingham. Fifty guests attended for cocktails and dinner.

Gay holiday decorations prevailed throughout the house specially selected by Mrs. DuComb. Western golf and country club catered the affair.

Club's New Officers

New officers at Forest Lake country club include Ralph B. Hunt, president; Fred DeRango, vice president; Richard Norris, secretary and Donald Green, treasurer. Continuing to serve on the board are Albert C. Yost, Blaine Epton, Robert Close and Claude Sharp.

Kappa Delta's Tea

The afternoon group of the South Oakland Kappa Delta alumnae association held their annual Christmas tea yesterday at Mrs. home of Mrs. Myron Zbudowski, 889 Bloomcrest, Birmingham. Mrs. Clarence Bieman was chairman.

FROM THE BALLROOM could be seen the many white curtained windows of the "Little Room" which was simply decorated with two white pine trees. The tables were spread with white cloths and the chairs were covered with white satin for the occasion.

A delicious spread of tempting foods for 400 guests was on a long white table which held a golden cone in the center and a modern white five stop candelabra at each end. Jack Qualey's orchestra whose members were attired in white jackets, played "Sweet Sue" for Sue's first dance with her father, then a turn around the floor with her very proud and thrilled 12-year-old brother Bob, whose grade was to be in the receiving line.

DURING THE party the orchestra played "Winter Wonderland" and the room became full of snow balls with the letter "S" engraved in pink. The deb's attendants wore gold leaf corsages with white gardenia centers and her gifts to them of gold bracelets were patterned in cultured pearls.

Attendants were Faith Harrington, Joyce Green, Sue Buttick, Elizabeth Gossett and Marilyn Davis.

ESCORTING SUE was William Casazza and her ushers were Thomas Martin, Robert Breitenbecher, Michael Lawrence, Bruce MacLean, Murray Green, Gerald Frank, Lou Jacobel and Robert Sheehar, Jr.

Sue Anne who is 18 years old grew up in Bloomfield Hills and moved to Grosse Pointe four years ago. She graduated from Grosse Pointe university school in June.

She is now attending Marjorie Webster junior college in Washington, D. C., specializing in dramatics, radio and television. Her sports are tennis and swimming . . . she also loves to dance.

WHEN SHE WENT away to college she hated to leave her Frenchoodle Gigi, which she and her mother brought from Paris three years ago. But there is always a special someone from Gigi on arriving home.

The guests left with a special reminder of the event. They were presented with a miniature music roll of "Sweet Sue" which had a picture of the tiny deb on the front cover and on the back was the "Deb's Job Day" with a list of her attendants and ushers and a list of all the December debutantes of 1959.

SUE HAS LOVED every minute of the deb season and will be returning to school with many memories of one of the most fabulous in Detroit has fabulous in years.

Country Club Scene of Meet

Birmingham country club will be the scene Jan. 6 when members of the Village Square and the Johnson for their semi-annual meeting at 10:30 a.m. and luncheon at 12:15 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Pauline P. W. Knapp, director at Merrill-Palmer school. She will speak on "Design for Modern Living." She received both her MA and Ph.D. in psychology at Columbia university. She is director of the Merrill-Palmer school which is a specialized college devoted to the study of human development and family life.

LUNCHEON chairman is Mrs. Edward W. McCaul, in charge of reservations are Mesdames E. G. Hill, John Blaisdell, Jackson P. Cummings and Gilbert Hauser.

Seaside hostesses include Mesdames R. A. Armstrong, Martin J. Shanon, Clifford Kehlund and M. H. McCaul; junior hostesses, Mesdames Martha Hanson and Thomas Bramson; and flowers, Mrs. Duffield Shardeau.

Birmingham DAC Members To Dance in the New Year

Birmingham and Bloomfield members of the Detroit Athletic Club will dance the New Year in this coming Thursday midnight along with their Detroit and Grosse Pointe brethren at a gay celebration in the downtown clubhouse. The fete will start at 9 p.m. with a special light migmon dinner.

After the formal festivity will be staged in all of the rooms of the second floor, with the beautiful big Pontchartrain room given over entirely to dancing. The Pontchartrain room is set advantageously between main dining and cocktail rooms, where groups will be seated for dinner, bright and pastel flowers will center the white damask covered tables.

Thompson Home's Annual Party

Mrs. Warren S. Booth was a member of the committee which planned the annual Christmas party for the residents of the Thompson Home which was last Sunday.

Following supper, served at green-colored tables, a musical program was provided. The ladies who live in the home entertained guests and members of the entertainment committee of the board of trustees assisted with plans. Mrs. Benson Ford, president of the board, presided at a glittering tree, and the windows were gay with holiday wreaths.



SUE ANN SHEPHERD