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Do you wish to lift your thoughts to higher levels. Do you hunger for the experience of feeling a part of inner joy, exultation upon exaltation — even for a momentary mental removal from the trials and tribulations of your living? Attainment of such "journeying" is within the reach of many of us, if we are willing to work at it correctly. Divinity is ever calling one "to glory."

Ballet Dancers Add Prestige To Lathrup

By DOROTHY ZATELL, LATHRUP CORRESPONDENT

LATHRUP — Four Lathrup girls, through their interest in ballet, have brought a lot of glamor to Lathrup Village. Day after day, as soon as school is out, hordes of little girls dash into the house at 1878 1/2 Glenwood for their dance lessons with Carol Serenberg.

ALTHOUGH she teaches and keeps house for her widowed father, Carol's world revolves around her dancing and her students. Because her mother thought every little girl should have dancing to see them through awkward stages, Carol was enrolled in a dancing class at the age of three. Her first instructor was Evelyn Livingston Smith, with whom she studied for ten years.

Unhappy when she was taken out of her ballet classes to spend more time on homework, Carol's parents agreed to allow her to study with Eugenia Stepienowska Bartkowiak.

WHEN SHE was called upon to instruct a class of septuagennarians at Montecello college in Alton, Ill., Carol found how much she enjoyed teaching. Following graduation she began to teach little ballet students in her home. Soon her classes mushroomed from eight students that first summer to 176.

Still a student of Theodore J. Smith, Carol has studied in New York in London at the Royal Ballet school, in Paris and at the famous La Scala Opera House in Milan.

CAROL FLEMING, daughter of the Albert Flemings of 1853 Glenwood, is a contract dancer with the Chicago Opera Ballet company.

Carol's dancing started at the age of 9 when she accompanied a pair of friends to the Borgo Sisters studio. Her first Tap and acrobatic lessons followed.

Among her instructors Carol lists Theodore Smith and several Leonardis of Detroit. At 17 Carol decided to make dancing her career and gave up the idea of college to devote her full time to dance study. In Chicago she studied with Ellis and Duflois who offered to accept her as their protégée.

A SPINAL injury and a year in a brace to say nothing of a wrist fracture and cast did nothing to deter Carol from her goal.

Carol has danced in the University of Detroit production of "Light Up the Lamp" in Detroit City Ballet performances, she has appeared on television in Chicago and did her own choreography for a dance number with Ester Villaverde in the opera "Così Fan Tutte."

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SHE HAS studied with Bentley Stone and Walter Camryn of Chicago, the Canadian National Ballet Summer school, and while completing her school work in New York, was a member of the Ballet theatre workshop.

A member of the Detroit City Ballet company since 1938, Linda has danced principal roles in the Northeast Regional Ballet Festival at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Birmingham Arts Festival, Detroit's International Freedom Festival and the recent production of "Cinderella."

LINDA HAS taught ballet for several years in her home and for the past two years has been assisting her teacher at the Marjorie Hasard school on Seven Mile road. Her ambition is to be the very best of whatever career she eventually follows, whether it be ballerina, teacher, modeling or housewife and mother. Her only wish is that she could give all people what has been given to her over the years — a love of ballet and an understanding of its basic principles.

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European instructors added to Jean's interest in ballet during the summer of 1938 when she toured with the Roseberry Ballet group.

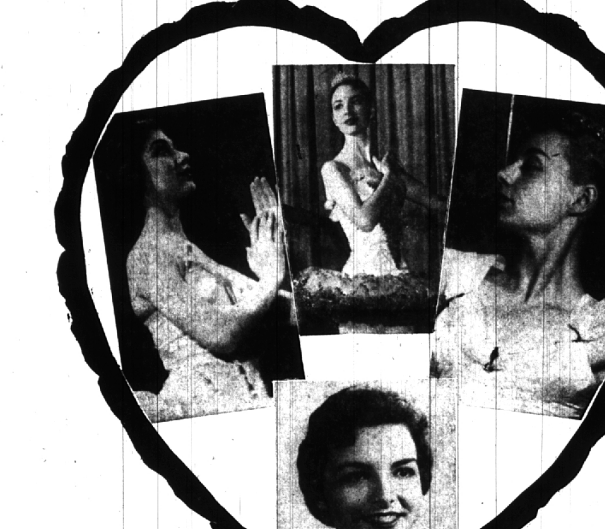
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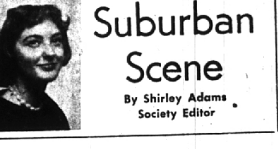
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Suburban Scene
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Kappa Alpha Thetas' Dance Coming Up

Many parties preceding the Birmingham Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae annual benefit dance at Orchard Lake country club Feb. 20 are on the agenda. Proceeds will go to Camp Oakland Girls' Ranch at Oxford, to refurbish the Turner's orchestra. Dance chairman, Mrs. Richard Sharpe of Franklin road, Bloomfield Hills, is assisted by Mrs. John Allman, Mrs. Rankin Henry, Mrs. John Simpson and Mrs. L. W. Llewellyn.

Gowned in a black and gold cocktail dress of sari cloth, Mrs. Richard Sharpe will entertain three couples for dinner. Their list includes the Carter Chamberlains, the L. W. Llewellyns and the James Gunns.

EIGHTEEN COUPLES will be entertained by the Lewis Wengrens of Packer road, Upper Long Lake road, at a cocktail party. Among those from the Birmingham area invited are the Thomas Gads, the John Haywards, the Walter Denisons, the Jeri Gilletts, the Ranson Leechs, the Kenneth MacQueens, the Murray Smiths, the Robert Thorsons, and the Peter Davidsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kendall of Norfolk drive will have cocktails and dinner for the William Andersons, the Logan Millikens, the Rudy Rankes and the Dan Bishops. The red carpet will be rolled out at the Robert C. Horans home on Heathfield road when they entertain five couples for dinner.

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Cupid Plays a Part

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Centerpieces of small valentine trees were made for the dance by the fifth grade girl scouts at Hickory Grove. They will be used on the tables placed around for coffee, snacking and chatting. Besides the Coyles and the Perlman's other hosts and hostesses are the Charles Robinsons, the Paul Graves, and the William Beachmans.

Entertaining at cocktails preceding the dance are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Graves of Barrington road. Their guests include the Jack Aldreds, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Salepa, the Frank Manichors, the Charles Hupps, and their respective dance guests for the evening.

Five Preside at Tea Table

Mrs. Newell McEuen was hostess yesterday afternoon at a tea in her home at 1041 N. Glenhurst drive for the women of the Birmingham Unitarian church. Presiding at the tea tables were Mesdames Harold Rehm of W. Lone Pine road, Brooks Marshall of Gordon lane, Charles Peterson of Snow Apple drive, Richard Barnard of Wellington drive and Miss Mildred Williams.

The Perfect Valentine - A Gift from the Heart



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Heading UF Parties Preceding Operating Benefit Performance Committee

Mrs. Robert VanderKloot of Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills, was named chairman of the Oakland county operating committee of the United Foundation women's organization. She was appointed by Mrs. Worth Kramer of Ardmore drive, Bloomfield Hills, chairman of the overall operating committee. The committee which she will head will be made up of representatives of community leadership and Torch Drive campaign leaders from Oakland county.

Severo Ballet, Inc. Benefits from Tea

The lovely Bloomfield Hills home of Mrs. S. L. Lang was the setting last Thursday for a benefit tea to assist in providing "pointe shoes" for the dancers of the Severo Ballet, Inc.

Nixon Talk Scheduled For Monday

It will come as no particular surprise to the Birmingham alumnae of the Detroit committee for the Nixon lecture that tickets for the Nixon lecture on Feb. 15 are no longer available. The advance of requests for both the 10:30 lecture at Ford and the 8:00 lecture at the University of Michigan will be for the reception and luncheon for Mrs. Nixon, also at the auditorium, have resulted in a complete sellout.

A COFFEE HOUR prior to the lecture will serve as an informal reception for the Nixons at which time the members of the committee will have an opportunity to meet them.

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Tory PTA Calls Special Meeting

Tory PTA is calling a special meeting for fifth and sixth grade parents to acquaint them with the new committee at 8 p. m. Feb. 16 in the Tory school gym.

Mrs. Eleanor Falahin, chairman of the committee, will explain how the Parents came into being, its purposes and how it can affect fifth and sixth grade.

Student counselors from Derby school will attend to answer questions about the emotional development of a junior high student and his readiness for social activities. A representative from Derby PTA has also been invited to take part in the discussion.

Musical Entertains Blum Rotary Ann

Rotary Ann will meet Monday at the home of Mrs. Arthur Gillespie, 1236 Maryland, Mrs. D. L. Tate will give a talk on the music of the Musical Performing Guild.

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Alpha Chi Omega, national social sorority, will celebrate its 75th anniversary in June with a convention in French Lick, Ind. One of the oldest chapters is at the University of Michigan and it is for this particular group that a theater night of the "Music Man" is being sponsored. Working on tickets for the March 24 event are (from left) Mrs. E. T. Burroughs of Bloomfield Village, Mrs. Reed Dewey of Berkley and Mrs. Donald Zill of Birmingham.