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During the past Christmas season did the inner heart of you burn in colorful satisfaction as brightly, mayhap, as did the lights you displayed about your home? Were you as happy within your thoughts as were the children as they rushed downstairs Christmas morning to exclaim before the Christmas tree — as excited as you when they opened their gift packages?

## Skaters' Dreams Become a Reality

The idea of starting a skating club to use the ice of the Gillette rink at Cranbrook school during the "off hours" blossomed into a reality April 15, 1957 when Ralph Getsinger, an alum of Cranbrook school, invited Bob Seiler, John Emery, the Henry Grikscheits, Mrs. Edward Lerchen, Bill Lerchen, Bob Wardrop, Ken Wood and Walter Hentschke to join him in a meeting to discuss further action.

AN ORGANIZING committee was finally formed and regular weekly meetings began Aug. 29 under the direction of Mr. Grikscheit. Plans were laid and schedules outlined. November 12, 1957 was a dramatic day in the history of Cranbrook Skating club. The first membership meeting was held in the small gym of Cranbrook school with the board of directors of Cranbrook. Elected to the board of directors were Mrs. Oscar Brehm, William Douglas, Mrs. Thomas Bolton, Henry Grikscheit, Edward Lerchen, Francis McMath, Robert Seiler, and Richard Strickland. Skaters that first year exceeded all expectations . . . 1000 plus and a waiting list was formed. Skaters for current year exceed 1400. Officers for the new year include Mrs. Robert Wardrop, president; Francis McMath, vice president; Frederick Colombo, secretary; and Richard Strickland, treasurer.



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### 'Oops, Did It Again!'

Stacy Wardrop of Beach street, Birmingham, helps her friend John McClanathan of Kenoway drive, Birmingham, after his first fall of the evening at Cranbrook Skating rink.

### All Set to Skate

Julius Pochelon of Wing Lake assists his daughter Kris with her skates before joining the rest of their friends.

## Seven Eastern Colleges To Present R. M. Nixon

Birmingham alumnae who are affiliated with the Detroit committee for Seven Eastern women's colleges are now busy with the sale of tickets for their annual fund-raising project, which this year features Vice-President Richard M. Nixon.

The program, which takes the form of a lecture followed by a question and answer period, will be the only occasion during Mr. Nixon's day in Detroit which will be open to the general public. The only one, too, which will be open to women.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT will speak on world affairs at Ford auditorium on Feb. 15 at 10:30 a.m. Birmingham area women handling tickets include Mrs. Parbury Schmidt, 6299 Wing Lake road; Mrs. William Ducker, 1500 Horsetta; Mrs. Leonard Grabok, 4384 Squirrel road; Mrs. W. H. Merrill, 805 Harmon; Mrs. Carlton Rasmussen, 2909 Hersheyville, Franklin; and Mrs. Richard Hootenrich, 10 Faculty Row.

MRS. NIXON, who will accompany her husband on the trip, will be honored at a reception and luncheon following the event. Mrs. Wilbur M. Brucker Jr., chairman of the Seven college committee, has announced that the anticipated call for tickets has made it necessary to limit the luncheon to all but the patrons and the officers and board of the committee.

PROCEEDS from the Nixon lecture will be used to provide scholarships for Michigan girls who wish to attend these seven liberal arts colleges. It follows highly successful ventures of the past two years which brought Werner von Braun and Edward R. Murrow to the Detroit scene.

### Alpha Omicron Pi Alums Schedule Area Meetings

The Alpha Omicron Pi alumnae chapters of Birmingham, Royal Oak, Detroit and Dearborn will hold a combined dinner meeting at 7:30 p.m. to celebrate the founding of Alpha Omicron Pi at Barnard college on Jan. 2, 1897.

Honored guest will be Mrs. R. L. Nelson, district V alumnae director. She will report on the national convention which was held last June at Victoria, B. C. Canada. Those attending from this area are Mesdames Charles Dalglish, William Kammer, Henry Stahl, James Sterling, Charles Thumser, Louis Trudell, William Wair, Robert Wells, T. M. Mordant, Walter Patton, James Preish and Tom Ward.

### OES Plans Dinner

Birmingham chapter 229 OES will honor past matrons, past patrons, and certificate holders, life members and honorary members at a pot-luck supper at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Masonic Temple. At 8 p.m., past matrons and past patrons will exemplify the degrees of the order.

### Once Around the Rink

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### Nation's Second Lady to Be Guest At a Reception

Mrs. Richard M. Nixon, the nation's second lady, will be guest of Oakland county Republicans at a reception Feb. 15. It was announced by Arthur G. Elliott Jr., county chairman. No details on the affair are available as yet.

Mrs. Nixon's visit to Oakland county sponsored by the Royal Oak Republican women's club in cooperation with newly established Oakland county council of Republican women. The program will also be given that evening at 8 for the families, friends and guests of Newcomers.

## Newcomers Club Schedules 'Happy Birthday' Luncheon

It will be a "Happy Birthday" luncheon when the Birmingham community house Newcomers club meet Jan. 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the community house.

Newcomers club is 12 years old and for their birthday program a little theater group of entirely Newcomer talent will present an original skit "So You Think You Are a Newcomer". The program will also be given that evening at 8 for the families, friends and guests of Newcomers.

MRS. E. E. Hallinger is director of the skit and Mrs. Charles Gathers is in charge of production. Nominating chairman, Mrs. Alan Brown, will present the slates of officers to be elected as vice president, secretary and treasurer for the February-June term. New officers will take over at the February luncheon.

RESERVATIONS for the luncheon must be made before noon Monday by calling Mesdames Herman Schneider, Rudolf Regenold, Ray Brundige, or Stanley Rapsis.

## 2 Become 'First' of The Year

Word was received recently of the first twin births of the year in Beaumont hospital. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. W. Smith of 476 North Eton, Birmingham. The following is a poem that Mr. Smith wrote.

IN CASE you haven't heard before  
Two Smiths and a beachball  
The two additions first were heard  
At eight a.m. on January third  
WE NOW prepare ourselves for fun—  
Like buying two . . . where we'd bought one  
Like bottles, diapers, cribs and suits  
And neutral colored baby boots  
AND ONE thing more . . . we must, besides  
About six separate feeding times  
But nonetheless we're truly glad  
To be called Mother . . . yes, and Dad  
AGREES . . . so if you're Drop in for we'd like you to say  
"Hello!" to our most precious pair  
That's Anna Maria, also Fleur.

### Women Accountants Meet at City Club

The monthly meeting of the Detroit chapter of the American society of women accountants will be at the Women's city club Jan. 25 with dinner at 6:15 p.m. and meeting at 7:15 p.m. Featured speaker will be Donald Schweitzer, CPA, attorney, partner in the CPA firm of Shaw, Olsen & Dinner, with a "Review of Significant Tax Development in 1959".



Mrs. Cecil N. King of Larchlea drive, Birmingham, (right) receives a gift from Mrs. Dean Perry of Lincoln avenue, at a farewell luncheon in her honor. Looking on is Mrs. Harold VanDragt of Bird street, who has hostess at the Delta Zeta alumnae party. Mrs. King, with her son Peter and daughter Lynn will leave this month for Buenos Aires, Argentina. Her husband is associated with Chrysler Corp., and has been living in Buenos Aires for the past year.

## Telephone Bridge Party Set

Mrs. Carl Abbott, 3283 Broadway boulevard, will have the busiest telephone in Birmingham on January 27.

That's the date the University of Michigan alumnae association of Birmingham has selected for its seventh annual scholarship-benefit telephone bridge party. Members of the group are planning parties for both afternoon and evening.

MRS. ABBOTT, who is chairman of the event, and her committee will be waiting to deliver prizes to first and second players to bid and make a grand slam, the first, second and third winners of a small slam and the first person to hold four aces.

There will also be a prize for any lucky holder of a hand with nothing above a ten. Canasta players holding all the red threes will win prizes, too.

### At Farewell Party

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### Auxiliary Meeting

The auxiliary of St. Joseph Mercy hospital held its monthly meeting Monday at McLaughlin Hotel. Mrs. Weldon Carver of Stratford lane, Bloomfield Hills, was guest at the meeting.

## College Information Day Scheduled for Saturday

Alumnae of Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mr. Holyoke, Radcliffe, Smith, Vassar and Wellesley are pouring over their college catalogs in preparation for the annual College Information Day sponsored by the Detroit committee for seven eastern women's colleges.

Once again all interested students and parents are invited to the auditorium of the Women's city club, at 2 p.m. Saturday.

THE PROGRAM will center around HOLLACE G. ROBERTS, regional director of the college entrance examination board and a native of Hancock, Mich.

To the students in the audience, the word "examination" will be the meaningful one in Mr. Roberts' title, for they are all familiar with the so-called "college boards" which are one of the prerequisites for admission to the seven colleges, as well as to many others throughout the country.

MR. ROBERTS will present a complete picture of the board's testing programs, its purposes and its relation to college admission practices.

A question and answer period will follow Mr. Roberts' presentation in which he will be assisted by alumnae of the various colleges. A slide tour of the college campuses, conducted by Mrs. W. P. Harris—a Bryn Mawr alumna, will close the formal portion of the program.

THE OFFICERS of the seven college committees and the alumnae club presidents, together with the college information day committee will join Mr. Roberts at a luncheon prior to the afternoon program. The committee for the day, comprised of the alumnae club scholarship and student-contact chairmen, will act as hostess for the



HOLLACE G. ROBERTS

students and parents. Alumnae from the Birmingham area who serve on this committee include Mesdames James Parris, Leonard Horton, E. N. Vieira, Oliver Rodgers, William Bartholomew, John Graham, John Campbell, and William Barney.

## Suburban Scene

By Shirley Adams Society Editor

The Lee A. Bertlings of Ardmore drive will have most of their family together for several weeks. Mrs. Harry C. Zimmer Jr. (Barbara Bertling) of Millburn, N. J., will arrive this week with young "Chip and Barbie". Mrs. Zimmer and her parents will spend the weekend in Hamilton, Ontario for the wedding of Patricia Robinson. Mrs. Zimmer will be matron of honor in the wedding party. Daughter Jane will be home the following weekend from her studies in Chicago for a reunion with her family.

### Feted at Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Beaver of Adams road were honored January 3 at an open house to celebrate their Silver Anniversary. The party was given by their five children, Charles, Miry Jane, George, John and William. The Beavers were married Dec. 29, 1934 in Jamestown, N.Y. Eighty guests attended to offer their best wishes.

### Big Week at the DAC

Detroit athletic club's Fathers and Sons party on the afternoon of Jan. 23 and the January dinner-dancing-floor show opener that same evening will be the highlights of the week also starred by the DAC's annual elections and the directors' formal stag dinner.

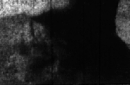
Among members of the Birmingham-Bloomfield area who have made reservations for one or another evening are the H. John Lowrys, the Daniel Packards, the William Soiegels, the John Kinsels, the William Wiggins, the C. W. Wiggins, the A. Frye Ayers, the Fred Hendricks, the Elliott S. Kinneys, the Warren Pease, the H. B. Stegalls, the D. G. Nethercots and the Guy H. Pitts.

The Father-Sons party will begin at noon. Swimming contests for the boys and an aquatic exhibition will be followed by luncheon and a stage show presenting the stars. Birmingham members of the entertainment committee in charge are Thomas Bolton, Clyde Cramer Jr., and Phil de Baubien.

### A New 'Byline' for Her

The engagement of Denise Frances Scanlon to Rudolph John Difazio is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Scanlon of Dearborn. Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony A. Difazio of Dearborn. The bride-elect is an editorial staff member of The Birmingham Eccentric.

Denise is a graduate of Fordson high school, Henry Ford community college and Michigan State university. She is affiliated with Theta Sigma Phi, a national professional journalism fraternity. Her fiancé is a graduate of St. Alphonsus high school, Henry Ford community college and the University of Michigan. He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, a national professional journalism fraternity and is assistant to city editor of the Daily Tribune, Royal Oak. A fall wedding is planned.



DENISE SCANLON