

The Birmingham Eccentric

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It does require that one live a goodly number of years in order to acquire a balanced awareness of real values. In youth wealth and beauty attract. Youth's emphasis is upon the physical portions of living. But as the years wend their way the thoughtful person finds his greatest, most unobtainable wealth in the characteristics of friendliness, of thoughtful kindness, of consideration, of sacrificial love.



At DAC's Young Marrieds Party

Chatting in the Pontchartrain Room at the Detroit Athletic club following dinner (from left) are Mr. Bow- are (from left) Mrs. Regis Bowers, Mrs. W. C. Restrick, Jr., and Mrs. Lee Keating. Standing behind (from left) are Mr. Bowers, Mr. Restrick and Mr. Keating.



WALTER SELOVER



PEGGIE JONES

'The Time of the Cuckoo' St. Dunstan's Next Show

"The Time of the Cuckoo," a two-act comedy by Arthur Laurents, is now in rehearsal at St. Dunstan's Guild in preparation for the opening night on April 1, 2, 8 and 9, there will be a benefit show on April 7 for The Big Brothers of Oakland county.

Peggie Jones, a seasoned actress and dramatics teacher, will play the part of Leona Samish, an American secretary vacationing in Venice. The role of Renato, a gallant Italian, will be played by Walter Selover, who starred in St. Dunstan's hit musical "The Birmingham Eccentrics" last June.

CHARLES CAMPBELL and Mrs. C. S. Himelebel are cast as an expatriate American artist and his wife, and Mrs. John Coppin plays the part of Signora Fioria.

Other members of the cast include Mrs. Fred Bahr, Mrs. George Heidemam, Edward Reid, Peter Garfield and eleven year old Craig Selover.

Mrs. Winston Kolberg is directing the show with Mr. Olson Crocker assisting. David Burnett is producer, sets are by Robert Rausch, props by Mrs. Joan Steinhilber, sound effects by Winston Kolberg, lights by Francis Load and costumes by Mrs. Arthur Ott. Make-up by Mrs. Darrell Roberts. Mrs. John Crim and Mrs. Robert Field are in charge of tickets.

ALL PERFORMANCES are open to the public with the curtain going up at 8 p.m. at the St. Dun-

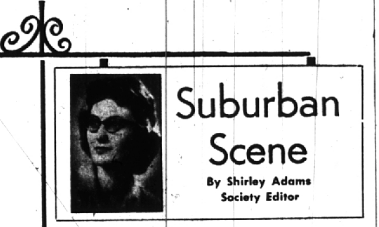
stan's Playhouse on Long Lake road.

To Speak At Village Woman's Meet

John Mason Brown, lecturer, essayist and critic, will speak on "Seeing Things" at the Village women's club's dinner meeting 6:30 p.m. April 6 at Oakland Hills country club.

He will discuss the present day world as reflected in plays, books and films. He has long been a crusader for the best in the fine arts.

Mr. Brown comes closer than anyone else to being America's Minister of Cultural Affairs. Mrs. George A. Bee will serve as dinner chairman and other committee members are Mesdames Jackson P. Cummings, Alan G. Looftbarrow, E. G. Hill, Ari BeGole, Kenneth McGregor, Frank Graham, H. J. Livestame, J. C. Holmes, W. T. Bercford and H. I. Tanner.



Suburban Scene

By Shirley Adams
Society Editor

New Face for B'ham Country Club

Birmingham country club turned a brand new face toward the coming social season. A Southern Plantation mural has been added to the newly painted dining room in the chairs of green and bittersweet. English traditional chairs in gold wool upholstery add an elegant touch to the clubhouse. The room is very gay with its light citron walls and white ceiling with the lounge being very comfortable in the beige tones.

Saturday night was a big night at Birmingham country club when members and guests arrived to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with dining and dancing. Heading the entertainment committee were Mr. and Mrs. Woody Miller and Mr. and Mrs. H. Norman Fitter.

Seen having cocktails before dinner were Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Stephenson of Lahser road, Birmingham, with their guests, the Donald Innams, the Al Rossis, and the Fred Blackwoods. Other familiar faces were the Jack Hutchinsons, Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Taylor, Lyle E. Frohbergs, A. P. Jones, J. G. Nicks, G. G. Herricks, A. E. Robinsons, H. C. Ridders, D. K. Wirths, E. I. Bosworths.

Couples whirled to the music of Tony Dannon's orchestra and enjoyed listening to the strollers, Chuck Leonard and Ivy Grandy, between dance numbers. The gents were given "top hats" and the ladies received kelly green bonnets designed with sequin shamrocks for the evening.

Dining and Dancing at DAC

The Detroit Athletic club was the scene Friday evening for the "Young Marrieds" party. Cocktails were served in the Pontchartrain Room from 7:30 o'clock. An amateur hour with music, singing, etc., by talented members and their guests followed the dinner hour with Lee Keating in charge. At the stroke of midnight, the kitchen doors opened for breakfast in buffet fashion.

In one group from the Birmingham area were the Lee Keatings and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Cruise; the Nell Destals, the Edward M. Wein-furners, the Victor Chilsons and the Franklin Quails.

Another group were Mr. and Mrs. Frank McLaughlin Jr., and their guests, the Sterling Gordons, Mrs. McLaughlin's brother and sister-in-law, the W. A. Compton; the William Gilgarrlys, the J. G. Justa, and from Detroit were the C. A. Locks and the Keith Blakes. This group arrived early for dinner and were joined by eight other couples which included the R. J. Byrnes Jr.

A charming ten-some at another table were the S. L. Goodales Jr., the W. A. Prews, the Robert Stubbs, the Walter McPhalls and the J. E. Grays. The Asa Sherwoods Jr., of Bloomfield township were with two Detroit couples, the J. Viesons and Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Wise.

The Henry C. Johnsons of Bloomfield Hills were with the John Coppins and at another table were the T. R. Bransons, M. R. Wickhams, Richard Sharpes and the Richard Wilsons.

Farewells Extended

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Donnelly of Castle drive, Bloomfield township, entertained at a dinner party Saturday evening at the Detroit Athletic club to honor Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Bratton of Bloomfield Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Schultz before the two couples fly to Europe in early April. Others at the bon voyage fete in the DAC's main dining room were the U. S. Brattons, Dr. and Mrs. Peter Rastello, the John McBrians and the W. A. Zielkes.

Miss Hoover to Wed T. Sharkey

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle F. Hoover, 28060 Eldorado, Lathrup, announce the engagement of their daughter, Felecia, to Thomas Sharkey of Chicago. The engagement was blessed by Monsignor Charles Gabriel of Charlotte, N. C. The bride-elect is a graduate of the Mt. Carmel school of nursing. Her fiance attends De Paul university. A June wedding date will be set.

'House of Charm'

Two women had a lot in common, but it took their hairdresser to get them together. Mrs. Jacqueline McMahon of Westbroke, Southfield, and Mrs. Marie Shaw Remington of Westbroke Parkway, are both models and teachers. After many months of planning, Jacqueline and Marie decided to open up a "House of Charm" in Birmingham on South Adams. Classes will include basic, advanced modeling, make-up, figure control, voice and personality.

A Breath of Spring Highlights Elegant Tea

An elegant tea at the new Bloomfield Country Day school, 1060 E. Square Lake road, took place last Friday when parents and friends of the student body and faculty visited the school.

Chairman for the event, Mrs. J. H. Stover III, assisted by Mesdames Drew C. Haneling, Jesse P. Judson, Maxwell McCann, Robert C. VanderKloof together with headmistress, Miss Patricia Fulton directed guests as they arrived and interested to view the school.

TWO LARGE tea tables were decorated with arrangements of tulips, ranunculus, in hues of white, yellow and blue, placed in most attractive English silver champagne coolers. Silver and- abra with white tapers added to the table decorations.

The room resembled a spring garden with forsythia placed in various places around the floor. Some of the busy mothers were Mesdames Max F. Richter, Nathaniel B. Carroll, Prescott Jordan Jr., Robert E. Wild and A. J. Brandt Jr., John Popplestone, director of studies, was busy answering questions about the school and its curriculum.

MISS FULTON returned recently from a week in the East where she attended the National Association of Principals for schools for girls and the Secondary Education Board.

Mrs. James Goodie was seen with her sister Mrs. Walter Wil-



'The Wearing of the Green'

Gathering at Bloomfield Open Hunt club St. Patrick's Day to celebrate "The Wearing of the Green" are (from left) Mrs. Dan O'Madigan, Jr., Mr. O'Madigan, Mrs. Ever-

ett Fisher, BOH president; Budd Eichner, Mrs. James Pedder, Mrs. Stanley Humphrey and James Pedder, director of the board.

Just Peekin'

Looking at the lovely gifts displayed at Birmingham country club last week when members gathered for a luncheon fashion show are committee members (from left) Mrs. Lyle E. Frohberg of Canterbury, Mrs. Jack Hutchinson of Lake Park, and Mrs. Ralph Redmond of Maryland. A St. Patrick's Day theme was carried throughout the clubhouse with green and white flower arrangements on the tables and a touch of green was added to the afternoon menu. Fifteen members modeled sportswear, casuals and evening clothes. Seen around the club were many Plum Hollow members. Among those attending were Mrs. Charles Breedlove who entertained several guests, Mrs. Don Matthews, Mrs. Walter Bihler, Mrs. A. Robinson, Mrs. Woody Miller and Mrs. Merle Spurrell.



Isabel Rents - the Latest In Party, Gift Specialties

Isabel Rents, one of Detroit's most unique new businesses is located at 18280 Livernois. Owned by Isabel (Mrs. Alan) Grossman, the new business specializes in the rental of everything for the party, banquet or reception and in the sale of all types of gifts.

Last December, Mrs. Grossman began renting elegant equipment to Detroiters and people in surrounding areas for parties. She started her business under the name of "Isabel Rents" and used as her headquarters the recreation room in her residence at 18045 Fairfield.

WHEN MRS. GROSSMAN started, she purchased enough chinaware, glassware, silverware and other equipment to serve 50 party guests. However, word quickly spread to Bloomfield Hills-Grosse Pointe and other surrounding communities that the very "finest" in china, tableware and linens could be rented for parties at a nominal cost.

The demand became so great that Mrs. Grossman, who is now either called "Isabel" or "Mrs. Rents" by her many clients, has enough glassware, silver and china to service 3,000 people.

IN FACT she has serviced as many as 20 different parties on the very same day. Isabel's own woman staff has successfully grown to a staff of eight people. Adding interest to the venture was the scarcity of unusual items to rent, so she has acquired large silver chafing dishes, huge punch bowls, crystal sprays, a champagne fountain, table linens and just about everything needed to make a party successful except the food and the beverage.

MANY CUSTOMERS so admired the many lovely items that they rented from Isabel's or that they on display in the recreation



MRS. GROSSMAN

room, that they expressed a desire to purchase them. Accordingly, to meet this demand she has added a gift department called "Gifts by Isabel". She has recently returned from New York and California and her new store is completed with exquisite gifts. Mrs. Grossman invites the public to visit her new store and enjoy a cup of coffee with her while relaxing and viewing her abundant supply of elegant table settings.

Lost to Germany, Sie Ist Hier Jetzt

By SHIRLEY ADAMS

EAST BEVERLY—it was Germany's loss and our gain when blonde petite Elizabeth Fischer decided to make the big move to the United States to live with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Bohringer of Reedmere drive.

She arrived here Jan. 18, leaving behind two sisters, a brother, parents and many friends in Western Germany near Stuttgart. Unable to speak the American language, Elizabeth will start her first evening class tonight in "English for New Americans" at Bondero high school.

FOR 18 MONTHS she was employed as a stenographer in Germany and hopes to continue her career here in the near future. At present, she is employed by Koepfing's Bakery.

While chatting with her aunt, I learned that "Liz" was very impressed with the homes here and all the conveniences that are available. She thought that her aunt's kitchen looked like a jewelry store with all the chrome fixtures.

BEFORE SHE came to America, she had the impression that the American women sat in rocking chairs and took life easy and was quite amazed to find the women involved in "Do It Yourself" projects and other household activities. Her hobbies are skiing, stamp collecting, swimming, dancing and sewing (which she does very well). She commented that when the people want to go swimming in Germany they have to go to the pools in the big city, since there are very few lakes.

CURIOS to know how their social life compares to ours, I was informed that their dating life includes dancing at a cafe, stopping a few glasses of wine, and singing



ELIZABETH FISCHER and her aunt, Mrs. R. K. Bohringer of Reedmere, view her scrapbook which she brought from Germany.

gay songs. Since there isn't an age limit on alcoholic beverages, it is very common to see a 16-year-old ordering a beer when he's thirty. When a girl receives an engagement ring, the couple are honored at several parties (similar to a small wedding). On the day of her wedding, guests arrive with small gifts and in return the bride's mother presents the guests with a gift, which is in the form of food or baked goods.

SHE ALSO commented that the cars here are "out of this world" and

LIKE MOST young girls, she adores "Elvis Presley" and "Rock and Roll."