

During this month of January 1961 we Americans have witnessed the change of the federal government's top men from President to lesser responsibilities. We have read about it, seen and listened about it because of the remarkable communications devices available in our land. All of it concerns human beings... some of the top ones even as you and I. Freedom, Liberty in action!

# The Birmingham Eccentric

BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

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## Ambassador, Countess of Denmark Honored in Bloomfield Hills

KINGSLEY INN  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MICHIGAN  
JANUARY 26, 1961

DINNER  
HONORING HIS EXCELLENCY  
THE AMBASSADOR OF DENMARK  
and  
COUNTESS KNUTH-WINTERFELDT

Robert C. Vanderkloot, Mrs. Gunner Karlstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Winston, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Yntema.

THE COUNTESS appeared in a dress of black lace over silk with low, sweetheart neckline and elbow-length sleeves. It was designed by Holger Blom of Denmark who does many of Queen Ingrid's gowns.

Following the cocktail hour, guests adjourned upstairs to the dining room. The decor was carried out in the Danish colors of red and white with carnations adorning the tables and the waitresses were very colorful in their Danish costumes.

Seated at the speaker's table were Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hatt, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore (See COUNTESS Page 2-C)

Gathering at the Kingsley Inn to meet the distinguished and handsome Danish ambassador, Count Knuth-Winterfeldt, and his charming countess, were some 170 guests. The count and countess are here to preside at the opening of "Two Centuries of Danish Deep Sea Research," an exhibit which will remain at the Cranbrook Institute of Science through Feb. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Gram of Birmingham, Mrs. Gram wore a navy lace dress with a red and white ribbon insignia of the Knights of Danneborg, bestowed upon her by King Frederik for her international achievements in cultural and social welfare activities.

A cocktail hour preceded the dinner which was sponsored by the science institute's trustees. Among the many who attended the cocktail party were Mr. and Mrs.

ARRIVING AT the party with the count and countess



**Ambassador, Countess Arrive**

Mrs. Alfred E. Gram of Oakhill Drive, Birmingham, (right) escorts the Ambassador of Denmark and Countess Knuth-Winterfeldt to a reception in their honor at the Kingsley Inn Thursday evening.



**Attends Gala Reception**

Arriving at the Kingsley Inn Thursday evening for a reception honoring the Ambassador of Denmark and Countess Knuth-Winterfeldt are Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Winston of Aspen Road, Birmingham.

## 'Music of the Theatre' Chosen As Theme for Local Concert

"AMERICAN MUSIC," with emphasis on "Music of the Theatre" will be the theme of Birmingham Musicals' next regular concert Feb. 9 in the Birmingham Community House at 1:30 P.M. The program is dedicated to "The Parade of American Music" of the national Federation of Music Clubs.

Mrs. Richard O. Ruppel, chairman of the day, has arranged for interpretation and development of the Suburban Chamber Music Society theme through an instrumental ensemble which will perform numbers by contemporary American Composers while singers feature Music of the Theatre. Mrs. William T. Arland, hostess chairman, will be assisted by Olive Wiggins and Mrs. Erik Bergshagen.

THE BIRMINGHAM Musicals String Ensemble will open the program with "String Quartet" by E. George Oting, followed by Samuel Barber's "Sinfonia for Strings." The Ensemble, which was formed

including "Summertime" from Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess," Mrs. Mitchell was graduated from Michigan State University School of Music where she sang in many of the University's productions of light operas, having lead roles in several.

SHE HAS served as church soloist in Lansing and Traverse City. Currently she is a Birmingham resident and music teacher.

Mrs. Worthing Stone who serves as accompanist for Mrs. Mitchell, attended Oberlin College from which she was graduated with a Bachelor of Music Degree. She is a popular piano teacher in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area and has been Junior Counselor and Chairman of Auditions for the Birmingham Musicals.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith will highlight the program with Music of the Theatre in two groups. The first group includes selections from Franz Lehár and Victor Herbert. The closing group is composed of a medley of songs from three Broadway Shows: "Kiss Me Kate," "West Side Story," and "Sound of Music."

THE SMITHS who have been residents of Birmingham for four and a half years were formerly from Brantford, Ontario, where they met and married. Both sang with the Cokhutt Male Choir of Brantford; Helen as soprano soloist and Bob as a member of the choir and tenor soloist. Helen, a native of Brantford, Ontario, Canada, had lead roles with the Lyric Opera Guild of Brantford and was well known in concert circles of Ontario before coming to Birmingham with her husband.

Bob was born in Frankfurt, Ind. While earning an Agricultural Engineering Degree from Purdue University, he became a member of the University Choir and Orchestra. He has been a church soloist at First Presbyterian Church, Royal Oak.

THIS POPULAR couple presented a program at the Dome during the 1959 Birmingham Arts Festival, and have appeared in recitals at the Birmingham Community House.

Mrs. John H. Schmidt, accompanist for the Smiths, received her Bachelor of Music Education Degree from Central College, Fayette, Missouri, where she majored in piano with a voice minor. Before coming to this community she was Supervisor of Music in Augusta, Georgia. At present she is teaching piano privately in and around Birmingham.

MRS. CLIFFORD Nelson, tea chairman, has asked Mrs. William L. Kemp and Mrs. Charles Shan to pour at the traditional tea served immediately following the program. Tea Hostesses assisting include: Mesdames Elmer C. Rosenberg, Elmer H. Beers, Joan S. Riccardi, Harold G. Warner, Ward MacKenzie, Kenneth E. Bond, Lester E. Olmstead and Andre d'Yveve.

## Troth Reveals June Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Crawford of Greenville, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nelda Jean, to Richard E. Daeschner, son of Mrs. William J. Daeschner of Nowata Drive, Birmingham, and the late Mr. Daeschner.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University. He was affiliated with Psi Upsilon fraternity.

A June wedding is being planned.



**Mrs. Romney Gets Opera Post**

At a recent luncheon at the Detroit Club, Mrs. Henry Ford II, (left) general chairman of Detroit's 1961 Metropolitan Opera Season, announced appointments: Michigan State University School of Music where she sang in many of the University's productions of light operas, having lead roles in several.

with Mrs. Leah and Mrs. Romney is Frank W. Donovan, president of the Detroit Grand Opera Association. The Detroit season, which opens at the Masonic Temple on May 22 and runs through May 27, has been expanded from five operas to seven this year.



## Reception To Fete President



SKIDMORE Alums checking the reservation list for a reception and dinner scheduled Wednesday evening at the Women's City Club are Mrs. Harry Hoyt of N. Glenhurst, Skidmore, Birmingham (in front), and Mrs. Francis C. McMath of Broadway Boulevard, Val H. Wilson, president of Skidmore, and his wife will be honored at the Club. Local residents attending include the George W. McCormicks, Jr., Harry O. Hoyt, Jr., Francis McMath, John Alberts, Robert Green, Vincent Hughes, John Suttons, Hunt Webbers, Jr., and the Granville Ryans. Proceeds will go to the Skidmore Development fund.



## Kappa Alpha Theta Alums Observe Founders' Day

Members of the Birmingham Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Club observed their 91st Founders' Day with a luncheon at the Fox & Boudin last week. The sorority was founded at Indiana Asbury College, now DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., on Jan. 27, 1870.

Mrs. Richard Miner and Mrs. Robert Goodyear were in charge of arrangements and reservations. The Toastmistress, Mrs. Miner, conducted the Founders' Day ceremony.

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## Suburban Scene

By Shirley Adams  
Society Editor

### Verbal Orchids to Mrs. Ball

Now I know where Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Lund and their two daughters lived in Birmingham. While attending the inaugural festivities, I ran into the Lunds, now of Washington. I asked them where they lived in Birmingham and for the life of them they couldn't remember. Sending out a plea to the readers, Mrs. Jonathan Ball of Shirley Drive, came to my rescue. Case Solved... the Lunds lived on Linden Street.

### A Fuzzy Story

In the past few weeks, I have read many articles on minks (not the animal but the wrap). So here goes another 'fuzzy' story... Did you ever wonder if your eyes were playing tricks on you? I have! I was in an elevator one evening in Washington, when the aroma of a pizza started to drift through my nostrils. I turned around and there stood a woman in a full length mink coat, a long gown and a pizza. After taking a second look, I realized it wasn't an evening gown... it was a long flannel nightgown. I've been told that no matter what a woman has on, she always feels dressed up with a mink. I came to a conclusion that either this woman didn't have another coat with her or discovered that her insurance on the coat had just lapsed.

### Twin-Bill Discovers New Talent

Birmingham acting and directing "discoveries" enthused a capacity house Saturday evening at the Chestnut Street Playhouse of Village Players. Selected scenes from "The Women" and "The Importance of Being Earnest" were presented for members and their guests.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" topped the twin-bill with outstanding acting performances by Florence Neal, George Ryder, Howard Beer, Kay Fox, Carolyn Peterson, Carol Lockwood and Robert Davis. Skillfully directed by Richard Bagg, Oscar Wilde's witty period-piece was done with full comic effect.

"THE WOMEN" by Clare Boothe Luce, well-directed by Bette Matousek, had the same fresh quality it enjoyed years ago when first presented in Birmingham by Village Players under the direction of Dan Coffin. Its abbreviated form left something to be desired, but the acting was spirited and praiseworthy as done by the cast: JoAnne Nette, Paulette Slavden, Ann Walters, JoAnn Schmidt, Bea Kingsbury, Thelma Corregan, Mary Schaffer, Mary Ellen Hill, Hildegarde Rahl, Birdie Harrington, Judy Evans, Gay Trauernicht, Norrie Scott and Sherry Bigelow.

## Board Members On Panel

"Area Library Service: Is There An Answer?" will be discussed by members of the Baldwin Public Library Board before Birmingham Branch of AAUW at their monthly luncheon Wednesday in the Birmingham Community House.

Jack and Lloyd (left) head of the Baldwin library staff, the following will be on the panel (from left) Daniel Nesbitt, Mrs. F. Chalmers Smith and James E. Tobin.

Midvale School PTA will meet Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. Following a brief meeting, the program will be turned over to the Foreign and American students who will discuss a student exchange program.

UCS Members Plan Luncheon

Twenty-six years of continuous community work by the Women's Committee of United Community Services will be observed at its annual luncheon on Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at Masonic Temple's Crystal Ballroom.

Residents of the Birmingham area who have had key roles in the planning of this widely-attended are Mrs. Martin L. Butzel of Lone Pine Road and General Committee chairman Mrs. Don W. Hunter of Franklin.

MUSIC will be provided by the Junior League Chorus of Birmingham under the chairmanship of Mrs. Alfred C. Moore with Mrs. Robert F. Killen as director and Mrs. Henry E. McDonnell as accompanist.

Highlights of the luncheon program will be an entertaining original presentation, "The US Engine That Could," depicting the year-round activities of the volunteer group which has been regarded as unique in the nation for its long and outstanding record of community achievements.

Sliding and Gliding

Bloomfield Hills Alums of Pi Beta Phi are having a husband and wife skating party 8:00 p.m. Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Quakenbush, 4770 Burley Drive, Birmingham. Proceeds will go to the Neuphros Clinic at Children's hospital. Assisting the hostess will be Mrs. Robert Harvey, Mrs. Dayton Livingston and Mrs. Richard Post.

Mothers' Club Slates Gala Event at U of D

"Under the Big Top" will be the theme of the University of Detroit High School's "Gala Night," the most festive occasion of the year. Her event on Feb. 11 is under the sponsorship of the Mothers' Club. Proceeds will be used to modernize the faculty lounge and study area for religious and lay instructors.

The High School will feature icrus murals, barkers, cashier's eye, clown, side shows, merry-go-round and canopy.

General chairman for the evening is Mrs. James P. Tomlinson of Herring Bush Drive with Mrs. John Wentworth of Concord Drive as co-chairman.

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