

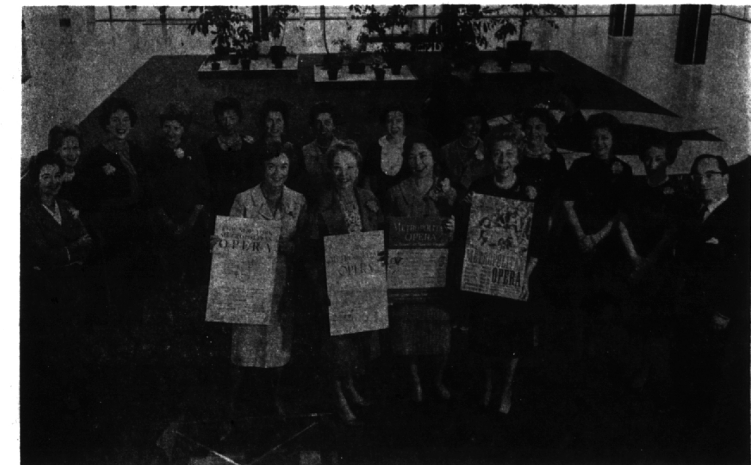
The environment of struggle, of being a captive of others, or even of some personal affliction or problem — it is from such shackles that human beings often find themselves closer to faith in a Divinity. When physically a "prisoner" for whatever cause or reason, men and women may "find themselves" via faith and then understanding... "whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth."

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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## All at Work for Evening Musicales

These Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills residents are responsible for planning an evening musicale at the Reynolds Metals Building on April 27. First row (from left) are Mrs. George W. Romney, who with Mrs. Henry Ford II is co-chairman of the '61 Metropolitan Opera Season in Detroit; Mrs. John S. French, co-chairman of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills Women's Committee for the Metro; Mrs. Robert L. Graham, co-chairman of the committee planning the evening musicale and Mrs. Theodore Yntema,

general chairman of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills Opera Committee. Second row (from left) are members of the committee, Mrs. Carl Sundberg, Mrs. Eero Saarinen, Mrs. Clark Matthews, Mrs. Robert H. Taylor, Mrs. LeRoy Dahlberg, Mrs. John S. Kerr, Mrs. Gilbert Richards, Mrs. John Blomquist, Mrs. Edward Lerchen, Mrs. Henry Whiting, Mrs. George Trumbull Jr., Mrs. William Siebert and Karl Haas, WJR director of fine arts who will preside at the musicale.

## Joan Cummings Weds John L. Owen III

First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham was the scene Saturday afternoon for the marriage of Joan Prior Cummings to John Lewis Owen III. Dr. W. Glen Harris performed the 2:30 o'clock ceremony.

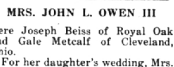
Parents of the newweds are Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Prior Cummings of Stratford Lane, Bloomfield Hills, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Owen Jr. of Wooster, Ohio.

**THE BRIDE** was gowned in light ivory bean de soie designed with a high neckline, elbow length sleeves and the floor length skirt fell into a chapel train. A Mary Queen of Scot cap of pearl de soie secured her two tier veil of ivory silk illusion. She carried a cascade of white cabbage roses and ivy.

Mrs. Joseph Betts was her sister's matron of honor and bridesmaids were Mrs. Robert Lencki of Bloomfield Hills and Nancy Diane McKenzie of Birmingham.

**THEY APPEARED** in wood violet blue taffeta gowns and matching accessories. They carried violets and French heather.

The bridegroom's father stood as best man and seating the guests



**MRS. JOHN L. OWEN III** were Joseph Betts of Royal Oak and Gale Metcalf of Cleveland, Ohio.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Cummings chose a shocking pink silk linen suit with matching accessories. Mrs. Owen selected a seafoam green Italian silk suit with a yellow pill box hat and matching accessories.

**FOLLOWING** the ceremony, guests were greeted at Oakland Hills Country Club for a reception.

The bride chose a blue ensemble for her wedding trip to Boca Raton, Fla. The young couple will live in Cleveland.

**Members** of the Women's Association for Vanguard Playhouse responded enthusiastically last week to an invitation to have tea with "Sound of Music" star Florence Henderson.

Among the Birmingham women who attended the function at the Vanguard theatre, Detroit, were Mrs. Richard Oglesby, Mrs. Edward E. Wilson, Mrs. C. E. Wilton, Jr., Mrs. William Leckie, Mrs. Marshall Potter, Mrs. Maynard Andree, Mrs. Frank Egan and Mrs. Gordon Getzinger.

**"YOU HAVE NO** idea how very fortunate you are here in Detroit to have a professional theater like Vanguard, where local talent can gain the kind of experience they need," Miss Henderson told an admiring audience of about 100 women.

She contrasted the excellent facilities and training at Vanguard with her own scant opportunities for training in the tiny town of Rockport, Ind.

Following "Under the Gaslight," now playing at Vanguard, the comedy "Here Today" by George Oppenheimer, will open on April 12.

**Bride-Elect Feted**

Sara Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dunn of Arlington Drive, Birmingham, was honored Saturday at a miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. Donald Muir. The shower was given at the home of Mrs. Muir's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Puls of Linden Road, Birmingham. The bride-elect will marry Philip Berry on April 22.

## Dixie Chapter Names Officers

The March meeting of Dixie Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was held at the home of Mrs. Ralph L. Slaten of S. Glenhurst Road, Birmingham.

Officers elected were Mrs. Slaten, president; Mrs. Carl Lund, first vice president; Mrs. Fredrick Sawyer, second vice president; Mrs. Kenneth Kilbury, third vice president and treasurer; and Farno Green, recording secretary.

Following the business meeting, slides were shown at the UDC Memorial building at Richmond, Va.



**MARY ELEANOR POWER**

## Bloomfield Hills Pair Will Wed

The engagement of Mary Eleanor Power to Peter Joseph Monaghan III was announced at a family dinner given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius F. Power of Dunston Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Mr. Monaghan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Monaghan Jr. of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. The bride-elect is a graduate of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Marymount Junior College, and the University of Detroit.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Cranwell Preparatory School, Lenox, Mass., and attended Georgetown University and the University of Detroit.

A June 24 wedding is planned.

## Suburban Scene

By Shirley Adams  
Society Editor

## Getting to Know You

The Lanes of Birmingham have been writing to the Lanes of Birmingham. Confused? It's all because a newspaperman from England visited Birmingham, Mich. Since Birmingham, England's curious newsman stopped in to see our town of the same name, the Albert M. Lanes of Saxton Court, Beverly Hills, and the Harold A. Lanes of Windemere Road, Birmingham, have learned that if they lived in Birmingham, England, they might have trouble getting around.

Their counterparts, the John Lanes of United Kingdom, don't own an automobile because "the roads get more impassable every week." The English Lanes claim the bad roads force them to spend a full hour driving the five miles from their offices in the city to their suburban home.

**BUT THE BRITISH** Lanes say the government will have better roads completed in two or three years. They tell of some advantages to offset bad roads. The Lanes rent their British three-bedroom house for less than \$6 per week.

They describe their "lovely long garden" where their Corgi dog has plenty of room to run. They say they "adore our wonderful city of London" 112 miles away and pay it a one-week visit every year.

**WHILE THE MICHIGAN** Mr. Albert Lane is a research engineer with Vickers, Inc., the head of the British Lane family is a dispatch sales manager for a silverplating firm. His wife works for a large manufacturer of plating equipment. She wants to hear more about Mrs. Albert Lane's part-time job. A Physio-therapist, Mrs. Lane works one day a week for the Detroit Society for Crippled Children.

The International Lane correspondence began after people in Birmingham, England, read their newspaper's account of their city's Michigan namesake. Many wrote her, saying they would like to hear from residents of our town to learn more about our life. Now, though it's only on paper, getting to know each other has been enjoyed by the Lane families.

As Norah Lane wrote from England, "We have been so happy to know you and your family. They sound wonderful. Best wishes and write soon."

## Time to Be Jolly

DAC's Beavers have plans completed for their April 15 formal dinner-dance, the party which annually honors the members' ladies. The motif of the fete's decor will be "April Showers", and the showers will be simulated by playing fountains. Sound effects, a picket-fence surrounding the swimming pool in the natatorium where the party is to start, and other props appropriate to the spring theme.

Birmingham Andrew G. Brodie and Herbert W. Hart are co-chairmen of the festivity. On their assisting committee are Loyd H. Diehl Jr., William Gass, Charles Brethun Jr., and Bill Brink. Beavers president William A. Prew and his wife, the Jervis C. Webbs and DAC president Raymond T. Perring and his wife, all of the Bloomfield area, plan to attend the colorful and jolly function.

## What's Cooking?

The work of a Volunteer is great! The ever-present little boy" was keeping the V.I. (visitors information) at the third floor desk entertained with his line of chatter when a nurse went by with an incubator on her way to the nursery from the second floor delivery room. As she passed, the little boy said to the Volunteer, "What did she have in the roaster?"

## Filling A Festival Dome

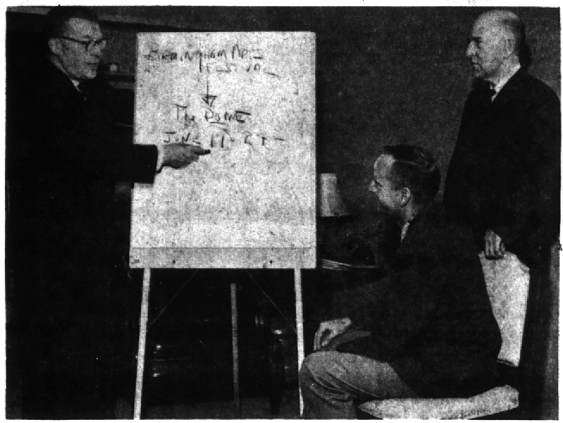
A committee of men with a reputation for understanding public likes and dislikes and the complexities of producing stage shows got together Sunday.

The occasion was an invitation for cocktails issued by Birmingham Arts Festival Chairman Robert R. Owen and Mrs. Owen, of Fairfax, Birmingham. The business mixed with pleasure was the scheduling of activities in the Birmingham Arts Festival's geodesic dome, June 17 to 24.

**DEAN COFFIN**, chairman of dome activities, led the session. Others mulling over the dramatic, dance, musical and other events to be held in the big show dome included Francis T. Loud and L. James Schneider, co-chairmen of stage management.

Robert L. Garrison will direct programming of events, assisted by Colin H. John, W. P. Holzworth is in charge of the house and ushers and Dr. Richard R. Galpin will direct the two nights of jazz festival events, assisted by Bob Maxwell. David Usher is jazz festival producer.

**MRS. FREDERICK G. Bahr** will coordinate publicity activities for the dome committee.



## Getting on with the Show

A super-sized scratch pad on an easel helped Dean Coffin think out loud Sunday as he outlined the problem of scheduling entertaining and artistic events in the Birmingham Arts Festival's geodesic dome.

Watching Coffin are (from left) Robert R. Owen, Birmingham Arts Festival chairman, and Dr. Richard R. Galpin, chairman of the two-night jazz festival in the dome.

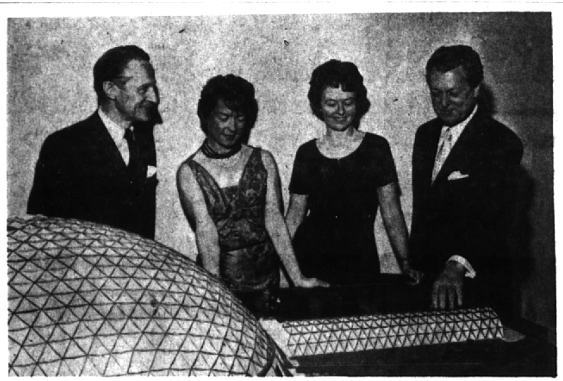
## Students Honored

A group of high school students from other lands were guests at tea Saturday in the Bloomfield Hills home of Mrs. George W. Romney. She is honorary chairman of the local AFS program. Chatting with Mrs. Romney are (left) Zarin Randeria of Pakistan and Lauries Pepal of the Philippines. Mrs. James Carmel is general chairman and Mrs. A. O. Thalacker, chairman of the North Oakland District. Also attending the afternoon tea were high school principals, Detroit area Consuls and their wives and families who have opened their homes to the young travelers.



## Model Displayed At Exhibit

Admiring a model of R. Buckminster Fuller's Union Tank Car Company Roundhouse, Baton Rouge, La., at a preview showing of "Form Givers at Mid-Century," at Cranbrook Academy of Art Galleries are (from left) Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Dahlberg of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills and Mrs. Marshall Fredericks of Lake Park Drive, Birmingham.



## Country Barn Ingathering

A "Treasure Auction", sponsored by the Village Women's Club of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills will be held at the E. Smart Sale Farm, Tienken Road, Rochester, on May 6.

The day will start at 10 a.m. with a "Flea Market" sale of small treasures priced for immediate sale. All auction items may be seen and sealed bids will be opened at 1 p.m. The day ends at 5 p.m. Junior club members will provide snacks and refreshments throughout the day.

**ALL PROCEEDS** from this auction will go to the Philanthropic and Building Funds of the Village Women's Club. During 1959-60 the club made contributions to the Birmingham Community House, Baldwin Library, Camp Oakland, Foundation for the Emotionally Disturbed at Pontiac State Hospital, Scholarship Trust Fund established at MSOU and the Child Guidance Clinic.

Mrs. Robert Watt, chairman of the fund-raising means committee, has appointed Mrs. Niel C. Talmage chairman of the auction. Her co-chairmen are Mrs. Reed



Committee members working on the Village Woman's Club's Treasure Auction Ingathering scheduled for April 12 at the Hartmans' Barn on Lahser Road are (from left) Mrs. Reed Dewey of Franklin Road, Mrs. Harry L. Winston Jr. of Lakeside, Mrs. Frank Macartney of Burnley Drive and Mrs. William Hartman.