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# The Birmingham Eccentric

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SECTION F

## Birmingham - Bloomfield Hills Society Notes

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"What'll it be? 'En bel di' or 'Ten cents a dance'?"  
When Eileen Farrell comes to our town in the June 4 prelude to the Birmingham arts festival we can have our choice. The fabulous Farrell, dramatic soprano who won world acclaim for her roles at the Metropolitan can also belt out the blues and could be raised as one of our best jazz singers if she so desired. How many can boast of singing not only with Pablo Casals but also with Louis Armstrong? Leonard Bernstein and the late Arturo Toscanini rated her as number one and even Maria Callas, who is not noted for her graciousness toward rivals, complimented her! (That must have been before Maria took up yachting as her avocation).

Miss Farrell, married to a retired New York policeman and the mother of two children, didn't launch her singing career until she was 20, although as a child she was included in her parents' vaudeville act as one of the singing O'Farrells. Her debut at the Met. occurred only recently but she has been a featured performer for a decade in other areas of show business.

The chairman of the concert committee is Max Frenkel and his assistants are Mrs. Edward Lercher, Mrs. Walter Skinner, Mrs. Minoru Yamasaki and Dean Coffin. Proceeds for the June 4 evening which will be at the Birmingham theater will benefit scholarship and gift fund of the music guild and the building fund of the Bloomfield art association.

It's an evening we won't want to miss. Birminghamites can be proud of this opportunity to hear Miss Eileen Farrell in concert right IN OUR OWN BACK YARD.

### Oats by the Moat

The castle-like home of Mrs. Alfred Wilson was the setting for a fairy princess type party last week benefiting MSU Oakland. Formally attired guests cocktail, dined at tables for four on filet mignon, things amandine and French pastries and then danced the rest of the night away (hardly anyone turned into a pumpkin at midnight).

Charming Mrs. Wilson stayed for the entire evening and made it a gracious point to chat with all the guests. Mrs. W. T. Goetz and Mrs. R. J. Williams were co-chairman of the evening and among the many guests were the Denton Andersons, the Delbert Richards (her yellow chiffon, diagonally pleated gown with bustle back was the sensation of the evening), the Warren Booths, the Robert Bates, the Donald Ahrens, the James Camerons, the Ray Ferrings, the Ray Whytes, the Fred Mathisels, and the Frank Donovans.

### River Stay 'Way

There will be no rain dancing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Schmidt, Jr. from now on. At least not until after the August wedding and garden reception of their daughter, Julie, who will marry Donald Nummer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nummer then. A round of showers has already begun. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Webster and Mr. and Mrs. William Keefe were co-hosts at the Webster's on Furlan at a cocktail and buffet supper with a round the clock shower theme. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mayo, Mr. and

Mrs. Richard Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. William Cutting and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Barnes.

### Sweet Sixteen

Diane Gornick was the birthday girl recently when 16 of her young friends came for a sit down dinner and dance at her home on Lone Pine road. One of the high spots of the evening was the entertainment provided by the "Thunder-tones" a teen age trio of Detroit musicians who are currently the rage among the younger set.

### Dolls with Guys

St. Dunstan's spring party this Saturday night will also serve as an appetizer for their June production in the Greek theater "Guys and Dolls". Musical skills from the show will be the highlight of the evening, and the pavilion will be transformed into the "Hot Box" night club complete with dolls, dolls, dolls. Planning the party are Mrs. Paul Geiger, Mrs. Larry Finn, Mrs. John Dixon and Mrs. David Brennan. Pre party hosts include the Steve Booths and the Hank Hendricks.

### Laissez Lounge?

Oakland Hills country club members saw their hand so a new cocktail lounge at their opening Spring formal last Saturday, and a contest is now underway for a name fitting its elegant decor. Members who served on the launching committee included Mr. and Mrs. Dave Aubrey, Mr. and Mrs. George Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Breesh, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goodale, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Halo, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Carolins.

MARY LOU PILSON

### Parents Announce Daughter's Troth

Mr. and Mrs. T. Alfred Pilson of Arlington, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Lou to Eastern Clinton Bernard Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Johnson of Bloomfield.

The bride-elect graduated from Ashbury College and Clinton graduated from United States Naval Academy and is now stationed at Pensacola, Fla.

A June 17 wedding is planned.

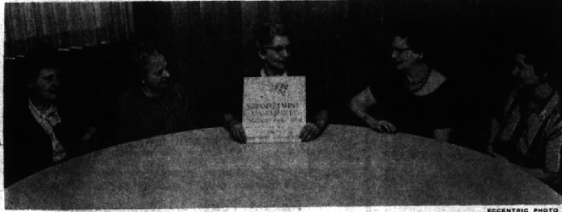
### Group Entertained

Mrs. Harvey Sanderson entertained the Society of Engineers' Wives with a series of humorous monologues Wednesday at Ruckham Memorial Building. Birmingham residents in office include Mrs. Alfred Grann, first vice president; Mrs. William Kreis, recording secretary and Mrs. Richard Nordrum, corresponding secretary.

### Speaker Gives Report on Laos

The Birmingham chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom held its monthly meeting Monday at the home of Mrs. Angus McLay, 715 Wimbeldon Drive.

Mrs. Richard Galpin gave a report on Laos. Including interesting back-ground material, as well as information on the current situation there. On Wednesday night, members of the local group attended a meeting of the county organization at which the national president of the W. I. L. F., Dr. Orile Fell, of New York, addressed them.



## Soroptimist Club Plans Party

Committee members working on Soroptimist Club of Birmingham's annual spring card party at 8 this evening at the Birmingham Community House include (from left) Nan Degen, co-chairman; Mary Dewey,

chairman; Marian Schmidt, chairman of tickets; Dorothy Dunbar and Trudy Wenzl. Proceeds will go to the Menscola Nursing Home and the Oakland County Health Services.

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