

## Maize and the Blue Holds Rally at Kingsley



MRS. HARRY ACKLES AND WILLIAM H. BURLINGAME



MRS. RUSSELL STRICKLAND (LEFT), MRS. FRED GOULD



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MR. AND MRS. QUENTIN B. SICKELS



MR. AND MRS. TOM MAENTZ

### Will Bachelors' Ball Herald Deb Season?

Be it good or bad, Birmingham has never embraced a debutante season, perhaps because its residents have long cherished a social pattern, proudly aimed at informality and individuality.

Recently, however, a change of pace has slowly been evolving, helped along its tentative way by Janet Kerr's Cotillon and, for young fry, The Assembly dances at the Community House.

If these bode acceptance of white glow-black tie amenities, then perhaps "a season" can't be very far behind.

IN THE MEANTIME, one more indicative step in the tradition of Baltimore, Philadelphia and Westchester, has been taken by a group of representative parents who are sponsoring, come Dec. 22, the Bachelors' Christmas Ball at Orchard Lake Country Club.

Festivities will consist of a dinner dance, restricted to ladies and gentlemen who are college students, to be followed by breakfasts in individual homes.

"An earnest effort is being made," according to the patrons, "to fill a long-felt need for the area in which we live to give our college students an annual occasion of some elegance when they may renew old acquaintanceships and make new."

DATING IS OUT for this largest party of the season, for each girl will have an assigned escort (black tie or dark suit, incidentally) to tote her to and from, plus a six to four ratio (accent on

esquire) at the individual dinner tables. She might not see her "chauffeur" again until curfew, but she won't lack for attention in the meantime.

It is hoped that these parties will become annual and that eventually, if there are proceeds, a scholarship fund will be established.

Patronesses for the event (from which list members of the receiving line will be chosen) include Mrs. Maynard Andreae, Mrs. Martin Archangeli, Mrs. David Burnett, Mrs. Walter Carey, Mrs. James Carmel, Mrs. Dean Coffin, Mrs. Hanley Dawson, Mrs. William Downey, Mrs. Robert Fisher, Mrs. Maurice Garabrant, Mrs. Reuel Howe, Mrs. Bethel B. Kelley, Mrs. John Kerr and Mrs. Semon Knudsen.

OTHERS ARE Mrs. David Lee, Mrs. Edward Lerchen, Mrs. John Livingstone, Mrs. E. Curtis Matthews, Mrs. Comerford McLoughlin, Mrs. Gertrude O'Trady, Mrs. Arthur Otis, Jr., Mrs. Joseph Page, Jr., Mrs. Robert Reid, Mrs. Parbury Schmidt and Mrs. George Squibb.

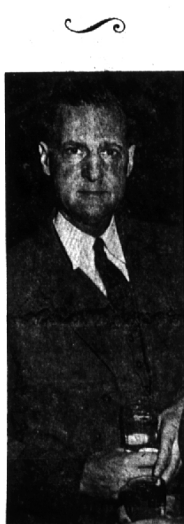
Still others include Mrs. Russell Strickland, Mrs. Robert Vanderkloot, Mrs. Ogden Vogt, Mrs. Norman Weston, Mrs. Howard Willett, Mrs. Jamison Williams, Mrs. James Wright and Mrs. Theodore O. Yntema.

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It isn't only collegians who turn out for a pep meeting. Local area University of Michigan alums turned their hands to such a rally last week and the response was 200 strong. Loyal Michiganders met at Kingsley Inn for dinner and re-unioning, stars of the evening being Coach and Mrs. "Bumpy" Elliott (above) who came in from their home in Ann Arbor for the occasion. Among former Michigan football greats

attending the party, accompanied by their wives, were Tom Maentz, Bruce Hilken, Tom Kuzma and Quent Sickels. Following dessert and a last rousing rendition of "Varsity" Mr. and Mrs. Russell Strickland of Country Club Drive invited the Elliotts and committee members to their house for a re-cap and to start formulating plans for a similar affair next year. It is hoped a tradition has been started.



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### Suburban Scene

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#### Antidote for Holiday Blues

If shopping lists are incomplete, the children home with "that current bug", cards still boxed and unaddressed and the whole darned image slowly dimming, we suggest you take a walk—a "Christmas Walk", that is, bound to regenerate flagging spirits and spark imaginations.

This annual, fund-raising project sponsored by Birmingham and Grosse Pointe branches of the Junior Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony will take place, here, Dec. 14 from 1 to 5 p.m. and consists of a tour through six local area homes outstandingly decorated for the holidays.

Mrs. Charles T. Grissom of Westwood Drive and Mrs. Andrew Park of Sussex Road are local chairmen of the festive event and tickets are available through them. Bloomfield houses to be open are those of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Wilson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William H. Breech, the Charles P. Noopans, the Roy Fruehaufs, Mr. and Mrs. Manton M. Cummins and the Elwood P. Engels.

#### Capsule Preview

A giant tree with 1000 hand blown glass balls and a huge Christmas wreath with a special base only recently received from Europe are but two of the unusual features of the decor for the Noonan home, 86 Lone Pine Road, where Mrs. James P. Martin will be hostess.

Tea will be served in the white and gray Georgian manor home of the William Breeches, 1585 Lone Pine. Guests will be greeted inside the door by sparkling green and gold boughs lit by hundreds of tiny bulbs entwining the circular stairway. Hostess will be Mrs. Charles W. Bergeson.

Organ music appropriate for the season will float throughout the impressive Tudor home of the Engels, 52503 Franklin Road, during the "Christmas Walk". An 18-foot tree, decorated in traditional manner, will grace the lovely beamed living room, and as a special highlight, the Engels' house-guest from Sweden, Goret Hedberg, will tell of Christmas customs and manner of St. Lucia. Hostess will be Mrs. Edward J. Dore, Jr.

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