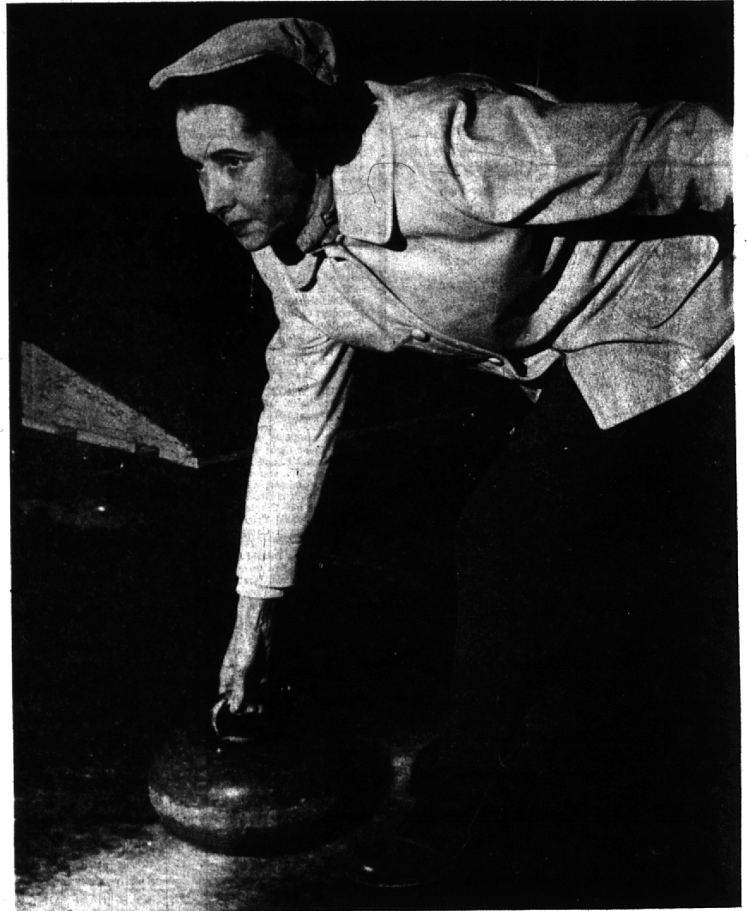


Time-Honored Sport a New Story for Localites



BROOM STACKERS: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Richard of Beverly Hills



IN THE HACK: Mrs. Robert C. Mair of Lathrup Village ready to deliver a rock

Suburban Scene Invited to an International Bonspiel

By MARY ELLEN MEAD

Adventure on Ice

A zest for clean, cold fun, a strong right arm, an ability to sweep clean (right up any gal's alley!) and a capacity for enjoying stiff, competitive sport are pre-requisites to an adventure on ice being subscribed to, recently, by a number of Birmingham area people.

Sithering over pebbled ice (uninitiated, un-prepared!) with photographer Bill Thom last week, we found the Detroit Curling Club almost as productive of familiar faces as a walk down Maple.

Sitting in the lap of Wayne State University, as it does, and about to be encroached upon by that growing institution, rumor is abroad that this venerable, Scottish landmark will presently have a new address (it's been at the same old stand since 1850), and there are those plugging for re-location here in Birmingham.

Saturday's bonspiel was a one-day international quickie—usually the matches are a matter of several days—but in an effort to make the season's mixed opener a rousing success, Chairmen Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson of Birmingham took a chance, resulting in but one disappointment: attendance-wise: Bad flying weather prevented three rinks from getting off the ground at Cleveland, but

others arrived from as far away as Vancouver, British Columbia.

Sartorial Splendor

It is only within the last 10 years that ladies have been permitted to curl, but once that masculine ultimatum was lifted, it took no longer than acquisition of a proper outfit (an outlay of about \$150, girls, but it's lush stuff!) to get the feminine contingent out on the ice.

Normal dress includes heavy sweaters, usually done in vibrant hues and handsome design, stretch pants, equally colorful and guaranteed flattering, curling boots, which are like modified stadium boots, and bonnets, either Glengarry or Balmoral.

So if you like to bowl—with a 52-pound granite rock instead of a ball, and on ice instead of down an alley—and you know how to score shuffle board (same difference in curling), then here's a sport worth checking.

Stamp of Approval

Recommending it from this area are Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Raich, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mair, Mr. and Mrs. Bill M. MacLachan, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Les W. Wilder, the Donald E. Richards, the Jack Allinghams, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Bollman, the Marvin J. Brokaws, the J. Nelson Browns, the Les W. Childs, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Gregory and

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Gates. Others include Mr. and Mrs. William Isherwood, Duncan McElivray, Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Muth, Mr. and Mrs. Max Ross, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Shales and the James F. Simpsons.

Party Planning

Giving a party when its success is guaranteed is a pleasure, and one of the most successful parties of any year (claim those involved) is the tea which students at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills, plan annually for their mothers.

For this year's repeat performance on Saturday, invitations lovingly (and often laboriously) written suggest that each mother contribute a white elephant to the party, which treasures in turn will be offered for sale as Christmas gifts the day of the party.

Among those on the committee who will assist Mrs. S. Gerard Conklin, chairman, are Mrs. Joseph J. Churches, Mrs. Archibald R. Stevenson, Mrs. Robert L. Angove, Mrs. Warner J. Canto, Mrs. Carl W. Sundberg, Mrs. Bernard C. Doetsch, Mrs. Richard D. Cleary and Mrs. William F. Anhut.

Girls in the senior class have asked their mothers to pour, but not to be left out are the young gentlemen among members of the kindergarten class and nursery school. They will give an added masculine touch by supervising the whole affair!

Over the Teacups

Mrs. Arthur V. Padou is continuing her "Round-the-World-at-Christmas" display this year in her home at 1020 Pleasant St. This is Mrs. P's

annual gift to the children of our town (she's been doing it for 40 years!) and consists of an exhibition of lovelies she and her husband have collected on world-wide travels

—30 countries are represented . . . putting (a name to reckon with!), stage manager for "Oliver!" and tutor for the 17 children in the cast took a busman's holiday a few days back and spent his day off with the five Norberry youngsters: Margaret, Jeffrey, Mark, Jill and Valerie.

The children's parents, long-time friends of Mr. Petting who's a Michigander, are Mr. and Mrs. Ross Norberry of Lathrup Village.

Currently the Norberys are looking forward to the arrival of his mother, Mrs. Clyde Norberry of San Anselmo, Calif., who will be here over the holidays . . .

Add Small Talk

When listing the names of her grandchildren who visited her recently from their home in Syracuse, N. Y., Mrs. Dorothy Leakey seriously added, "and of course there was 'Mitzy'."

This would be the family cat, whom Brian, Debra and Charlene were determined to bring along on the 500-mile jaunt. Tunefully accompanied as they were by constant meowing (cats were ever allergic to automobiles!), from one Howard Johnson's to the next, the youngsters' parents, George and Lois Cotman, claim, "never again".

Proven Recipe

According to Birmingham Village Players—
"Take one part music to

one part madness, add a whopping portion of nostalgia and you have an unbeatable recipe for the group's annual Christmas party Saturday at 9 p.m., at the Playhouse.

"This members only event will include a presentation of an original melodrama written and directed by Al Riebling, a repeat performance of "The Fatal Forgery" which was produced for the Player's 1951 Christmas party.

"With delightful abandon, cast members will weep, wall, sneer and cheer their way through an assortment of typical melodrama parts whose names are almost as funny as their lines. (Minnie Minceast, Lavender Lacebosom, Donald Daredanger—for examples.)

Play Bill

"Billed in "The Fatal Forgery" are Mrs. John K. Kleene, Dr. Elson Pool, Dr. Dale Drew, Mrs. Carleton Scott, Morris C. Purdy, Mrs. Robert Tucker, Donald Morris and Judy Evans.

"Repeat performers from the 1951 cast are, George Fox and the most villainous villain, Carleton Scott. Mrs. Nelson Kimball is the assistant director.

"True to good, old nineteenth century melodrama tradition, olio (musical entertainment between scene changes) will be provided by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Mitchell, Frances Matousek, Dike Dwell, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Banes and Mrs. Arthur

D. Hill. They will be accompanied by Bruce Booth at a very rinky-tink piano!

"Hoping not to be outdone by the preceding melodramatic bill of fare, the "After Glow" committee, Richard Netze, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Iverson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Perkins, have engaged a small but talented group of locally famous musicians in the persons of Gordon Jeynes, Mark Farrell and Carlton Stewart who will provide dance music for the finale of a Players' Christmas party not soon to be forgotten.

Old School Tie

Paging all Kingswood-Cranbrook alumni!

It's that time of year again, ladies and gentlemen, when your combined schools hold forth at cocktails, dinner and dancing.

This year's party will take place Friday, Dec. 21, at Plum Hollow Golf Club, with Mrs. Paul K. Geiger and David F. Breck at the helm. Assisting committee members include the Rev. John H. Albrecht, Frank Rowland, Mrs. Robert H. Gillow, Mrs. Thomas G. Kelly and Mrs. Bruce Craig.

Sherwin Birnkrant, president of the Cranbrook alumni board, has invited fellow members to his house preceding the trek down Lahser to the club. Proceeds from the party, incidentally, traditionally help swell scholarship funds.



IN TROPHY ROOM: Jim Nelson (from left), Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Robert Raich and house guest Ted Dunal of Vancouver, B. C., and Mr. Raich.