

## 'Visions of Sugar Plums' ... BAC Version



In the manner of all excited young ladies, two-year-old Beth Buell closed her eyes and squealed when Santa plunged her on his lap last week at the Birmingham Athletic Club. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Webster Buell of Birmingham, Beth was among a group of youngsters attending one in a



BAUBLES AND BANGLES INTRIGUED THREE-YEAR-OLD DAVE FINLAY

### Suburban Scene

by Mary Ellen Mead, Society Editor

#### Bachelor's Party Snow Balls

If there happened to be the slightest doubt in anyone's mind as to how the Bachelor's Ball would be received (innovations sometimes falter, young fry frequently rebel!), let us be the first to report that the party has snow balled 250-strong, with reservations closed simply for lack of space.

Geared exclusively for vacationing college students, festivities will get underway at Orchard Lake Country Club Saturday night at 7:30. Dress will be formal, format for fun to include dinner and dancing.

Invited to be Stag Masters (their glowing letters of acceptance enough to warm the cockles of any committee's heart) were Michael Weston, Birmingham, University of Michigan; William Burnett, Birmingham, Williams; Edwin Mulock, Bloomfield Hills, University of Michigan, and Rick Williams, Bloomfield Hills, Princeton.

#### Will Keep Things Lively

Whips, who also responded with alacrity and will act under the Masters as hosts and ushers, include Andy Billedon, Lathrup Village, University of North Carolina; Spalding Clark, Birmingham, Albion; Howard Coffin, Birmingham, MSU; his twin brother, Tristram, Brown University; Jeffrey Fisher, Birmingham, Princeton, and Peter Knudsen, Bingham Farms, Michigan Tech.

Others are William Lerchen, Birmingham, Kenyon; Thomas Lee, Bloomfield Hills, Denison; Joseph Page, Birmingham, Princeton; George Squibb, Bloomfield Hills, Yale; Kent Strickland, Bloomfield Hills, University of Michigan, and Tod Williams, Birmingham, Princeton.

The Bachelor's committee asked the following ladies to be in the receiving line (after which they and their husbands will retire with other chaperones to the "Owl Room"—club grill downstairs): Mrs. Ogden Vogt, Mrs. Parbury Schmidt, Mrs. James O. Wright, Mrs. Theodore O. Yntema; Mrs. Norman Weston, Mrs. R. Jamison Williams, Mrs. Semon Knudsen and Mrs. Edwin Lerchen.

#### Their Hearts Are Just as Gay!

It isn't only students who eagerly anticipated that "last-class" bell heralding the beginning of vacation. Faculty members have plans, too.

Julius Schmidt, head of Cranbrook Academy of Art sculpture department, is already en route to Sarasota and Miami, Fla. and the Walter Reads (Cranbrook music instructor) are heading for Cape Canaveral to visit Mrs. Read's parents.

Virginia-bound from Cranbrook are Dr. Warren Stoutaire, associate botanist, and Marion E. Goodale, headmistress at Kingswood.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Sharp Burdell (resident consultant

series of three family parties planned around young fry. The evening started early with 5:30 buffet supper and was climaxed when the last child had submitted his Christmas list. Club member Frank Cavan took over as St. Nick.

for the Cranbrook Foundation) are staying home over the holidays, but that's not to say they'll lack for gaiety.

Coming from their home in New York City to be house guests will be their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Webb Keane and their three youngsters, Webb, Jennie and Metheha.

The Burdells will entertain at two cocktail parties, Dec. 22 and Dec. 27, in their home on Barden Road, Bloomfield Hills.

#### A Series of Three

Mrs. Rowland H. Starr of Henrietta St. apparently finds the DAC her home-away-from home, for all three parties she'll host during the holidays will take place at the club.

Her guests for dinner and dancing Saturday will be Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur M. Brucker, the Charles L. Wilsons, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Bard, the Paul Kilborns and Dr. Gordon McAlpine.

On Christmas Day it'll be a family party at the club, including her three sons and daughters-in-law plus their youngsters. This would be the Rowland E. Starrs, with Rollie, Tom and Mary Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Starr with John, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Starr accompanied by Chuckie. Mrs. Larry McFaddin of Detroit will also be a guest.

Number four son, Rob, will spend Christmas in Italy, where he's stationed with the Navy studying electronics.

Dinner, dancing and breakfast is on the agenda for New Year's Eve, and heading downtown with Mrs. Starr for this gala will be Dr. and Mrs. Hubert John, the Frank Riecks, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smilie and Dr. McAlpine.

#### Bus-Traveling Santas

This is the night Birmingham Kappa Alpha Theta alums, accompanied by their husbands and traveling via chartered (See SUBURBAN SCENE, 5-C)

#### Early Deadlines In Effect For Dec. 27 Issue

So that our employes may enjoy the Christmas holiday, The Birmingham Eccentric offices will close at 3 p.m. Monday and will be closed all day Tuesday.

All deadlines for our Dec. 27 issue have been advanced. Advertisers and news contributors are urged to submit their copy as early as possible.



PATTY LYONS AT THE BUFFET



TRACY GRAY (LEFT) AND LYNN LINDSAY WAITING THEIR TURN



JOHN AND DAN McNULTY (FROM LEFT) CATCH FIRST GLIMPSE OF SANTA