

The Eccentric 'Goes to a Party'



BEN D. MILLS
Plays a swingin' piano



According to a national magazine, "Birmingham is a club town" and certainly, numerically, memberships run high. This isn't to say, however, that numerous local hosts completely ignore the time-honored graciousness of entertaining at home. Among this group are the Ben D. Mills of Bloomfield Hills who recently entertained at a supper party honoring Hollywood's Jane Wyman, here for the Camp Oakland benefit premiere of Walt Disney's "Ten Voyage". Directly above it's Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chambers (ete a tete with the honoree. Below, Mrs. Parbury Schmidt and Robert Dearth find a spot in the Family Room to enjoy supper.



JUDGE ARTHUR MOORE
Adept cup-balancer



**They'll Dance
By Candlelight
At Annual Ball**

Tradition will again be observed the evening of June 7 when the fourth academic class of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills, will be presented to alumnae and friends at the twelfth annual Candlelight Ball.

This year the girls will assemble on the circular staircase of Oakland Hills Country Club with their fathers, before attending the dinner dance being held at the club in their honor.

Members of the graduating class who will be gowned in their loveliest for the occasion—each in all white with opera-length gloves—are Sharon Bedford, Barbara Brown, Patricia Carey, Carol Clements, Kathleen Connors, Mary Margaret Crass, Josephine DeLorenzo, Jacqueline Gatz and Fleurette Lourin.

A Dream Realized

A dream of seven years is becoming a reality Friday, June 1. On this date The Village Woman's Club will dedicate its new clubhouse on East Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

It was early in 1955 that a small group of women who felt the need for a clubhouse in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area met to talk about the possibility. These first enthusiasts, Mrs. W. Sydney Gilbreath Jr., Mrs. Sheldon K. Noble, Mrs. H. Gray Muzzey and the late Mrs. Evangeline Joslyn soon enlisted the support of other women already active in

the community. A year later, in April of 1956, The Village Woman's Club became an actuality, with thirty charter members. By September of that year the membership had grown to 85 members and the desire for a social club had expanded to include program meetings, educational classes for members and the community, philanthropic work and a club bulletin, "The Villager".

THE VILLAGE Woman's Club's first regular program meeting was held June 14, 1956. (See DREAM, 5-C)



They Took a Bow

It was a two-way congratulatory luncheon last week at Birmingham Country Club when in-coming and out-going board members of the Women's Service Committee for Beaumont Hospital met for luncheon and installation of officers. Mrs. George Trumbull (left) of Bloomfield Hills and Mrs. Edward A. Proctor of Wing Lake Road, committee chairman and a former president, respectively, were among local women turning over the reins.



MRS. BEN D. MILLS
Hostess with a flair

Suburban Scene

by MARY ELLEN MEAD
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New York Hosts

Contingent activities continue to revolve around Opera Week in Detroit, not the least of which is that elegant late supper to be given tomorrow night at the DAC following "La Forza Del Destino".

Handsome engraved invitations to the elaborate party went out about three weeks ago, indicating that hosts for the affair would be New Yorkers Huntington Hartford and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibney. The gentlemen are president and publisher, respectively, of "Show", arts magazine whose purpose is to report, comment and honor extraordinary contributions to a growing cultural awareness currently taking place in cities like Detroit.

Members of the Detroit Grand Opera Association (many from this area) will be honor guests. Greeting them will be Mr. Hartford, Bloomfield's Mrs. George W. Romney (general chairman of Opera Week) and Frank W. Donovan, president of DGOA.

Unfortunately, Mrs. John F. Gordon, another Bloomfieldite and co-chairman with Mrs. Romney, is out of town with Mr. Gordon at this point, so it'll have to be second-hand versions of the festivities stored up for her return.

Among those dining at the buffet in the Georgian Room and later dancing in the Pontchartrain Room will be Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Perring, Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Wellock, the Arthur B. Tilgner, Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Averill, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Rothman, Mr. and Mrs. George Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. John S. French and the Leslie C. Altmans.

Add Accent on Music

JUNIOR WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra elected new officers at a closing board meeting last week, with Birmingham again figuring prominently in projects musical.

Mrs. Harry J. Niederlander, 1325 Pilgrim, Birmingham, was elected president for the year ahead, localities on her board including Mrs. Charles W. Bergeson, Mrs. George W. McCallan, Mrs. Robert B. Lowry, Mrs. Edward J. Dore Jr., Mrs. David K. Wirth, Mrs. James F. Martin and Mrs. Henry Whiting Jr.

Mrs. Niederlander announced that late summer will find the Juniors staging an elaborate party to increase membership, further news centering on the Association's sponsorship of the world premiere of the Richard Rodgers-Alan Jay Lerner musical (no name, as yet) to open at the Fisher Theater in the fall. The girls will also sponsor the first Detroit performance of the Broadway hit, "Camelot".

These are a couple of major examples of why, for the past two years, Juniors have been able to present a \$10,000 check to Symphony board chairman John B. Ford, the amount representing the group's contribution as a major sponsor along with prominent Detroit industries.

Items for an Auction

ACQUISITIONS ARE beginning to roll in for the Archives of American Art auction scheduled for Sept. 25 and 26 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, with some of the lovelies earmarked by collectors, as answers to a dream!

One such item is a spinet piano donated by Mrs. C. E. Wilson and built in Beethoven's time. Made of inlaid rosewood, the exquisite instrument has been a conversation piece at the Wilson plantation in Louisiana since the day it was delivered there as a gift from Dr. and Mrs. J. Stanley Leszynski, long-time friends of the family.

With the selling of the plantation, the piano was brought to Bloomfield but, lack of a proper setting caused its inclusion in the auction, where it will go to the highest bidder.

Club Party to Compensate Stay-at-Home Race Fans

Stay-at-home racing fans, not attending the Indianapolis 500 mile event but going to Oakland Hills Country Club on Memorial Day Eve instead, will be spectators at a race spectacular. Entries, for the Club's "500", classic event, are out-cashed for power by the Indianapolis low-slung race cars but, search every speedway, and it would be difficult to find a line-up of chassis more streamlined than those in the floor show.

Committee members Mrs. Richard C. Oglesby, Mrs. N. J. Rakas, Mrs. Garvin Bowden Jr., Mrs. John R. Gray, Mrs. Clarence Hatch Jr. and Mrs. John G. Picou, attired in racy ensembles and piloted by their speedy husbands, will stage an exciting speedway demonstration.

John B. Gray and Mrs. Richard

C. Oglesby, co-chairman for the "500" classic show, report that test-runs have been made—the track is fast and smooth and everything is in order for an evening of thrills.

Dancing on the veranda (weather permitting) to the music of Ralph Bowen is another attraction for the informal dinner dance. Appropriate checkered-flag decorations will adorn the dining room.

Among those having reservations are Mr. and Mrs. E. Herb Vogel, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Eckley, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Yarnall, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer F. Cornish, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Jolly, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Barby, Mr. and Mrs. David E. White and Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Benicke.

Midway Fun To Highlight School Fair

There'll be ponies to ride, plus a surry—with the fringe-on-top, plus a glittering ferris wheel, plus games, games, games, dozens of intriguing booths and barbequed dinner—all combining to make "Family Fun Day" at Vaughan School, Saturday the gayest event of the year.

Sponsored by the PTO, just a few of the families who'll be on tap to share in the fun with their youngsters are Mr. and Mrs. J. Garland Hood Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Wiggins, co-chairmen of the huge event; Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Martin Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Paul L. Connolly and Dr. and Mrs. Harry Lichtwark.

Others are Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kuzma, Mr. and Mrs. John Hubert, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Groleau.



Part of the fun of Vaughan School's Country Fair May 26 will be a make-up booth where youngsters can be decked out to represent any character they wish. Mrs. Malcolm Harvey will man the concession with Lisa Stoll a willing subject.

Three Localities Elected by Group

New officers recently elected by Junior Group of Goodwill Industries include three Birmingham women. They are Mrs. Harry Altick, second vice-president; Mrs. James Burnard, assistant corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Robert N. Gryn, a director.

New president is Mrs. John Benfield; first vice president, Mrs. Robert Campbell; treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth M. Reichle; recording secretary, Mrs. Robert F. Whitworth; director, Mrs. John Denler.

Four-Star Program On Docket

The curtain at Forest Lake Country Club is going up!

For the first time in any local country club there will be a showing of a first run 4-star movie. This spectacular film in color will be "State Fair". The evening will begin with a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. The movie will begin promptly at 8 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blecker, who thought of this idea for family entertainment, have their hands full, as reservations are pouring almost too fast to honor.

Forest Lake will be the only movie house with a lounge setting and all the free popcorn you can eat. Oh yes, the movie is free too!

Gives Luncheon

Mrs. John R. McDonald of Shadow Lane, Birmingham, newly-elected president of Harper Hospital Auxiliary, entertained her new cabinet officers and committee chairmen at a luncheon in her home on May 22.

Community House Setting for Party

The Birmingham Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta will hold a Couples Party at the Birmingham Community House on Friday, May 25. There will be cocktails followed by dinner. Games will be played in an adjoining room.

The Social Chairman is Mrs. D. H. Kendig of Birmingham. Those assisting her are Mrs. R. W. McIntosh of Pontiac and Mrs. Victor Pagano of Rochester.

Young Fry Anticipate 'Fair Lady'

It's to be a family affair, mostly, when Holy Name School takes over the Fisher Theater June 10 for a benefit performance of "My Fair Lady".

Curtain time is 7:30 p.m., according to chairman Mrs. Harry Stark Jr., and whole blocks of tickets have already been sold, with Mrs. Francis Remmel checking off reservations.

Among local families who will take young fry to the musical are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. William Roney Jr., the Robert Ivories, the Joseph Risdon, and Mr. and Mrs. John LeFevre.

Others include Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Diehl Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Ricardo, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Williams, the Harry Windons Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William J. King and Mr. and Mrs. John O'Hara.

Date Is Set

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Greve, 20706 Kenosway Circle, Birmingham, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Carolyn Jean, to John Michael Hennessey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick M. Hennessey, of Dayton, Ohio. The wedding will take place June 27 in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Oak Park.

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