

## All of Birmingham Invited to Holiday Event



JODIE WISNIEWSKI, ROBERTA PATRIA, MRS. STANLEY SKAISTIS, LYNN SKAISTIS, BEVERLY ANN HEYL, JAN MAIN (FROM LEFT)

### Suburban Scene

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#### Christmas Card De Luxe

One of the warmest traditions established in our town during the past twenty-five years is the Christmas Show presented annually by Birmingham Branch, WNFCA, as its holiday greeting to the community.

For two days, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 5 and 6, the Community House will be decked in resplendent Christmas glory and the public is invited (3 to 9 p.m. Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday) to come in and browse, enjoy the dozens of floral arrangements exhibited, have a cup of tea or a glass of punch and go back to shopping lists refreshed and inspired.

Pictured on today's page are some of the women and youngsters (what's Christmas without the stamp of young fry?) who are contributing time and talent to one group's idea of a Christmas card de luxe.

#### Looking Back

The first Christmas Show was staged during the presidency of Mrs. Charles H. Welch, Jr. (1934-35) and the initial event has grown into an annual affair which attracts national recognition.

For the next consecutive seven years (through 1941) the shows continued according to format, but elaborateness was forsaken in 1942 for a "Non-competitive Christmas Exhibit and Soldiers' Gift Bureau" instead. Over 100 gifts were collected, plus jellies, jams, magazines and cigars, and sent to Camp Custer.

In 1942 there was no show or exhibit because of the war, but \$200 was collected and sent to Prisoners of War Relief and Hospital Recreation.

During the war year of '44 there still was no show, but



PREXIES, CURRENT AND FIRST, MRS. DIXON (LEFT) AND MRS. WELCH

Christmas trees were sent to Selfridge Field Hospital wards, along with homemade popcorn balls, candy, gifts and scrap-books.

When, finally, in 1958, the shows were resumed, it was decided by members to make the event a two-day affair.

#### Silver Anniversary

Mrs. Chester Wisniewski, chairman of this year's show, has titled it "Silver Bells" to commemorate this, the twenty-fifth year. Assisting her in the huge task are president Mrs. George S. Dixon, Mrs. Hohart Andreae, Mrs. Cecil E. Nickel, Mrs. J. Vinton Birch, Mrs. Clifford Ross, Mrs. Aldo Patria, Mrs. Mark R. Kraus and Mrs. Stuart M. Gastren.

Others are Mrs. Royal E. Paultette, Mrs. Aaron H. Webster, Mrs. Norman W. Berry, Mrs. C. V. DiPietro, Mrs. John F. Rosier, Jr., Mrs. Harry O. Hoyt, Jr., Mrs. Leon E. Jackman and Mrs. Claude Welles, Jr.

#### Green Thumbs

Among those assisting with arrangements are Mrs. William McCallum, Mrs. Henry J. Gilmartin, Mrs. Donald Irwin, Mrs. George W. Tischer, Mrs. Francis P. McGuire, Mrs. William B. Grabendike, Mrs. Robert E. Fowler, Mrs. Horace T. Bretelle, Mrs. S. J. Skaistis, Mrs. James A. Hunter and Mrs. Alvin H. Knorr.

Mrs. J. Reed Alexander is also on this list, along with Mrs. F. Gordon Davis, Mrs. Edward Sammut, Mrs. Carmen Adams, Mrs. F. F. Maish and Mrs. C. A. Ross.

#### Rebecca DeWitt Engaged

Announcement is made of the engagement of Rebecca DeWitt, daughter of the Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. DeWitt of Farmington, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, to Thomas Richard Kershner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kershner of Tibury Place, Birmingham.

Miss DeWitt, a graduate of Stephens College, is now attending MSUO. Her fiancé, an economics major, is at the same university.

Date for the wedding will be announced later.



MRS. GEORGE W. TISCHER, MRS. LEON E. JACKMAN, MRS. F. A. MCGUIRE, (FROM LEFT)

### Gaiety Slated For DAC'ers

With the Yuletide season's swift approach, Detroit Athletic Club is shaping plans for two gay events, namely, a New Year's Eve celebration and the club's annual holiday floor show.

The early announcement of the New Year's Eve celebration is to enable members to get their reservations in before the Christmas party avalanche takes all attention.

New Year's Eve reservations are limited to 350, and guests are limited to those from out of town. A complete evening, including a filet mignon dinner, buffet breakfast and dancing is on the docket.

THE HOLIDAY dinner-flo show, opening Dec. 7 and continuing through the fifteenth (except Sunday and Monday) will feature Jean Penn, soprano; Russ Lewis, a ventriloquist, will be the other attraction.

Dinner will start at 7 p.m. each evening, with dinner-dancing until the 9:30 o'clock show.

Among Birmingham members with early reservations for one or another evening are the William S. Spiegels, the William J. Markleys, Robert T. Gills, L. A. Iacocca, G. Cameron Buchanans, Donald L. Richardsons, Robert D. Den Uyl, Arthur G. Jordans, and the Bernard A. Goodes.



MRS. VINTON BIRCH (LEFT), MRS. C. E. NICKEL

### Museum Lures Local Pair

A pre-Thanksgiving trip to New York and other eastern cities combined business activities with pleasure for Mr. and Mrs. W. J. DeGrace of 2113 Yorkshire Road, Birmingham.

The DeGraces participated in the opening exhibition of the National Art Museum of Sport in New York City, at the IBM Gallery, and the ensuing cocktail reception at the Plaza.

EN ROUTE, they enjoyed a weekend visit which Capt. and

Mrs. Stanley Adelson in Princeton, N. J., where Capt. Adelson has joined the University faculty after two years' assignment in London, England. The Adelsons were previously Detroit residents.

In New York they were entertained by R. Kathleen Moiz, editor of the H. W. Wilson Co. Library Bulletin, and by Mr. and Mrs. W. Robert Grubb of Westport, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. DeGrace also attended "Mr. President," "A Man For All Seasons," and the off-Broadway production,

"The Fantasticks".

THEY WERE guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mockford in New Brunswick, N.J., and in Piquette, Pa., they visited Mr. and Mrs. John L. Stoughton, formerly of Milford, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. James MacDonald of Toledo also entertained the DeGraces. Jim MacDonald, formerly a faculty member of the University of Michigan Department of Business Administration, is now on the editorial staff of the Toledo Blade.

### Reynolds-Gordon Vows to Be Exchanged

Announcement is made of the engagement of Mrs. James M. Reynolds (Mary Lee Melin) of Birmingham and Edgar George Condon, Jr. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Melin of Spokane, Wash., and her fiancé is the son

of Mrs. Edgar G. Gordon of Monroe and the late Mr. Gordon. Mrs. Reynolds attended Washington State University and is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is affiliated with Alpha Chi Omega.

Mr. Gordon, who lives in

Grosse Pointe, is a graduate of Cranbrook, Princeton, and Harvard Law School. He also attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

A February wedding is planned.

### Miss Stewart Wins Award At Hillsdale

Joy Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Stewart, 647 Park St., Birmingham, was recently chosen Professor of the Year for 1962, at Hillsdale College. Miss Stewart, head of the Art Dept., is only the eighth professor to receive this award.

Professor Stewart received her B.S. degree from the University of Michigan and her M.A. in Art Education from Wayne State University.

In addition she has studied at the University of Wisconsin, Johns Hopkins, Cranbrook Art Academy and the University of Southern California.

THE PROFESSOR of the Year Award was initiated by the senior class of 1956.

In recognition of outstanding service to the student body and to the college, each year's graduating class selects a professor whom it feels has served well

beyond his or her role as professor.

### Deadline Is Friday

Deadline for all organizational news, weddings and engagement announcements for use on The Birmingham Eccentric's women's pages is 5 p.m. on the Friday before publication.

### Young Teacher Inspires Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd R. Doherty of Kennesaw Road, Birmingham, have returned from the West Coast where they spent several weeks sightseeing in Coronado, San Francisco and, most important of all, visiting in Palo Alto where daughter Nancy is now living.

Nancy, who was graduated from Western College in Kalamazoo last June, has an apartment with two other Western classmates, Sue DeNador, also of Birmingham, and Barbara Linder of Battle Creek.

ALL THREE GIRLS have jobs in Palo Alto, Nancy particularly enthused over the "learn-teaching" she's doing in a brand new public grade school. Ninety-six fourth, fifth and six graders are under the tutelage of only three teachers who, together, work out all scheduling, programming and academic assignments.

The children are segregated according to intelligence levels, but in some cases all ninety-six are thrown into the same class.

When this happens, the new hexagon-shaped building, complete with hi-fi, TV, films, FM and tape recorders for each school marm, is thrown open into one huge room.



MRS. CLIFFORD ROSS (LEFT), MRS. C. V. DIPIETRO

### It's Back to Classes for Local College Set

Jackie Paulus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Paulus of Gengary Circle, Bloomfield Village, returned to the University of Michigan Sunday after spending the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents.

Two Delta Gamma sorority sisters accompanied Jackie on her brief visit home—Sarah Clonontson and Sue Guter—and among other things, the girls attended last week's premiere performance of "Matiny on the Bounty".

Jackie's sister, Josie, and her classmate, Judy Lawrence, also of Birmingham, spent Thanksgiving week-end in Nassau as guests of Stephanie Potter. All three girls attend school at Webber College, Babson Park, Fla.

### Bon Voyage Party

The Bowling Group of BAO held a bon voyage party at the club recently for the George Grossmanns who moved to Boston, Mass., in time for Thanksgiving.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Flinzing, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beagle, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Bistrick, the A. J. Smiths, the James Crabbs, the Bliss Finleys, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kuzma, the Andrew Andersons, Mr. and Mrs. William Bagley, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brennan, the H. O. Mellens, the James McHugh and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Linton.

### Pembroke Manor

A Christmas potluck supper will be held Dec. 6 in the home of Mrs. Edward Reddy, 2304 Derby, Birmingham, for members of Pembroke Manor Branch, WNFCA, and their husbands. A foreign exchange student will be guest speaker.