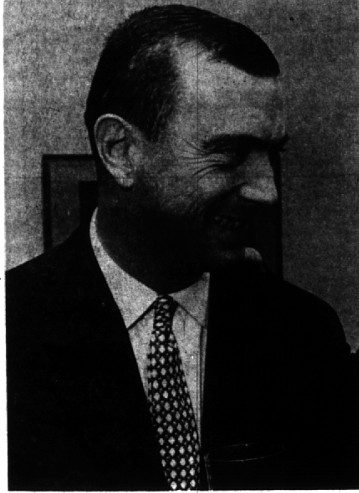


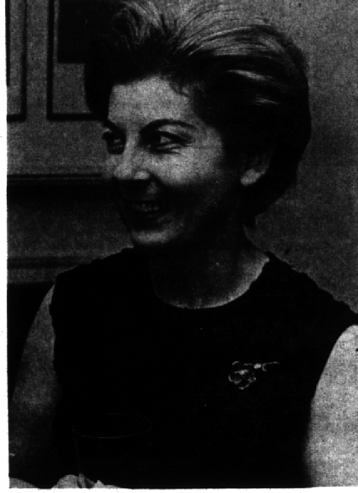
An Evening at the Thoms': French Guests Star



MRS. JAMES BARNES (LEFT) WITH WIFE OF BRITISH CONSUL
MRS. L. J. P. J. CRAIG



MONSIEUR AND MADAME MARC CHEVILLOT OF BEAUNE, FRANCE



DR. AND MRS. GEORGE RIEVESCHL



HOST ROBERT A. THOM WITH MRS. MAXWELL FEAD (LEFT) AND MRS. ROBERT W. MUZZY



MRS. FREDERICK BUSH



MRS. WILLIAM NEWBERG



ROBERT MUZZY,
MRS. W. CALVIN PATTERSON



HOSTESS MRS. ROBERT THOM (LEFT) WITH MRS. LES GRUBER



WILLIAM NEWBERG



BRITISH CONSUL "PAT" CRAIG (LEFT) WITH
W. CALVIN PATTERSON

Suburban Scene

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International Flavor

In its spring issue last year, Show magazine pegged Birmingham ("Bumper to Bumper Culture") as the cultural hub of this mid-western area, to which might also be added, we're fast becoming as international as a session at United Nations.

Maybe the combination goes hand 'n' glove, but proof of the pudding lies in today's picture story which could be duplicated most any day of the week and which, on an informal basis, will henceforth be reported, series-wise, as Sub Scene is invited to spend an evening with local hosts and their foreign-born guests.

Heart of the Wine Country

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Thom of Foxcroft are firm believers in the advantages of entertaining small groups with frequency rather than large groups occasionally, and so it was that only 20 guests attended the cocktail party given Sunday honoring their house guests, M. et Mme. Marc Chevillot of Beaune, France.

M. Chevillot first met the Thoms when they were in Europe in '57. Mr. T., having been commissioned to do one of his well-known history-of-medicine paintings, wanted to use the famed Hospices de Beaune (built in 1443 and in use ever since) as a model.

During this assignment they stayed in the celebrated Hotel de la Post (to which they returned in '59 and '60) which the Chevillots have owned and operated for three generations. They were there at the time of Les Trois Glorieuses—annual three-day wine festival as traditional as the Burgundy country in which it's celebrated—and during the ensuing festivity, friendships were firmly cemented.

Accompanying the Thoms on this trip were Dr. and Mrs. George Rieveschl of Grosse Pointe (he was vacationing as well as doing scientific research) who were also among Sunday's guests and anxious, particularly, to meet Mrs. Chevillot, a bride of six months.

Response to an Image

Jacqueline Chevillot is every American's idea of what a French girl should be: Petite, vivacious, with a pert little nose, smart, unadorned hair-do and a completely devastating accent.

Preceding their arrival here, she and Marc—who could play Louis Jordan to her Gigi any day in the week!—had spent seven days in New York City.

And as far as we're concerned, Jacqueline, who had never visited the States before, came up with all the right answers: She was awed by the precision of the Rockettes, loved the music from "No Strings" and chose Twenty-One as her favorite restaurant!

The Chevillots were houseguests of the Thoms through Wednesday, when they took off for points West, and thence home by March 1.

Continued Accent on Accents!

Mrs. Herman Hirt of Kinross Road, Beverly Hills, is not exactly a visitor to this country—she's lived in the States since 1931—but her German accent is so delightful that missing words now and again bothers American listeners not an iota.

She's famous in her neighborhood for a number of things: German pastry that's fit for the gods; a candlelighted tree during the holidays; a party-time punch concocted with German liqueur (hoarded from trips back home!); a great love of music (really, her hobby) and a garden in riotous bloom all summer long.

In fact it's the latter which inevitably brings her hurrying home from mid-winter trips, such as the one she and Mr. Hirt will take in February—to San Francisco and then to Honolulu. Ultimatum is that they must be back in Birmingham in time for "spring cleanup".

Change of Scene

If a change of scene is good for the soul, then Cecilia Club members should be treated to a happy experience Friday night when they meet, for the first time since the club's inception, in a new locale.

This month's formal dance for teenagers will take place at Bloomfield Open House instead of at Bloomfield Hills Country Club. Mrs. Ernest Kern, who has spearheaded the formal parties

for the past eight years, has asked Mrs. John French, Mrs. Dean Draper and Mrs. M. R. Liles to be chaperones.

Visitor

Mrs. Nellie T. Wilson of Westerville, O., arrived Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. O. Buckner of 1812 Bowers St., Birmingham. Mrs. Wilson is a former Birmingham resident.

With an Eye to Efficiency

Would that all committee chairmen kept their "little black books" as efficiently as does Mrs. Don E. Ahrens!

In a note which reached our desk this week she wrote:

"Because in the fall there are always so many fund-raising events, I thought it might be a good idea if the enclosed item could be published as soon as possible in The Eccentric. The DATE is the important thing. I am personally writing to every organization I can think of who might choose a date which would conflict and who would attract the same group of women who usually patronize the Convent."

And Mrs. Ahrens is so right. There WERE conflicts last fall that might have proved disastrous if it hadn't been for cooperation

from the country clubs and agile committees who changed plans in mid-stream. No one was hurt, but anxiety reigned.

HENCE, LADIES, let it be known—

That at the Mothers' Club meeting at the Sacred Heart Convent in Bloomfield Hills last week, plans were made to present the seventh annual fashion show and tea on Sept. 25.

Past Matrons

The Past Matrons Club of Birmingham will have its annual meeting Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 1 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Charles Martz, 1745 Cole St. Desert will be served preceding the business meeting.

As general chairman, Mrs. Ahrens will be assisted by Mrs. Norman J. Fredericks, Mrs. Joseph E. Risdon, Mrs. Frank J. MacDonell, Mrs. George B. Morris and Mrs. John S. Mahoney. Others are Mrs. Louis J. Colombo, Jr., Mrs. Leon E. Briggs, Mrs. John T. Higgins, Mrs. Paul F. Lorenz, Mrs. A. G. DeLorenzo, Mrs. J. J. Churches, Mrs. Bernard Co. Deutch, Dorothy Lovelace and Mary Command.

The group is already in the throes of selecting a theme, working with Claire Perone and Boberta Furs who will design costumes in early spring for this event which attracts over 2,000 women.

Models will be girls from the school, their mothers and alumnae. M.E.M.