

# Susan Briggs Fisher Will Make Debut Tonight

## Word From Capital Opens Door For Reminiscing

Sen. and Mrs. Philip A. Hart of Washington, D. C., will NOT be in town tonight for the debut of their niece, Susan Briggs Fisher, for a plain and simple reason:

Quite literally, the former Janey Briggs and her husband have their fish to fry!—of a type one reels in from the tropic waters of the Bahamas.

Weeks ago, the indomitable Janey decided that a sailing cruise would be as adventuresome a way as any of spending the Christmas holidays, so tomorrow morning she, Phil and their eight youngsters will embark on a junket keeping them ocean-bound till Jan. 2.

ACTUALLY, THE trip has a twofold purpose: Fun for the kids, plus a shakedown cruise in anticipation of going 'round the world (under sail) within the next year. Janey will take her six stay-at-homes on this trek—the other two will be in college—Phil planning to fly out to join them at various points along the way.

Reports of Janey and her activities dredged up nostalgia for the days when debuts were in close competition, numerically anyway, with brides and brides-elect. Like her niece, Jane bowed at a ball at the Little Club, preceded by a tea in the home of her parents on Boston Blvd., Detroit.

BIRMINGHAM, FOR reasons best known to its residents (someone has already tagged it reverse snobbery), has not embraced a "season" since the 1950s, but who's to forget such parties as Carla Higgin's (now Mrs. John

W. Stroh, Jr., of Grosse Pointe) at the Little Club, or her sister Ann's (now Mrs. Eugene Eckrich of Gull Lake), which took place in the family home at Metamora . . .

On the tea at which two cousins, Elizabeth Gallogly (Mrs. John A. Bacon, Jr., of Birmingham) and Mary Booth (Mrs. Robert Fuller of Worcester, Mass.) bowed in the home of Mary's parents, the George Booths of Bloomfield Hills . . .

CAN'T FORGET, either, Janet Gallaudet's party in September of '32 (she's now Mrs. Ralph A. Sturges III of Old Lyme, Conn.), where the grounds of the family home, West Wind Farms, Orchard Lake, were so swarming with policemen they fell over each other parking cars . . . a tribute to the Gallaudets who permitted "free" fishing to state troopers and township police, alike, in the private lake on their property . . .

(See CAPITAL, 3-C)

## 'Gold Cadillac' Party Voted Shining Event

A "Solid Gold Cadillac" party Saturday night was a 14-karat success, according to hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Rudrick Otto of Redding Road, Birmingham.

The Ottos, stating that they just wanted to give a "different" party, first showed the movie, "The Solid Gold Cadillac," then followed the theme by giving miniature 1915 Cadillac-shaped cigarette lighters as mementoes.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Colin Campbell of Broadway Blvd., Birmingham; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lasher of Metamora; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kreeger, Mr. and Mrs. George MacDuff, all of Bloomfield Hills, and Mr. and Mrs. William Schaar, of Dearborn.

## Next Two Issues: Dec. 27, Jan. 3

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DEBUTANTE SUSAN BRIGGS FISHER OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS  
New York's Lester Lanin will play for first coming out party of holiday season

## Suburban Scene

by Mary Ellen Mead, Society Editor

### Girl in a Hurry

With a firm flourish, Susan Briggs Fisher dotted a final "i" Tuesday afternoon, handed in exam papers at Barat College in Lake Forest, Ill., slammed suitcases shut and headed for Birmingham.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everell E. Fisher of Thimble Farm, Bloomfield Hills, was only 48 hours away from one of the important milestones in her life: Her official introduction to friends of her family from Birmingham, Bloomfield, Grosse Pointe and Detroit—her debut to take place tonight at the Little Club.

Accompanying Susan on the plane trip home were classmates Judy Reddington (her roommate), Mary Ann Porsche and Joan Edwards, who will be house guests of the Fishers over the week end.

Wednesday was dedicated to final fittings for the deb, appointments at beauty salons for all four girls and a double check with Mrs. Francis E. Brossy—local social secretary—on party details.

### Prelude to a Ball

Preceding tonight's ball, Susan's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter O. ("Spike") Briggs of Bloomfield Hills and another aunt, Mrs. Charles T. Fisher, Jr., of Grosse Pointe, will be hosts at a dinner party at the Country Club.

Susan will wear for the occasion a long gown of sapphire blue slipper satin designed along classical lines. Self folds of the satin accent the bodice, with tiny bows marching down the back.

Mrs. Fisher will wear a short dinner gown of white silk brocade woven with an all-over design of gold scrolls. A full skirt falls from the tight bodice, which is sleeveless and marked by a V neckline, front and back.

While the family is dining at the Country Club, hundreds of tiny Italian lights will be switched on at the Little Club in readiness for the first ball guests. The entire club is to be decorated in vivid blues and greens, sparkling bangles in these colors used to decorate Christmas trees, yews and the giant wreaths hanging in the supper room. Hurricane lamps ringed in Christmas greens will center individual tables set for buffet breakfast to be served from midnight on.

### Quick Change Artist

Before going over to the Little Club tonight, Susan will change into her ball gown—a froth of sheer delight. Custom designed by Walton Piene's Clara Ray (as was her dinner gown), it is fashioned of luminous white slipper satin frosted with decoupe velvet roses. The simply draped lines are accented by a square neckline in front, plunging to a low cut at the back. She will carry blue Vanda orchids.

Mrs. Fisher has chosen natterier blue for her daughter's debut—it, too, an original by Clara Ray. Fashioned of heavy silk moire with silver thread, it is high-waisted and designed with a full skirt.

Guests will go through the receiving line tonight against a background of Lester Lanin's music, the famed society orchestra lying in from New York sometime this afternoon.

Helping keep starry-eyed feminine guests happy this evening—a cut a minute is their boast!—will be Susan's ushers, Cousin Walter Briggs Fisher is head man, his assistants to include Susan's two brothers, Peter and Ev, Jr.; Tom Wil-

(See SUBURBAN SCENE, 3-C)

# Junior Leaguers Rally To Week-End Dinner Dance At OHCC



MR. AND MRS. RON M. KASPERZAK



MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS McMATH



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE HUEBNER



ROBERT S. SWANSON AND MRS. WILLIAM UNDERDOWN

Members of Birmingham's Junior League added their bit to pre-holiday festivities Saturday night when they entertained at a gala dinner dance at Oakland Hills Country Club. President Mrs. Sidney Smith was honor guest at the annual affair, which was preceded by numerous "no-host" cock-

tail parties. Each member was assigned to a party at the home of another member who opened her home for the occasion—a popular way, as was proved last year, of meeting new members and becoming re-acquainted, on a social basis, with the old. Mrs. Fred C. Matthaei, Jr., arranged the gath-

erings, those on her list including homes of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Coulter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Seiler, the Robert D. MacGregors, the William T. Beresfords, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Erb, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bergeron, Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley M. Brown, Jr., and Judge and Mrs. Edward

B. Emery. Committee members planning the party were Mrs. William E. Underdown, chairman; Mrs. Donald Parsons, Mrs. Robert S. Swanson, Mrs. Stratton S. Brown and Mrs. Robert D. DenUyl.

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