

Newcomers Club Dispels Those 'Transfer' Blues



SPRING FEVER: MRS. WILLIAM VANDESSELL (LEFT) AND MRS. LARRY MISKELL ALL SET FOR THAT FIRST WARM DAY.

Suburban Scene

by MARY ELLEN MEAD

'Not as a Stranger'

If you're a newcomer in the area, you won't be a stranger for long—not with Birmingham's Newcomers Club embracing a pattern of activity as dynamic as it is far reaching.

Founded 15 years ago and sponsored by the Community House, only requirement for membership is a desire to make new friends and, in a town where "transfers" far outnumber native sons, resulting club roster is indication of the tremendous need.

Hardly have the moving vans lumbered off (frequently the furniture isn't yet in place!) when that national institution, the Welcome Wagon, arrives with information about Newcomers Club. This is followed shortly by a phone call from the club's hospitality chairman with an invitation to the monthly luncheon.

Variety Is the Spice

These luncheons, held the third Thursday of each month at the Community House, combine hospitality with a brief business meeting followed by a program designed to appeal to any gal—fashion shows, hair stylists, radio and TV personalities, pianists, artists, all lend variety to the programs.

Once a newcomer joins the group, she is given a coffee in her honor at one of the member's homes. Should she be a bowler, the bowling chairman will sign her up to join the league at Birmingham Lanes every Tuesday morning.

At the mere mention of the word "bridge," she will undoubtedly find herself playing with the group on the first Thursday of every month, or with husbands and other couples on the second Friday evening monthly, at the Community House—or, if it is a bridge club our gal is looking to join, that can be arranged, too.

Chairman of the Little Theater Group will be present to recruit a new "star" or at least to stir up her interest in the smell of greasepaint, and if the weather is warm enough and golf clubs handy, Mrs. Newcomer may find herself at North Hills Country Club on Friday morning playing with the league. Beginners and pros alike are on hand to match talents.

Leisure at a Premium

With all these activities open to her, she may be hard put to read a book! So the Book Review Group will be happy to oblige by reviewing some of the current literature for her. On the fourth Thursday, she may be interested in hearing about what's on the best seller list.

One of the nicest ways to get acquainted in a new town is to be invited to a dance. Her invitation to the Fall Dance will be waiting and she and her husband will join other newcomers at the Glen Oaks Country Club for a swinging Saturday evening.

Since it might prove difficult to remember all these activities and when they occur, our new girl in town is kept posted on dates, hours and events through the Newcomer's monthly publication called the "Welcome Mat."

Only thing requested, along with a \$4.00 membership fee, is that the new resident have a wonderful time participating—so that she may help another stranger feel welcome in Birmingham.

Golf Saga

Harvey W. Ewald and Kirk Horigian, both of Birmingham, left Friday to motor to Durham N. C. to visit Harvey's son, Fred, who is a freshman at Duke University, and to witness a basketball game between the bitter rival teams of Duke and North Carolina played Saturday.

While Mrs. Ewald knows of Harvey's fondness for both his son and basketball, there lurks a suspicion that the trip was influenced largely by a Christmas present which accompanied the men on their southern sojourn—a new set of golf clubs.

The clubs were a present from John F. Pival, the thought behind the gift conceivably a sentimental one. Here is the story:

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A HUSBAND'S PREROGATIVE?: MR. AND MRS. ED TALBERT PONDER A TWO BID.

DAC Cuts Wide Swath Socially

Three outstanding activities are currently sparking the DAC's social calendar.

First is the Miami Beach party March 4 at Indian Creek Country Club for members vacationing in Florida; second, for those braving winter here there's to be a theater party March 6 to see the Cinema production of "How the West Was Won" (early dinner at the club beforehand); and third, most exciting is the DAC's "1963 European Tour," scheduled to leave Detroit June 12 by jet for Lisbon and a 26-day tour of Spain, the French Riviera, Italy and Germany.

Among Birmingham-Bloomfield residents already down South who'll be attending the Miami Beach party are the George A. Cavanaughs, the George T. Trumbulls, Mr. and Mrs. Norman J. Fredericks, the Alfred J. Mackseys, Dr. and Mrs. Luther Leader, the Bernard A. Goodes and the Fred D. Kellers.



IT'S DONE THIS WAY: MRS. TONY LAVKA (LEFT) DEMONSTRATES TO MRS. WILLIAM KEENER ONE METHOD OF GRIPPING THE BALL.

Susan Ackles Is Honored At Parties

Preceding her marriage March 23 in North Congregational Church, Southfield, Susan Eleanor Ackles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burlin H. Ackles, Jr. of Lathrup Village, has been honored at several parties.

Among them was the miscellaneous shower given recently in the Bloomfield Hills home of Mrs. Vern Hampton, whose assistant hostesses were Mrs. Harry Stillman and Mrs. Clarence Kaiser.

Mrs. Albert Little of Lathrup Village was another recent hostess, her party a kitchen shower and tea given at home.

Bridgroom-elect is Ralph E. Burdick II whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Burdick of Lathrup Village, will give the rehearsal dinner at the University Club March 22.

Following the 3 o'clock nuptial service, a reception will be given at Oakland Hills Country Club.



STAR IS BORN: MRS. PAUL E. RATHGEB, JR. ASSISTED BY VOLUNTEER WARDROBE MISTRESS MRS. JOSEPH HOOTMAN.



DANCE DUO: MR. AND MRS. ROBERT JESSEL

They Set Pattern and Stick With It

Editor's Note: Mrs. Cahn will be doing the Birmingham-Bloomfield Column for several weeks while Helen Peters is on leave of absence.

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Succumb to Wanderlust

For the better part of two decades the de Salles, Peggy and Albert, of Little Gallery, Birmingham and Bloomfield Township, have spent several months each year in some part of the world far from home. In terms of today's trans-world commuters their travel mileage is not unusual. On the other hand, their coverage of North America and Europe has been both wide and deep.

In 1954 they were among the first fine-arts buyers into Japan after the war, so it is no surprise that they are leaving Sunday morning on a return visit to Japan and their first foray into the farther east.

Confirmed ship-lovers, they will cross the Pacific in both directions on a cargo liner, but in Tokyo they begin a 11,000 air mile tour of India, Burma, Thailand, Cambodia and Hong Kong. Coming back to earth at Osaka, they will be met by Dr. and Mrs. Paul Wescher of Santa Monica.

Dr. Wescher was until recently the director of the J. Paul Getty's Museum, and it was he who helped Peggy de Salles start the Little Gallery way back in 1950. From there the four old friends will tour Japan by car for several weeks in

search of contemporary art objects.

Between introductions to art celebrities supplied by well-wishing friends and a long list of must-try restaurants recommended by Les Gruher and Jim Beard, the de Salles will spend every waking moment (and some of those hours which should be dedicated to sleep) looking, listening and eating. We are hoping to report further picture-by-picture and chomp-chomp adventures during the next three months.

Before Take-Off

In the meantime, world renowned William Steinberg, conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and Mrs. Steinberg were guests of honor at a reception at the Birmingham home of the de Salles following the maestro's performance at Masonic Temple.

Those attending the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Sterne, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Winston, Norman Denker, our German Consul, and Mrs. Denker; William Wolfenden, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Averill, Dr. and Mrs. Hilbert H. DeLawter, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLean, Dr. and Mrs. Laszlo Galdonyi and Mr. and Mrs. Zoltan Sepeszy.

The deSalles have been honored guests at several recent dinner parties. The Harry L. Winstons entertained at a farewell dinner party, and Dr. and Mrs. DeLawter entertained twenty mutual friends at a sit-down dinner in their Bloomfield Hills home. Sparkling conversation was the entertainment, with topics of the Arts and travel taking top-billing.



REVIEWING THE SITUATION: MRS. JOHN MEINHARDT (FROM LEFT), MRS. GLEN STENBERG AND MRS. ROBERT HOWE CHECK BEST SELLERS FOR BOOK REVIEW CLASS.