

It's Strawberry Festival Time in Bloomfield

Opera Group Meets With Mrs. Perring

Mrs. Raymond T. Perring, chairman of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Committee for the Metropolitan Opera, was hostess at a luncheon for her executive committee at her home on Yarrow Road Wednesday.

Among those attending were Mrs. Theodore O. Yntema, general chairman, and Mrs. John P. Gordon, general co-chairman of the Opera.

Others were Mrs. Kenneth G. Manuel, Mrs. Richard P. Perry, Mrs. Henry Whiting, Jr., Mrs. Paul J. Shine, Mrs. Howard E. Hallas, Mrs. LeRoy Dahlberg, Mrs. William S. Reid, Mrs. John S. Judd, Mrs. William H. McGaughey, Mrs. Theodore Guthrie, Mrs. Glen Miller, Mrs. Richard Kern, Mrs. Benjamin Brewster, Mrs. Willis P. Wagner, Mrs. Gene A. White, Mrs. George R. Squibb, Mrs. George T. Trumbull, Mrs. Gilbert Richards, Mrs. John H. Longley and Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham.

ADDED PARTY-ING, spurred by the approaching opera season, will take place Tuesday when Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Shine will be hosts at dinner at the Village Woman's Club before the evening lecture on "Otello" at Baldwin Library.

Guests will include Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Yntema, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Darragh, the Frederick Strongs III and Mrs. Westau Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoyt and the Charles Noonans are also planning dinner parties that evening preceding the lecture.

Oakland Hills Set for Spring

Traditionally, the spring formal dinner dance at Oakland Hills celebrates the opening of the outdoor season and the introduction of members who have joined during the past 12 months.

This year, under the banner of "The May Promenade," the May 4 event takes on extra sparkle. The largest group of new members in years will be honored.

Preceding the party, a special reception will be accorded all new members by the club's board of directors. Cocktails and music will then take place in the Casino, followed by dancing in the ballroom. A local florist will provide the special decor, vast loads of fresh flowers and flowering trees transforming the ballroom into a magical spring garden.

Assisting co-chairman Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barclay are Mr. and Mrs. Larry B. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. (See HILLS, 2-C)

Rose-Colored Classes!

Visions of strawberries—not sugar plums!—have erased matters academic out at Bloomfield Country Day this week, for what gal can concentrate on ancient history (etc.) when current events loom much more importantly?

It's Strawberry Festival time again—Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.—and every student in the school, plus willing mothers and faculty, has a finger in this biggest social event of the year. Proceeds, as always, will go for scholarships and school maintenance.

Midway highlights will include a Farm and Garden Booth, featuring not only plants but chicken and turkey rolls, these to be ordered in advance. Since the festival occurs the day before Mother's Day, a special booth will be stocked with gifts for "mom" at nominal prices.

There'll be hot dogs, cold drinks, pop corn, balloons, box lunches for picnicking on the grounds and strawberries—whomped up into every conceivable kind of dessert.

Tent Show

Local merchants will add color to the scene by displaying their wares in gaily striped tents containing merchandise from Albert Sheeta Candy, The Dants, The Village Bookshelf, Nadon's Clothing, Games Imported, Gwynn's, Gami, Inc. and Minor's.

Add a puppet show, dog act, glass blower and surrey-with-a-fringe-on-top for pony rides, and it sounds like the happiest day of the year for Birmingham families and their youngsters.

Adult committee members include Mrs. Stewart M. Cram, chairman; Mrs. Arthur J. Brandt, Jr., Mrs. William Appelfohr, Mrs. M. J. Kripke, Mrs. Drew C. Haneline, Mrs. Lou R. Jacobs, Mrs. Read Jenkins, Mrs. Donald A. Nicholte and Mrs. Charles Mosier.

Others are Mrs. David W. Raymond, Mrs. J. D. Richardson, Jr., Mrs. Edmund E. Saperston, Mrs. Robert G. Wild, Mrs. Charles Bricker and Mrs. Dorothy Siddall.



THE PICH SISTERS, MAGGIE (FROM LEFT), KATHIE AND MARTY TAKE TIME OUT FROM PLANNING BLOOMFIELD COUNTRY DAY'S ANNUAL FAIR TO ENJOY THE FRUITS THEREOF.

Suburban Scene

by Mary Ellen Mead, Society Editor

Nobody Ate One!

When Mrs. Ralph L. Polk, Jr. decides on a party theme, she doesn't deviate from the decor by so much as a yellow-centered daisy!

These were the flowers used in riotous profusion Saturday night at Bloomfield Hills Country Club when the Polks entertained 125 guests for dinner and dancing. And these were the flowers accenting the bodice of Winnie's diaphanous ball gown of white chiffon. Miniature bouquets of the same quaint flowers centered each table and hung in great baskets from the raftered ceiling of the ballroom.

That Birmingham is embracing the floor-length gown again was evidenced by Mrs. Robert VanderKloot's scarlet Italian silk made along Empire lines; Mrs. John Poole's striking gold and white sari; Mrs. George Russell's white Italian silk with draped cowl at the back, and Mrs. Louis Colombo's white chiffon startlingly topped by sparkling black sequins.

Florence and Bunky Knudsen, along with Tutti and Bob VanderKloot, shared congratulations during the evening

on respective new grandchildren. Judy (Knudsen) Christie is the proud mama of her third daughter, born April 16 and named Mary Beth. And Bill and Teresa VanderKloot are announcing the arrival of Ann Katherine on April 17. The Christies are living in Buffalo now and Bill and family are still in service.

Party for a Bride-Elect

Just back from spending eight weeks at the Blue Surf, Delray Beach, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Manuel stepped right onto the party circuit and are combining forces with the John Sheenfelds, Edward S. McCombes—who'll be here from their home in Hinsdale, Ill.—and Dr. and Mrs. Roy Hawkinson for a brunch to be given Sunday in the Manuel home in Bloomfield Hills.

Honor guests will be former Birminghamites Mr. and Mrs. Newman T. Halvorson of Gates Hills, O., who will arrive Saturday accompanied by their daughter, Sigrid, and her fiancé, Louis R. Freese, of Denver, Col. Sunday's party will also be a kitchen and bar shower for the engaged couple.

Area PTO Elects Officers at Meeting

On April 1, the nomination committee of the George Gough Booth School PTO, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McVetty, chairman and Mr. and Mrs. George Shaffer and Mrs. Jean Richards presented a slate of officers.

Elected were: president, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. King; president-elect, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sewell; treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Byrne; recording secretary, Mr. and Mrs. James Slater; corresponding secretary, Mr. and Mrs. William Beebe; program,

Mr. and Mrs. William Dull; membership, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wehrman; and hospitality, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gell.

Bridal Shower

Mrs. George Bird and Mrs. Virgil Boyd were co-hostesses Saturday at a luncheon and kitchen shower honoring bride-elect Fran Tillinghast of Detroit who will be married June 16. Twenty guests attended the party which took place in Mrs. Boyd's home on Forbes Drive, Bloomfield Hills.

Pete Hatch Is Tough Competition

By MARTY CAHN

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Pete Hatch, thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hatch, Jr. of Bradway Blvd., Bloomfield Village, accompanied his parents on their recent three-week holiday, and was far-out in front of them during their frequent golf rounds.

Jan, Pete's mother, revealed that not once did Clarence beat his son on the golf links. . . . "Come now, Clarence, swallow your pride and ask the boy for strokes!"

The trio stopped at Hilton Head Island, S. C., which is near Savannah Ga., the birthplace of Mr. Hatch. Here they were joined by Josiah O. Hatch, a first cousin of Clarence's whom he had not seen since early childhood. The two families attended Sunday services at the Episcopal Church, where Mr. Hatch had been baptized.

From Hilton Head Island the family motored to Deerfield Beach, Fla. to visit Mrs. Hatch's mother, Mrs. Robert B. Richardson, at the Cove Beach Club.

Daughter Cris Forster joined the group at Deerfield Beach for a week of vacation from Bradford Junior College, Mass.

BRIDAL SHOWERS, in honor of Pamela Jones, who became the bride of John P. Donke on Saturday, were planned to coincide with the Easter holiday of Michigan State because guest lists included many of the school's students.

Mrs. Jack Hickey, the former Jan Harris of Birmingham, entertained at a Sunday tea in her East Lansing home. Attending the miscellaneous shower were twelve of Pam's Birmingham friends, who are enrolled at the university.

On Friday Dale Kostere and Valerie Voelker were co-hostesses at a kitchen shower given in Dale's Bloomfield Village home. Among those present were Pam Huffman, a bridesmaid; Gail Lopez, Nancy Greene, Barb Bailey, Karen Domes and Joyce McCracken.

Mrs. H. P. Donke, mother of the groom, came from Grand Rapids to attend a luncheon (bathroom and linen shower), given by Mrs. Alvin H. Knorr, Birmingham and Bloomfield residents present were Mrs. A. M. Taber, Mrs. C. V. DeFesta, Mrs. William H. Faddison, Mrs. Jere T. Dorrough, Mrs. Chester F. Guilmet, Mrs. Arthur L. DeKoster, Mrs. Allan W. Loos, Mrs. Donald A. Kalmbach and Mrs. Floyd Whitmer.

MR. AND MRS. HOWARD V. (See HATCH, 2-C)

Among guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Dean Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Trees, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Collins of Ann Arbor; Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Roberts of Grosse Pointe; the Samuel Gawnes, Mrs. Dant Snyder, Mrs. Ann Pollanabee, Mary Miller and Sue Ketchum and her fiancé, Roger Dunn.

Have You Heard . . .

About that lost block of invitations which had local committee women in a complete dither? . . . They were issued for Harper Hospital's Centennial Celebration banquet at Cobo Hall May 3 and no one has the foggiest how they strayed . . . as of press time, however, duplicates were in the mail . . . extended on retard but every bit as heartfelt and sincere . . . Mrs. Ray R. Shapp of Lone Pine Ct. and Mrs. John R. McDonald of Sperry Lane were on the business end of stamping and licking envelopes . . .

About the opening night SELL-OUT of "How to Succeed" at the Fisher? . . . Congratulations go to those energetic women who work so diligently for the Dominican Sisters for the Sick Poor . . . all proceeds having gone to that worthy organization . . . Among those trekking down to Second and Lothrop from here Monday night were Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius F. Power, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Roche, the Jerry Flanigans, the John Gibsons, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Churches, Mr. and Mrs. R. Paul Bowman, the Clyde Craines and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perron . . . all had dinner preceding curtain time at the Recess.

About the "Old Bloopers" (we didn't dare ask why the name!) . . . that group of gentlemen golfers who play regularly once a month during the season and who twice a year are entertained by the little women? . . . They're meeting for brunch Sunday in the home of the Ed Hales on Greentree Road . . . included are Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fife, the Robert Muzzys, the Ed Lerchens, Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith and the Walter Crow . . . About Birmingham's loss . . . with the departure Monday of Val Blichman for Los Angeles, where she intends to make her permanent home . . . Marty's record shop will be hard put to replace this ebullient saleslady . . . whose knowledge of music—all kinds—is only surpassed by a wealth of personality . . .