

Dinner Event Honors Golfers Palmer, Player



(FROM LEFT) ARNOLD PALMER, HOST BEN MILLS AND TV PERSONALITY PAT MORRIS (MRS. DONALD) OF YORKSHIRE, BIRMINGHAM.



SEMON KNUDSEN (LEFT) AND MR. AND MRS. JAMES VAN LEUVEN.



MRS. BEN MILLS (LEFT) AND MRS. WALTER GEHRKE WHO, WITH THEIR HUSBANDS, GAVE THE PARTY

Colonial Gown Selected For Metz-Willits Rites

A bodice touched with pearls and sequins highlighted the colonial gown of Chantilly lace and white silk organza worn by Mary Jo Willits at her nuptial rites Aug. 2.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Willits of Waterford, and Fred LeRoy Metz, son



MRS. METZ

of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Metz of Pontiac, exchanged vows in Our Lady of the Lakes Church, Waterford.

The Rev. Frederick J. Delaney officiated.

To complement her gown, the bride-elect chose fingertip veiling which fell from a jeweled crown. She carried white gladioli, stephanotis and pink rosebuds.

BELL-SHAPED sheath dresses of nubby white cotton were selected for honor maid Miriam Mohr of Bloomfield Hills; bridesmaids Barbara Metz and Ann Lowrie; and junior attendant Laura Willits, the bride's sister.

William Metz, the bridegroom's brother, served as best man. Ushers were William Price, Thomas Larabelle of Detroit and Thomas Amos.

The couple left for a northern honeymoon following a reception in the Clarkston Independence Hall.

Mr. Metz is a University of Detroit graduate, with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. His new bride is an employee of The Birmingham Eccentric. They will live in Waterford.

David William Born To David Frasures

A son, David William Frasure II, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Frasure (Diann Cox) July 15 in St. Louis, Mo.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Beltrum Cox of Sheridan Drive, Beverly Hills. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Frasure of Beverly Road, Beverly Hills.



WILLIAM BACHMAN (LEFT) HAVING A SERIOUS TALK WITH GARY PLAYER

By JULIE CANDLER
Special Writer

Two suave gentlemen scored a hit when they were guests of honor at a party given by Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Mills and the Walter Gehrke last week.

Arnold Palmer and Gary Player charmed the dinner guests with above-par poise and good manners following their below-par rounds at Orchard Lake Country Club for Camp Oakland.

The party at the Mills residence on Vaughan Road, Bloomfield Hills, honored not only the golfers but members of the committee which handled the huge organizational task of staging an exhibition golf match.

IT HAD BEEN the first breather for days for Mrs. Mills. She was "the boss" of Operation Orchard Lake as chairman of the Women's Committee for Camp Oakland, which sponsored the match.

Camp Oakland President Walter Gehrke also had his share of excitement to handle in connection with the match.

As for Palmer and Player, both appeared cool, calm and untired, despite a full day. It had begun for Palmer in his home town of Latrobe, Pa. He rose early and flew his own two-engine plane into Pontiac Municipal Airport.

PALMER WAS met at the airport at 9:45 a.m. by Ben Mills, who hurried him to Orchard Lake Country Club for a press conference.

He and Gary Player spent over an hour with newspaper sports-writers and radio and TV sportscasters. Then they lunched with some 400 sponsors and patrons of Camp Oakland's building fund.

Each golfer spoke briefly to the luncheon guests. In sincere tones, they thanked the guests for coming to the match.

Palmer expressed his appreciation to luncheon guests for their support of the worthy Camp Oakland projects, through the exhibition match.

AFTER A QUICK change from sports coats, white shirts and ties into golf clothes, they began firing sensational shots from the first tee. They drew delighted applause from the 2,500 people who crowded around to see them demonstrate their wedge, iron and wood shots.

As each of the golfers took the microphone to describe his partner's shots, he showed above-par talent as a comedian.

"Arnold had a little accident the other day," said Gary Player. "He fell off his wallet."

Player told the crowd, "Arnold is wearing yellow and blue, his favorite colors. He's known as the best-dressed man in the low-price field."

Later Palmer retorted, "Gary is known as the worst-dressed man in the high-price field."

AFTER A three-hour round of Orchard Lake and a bout with some tricky greens, Palmer and Player posed for pictures and signed autographs.

Palmer returned to the residence of the Robert W. Chamberlains, in Bloomfield Hills. He had a refreshing swim in the pool with young Tom Chambers, seven of Tom's friends and two golden retriever pups who seemed to like swimming with famous golfers.

Player returned to the Mills home where he had spent the previous night after flying in from a Monday exhibition in New York.

By 7 p.m. when dinner guests arrived, both of the top professionals were immaculately groomed in dark suits, white shirts and dark ties. Then they graciously goodbyes to their hosts and the guests, every one of whom hated to see them leave.

THE TWO chatted with guests, mostly about golf. In the Mills dining room they conferred about the problem of transporting Player to Asheville, N. C., for another exhibition the following day.

Palmer convinced Player that he should fly back to Latrobe with him later that night, then charter a plane from Latrobe the following morning.

When the handsome, blue-eyed Player was assured that he could charter a plane with two engines, he agreed.

At 9:30 p.m., they said their gracious goodbyes to their hosts and the guests, every one of whom hated to see them leave.

AMONG THE guests at the event were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Calhoun, Jr., the James A. Allibers, the Robert A. Dearths, Mr. and Mrs. Farbury P. Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Kerr, and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Shenefield.

Others were the Simon E. Knudsen, Jr. and Mrs. William B. Bachman, Jr., the Paul McKennys and Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Audette.

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Visits Mrs. Mudge

Evelyn Kerr of Hollywood, Calif., visited with Mrs. Catherine Mudge of S. Bates, Birmingham, from Aug. 7 to 11. Miss Kerr also visited other friends in the area.

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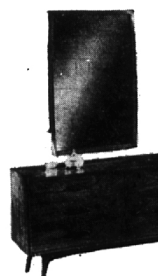
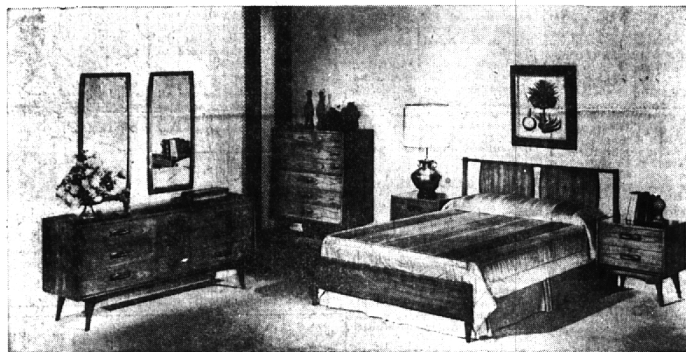
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