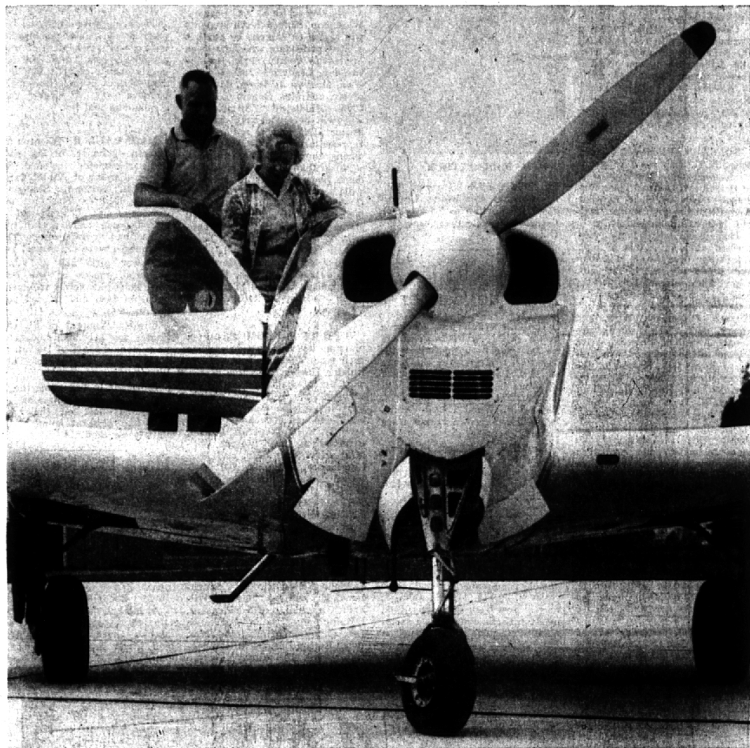


Birmingham-Bloomfield Takes to the Airplanes



LOUIS A. COLOMBO, III



MR. AND MRS. JOHN DENMAN



MRS. DONALD G. COX (FROM LEFT) WITH MARY, HAROLD, TED BERZ AND MARTI

Suburban Scene

by MARY ELLEN MEAD

The Scene Changes

Time was that going for a Sunday ride meant wheeling out a Stutz Bearcat, or packing the kids onto jump seats in the back of a phaeton, or vigorously priming (via air pump) the carburetor of a Caddy before take-off.

Nowadays, however, when mobile entertainment is scheduled, it's out to Berz Airport Birmingham hikes, because (borrowing a Berman-ism) "Daddy's gonna take us flying." Weekend flyaways from the local airport are fast becoming as popular as a Lions football game and recently involves almost as many people.

Destinations vary from Marshal (for dinner at Schuler's), to Niagra Falls to resorts in the Lower or Upper Peninsulas. Return flights are frequently sparked by a subscription party at the airport—chuck wagon dinner and music for dancing in one of the larger hangers.

Although owning his own plane can be a convenience to any busy executive, most local "skywatchers" at Berz fly as a hobby, for fun.

Runway Fever

John Denman of Covington Place, Bloomfield Village, has been flying for the past 11 years, his current plane a four-place Beechcraft Bonanza named "Pony Tail", after eight-year-old daughter, Jill.

The Denmans, including 16-year-old Troy, spend most summer weekends in the air, their most recent flight taking them to Copperhill, Tenn., where they spent Labor Day weekend with John's parents, the L. A. Denmans.

At the present time Audrey (Mrs. D.) is navigator, but after school starts for young fry will start her pilot instruction.

Louis A. Colombo III of Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills, is a young man with his head in the clouds most of the time—flying is his life.

Before graduation from Bloomfield High last spring, he had already earned three pilot ratings. He has spent all summer at Berz—or in the air—working to attain his multi-engine rating. He is already rated as a commercial and instrument pilot.

His mother, Betty, became caught up in his enthusiasm and has taken a number of pilot lessons herself.

Classy Decor!

The blue and white (inside and out!) four-place Piper Comanche owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Marsh of Cranbrook Road is scheduled to fly to the Coast in October, Charles and Rita planning to be in Palm Springs in time for the week-long "Plantation Party" arranged by the Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association.

They will rendezvous there with another Birmingham couple, Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Pretz, who are now on an extensive air tour in the southwest.

Charles has flown since 1940 as a hobby and, he claims, as a therapeutic measure—"you shed your problems as you climb." Rita says up 'til this summer she's been the back-seat driver. Now she's a student pilot anxious to take off on her first solo.

Flying is a family affair with the Donald G. Cox family (See SUBURBAN SCENE, 2-C)



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES D. MARSH

Paging All Antiquers! It's DAR Show Time

The thirteenth annual Antique Show and Sale sponsored by Piety Hill Chapter, DAR, will be held at the Community House Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 18, 19 and 20, from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., and on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sam Yeagley of Annapolis, Pa., an authoritative dealer in antiques, will again manage the show. A widely selected group of exhibitors from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware, Missouri, Illinois and New York, as well as nationally recognized local dealers, will offer American, English and Continental antiques of quality, rarity and interest within a wide range of price. The display includes authentic antique furniture, old china, glassware, silver, powder, fine prints, jewelry and a large collection of old coins and antique dolls.

Visitors to the show may enjoy luncheon, tea or dinner at the Community House.

PIETY HILL has but one fund raising event during the entire year. The proceeds from this show enable the chapter to share with the national DAR in supporting educational, historical and patriotic projects. Thirteen DAR approved schools for underprivileged children receive financial aid for new buildings, needed equipment and scholarships.

Locally the chapter furnishes American flags for schools, books for the public library, magazine subscriptions to the Veteran's Hospital, and presents Good Citizenship awards annually to outstanding high school girls in the community.

Members of the Committee working on this year's show are Mrs. Graeme Supple, chapter regent; Mrs. J. P. Charles and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell, chairmen; Mrs. Robert Britter, program; Mrs. Richard Henne, tickets; Mrs. Royal Paultette, hostess; Mrs. John Boyd, house; Mrs. Lloyd Miller, announcements; Mrs. Herbert Green, posters; Mrs. Don Dasher, finance.

Roaring Fire Keynotes Happy Ritual

Last week's wintry blasts proved a perfect foil for the party given by Mrs. Hilda Ruhl in her home on Baldwin Ct.—object of festivities being a mortgage burning.

Twenty-seven guests attended the happy ritual, which took place before a roaring fire in the family fireplace. The ceremony, preceded by buffet supper, was accompanied by appropriate comment, champagne toasts and frantic Polaroid activity.

Assisting their mother as hosts were her daughters, Gretchen and Kathy, and her sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards and the William Sennett.

AMONG GUESTS were Dr. and Mrs. Ed Deer and family; Mr. and Mrs. John Hall; Mr. and Mrs. John Moons; Dr. John de Tar; Mrs. Hermione Coil and daughter Jan; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Herrmann and Mrs. Janet Martin. Incidentally, Gretchen will leave Sept. 14 for Columbia University to work on a master's in English and Kathy will return to the University of Michigan for her sophomore year.

Birth Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Evans (Laura Ridder of St. Paul, Minn.) of 777 Pleasant, Birmingham, announce the birth of a daughter, Jody Ridder, on Aug. 17.

Carayan Goes North to Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary

So enamored are the E. W. Gerhards of their year 'round home on the Au Sable that even a fiftieth wedding anniversary doesn't tempt them to celebrate in Birmingham.

That being the case, B'ham went to the Au Sable!

Leaving Friday for northern Michigan were the couple's son-in-law and daughter, the Charles Brickers, with Chick, Mary Ann, Sally and Nancy, and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Gerhard, Jr., with Jo Ann and Jane.

Sept. 2 was the big day, marked by a buffet dinner for members of the family and close friends.

New Job Plus Parties Creates Busy Schedule

Mary Ann Varblow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee H. Varblow of Birmingham, has taken off for Columbus, O., and her new job—teaching in one of the city's elementary schools.

PRE-NUPTIAL parties already given for Mary Ann include the luncheon and linen shower at which Mrs. Harold G. Warner and daughter, Carol, were hostesses in their home on Snowhove Circle.

She didn't leave, however, before setting Nov. 30 as the date of her marriage to Thomas Douglas Barnow, son of Albert J. Barnow of Berea, O., and the late Mrs. Barnow. The couple will be married in Birmingham's Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

When Mary Ann and Tom come home for a weekend in October, the Philip Carwrights of Birmingham will be hosts at dinner party in their honor on the 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rauschenberger of Westbrook Parkway? The Rauschenbergers, with their new baby, Mark, moved here last week from East Lansing. Rauschenberger is area manager for the Mobil Oil Co.