

Holiday Rites

Carol Elizabeth Decker of New York City, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Decker of Clifton Road, Birmingham, has set Dec. 28 as the date of her marriage to Thomas A. Halsted, also of New York. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Halsted of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.



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Suburban Scene

It's a New World

Sub Scene veered off the beaten track last week, slipping into the astounding world of fashion via red carpet treatment. Two—by invitation—courtesy showings left us gasping over clothes beautiful beyond belief and priced accordingly.

Soft lights, sweet music, the tinkle of ice against cocktail glasses set the scene in Saks Fifth Avenue's Regency Room for a showing of designer gowns all geared for after five. As models walked back and forth across the room, the hush which seems an integral part of these affairs was broken by sporadic applause and quick jottings (for future reference) in gold and white talley books. Each costume was numbered, making it easy for husbands present to keep tab on outfits which might suit their particular queen to a T. Mama kept herself busy with pencil, too!

From where we sat, it looked as though any color, so long as it's red or shades thereof, is good; the magic of long sleeves is back and so is the regality of full-length evening coats. The exotic sari—the one modeled pencil slim and designed in printed cloth of gold—boasts a new length, just above the ankle, making entanglement (sartorially speaking!) less of a hazard.

Tres Elegante

A twenty-minute drive out the expressway the same evening brought us to Walton Pierce in Grosse Pointe where soft lights, music and an open bar were again the order of the evening. For the uninitiated was a trip to the sewing rooms, where miles of threaded machines marched down the center of a room hemmed in on each side by dressmaker forms bearing each customer's name. Reminiscent of the wine cellar at Twenty-One!

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Clothes at Mrs. Pierce's show were for every hour of the day, subtly and beautifully executed, the magic of hand-beading and cob-webby laces something to dream about.

In fact, ladies, the whole experience was something to dream about. Only thing that brought us back to earth were hard, cold facts revolving around budget: Price range of the gowns was \$200 to \$2,000. Our favorite—and what's more, becoming!—hat, a mere \$155.95.

Romance in the News

Nice to know about the marriage Saturday in Christ Church Cranbrook of Birmingham's beloved social secretary Mrs. McKnight Parker of Redding Road. She and Elmer L. Sylvester, also of Birmingham, repeated their nuptial vows at 2:30 o'clock ceremony after which a reception was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Beresford on Cottontail Lane.

The bridal couple was attended by their children, Mrs. Sylvester's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Parker, Jr., of San Jose, Calif., and the bridegroom's sons-in-law and daughters, the Frank K. Littles of Columbus, O., and Mr. and Mrs. William T. Beresford of Birmingham.

Harold J. McKnight of Coldwater, Mich., gave his sister in marriage.

The couple will be at home at 6060 Snowshoe Circle after Nov. 1.

Additional wedding news revolves around Marguerite Schmidt and Alex C. Billesdon who will be married Oct. 12 at 4 o'clock in Christ Church Cranbrook. A reception will follow at the Village Woman's Club.

Marguerite is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parbury P. Schmidt of Wing Lake Road and her fiance's parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Billesdon of Lathrup Village.

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Society Editor

Party Talk

It's to be Lester Lanin and orchestra at the Cinderella Ball this year, his music swinging out across the Crystal Ballroom of the Sheraton-Cadillac the evening of Oct. 19.

Among Birmingham-Bloomfield women on the committee for the huge party, which benefits the TB and Health Society, are Mrs. Edward F. Avis, Mrs. Packer Avis, Mrs. Frederick J. Bush, Mrs. John L. Denzmann, Mrs. Roy A. Fruehart, Mrs. Jesse E. Judd, Mrs. Joseph F. Paulus, Mrs. John D. Richardson, Jr., Mrs. Joseph E. Risdon and Mrs. William J. Scripps.

Since Birmingham's recent affliction of parking lot-itis, small wonder that the Dave Brecks (he's city commissioner) tagged their subscription party last week—an all sports event—the Parkington Olympics!

Everyone arrived at 10 a.m., stayed through luncheon and dinner and on past midnight. Dave had contrived a 15-foot long grill (combination of chicken wiring and railroad ties) for the steaks everyone brought for dinner and also put to use Barnum Hi's athletic field—right next door—for contests which included high jumping, broad jumping, volley ball, tennis, shot put and basket ball.

Mrs. James Hubbard came up as the all 'round champion of the girls, her counterpart for the men, Bill Shenefelt of Allen Park.

Among the 60 guests from Birmingham-Bloomfield were Mr. and Mrs. John Albrecht, Mr. and Mrs. William Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clipper, Mr. and Mrs. William Reddig, the Walt Denisons, the Charles Prides, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Geiger, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Verzyer, the Murray Smiths and Mr. and Mrs. William Saunders.

Have You Met . . .

The new residents of 6826 Spruce Drive, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kastner, who moved from Wayne, N. J., two months ago? They have three children, Debbie, Sandra and Gale. Mr. Kastner is sales manager with General Hose and Coupling Co. He is a graduate of the Fairleigh Dickinson College in New Jersey. The entire family enjoys swimming. Mrs. Kastner also likes gardening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flynn moved to 7368 Cathedral row from Grosse Pointe Farms one month ago with their four daughters, Penny, Pat, Martha and Debbie, all of whom are now college students. The Flyns will be bowling with the Detroit Boat Club couples' league this year.



Weds B'ham Boy

Mrs. Richard G. Robn, Jr. (Patricia Faye Simmons), daughter of Mrs. Earl R. Hipsher of Perry, Okla., spoke her marriage vows Sept. 8 in the First Methodist Church of Perry. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Robn of W. Lincoln Road, Birmingham. Following a honeymoon through northern Michigan, the couple will leave for Oahu, Hawaii, where the bridegroom, a graduate of Seaholm High School, is presently stationed at the Naval Air Station on Barber's Point. He attended Michigan State University and his wife attended Oklahoma State University. She will continue her studies at the University of Hawaii, majoring in psychology.

Community Club Plans for Season

Plans for the coming season were reviewed by the board of directors of the Community Club of Detroit following luncheon at the home of Mrs. Edward M. Smith, president, of Charnwood Drive, Birmingham.

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