Year’s End Spiced By Festivity And Romance

Although there’s seldom a slack in our local social scene, year’s end is traditionally a signal for the pace to accelerate. Parties—not exactly cheaper by the dozen but adding up, numerically, is way beyond that fig, round figure—keep everyone (necessarily) house-hopping or converging at “the club” for brunches, teas or dinners. A constant state of flux exists socially, with quick-change artists way out about what it means to switch from one wardrobe, to dinner jacket, to what’s proper for engagement announcements, church weddings or parties of which there might well be Jewish—though when it comes to parties, in part, the kind of activities which keep Birmingham-Bloomfield involved during the last days of 1963. One of the most typically festive creations was the surprise birthday party for Miss Barbara, for whose 26th birthday, it took place in the ballroom of their home on Stoney Brook Drive, Bloomfield Hills, with 72 guests present. Among them were (from left) Mrs. Richard Moran, Mrs. David Trenitat, Mrs. Jack Frazier, Bill Downey, Mrs. Wall Dunham, Mrs. Ward Ondruch, David Brodkin, Mr. Jack Black, Mrs. William Kalieck, Mrs. Eugene Swan, Paul Armstrong (father of the birthday girl), Mrs. Jim Richardson, Mrs. Carmelia, Dan Persons, Eugene Swan, William Baldwin and Ed Easley.

Miss Thomas Speaks Vows In Nashville

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thomas were back in their home on Flowerhill Drive after a trip to Nashville, Tenn., for the marriage there on Dec. 28 of their daughter, Carol Anne, to J. Ray Black, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Black of Lubbock, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thomas hosted a dinner party for the bridal couple and guests which was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gander, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Jucy of Oakland, and Mr. and Mrs. Bierle and Miss Thomas (at right).

Suburban Scene

Calendar for ’64

Beginning to Spark

by MARY SHAW MEAD

Crystal Ball Gazing

Gazing on the society front for ’64 shouldn’t deviate a jot until actual announcements are made to order early in the New Year. We therefore present some new agenda for memberships and what’s happening, and from then on it’s all the way.

In the meantime, there’ve been rumors that:

The Village Woman’s Club, having reached its peak capacity, will again open membership to new members in June with something more exciting and Necessary.

AWWH is thinking in terms of February, rather than April, for its huge benefit fashion show.

That we’ve seen the last of the Carpool Ball for a time ...

...something new is on the fire ...

Liberwise with a theater benefit for the Republican Party of Oakland County, a different approach is brewing ...

Just the Facts, Ma’am

Tooting rumors aside for ’64, the facts are ...

That members of Zeta Symphony, with their elder sisters in the Women’s Association, are about to initiate a “first” ... it’ll be joint attendance at an open rehearsal Wednesday, Feb. 11, in Fort Auditorium ... a chance to meet and chat with new symphony conductor, Hattie Hering ... the next morning to be climaxed by a sandwich luncheon in the Social Room ...

That (still with the Symphony) Publicity Man Jim Hicks has a new job (Birmingham may be saying more of him) ... with Ken Drake and Associates filling his shoes in the symphony office ...

That, according to numbers, Mrs. Jean C. Tremain, new manager at the Village Woman’s club, is doing “a whale of a job” ...

That dynamic Margaret (Mrs. Sidney) Smith is coming to the end of her two-year term as president of the Junior League and that, from where we sit, she’s done a whale of a job, too ...

That AWWH is anticipating a talk in March by B. L. A. Marshall, “If Not War, Then What?” with the added dividend of an introduction by Ruth Beamer ...

And that Mrs. Shank, who totaled dozens of pictures back from her recent European junket, will show same at the Community House Jan. 5 and 9 at 9:30 a.m. ... program, as always, open to the public ...

Pamela Marie Rollins Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Blake Rollins of Lake Drive, Birmingham, are among the parents who announced their daughter’s engagement during the holidays.

Pamela Rollins is noting James Frederick Winger, Jr., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Winger of Birmingham, the late Mr. Rollins ...

Pamela was graduated from the University of Michigan and is presently a senior at Hillsdale College, affiliated with St. Mary’s College.

Her future attended Congregation, named her place in the United States Navy and is now attending Pioneer Business Institute.

Pam will return to school Jan. 1, at which time her brother Fred will also be for the bachelor’s degree in administration ...

Informal Interlude at a Deb Party

Mrs. Joseph Fisher, daughter of the late Joseph Fisher of Birmingham, took time out for small talk before the reception line formed for Miss Shank’s debutante ball Dec. 19 at the Little Club in Groves Pointe, Birmingham’s only deb of the season is about to return to classes at Detroit College in Lake Forest, Ill.