

Yule Season Prompts Bursting Social Calendar Suburban Scene

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Engagement Revealed

Adding sparkle to a Christmas season already slated for brilliance are rings being worn—third finger, left hand—by a number of our town's fairest.

Included in the group is Nancy Campbell Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Collins, Jr., whose engagement to Russell Lee Epker was recently announced by her parents at a party given in their home on Fairfax Road, Birmingham.



MISS COLLINS

Russell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur George Epker of Pleasant Lake, formerly of Birmingham.

Both young people are graduates of Seaholm High School, Nancy to receive her degree from the University of Michigan in May. She is affiliated with Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Russell was graduated in June from U. of M., where he was president of Student Government and a member of Sigma Phi Fraternity. He also has two honoraries to his credit—Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Kappa Psi.

Following a June 5 wedding, the couple plans to live in Cambridge, Mass., where Russ will work on his master's degree in business administration at Harvard Business School.

Wedding Bells

Mary Coulter Crets and William Thomas Gossett, Jr., were married Dec. 5 at the Immanuel Congregational Church, Oxford.

Mrs. Gossett is the daughter of Bruce Noel Coulter, headmaster of Kingsbury School, Oxford, and the late Mrs. Coulter. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Ralph William Burnet of Carmel, Calif., and the late Mr. Burnet. She is a graduate of Bloomfield Hills High School and attended the University of Colorado.

Mr. Gossett is an alumnus of Cranbrook School, Bloomfield Hills, and of the University of Wisconsin. He is a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve. The son of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Gossett of Bloomfield Hills, he is a grandson of the late Chief Justice of the United States and Mrs. Charles Evans Hughes and of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Tillman Gossett.

Anne Coulter attended her sister and Delbert G. Voight of Montclair, N. J., served as best man. Following the noon ceremony, luncheon was served at Mr. Coulter's home in Oxford for the family and close friends of the couple.

Add Lohengrin

Jerrie Russel is another localite who'll celebrate a December wedding anniversary, for on the twenty-third she and Ronald Paul Rimby will repeat their vows in the First Methodist Church of Birmingham.

Jerrie is the daughter of Mrs. Marjorie Strong Russel of Birmingham and George Howard Russel of Detroit. Her fiancé is the son of Mrs. Blackwell Rimby of Springfield, Mo., and Paul Rimby of Ozark, Mo.

The bride-elect, currently attending Wayne State University, is a graduate of the Hockaday School, Dallas, Tex., and attended Pembroke College in Providence, R. I. She is a member of Sigma Gamma.

Ronald attended South West Missouri State University and Washington University School of Engineering in St. Louis.

Wistful Traveler

Although Ann Russel won't be home for her sister's wedding, Christmas won't be exactly unexciting. For Ann, who is a freshman at the American College of Switzerland in Leysin, will spend the holidays in Izmir, Turkey—guest of a classmate whose dad is the American Consul General.

Ann, who spent the summer in France following her junior year at Seaholm and last summer in Germany with American friends of the family, reports, via air mail, that Thanksgiving in Italy was "simply great", but that she's looking ahead to vacationing in Birmingham come June.

"The Eccentric," writes our young globe-trotter, "keeps me posted in sort of a glad-sad way—happy to know what my friends are doing BUT wishing, every so often, I was doing it with 'em."

Vital Statistics

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Wright (Virginia Hills Penrose of Birmingham) of Pittsburgh, Mass., announce the birth of a daughter, Melissa Penrose, Nov. 22.

Pint-sized Melissa is scheduled to make her first appearance in Birmingham Dec. 20 when she'll arrive with her parents to spend the holidays with her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clement A. Penrose, Jr., of Waddington Road.

Another set of beaming grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hummel of Birmingham. Cynthia Brown Hummel was born Nov. 30 to Mr. and Mrs. C. Ronald Hummel (Anne Steele of Fayetteville, N. Y.) of White Plains, N. Y.



Eccentric Photo by Sam Towler

'Open' Sign Out for Symphony

SMALL HOSTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS WALK BEING SPONSORED FRIDAY BY THE JUNIOR WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR THE DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WILL BE THE EIGHT WILLIAM J. PULTE YOUNGSTERS INCLUDING (FROM LEFT, BACK ROW) NANCY, MARY JO, KATHY, MARK, WITH HIS MOTHER; BRYAN AND CHAIRMAN, MRS. DOUGLAS DAMERON. FROM LEFT IN FOREGROUND IT'S COCHAIRMAN MRS. BARBARA MACARTNEY WITH SUSIE, BOBBY AND TOMMY.

Forget Those Lists—Go For a Walk

For the past five years, Birmingham's package-toting holiday shoppers have enjoyed a respite from crowded stores and jammed parking lots by going for a walk. It's an enchanting sort of walk, taking them into a number of outstanding homes decorated for Christmas.

Sponsored by members of the Junior Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, it not only serves as a pleasant interlude but helps build the Juniors' pledge to the orchestra.

This year's festive event will take place tomorrow from 1 to 5 p.m., preceded by luncheon, for those interested, at Devon Gardens, Mrs. Barbara Macartney and Mrs. Douglas Dameron are cochairmen.

PREVIEW OF what's in store includes the home of Mrs. Royal H. Bradford on Glenary Circle West. A white, center-hall colonial, it will be decorated with original floral arrangements by Stan Kabran of Detroit. A turquoise and gold tree will dominate the living room, while the Williamsburg family room will be brilliantly arrayed in red, orange and green.

The Richard C. VanBusen home on Bingham Road, circa 1850, was originally owned by the Louis Adams family—still retains its farm house charm. High ceilings, a center-hall fireplace and country kitchen combine to be reminders of another day. An oil of the house and barn as it originally looked hangs in the living room.

DESIGNED BY Olaf Hammarstrom, the Eino H. Nurme home on Cedar Bend Drive, Bloomfield Hills, is built in such a way that each room overlooks Sodon Lake. The unusual use of pebbled floors, large windows and glass walls makes the beauty of the outdoors setting part of the house. The Roman bathroom boasts additional movie-type glamor with its sunken tub.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold R. Roehm on Lone Pine Road display their great love of antiques in a house built on property which has been in Mrs. Roehm's family many years. Their collection includes such items as an American tea table (1720-1740), a mahogany bird cage tilt and turn table (1750) and a marble top Queen Ann table (1760). Each room is filled with treasures, extra bonus being a number of John Coppin's paintings.

THE G. BRETNELL Williams' home on N. Glenary will be decorated in eighteenth century tradition to set off the Chippendale and Hepplewhite furniture. Candles will light the tree, dried fruits and nuts used in decorative arrangements. A Civil War vintage sled is traditionally used in front of the fireplace.

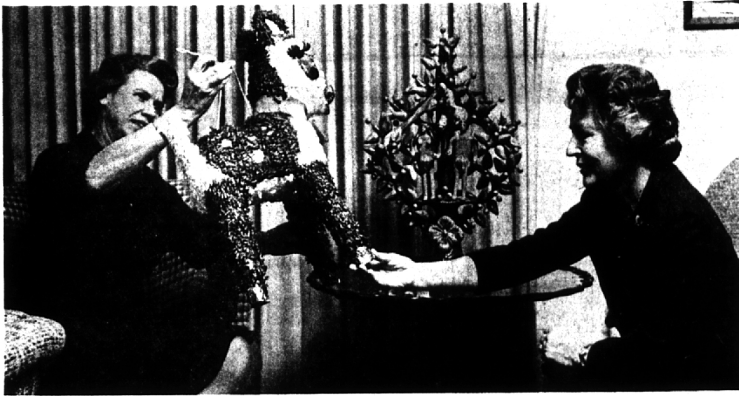
Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Parsons did their own decorating for the house they built on Willow Lane.

It is contemporary, noted for its unusual use of window draping plus a suspended staircase. Mrs. Parson's talent is evidenced in the colors used and in her own paintings which hang in the living room.

A two-story Christmas tree will dominate the home of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Pulte on Glenary Circle East, where eight star-eyed youngsters have already hung stockings in the family room. The house is done entirely in blue and white.

HOSTESSES FOR the Friday walk will be Mrs. Herbert Graebner, Mrs. Harry Winston, Jr., Mrs. Robert Bryan, Mrs. Charles Borgeson, Mrs. Henry Whitting, Jr., Mrs. John McColl and Mrs. William Wescott.

Reservations for the luncheon are being taken by Mrs. Edward Nicholas of White Pine Drive, Birmingham. M.E.M.



MRS. ROBERT MARSHALL (LEFT) AND MRS. PETER LOOMIS

Tour and Tea Afford Happy Break

The traditional Christmas Tour and Tea of the Birmingham Unitarian Church will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday. Three members will open their holiday bedecked homes to friends and area neighbors for a relaxing, fun afternoon.

Sponsored by the Women's Alliance, donations are earmarked for Alliance projects in various community services and within the church.

Mrs. Arthur Hawkes, chairman, has scheduled a tour of three especially interesting and diverse homes—the Peter Loomis' and Brooks Marshall's homes on Gordon Lane in Birmingham and the Robert McLean's 5625 Forman Drive, Bloomfield Township.

THE CONTEMPORARY McLean home, surrounded by trees high on a hill overlooking Wing Lake, evidences much of the creativity of its designer-owner. One of the special features at

Christmas time is an eight by four foot Swedish frame built by Mr. McLean on the fireplace wall of the living room for a display of toys and objects dart front around the world.

After completing her term as

Thetas Plan For Holidays

December is an extra busy month for the Birmingham-Bloomfield Alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta, starting with a board meeting on Dec. 1 to finalize plans and concluding with a Christmas coffee Dec. 28.

A Christmas vacation coffee for all the Detroit metropolitan active Thetas and their mothers on Dec. 28 will be at the home of Mrs. Howard Schweppe.

THE DETROIT alumnae chapter is coshosting the coffee. Their representatives are Mrs. P. Allen

school board president, Catherine Loomis put her energies to work decorating her new home at 359 Gordon Lane. She and Peter have designed a small house but with plenty of space to carry on their own hobbies as well as welcome

returning married children and grandchildren.

Although the Loomis home is contemporary, its holiday decor will be traditional.

At the end of Gordon Lane, Charlotte and Brooks Marshall have the perfect example of a Here visitors will sip a cup of tea as they look across the spacious, sloping lawn down to the winding Rouge. Recently returned from an extensive Mexican vacation, the Marshalls will decorate with the trimmings of a Mexican festa.

ASSISTING THE hostesses will be Mrs. Cecil F. Charlton, Mrs. Alfred M. Davock, Mrs. Norman Weston, Mrs. Frederick Robinson, Mrs. Edward Raney, Mrs. E. J. Grawton and Mrs. Jacques Passino. Tickets may be purchased at the Unitarian Church, Woodward and Lone Pine, or at the door of any of the homes the day of the tour.

Pamela Jean Hay Sets Wedding Date

Pamela Jean Hay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trevor William Hay of Westchester Way, Birmingham, has set Jan. 2 as the date of her marriage to George Douglas Rosa, son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Rosa of Lincoln Drive, Bloomfield Township. The ceremony will take place in Redeemer Lutheran Church, Birmingham.

A graduate of Seaholm High School, the bride-elect attended Ferris State College. Her fiancé was also graduated from Seaholm and attended Michigan State University.

CURRENTLY HE is stationed at McCoy Air Force Base, Orlando, Fla. Following the wedding, he will be transferred to Eielson Air Force Base, Fairbanks, Alaska, where, housing permitting, his bride will join him.

Hostesses who have already entertained for Pamela include Mrs. Lawrence Pabel of Rochester Road and Mrs. Stewart Denovan of Royal Oak, who gave a miscellaneous shower, and Mrs. Norman Bowman and Mrs. Leo Hildebrand, a kitchen shower in the former's Royal Oak home.

MRS. ANDREW Sively will entertain today at a linen shower in her home in Bloomfield Hills, and the bride-elect's uncle and aunt, the Rodney Lockwoods of Bloomfield, will be hosts at a dinner party Dec. 29 at the DAC. They will also give the wedding reception in their home.

Pamela's attendants will include Nancy Hay of Birmingham,



MISS HAY

maid of honor: Ann Bailey and Mrs. Paul Ray of Royal Oak, bridesmaids.