

Briarbank Glows In The Spirit Of Christmas



MRS. ROBERT RUTH (LEFT) AND MRS. FRANK TODD



MRS. RALPH POLK (LEFT) AND MRS. HARWOOD BACON

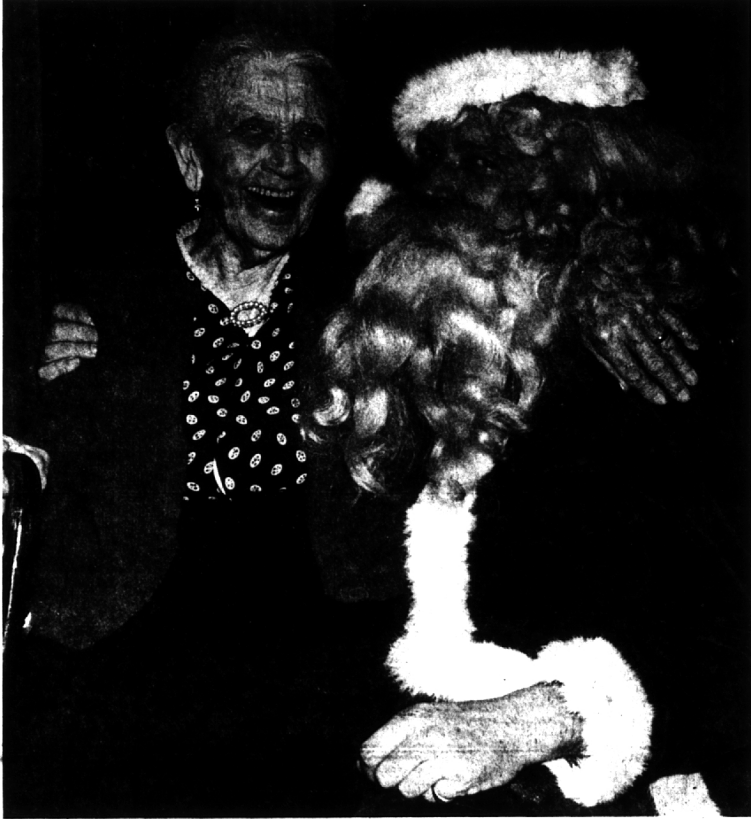


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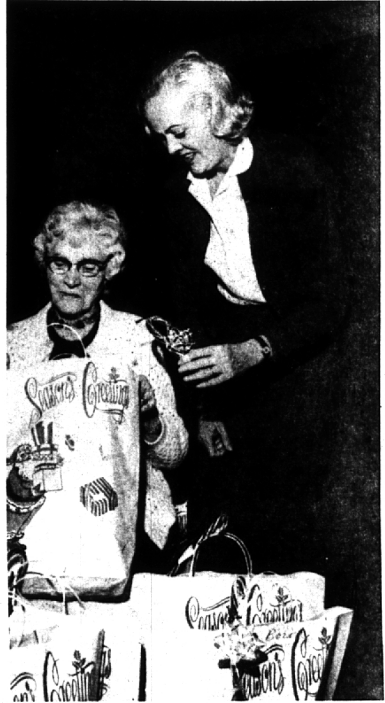
Ace-High With the Man Who Counts

Perched high among the pines atop Barbour Hill, St. Elizabeth Briarbank keeps senior citizens well housed (every room has its own breath-taking view) and cared for throughout the year. At Christmas time, however, there's an extra shine to eyes and lots of sprucing up in anticipation of the annual holiday party planned for residents by members of the board including Mrs. Ralph Polk, Mrs. Harwood Bacon, Mrs. Everill Fisher, Mrs. John Maddox, Mrs. Jack

Tate, Mrs. Fred Hammond, Mrs. Fred V. Davis, Mrs. John J. Ellwood, Jr., Mrs. Jack Reid, Mrs. Harold Turner. Pattern for fun includes late afternoon punch, caroling and dancing, followed by the arrival of St. Nick with bags full of gifts. Ninety-three-year-old Mrs. Katherine Hessler is generally among the first to greet Santa—invariably tripping the light fantastic with him later in the evening.



MUSICIAN BERT DJERIKSS SERENADES MRS. VICTORIA SLOSCH, (LEFT), MARY COUILLARD AND MRS. MARY RYSHKOW



MRS. ANN CALVERT (LEFT) AND MRS. FRED V. DAVIS



MRS. JOHN ELLWOOD, JR.

Van-Dels to Head North

Young Brad Host, Cranbrook School student and son of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Host of Beverly Hills, is getting his feet wet in show business with such success that B'ham may some day have its own version of a Josh Logan or Dick Rodgers.

Currently, Brad is business manager for the Van-Dels, a dedicated group of musicians (ages 14-16) whose prime purpose is entertainment for teenagers.

Steve Matthews, bass guitar, and Tom Payton, electric piano.

Brad's biggest plum to date is a recently signed contract which will take the boys up to Osceola where they've been hired to play the Wildlife Room Dec. 31 and Jan. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Host will provide transportation (trailer hitched to their car) and hope the skiing is good while they sit out the engagement.

Alpha Delta Pi Plans Holiday Tea

A mother-daughter tea will be held by the North Suburban Alumnae Association of Alpha Delta Pi Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Howard Vesiculus, 1244 Carey Lane, Birmingham.

Mrs. John Scardalos is the chairman of the affair, with Mrs. Ernest Berger and Mrs. W. E. Saylor as co-hostesses.

Any active Alpha Delta Pi's in the area are welcome. Call Mrs. James Buchanan, 1517 Maywood, Royal Oak, or Mrs. John Scardalos, 784 Shephardbush, Birmingham, for reservations.

COMBO INCLUDES Scott Matthews, lead guitar; Pete Lewis, rhythm guitar; Mike Glossup, drums; Steve Matthews, bass guitar, and Tom Payton, electric piano.

'Let There Be Lights'—Judging Monday

By MARION CASKEY
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Attention all Franklin residents. Make sure every outdoor light in your Christmas display is operating Monday night, Dec. 28.

On that night, the judges for the Community Association annual Christmas house-decorating contest will make their rounds. They will attempt to decide, with the wisdom of Solomon, who has the outstanding display in the village.

First prize will be tickets for the annual Association President's Ball, to be held Jan. 30 at Plum Hollow. This represents a \$17 out-

lay. Second prize is a year's paid membership in the Community Association and third prize will be \$5.

In order to save their consciences, the judges will also give some honorable mentions.

ALEC TAYLOR, of the Franklin Community Church choir, reports that the presentation of "Vivaldi" with the U of M orchestra Dec. 13 was an overwhelming success.

The concert was recorded in its entirety and Mr. Taylor says the technical quality of the recording is excellent. RCA Victor has agreed

to make a record for distribution if 100 orders are received. Anyone who would like one should contact Mr. Taylor.

PART OF the pleasure of the Christmas season comes from the little traditions observed year after year by certain groups.

The girls of Mrs. Nicholas Quint's bridge club have been exchanging gifts with their "secret pals" within the group for several years. Christmas marks the unmasking of the pals at a bridge-less holiday party.

Monday night they assembled

at Quints' Colony Hill Road home for this year's frivolity.

ANOTHER HEN party that evolved into a traditional Christmas season dinner party with hands in one Mrs. Raymond Marx of Appletree Lane calls her perfume party. Back in her sorority house days at MSU, Jean and a few of her sisters drew names and exchanged gifts of perfume.

Accompanying the gift was an original poem about the recipient. The party was continued after the girls married, and this year's, the

Judy Lucas is Honored At Bridal Parties

Judy Lucas of 863 Rivenook Road, who was graduated from Michigan State University last week, has chosen Dec. 28 for her wedding date.

She will marry Edward Foley of Eastlady Drive, Birmingham, at an evening ceremony in Holy Name Church.

Miss Lucas has been feted at a tea and personal shower given by Mrs. Richard May (Jeanie Smith), Nancy Collins and Donna Schwab honored Judy with a miscellaneous shower and Mrs. Charles Heiney was hostess at a luncheon and miscellaneous shower at Devon Gables.

Mrs. Paul Mensing and Mrs. William O'Rourke gave a luncheon and linen shower at Mrs. Mensing's home on Larchlea in Birmingham.

Marie Lucas, sister of the bride, will be the hostess at a spinstar luncheon on Dec. 27 at Devon Gables, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foley, parents of the bride, will host the rehearsal dinner at Oakland Hills Country Club Dec. 26.

Susanne Witbeck Is Honored On Birthday

Honoring her daughter, Susanne, on her sixteenth birthday, Mrs. A. V. Witbeck of N. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, entertained Saturday at a mother-daughter tea at home.

In addition to her mother, the honoree received with her grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Langford of Pontiac, and her three brothers, Gregory, a student at the University of Kentucky; Gary, who attends Kent State University; and Barry, whose school is Quant-

Early Deadlines Next 2 Issues

Offices of The Birmingham Eccentric will be closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25; Saturday, Dec. 26, and on New Year's Day, Jan. 1. They will be open, however, on Saturday, Jan. 2.

Because of the holidays early deadlines will be observed.

Therefore, all advertisers and news contributors are asked to submit their copy as early as possible for the Dec. 31 and Jan. 7 issues.

The Birmingham Eccentric extends the greetings of the season to everyone.