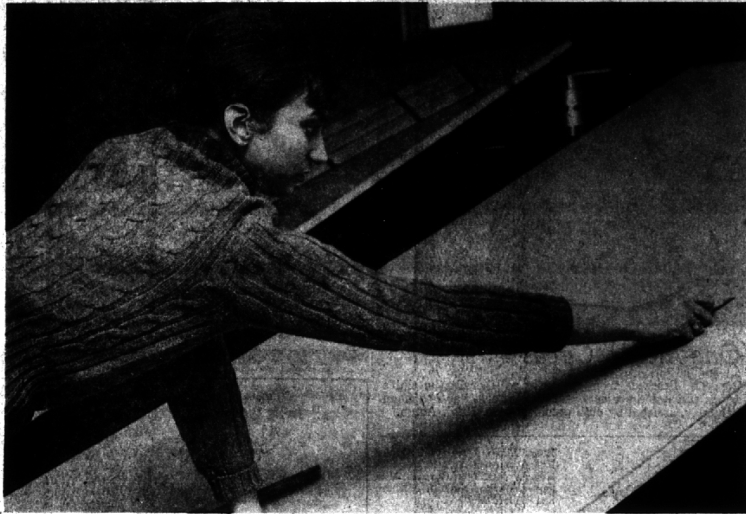


## Setting The Stage For 'Opera In The Country'



KAREN VANDERKLOOT

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MRS. CHARLES HIMELHOCH

### Mrs. Flanders Plans Luncheon Before Concert

Mrs. Phillip L. Flanders of Bradford Drive, Bloomfield Hills, will preside over a luncheon at the Village Woman's Club preceding the Birmingham Musicale concert slated for 1:30 p.m. today at The Community House.

The luncheon, slated for 11:30 a.m., will commemorate the first time that Mrs. Flanders will have performed a musical number for which she wrote the lyrics. The

piece, "A Summer Morn," was written in 1960 for a spring concert in collaboration with John R. Phelps.

**GUEST OF HONOR** at the luncheon will be Mrs. Vernon L. Vennan, president of the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs. Also planning to attend from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area are Mrs. Roland E. King, Mrs. Duncan Augustine, Mrs. John C. Wright Jr., Mrs. John Flannery, Mrs. I. W. Robertson, Mrs. Delbert L. Tate, Mrs. John E. Phelps, Mrs. Lillian Bohn and Mrs. Herbert H. Gardner.

Attending from Grrosse Pointe are Mrs. Carroll Tranzler and Mrs. John Nelson.

### City Club Slates Pre-Symphony Dinner

A gala dinner party, preceding the March 19 Detroit Symphony concert starting Van Cliburn, is planned at the Women's City Club beginning with cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

Leading the decorations committee is Mrs. T. Walter Thompson of Birmingham. Other members from Bloomfield Hills planning the affair are Mrs. Cecil Akroyd and Mrs. Phillip R. Flanders.

Reservations may be made with the Women's City Club of Detroit.

### Big Evening Prompts Big Effort

If confusion seems to reign at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club these last doleful days of winter, could be it's because of a troop of decorators who've completely taken over the place. Buckets of paint, drawing boards, blueprints and ladders are all part of the scene.

Reason for this bustling busyness is twofold: First, the club, itself, is in the process of a complete face lifting job (results to be less elegant) and second, decorations for one of the most important parties of the season are simultaneously being constructed.

Small wonder that the bucket brigade meets each other coming and going!

**ON THE VOLUNTEER** end of the scale are those women who have offered their artistic talents toward transforming the Hunt Club riding ring into a miniature theater for performances slated to highlight "Opera in the Country", the huge, black tie dinner dance to be given March 20.

Doralene McNelly and Russell Smith, stars in the Overture to Opera III series, will sing a duet from Don Giovanni and Miss McNelly will sing "The Jewell Song" from Faust. This will be preceded by a skit written and directed by Mrs. Benjamin Brewster.

Many weeks in the planning, festivities are in the nature of a salute to those localities helping to make the Met Season in May a continuing success. General chairman for the Birmingham-Bloomfield area for DGOA is Mrs. Ernest A. Jones. Mrs. Charles Himelhoch is chairman of this special event, with Karen Vanderkloot and Mrs. Darrell Roberts, among her assistants.

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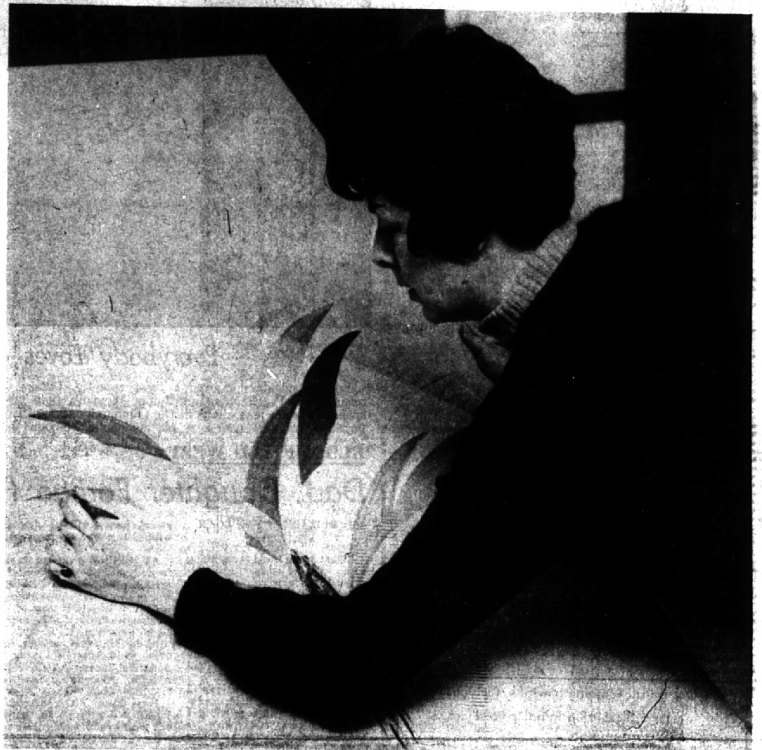
### Shillelagh Stomp Lures Members To Oakland Hills

There will be shades of green when Oakland Hills Country Club presents its Shillelagh Stomp, March 14.

Strolling musicians will play throughout the cocktail hour, followed by the music of Chuck Leonard and his band for dancing.

Featured on the dinner menu will be pork tenderloin for anyone loyal to Erin, corned beef and green cabbage for those as Irish as Paddy's Pig, and roast beef for those as American as Yankee Doodle.

Club hosts for the evening are Mr. and Mrs. John J. Ahern, with Mr. and Mrs. Judge Beardner, David B. Falconer, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Howling, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lahey, the Henry T. Schaeffers and the Donald O'Toole assisting.



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## Suburban Scene

By MARY ELLEN MEAD

### Education in France

Birmingham-Bloomfield high school and college students (thanks to the exchange programs) hop back and forth to Europe these days with as much casualness as their parents embrace when taking off on a little jaunt to Ann Arbor!

Carol Koester, however, is having a more prolonged experience than most, for she's been attending classes at the University of Grenoble, Grenoble, France since last September.

Living in a beautiful French town at the foot of the Alps has proved as exciting an experience (she's in an apartment with several other students) as going to school, only drawback this winter being a lack of snow (shades of home!), so no skiing.

Currently Carol, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Leo Koester of Pickering Road, Birmingham is on semester break, using the time for a motor tour through Europe. She and four classmates planned an itinerary that includes Germany, Yugoslavia, Italy, France, Spain, Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark and Norway.



COED CAROL

Incidentally, among the group of travelers is former Birminghamite Anne Byrnes, now of Kalamazoo, who went to school with Carol during the two years they were at U. of D.

Carol, who is majoring in French and hoping, eventually, for a government job, will sail for home June 20. Tucked in her luggage will be a certificate, d'Etudes Francais, first degree, awarded to her by the university at the end of first semester.

### Off to Early Start

If Laura Simpson Raisch and Andrew Sylvester Beresford aren't the best of friends in years to come, won't be because their acquaintanceship didn't start early.

Their respective mamas, you see, shared the same room at Beaumont Hospital for a couple of days last week just before the babies were born.

Laura, who arrived March 6, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson Raisch (Susan Gibson of Detroit) of Lathrup Village, and small Andrew's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William T. Beresford (Molly Sylvester) of Birmingham. His birthday is March 4.

### Tradition Observed

More news concerning the sandbox set revolves around Michael Jerome Kuckelman, Jr., infant son of Mr. and Mrs.

Michael J. Kuckelman of Graefield Ct., Birmingham, who was christened Sunday in Holy Name Church.

His forty-six-year-old christening robes were previously worn by his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Norbert A. J. Conway, Jr., of Radnor, Pa.; his mother and eight aunts and uncles.

Following the service, at which the Rev. Fr. Arnold Bastien officiated, young Michael's paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Kuckelman, gave a family dinner party in their home on N. Cranbrook Road.

Among guests were the baby's godparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Desmond of Washington, D. C., and his great grandfather, T. F. Kuckelman of Belleville.

### Wedding Bells Ahead

Announcement is being made today by Mr. and Mrs. Clare F. Jarecki of East Grand Rapids of the engagement of their daughter, Judith Claire, to David Maurits DeWindt, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Harold C. DeWindt of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride-elect, who is planning a late summer wedding, is a graduate of Pine Manor Junior College, Wellesley, Mass., and the College of Architecture and Design at the University of Michigan. Currently she is attending Cranbrook Academy of Art as a graduate student.

David was graduated from The Hill School, Pottstown, Pa., and College of Wooster, Wooster, O. He also attended Stanford University.

### Paging All Sailors

It's to be another one of those costume wing dings at the Village Players' come Saturday night, and if it's half as festive as last year's, should be fun! Incentive is marking the group's forty-first anniversary.

"Shipwreck" is the theme—leaving all kinds of leeway sartorially—with cocktails starting at 7, followed by dinner at the Captain's Table. A 20-minute musical show will take place at 9 p.m., then dancing the rest of the evening to the Players' own lively combo.

Co-chairmen of the evening are Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Nette and the George Ryders. Mrs. R. having written and cast the show, with assistance from Ward Tollzien as musical director and pianist.

Cast includes Mrs. Ralph M. Fox, Kay Hilfinger, Mrs. Chester A. Hard Jr., Mrs. John W. Gaffill, Mrs. Norman M. James, Jr., Midge Clark and LeRoy Braisted.

Others are Dr. Edwin W. Deer, John Street, Terry Iverson, Mrs. W. H. Spinning, John Schmidt, Robert Giliary, Morris Purdy, Thorndyke Dweley, Howard L. Beer, Robert Henry, James Halteman and Dale Drew.

### Christian Women Set Fashion Show

Casual Clothes For Spring" will be featured at the Christian Women's Club Luncheon on March 18 at Greenfield's, Birmingham, at 12:30 p.m. Cecil Frey, of Pennypinchers, in Franklin, will present the new fashions.

James Barnes, of Rockwell Standard Co., will present the devotional talk, while special music will be provided by Albert Ees, minister of music of the Knox Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

Women interested in attending the luncheon may call Mrs. Fred Hartkopf, 6218 Thorncrest Drive for reservations.