

Benefits Archives

Guests feast at Le Lundi Gras

Le Lundi Gras, the party of the year in metropolitan Detroit, was scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Monday but the London Chop House was filled by 7:30 p.m. In fact, some people had arrived by 7 p.m. The guests paying \$150-a-plate were eager to feast on the "diner extraordinaire pour les gourmets" set to benefit the Archives of American Art, the nation's largest collection of materials documenting the history of the visual arts in the United States.

Chairperson for the affair was Mrs. William Mitchell of Bloomfield Hills with Mrs. Frederick Cody and Chrya Jones assisting. Bob Mounsey planned the French seascape decorations.

Fishnet held lobster and sea-gulls with flying gulls suspended from the ceiling. Temporarily papered in realistic surflike fabric, the walls backed pillings struck with ships' lanterns.

Among those enjoying the surroundings and delicacies were Dr. and Mrs. Irving Burton; he is president of the Archives. Mrs. Burton told a circle of Archives supporters that on April 13, an auction-sale of "worn before" clothes will be held to benefit the Archives. Actress Barbara Stanwyck has donated a purple suit with pink blouse.

group to downtown Detroit in their ultra-outfitted bus. Meeting at Bloomfield Hills Country Club for the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Alan Gornick, Dr. Elizabeth Bridge, the Fred Rollinses and the John Bridges. Although cocktails were available, most connoisseurs chose to have wine or champagne before dinner. Canapes or l'amuse bouche, as the French term it, involved pale de campagne, terrine de canard and quiche aux cignons. As the vintage wines available

included Le Kir, Bourgogne Char-donney Soleil Balne and Vouvray Cuvee St. Paul, not many stuffed on canapes. The Lundi Gras regulars knew the delights in store. A VERY SPECIAL fish soup began the repast, followed by duck or canard rote beaulieu. A soufflé au fromage followed the entree. Each course came accompanied by an exquisite wine selected by Chop House host Les Gruber. Each place setting had four various-sized wine glasses. Vacherine glace

aux fraise was the dessert of strawberries in meringue topped by whipped cream. Among the sponsors of the event were the Burtons, the Mitchella, the Morton Baraks, the Sidney Chapins, the Ossie Olsans, the Doug Schubots, Bob Zeff and the Charles Wilsons. One table included Harry Joy III, the Chuck Adamases and Gene and Nancy Caterio. Others from the area were Mrs. Harry Nederlander, the Dick Straiths and the William Kus.



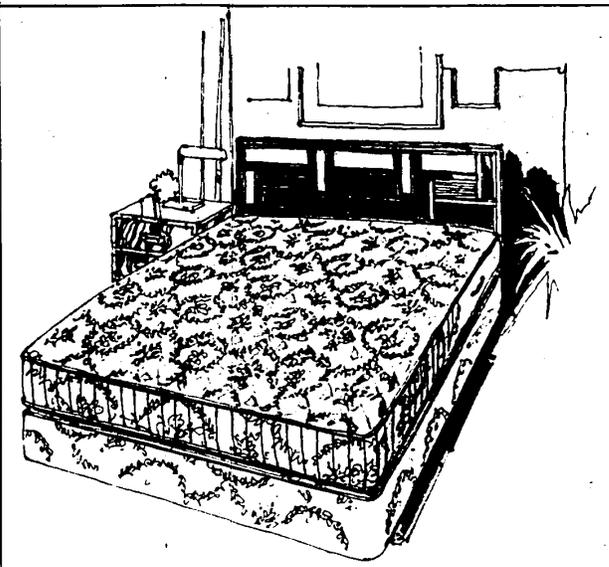
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Gornick of Bloomfield Hills

FOR THE Lundi Gras, Mr. and Mrs. William Bridge brought a



Mrs. William Mitchell was chairman of Le Lundi Gras

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