



**PRACTICE TIME FOR MERMAID**—Nicole Hayler, 4-year-old daughter of Capt. Robert W. Hayler, USN, and Mrs. Hayler tries out her swimming skills in the kiddies' pool at the Army Navy Country Club.



**ROOM FOR MORE**—Some 3000 children are apt to take to the pools at the Army Navy Country Club on a hot summer day. These youngsters play in the pool earmarked for little people from two-and-a-half to six. The other three pools are assigned to children in various age groups.

## Largest Country Club THINKS BIG.....

By Rosemary Donihi

THE WORLD'S largest country club lies scant minutes from the White House.

Possessed of 11,000 members, 1515 acres, four swimming pools, 45 holes of golf and 14 tennis courts, Army Navy Country Club management has to think big.

Established in November 1924 to "provide at moderate expense, recreational facilities at or near the National Capital for those bound together by the fraternal and patriotic spirit of serving the best interests and efficiency of the National Defense," Army Navy Club was a going thing by the following summer, has been gaining momentum ever since.

Nine thousand of the members are listed as "absent" because their military assignments have taken them out of Washington for three months or more. Stationed from Paris to Pakistan and back in both directions, they may freely utilize their "absent" memberships on any fast trips through Washington. They return to

active status as soon as they are assigned here.

The club property is divided between 265 acres at the prime club site in Arlington; 255 acres at the club's 18-hole golf course in Fairfax and another 475 acres in Chantilly, purchased before the Dulles Airport planning and now unfeasible as a club site.

THREE THOUSAND children are apt to take to the club's swimming facilities at any moment so the four pools have been divided for usage by age. Number one pool is assigned to children six to 11; number two pool to ages 11 to 18; number three pool is for those 18 and over while pool number four is special for little people 2½ to six with mothers invited in.

Two attendants watch over the nursery with its playground and wading pool. The nursery is maintained only in the summer when membership attendance is at its height. Army Navy Club members evidently regard the club as more a recreational facility than status symbol or social center. They attend in

depth when the weather's warm.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Gen. Omar Bradley were earliest members. Long term club attendants still remember General Eisenhower coming out to play golf in the period before he was President. General Bradley's enthusiasm was a constant thing.

The late Gen. Douglas MacArthur was a member but only infrequently attended the club.

An earlier era of more formality has been whittled down to the present in which black tie is no longer essential for club dinner dances. Social and sartorial highlight of the whole season is the annual full-dress fall military ball. The ladies wear their longest, prettiest formal dresses and the men look almost intolerably grand.

The late Rear Adm. Frederick B. Bassett, USN, Rear Adm. Ezra G. Allen, USN, and Blaine Mallan were signers of the original certificate of incorporation.

First president was Rear Adm. W. S. Benson, USN, who held office for eight years. Gen. C. P. Summerall, USA, was first vice president of the club.

Officers at the present are Vice Adm. William A. Schaech, USN, club president, Lt. Gen. William J. Ely, USA, vice president, Maj. Joseph M. Kiernan Jr., USA, is acting secretary to replace Lt. Col. H. E. Hallgren, USA, who has been posted out of Washington.

Capt. Fletcher M. Lamkin, USN, is acting treasurer and replaces outgoing Capt. William B. Durant Jr., USN.

Lt. Gen. William J. Ely, USA, is chairman of the club's board.

Pham Khac Rau, charge d'affaires of the Embassy of Viet-Nam, will present some of his country's native art this weekend to Indian Spring Country Club as evidence of gratitude for the club's new membership policy for Embassy personnel.

## Weddings

**JOYCE A. TOLSON**  
—LANGSTON L. JONES  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Tolson announce the marriage of their daughter, Joyce Antoinette, to Langston L. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Jones of Barboursville, Ky., on June 27 in St. Anthony's Catholic Church. The bride was graduated from Howard University. Her husband, also a graduate of Howard University, is with the American National Red Cross. The couple will live in Hyattsville.

She is employed by the Navy Department. Her husband is with the Griffith Consumers Company. The couple will live in Falls Church.

**LINDA L. KIEFFER**  
—JAMES A. JUDY  
Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Eugene Kieffer of Fairfax announce the marriage of their daughter, Linda Lee, to James Atwell Judy, son of Mrs. Joann Judy of Arlington, on June 27 in the Vienna Presbyterian Church. The couple will live in Alexandria.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Eugene Kieffer of Fairfax announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Anne, to Francis Roger von Kuegelgen, son of Mrs. Elfride von Kuegelgen of Sharon, Conn., and Mr. Werner O. von Kuegelgen of Medellin, Colombia, on July 3 in Main Chapel, Ft. Belvoir. The bride attended Goucher College and American University. Her husband, a graduate of Hotchkiss Preparatory School, attended Centro di Cultura per Stranieri, University of Florence, Italy, and American University. The couple will live in Alexandria until this fall, when they will make their home in Florence, Italy.

**CAROL ANNE DEAN**  
—EDWARD McREADY III  
Mrs. Jean Concordia Dean of Chevy Chase announces the marriage of her daughter, Carol Anne, to Edward Clayton McReady III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pello of Marlow Heights, Md., on June 27 in the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The bride was graduated from Strayer's Junior College of Finance. Her husband is a graduate of Georgetown University. The couple will live in Bethesda.

**MARGARET A. KEITHLEY**  
—F. von KUEGELGEN  
Capt. Charles L. Keithley, USN (ret.), and Mrs. Keithley announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Anne, to Francis Roger von Kuegelgen, son of Mrs. Elfride von Kuegelgen of Sharon, Conn., and Mr. Werner O. von Kuegelgen of Medellin, Colombia, on July 3 in Main Chapel, Ft. Belvoir. The bride attended Goucher College and American University. Her husband, a graduate of Hotchkiss Preparatory School, attended Centro di Cultura per Stranieri, University of Florence, Italy, and American University. The couple will live in Alexandria until this fall, when they will make their home in Florence, Italy.

**NANCY SUSAN LONDON**  
—STEPHEN H. ELLIS  
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace London of Alexandria announce the marriage of their daughter, Nancy Susan, to Stephen H. Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ellis Jr. of Elkins Park, Pa., on June 28 in the Statler-Hilton Hotel. The bride attended the University of Miami.

**JANET L. NORMENT**  
—JOHN D. FINDLAY JR.  
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lansing Norment of Arlington announce the marriage of their daughter, Janet Louise, to Lt. John David Findlay Jr., USMC, on July 3 in St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Arlington. The bride is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and was presented to society at the Holly Ball in 1960. Her husband is also a graduate of the College of William and Mary and is stationed at Quantico, Va. The couple will live at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**ROBERTA J. GRAY**  
—CARMELLO J. CAFFO  
Mrs. Gladys Gray of Arlington announces the marriage of her daughter, Roberta Jean, to Carmello J. Caffo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Giovanni Caffo of Arlington, on June 27 in St. Ann's Catholic Church. The bride and her husband were graduated from Washington-Lee High School in Arlington.

## Engaged

**CAROLE A. O'BRIEN**  
—GEORGE D. MORRIS  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barton O'Brien of Sundown, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Carole Ann, to George David Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Morris of San Francisco, Calif. Miss O'Brien attended George Washington University and is employed in the law offices of Cotone and Fanelli. Her fiancé is an alumnus of Texas Christian University and is stationed with the U.S. Army in Ft. Eustis, Va. An August wedding is planned.

**MARY D. PUGLISI**  
—ROBERT PENNINGTON  
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Puglisi of Arlington announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Dolores, to Robert M. Pennington, son of Howard Pennington of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Mrs. Mabel Pennington of Arlington. An August wedding is planned.

## A Lemon Cake, a Love Note and a Yellow Rose of Texas

# Family Gifts Are Frugal on Luci's 17th

By Judith Martin



Luci Baines Johnson shares a birthday laugh with her father.

Luci Baines Johnson took a day off from work Thursday on her 17th birthday and spent a good deal of it blowing out candles.

She extinguished one round of candles at a family luncheon, another in the afternoon for photographers and a third when her father appeared at the picture taking session in the family dining room. But her appetite didn't hold out as long as her breath, and there was less and less cake under the flames with each round.

More huffs and puffs were required for a cake with trick candles that wouldn't blow out, a feature of a surprise party for Luci Thursday night by Stafford and Ann Hutchison. Two dozen teen-agers were invited for dancing to records in the Hutchison home.

Stafford — one of Luci's beaux — and his sister are the children of Everett Hutchison of the Interstate Commerce Commission and Mrs. Hutchison.

FAMILY GIFTS were more conservative than last year, when she was given a Corvair.

Her father gave her a note and a yellow rose.

From both her parents came a cotton robe and a short nightgown, with a choice of a yellow and white set or a blue one. "Mother said I could keep both if I wanted," Luci explained, "but she said she didn't think I really needed two." By mid-afternoon, the choice still hadn't been made.

Lynda Bird Johnson gave her sister "a bunch of little odds and ends—cute things that I wanted," Luci said. They included two madras triangle scarfs "for riding in a convertible" and two headbands, one red, white and blue, and one plain blue.

Although she was glad to have a day off "to sleep late and wash my hair," Luci said that her job as an optometric assistant to Dr. Robert A. Kraskin is "just thrilling and I couldn't ask for anything better."

She plans to become a medical technician, working in cancer research.

Her summer job involves working with children in "a visual training course like they give for space flights," she said. Group therapy sessions are designed to improve eye coordination.

Luci, who said that "everybody in the country seems to have a birthday today—I got at least 50 cards saying 'Happy mutual birthday,'" received a singling round of "Happy Birthday" from members of the press.

"If y'all didn't come in such quantities, I'd give you some cake," she assured reporters and photographers. "Make them small," suggested a photographer who remained unfeared.

SHE CUT A PIECE for Mrs. Johnson's press secretary, Elizabeth Carpenter, and another for her father, who took a nibble, kissed her, and warned her not to burn her mouth blowing out candles.

When he left, Luci ran after him for another kiss in the elevator.

THE CAKE was a lemon one with pink and white icing and her name, and was baked by the family cook, Zephyr Wright.

The former Luci explained that she has been "Luci" for seven years now, and indicated that she wishes she hadn't started the whole business.

"That happened when I was 10," she said, explaining that it was just that no one noticed until she was in the White House. "People change their names all the way through, but I'm not Lucille or Lucinda and there's not much else you can do with 'Lucy.'"

"I'd gladly have changed it back and saved all the trouble."

## Aeronautics Inspector Claims Safety Measure Prevented Death

# Fastened Seat Belt Saved Kennedy

By Sue Cronk

IF Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy had not been buckled into a seat belt, he probably would have died in the June 19 crash of his chartered plane.

"I'm willing to gamble that he'd have been dead under a mackerel," Insp. Frank P. Sweeney of the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission said Thursday. "We'd have found his body 50 feet from the plane."

Sweeney was the first Commission agent to reach the scene of the crash in an apple orchard near Springfield, Mass.

The accident killed the pilot and one of Kennedy's aides, fractured the young Massachusetts Senator's

back and injured Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.) and his wife.

Reports that Kennedy had been standing in the aisle when the plane went down began spreading after a press conference Bayh held in Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northhampton, Mass.

What Bayh actually said was that he thought Kennedy was half seated and half standing, but that he couldn't be sure. He thought Kennedy had twisted around to speak to the pilot.

Kennedy, however, told Civil Aeronautics Board investigators that when the plane began approaching the landing field, he straightened up in his seat

and tightened his seat belt. AFTER THE CRASH, Bayh found his colleague sprawled on the floor by his seat. He and Mrs. Bayh dragged him from the wreckage.

Seat belts have been known to fly open under great pressure, said Crocker Snow, director of the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission.

"We couldn't tell from what we found there if this Snow said, 'The plane was pretty badly messed up.'"

Bayh and his wife were released Wednesday from Cooley Dickinson Hospital, where Kennedy is recuperating in a specially rigged canvas frame.

The Bayhs have returned to their McLean home.

Mrs. Bayh is in considerable pain, one of the Senator's aides said Thursday, and is expected to stay in bed about two weeks.

Bayh probably will not go back to his Capitol office until July 20, when Congress is scheduled to resume after the Republican National Convention. Meanwhile, he will continue ultrasonic treatments and whirlpool baths for his sprains.

Thursday, former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy flew from Hyannis Port to Northhampton in the family plane, the Caroline, to visit his youngest son. He was accompanied by his cousin, Ann Gargan. Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy is expected to visit the Senator over the weekend.