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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dovey Roundtree
1822 11th Street NW
Washington, D.C.



To Dovey Roundtree
With best wishes,
Betty Ford

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



Mr. Francis Ambrose
Brookside Vineyard Company
Old Guasti, California 91743



To Francis Ambrose
With best wishes, *Betty Ford*

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



Mr. and Mrs. Minos Georgerakis
% Sts. Constantine and Helen
Greek Orthodox Church
4115 Sixteenth Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20011



*To Minos and Patricia Georgerakis
With appreciation and best wishes,*

Betty Ford



June Bay
With best wishes,

Betty

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June Bay
906 8th Avenue
Shenandoah, Iowa 51601



FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



Daphene Morgan
Shades Mountain School
Birmingham, Alabama 35226



To Shades Mountain School
With best wishes,

Gerald R. Ford

Betty Lou Reed
927 Holly Court
Deerfield, Illinois 60015



To Betty Lou Reed
With best wishes, Betty Ford





*To the Fairfield High School Band
With appreciation for your warm welcome
on my visit to Birmingham and with my
warmest regards, Betty Ford*

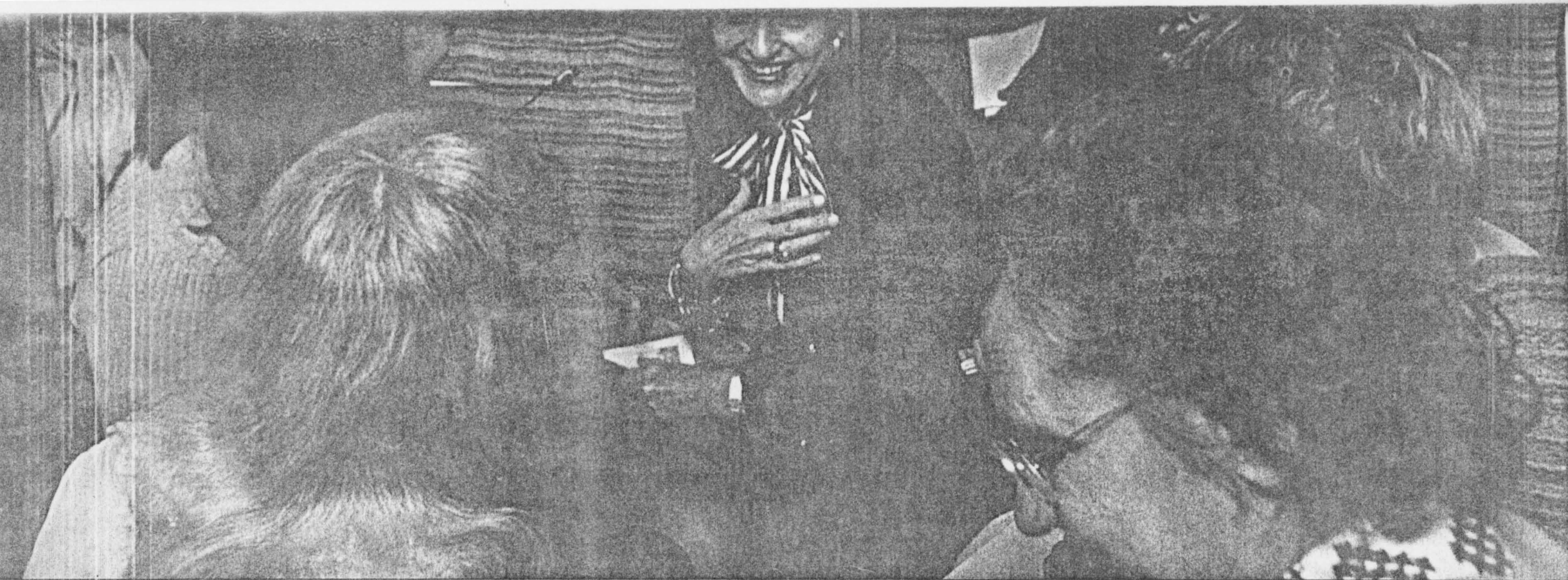


To Abby Kendrick
With memories of Birmingham
and my best wishes,
Betty Ford

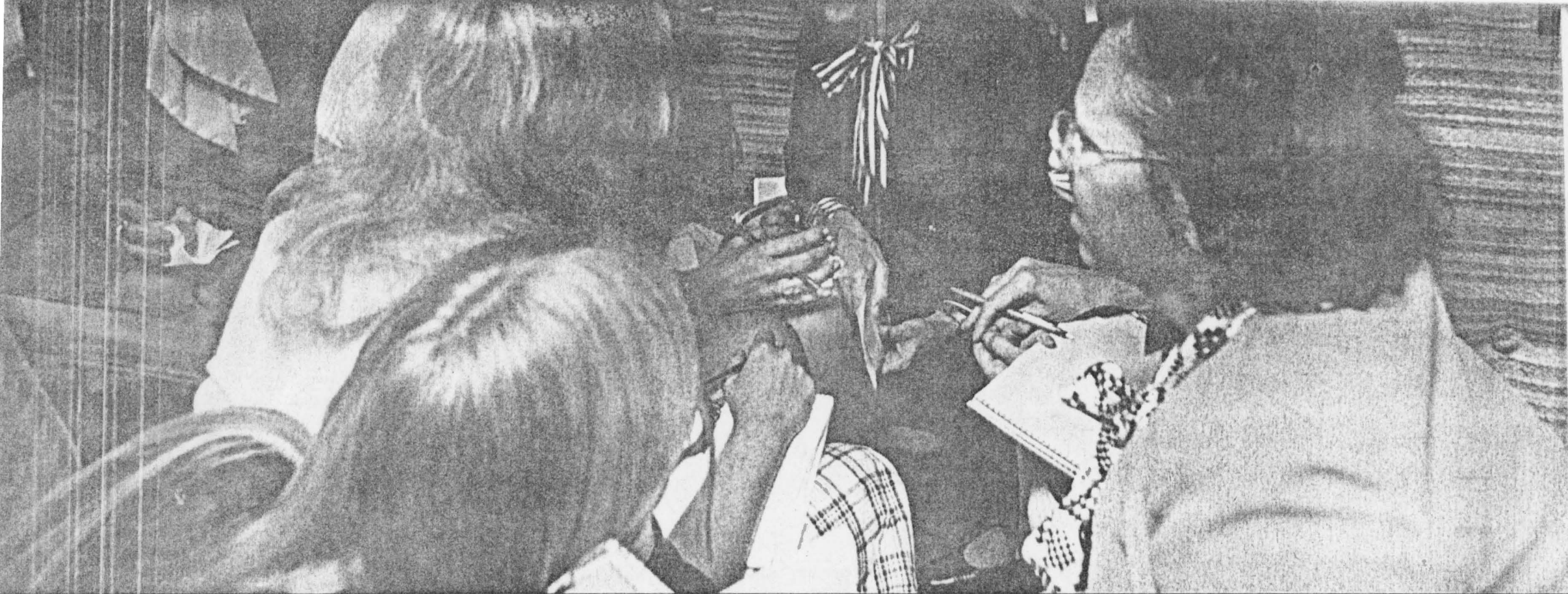


To Isabelle Shelton
With appreciation from both Susan and me for the opportunity to work with you,
and hopes for more of the same for many years to come. My very best wishes and
personal regards,

Betty Ford



To Fran Lewine
Looking back on the first of what I'm sure will be many hectic trips together!
With my respect and best wishes,
Betty Ford

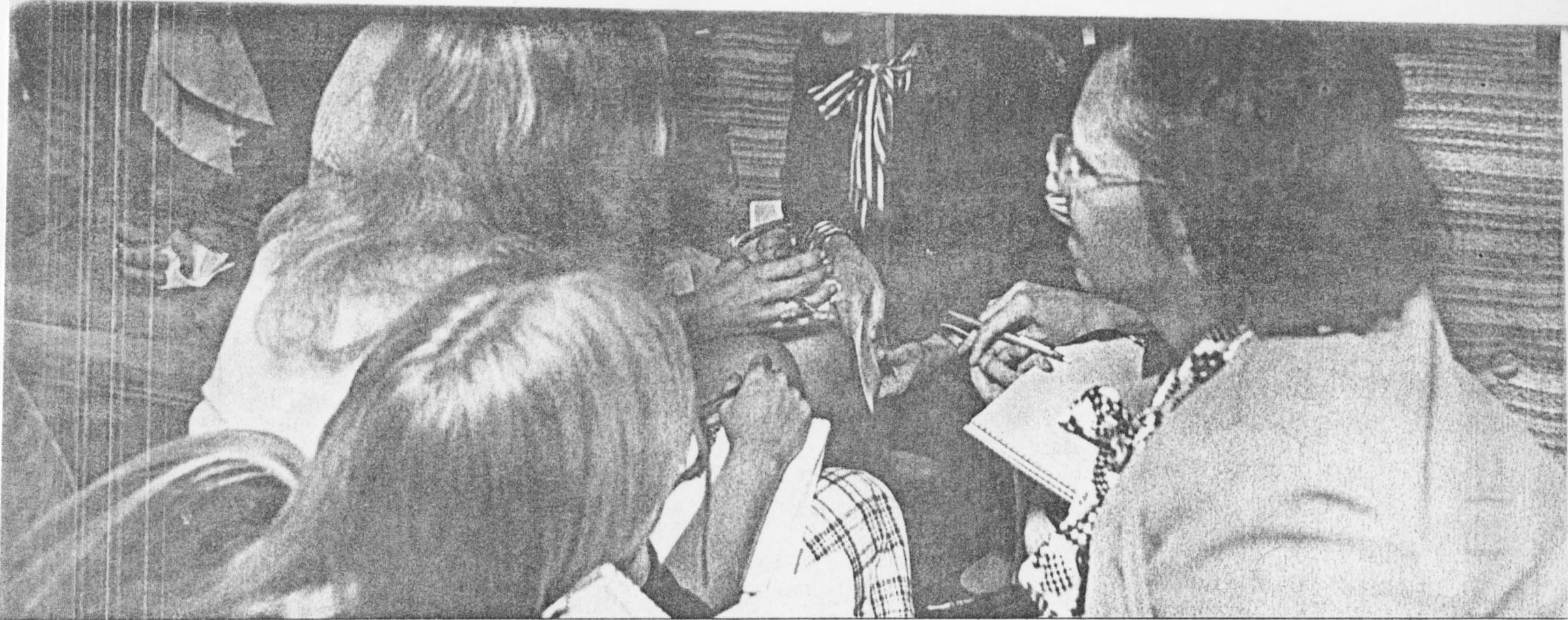


To Fay Wells
With respect and affection, and my best wishes always,

Betty Ford



To Naomi Nover
With fond regards and memories of our first trip together,
Betty Ford



To Ginny Sherwood
With admiration and memories of our first trip together,
Betty Ford



To Susan Peterson

A very early riser! With memories of pre-White House chats and our first trip together. With respect and admiration, and my high regards,

Betty Ford



To Marlene Cimonis
With memories of our trip to Birmingham and best wishes and personal regards from two
of your subjects-- Susan and me,

Betty Ford





To Tish Avery
With memories of our first trip together and my very best wishes,

Betty Ford





To Mary Tuthill
With appreciation of the job you do for Alichigan and my very best wishes,

Betty Ford





To Ann Wood
With memories of our first trip together and many more miles to be logged. With
regards and best wishes,

Betty Ford



FROM
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Ann Wood
809 C Street SE
Washington, D.C. 20003



A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL



On November 21, 1898, St. Vincent's Hospital was officially opened to care for the sick in Birmingham, Alabama. The hospital had its beginning in the former DeBardeleben home at 15th Street and Second Avenue, South. Two years later it was moved to the present location at 2701 Ninth Court, South.

St. Vincent's Hospital has a history rich in romance and service. It was started as a mission by four Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, who had served as Army Nurses in the Spanish American War. By 1900 their number had grown to six.



First St. Vincent's Hospital, opened Thanksgiving Day, 1898 Old De-Bardeleben Residence, 15th Street and 2nd Ave., South

In their limited facilities at the old DeBardeleben residence, the four Sisters began caring for patients. Often because of crowded conditions some patients in emergency were placed on pallets on the floor. The new building was opened in 1900. Sister Chrysostom was the first Administrator of the hospital and she was also the first graduate nurse registered in the State of Alabama.

At the time St. Vincent's Hospital was opened, there was no public hospital in Birmingham. The hospital of the United Charities had just burned in Smithfield. The people in Birmingham were behind the movement to build St. Vincent's Hospital. Reverend Patrick O'Reilly, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic Church, was credited with providing the initiative to obtain funds and a hospital site. Father O'Reilly visited the Provincial House of the Daughters of Charity at Emmitsburg, Maryland, and was successful in obtaining a group of Sisters to staff the first hospital.

He promised the Sisters in the name of the citizens of Birmingham \$10,000.00 if they would erect a structure costing \$40,000.00. The hospital was built at a cost of, not \$40,000.00, but approximately \$200,000.00 with the most modern and best appointed operating rooms in the South.



St. Vincent's original structure opened in 1900

The School of Nursing was organized in 1900 and the first three graduates were the first nurses trained in Alabama. At the time of the First World War, in 1917, the Provincial Superior of the Sisters, Mother Margaret of Emmitsburg, Maryland, journeyed to Washington, D.C. to offer the services of her Sisters as Government Nurses. The first and only band of American Sisters to engage in work overseas during that World War was made up of ten Daughters of Charity from the St. Louis Province with Sister Chrysostom as Chief Nurse.

In 1917, Sister Chrysostom was replaced at St. Vincent's Hospital by Sister Magdalen. In 1920, Sister Angela O'Brien was appointed as Administrator. Sister made numerous improvements in the hospital during her term of office. In addition to the erection of the School of Nursing, the entire hospital was renovated and paramedical departments such as X-ray and Pathology were added. In 1952 the East Wing was added under the direction of Sister Lydia Hoffman.

The initial plans for the new St. Vincent's Hospital began under the direction of Sister Carlos McDonald, Administrator from 1961 to 1966. They were brought to completion during the administration of Sister Mary Bourke at which time the complex became a reality. The present Administrator, Sister Xavier Ballance, succeeded Sister Mary in May 1972.

The modern concrete, glass and brick building with the most technological aids to medical treatment, was made possible by the reputation that the hospital has earned in nearly three-quarters of a century of service to the community. Of total building costs, \$1.4 million was contributed from the community.

The hospital is administered by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul operating as a voluntary, non-profit corporation under the Board of Trustees of the Order and a Lay Advisory Board of community leaders.



ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL

2701 — 9th Court So. • Birmingham, Al. 35205
933-7111

Facts
about
St. Vincent's
Hospital

Birmingham, Alabama



1974

TYPE: A voluntary, non-profit, short term general hospital operated by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Established in 1898.

ACCREDITED: By Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

BED CAPACITY: 293 Beds plus 50 Bassinets.

ADMISSIONS:

In-Patient 12,136
Out-Patient 5,779
Emergency Room 5,929

BABIES BORN: 1,586

DAYS OF PATIENT CARE: 89,234

AVERAGE DAILY ADULT CENSUS: 244.48

AVERAGE LENGTH OF EACH PATIENT'S STAY: 7.32 Days

AVERAGE COST PER PATIENT DAY OF SERVICE: \$115.81

TOTAL COST OF OPERATING HOSPITAL FOR 1974: \$10,915,806

AVERAGE DAILY COST OF OPERATING HOSPITAL: \$29,906

SURGICAL OPERATIONS: 6,713

ANESTHETICS GIVEN: 8,065

X-RAY EXAMINATIONS: 22,277

LABORATORY TESTS: 386,375

PRESCRIPTIONS: 263,682

MEALS SERVED:	Patients	252,382
	Cafeteria	<u>266,614</u>
		518,996

LAUNDRY: 950,363 lbs.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

Rotating Internship
School of Nursing
School of Medical Technology

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES:

Full Time:	687
Part Time:	88
Interns:	3
Students:	188

MEDICAL STAFF:

Active:	120
Courtesy:	148
Consulting:	23
Honorary:	<u>3</u>
	294

VOLUNTEERS:

Auxiliary:	130
Blue Bird:	<u>50</u>
	185



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Birmingham

a delight

by day



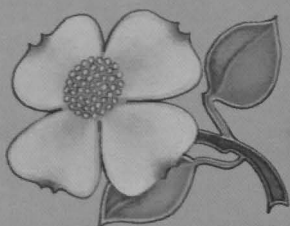
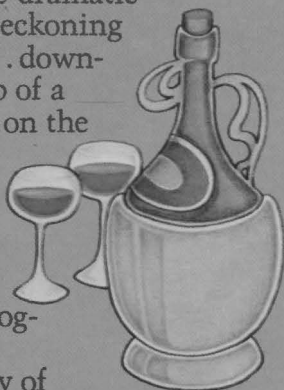
by night



Birmingham is different in a hundred ways that will absolutely delight you... all day long... and on into an evening of exciting night life.

Daytime finds the dramatic mountain landscape beckoning you in all directions... downtown the pulsing throb of a bright progressive city on the move. Fall offers a breathtaking panorama of autumn's cathedral colors, and spring the airy fairy-land of thousands of dog-woods in bloom.

At night enjoy any of Birmingham's fine restaurants. One evening you can be twenty-odd stories high, savoring fine French cuisine and gazing through glass walls at the city's million sparkling lights.



The new \$50 million Birmingham/Jefferson Civic Center

where something exciting is always going on!



Four buildings surround you—each magnificent design-winners of the largest Class-A architectural competition ever conducted by the American Institute of Architects.

The Exhibition Hall features 100,000 square feet of open space... more than enough for the largest of trade shows, conventions, and expositions of every kind. Beautiful restaurants, lounges, meeting and banquet areas complete this sparkling new facility.

Concert Hall. Superlative viewing conditions and acoustics make opera, ballet, symphony and stage shows more memorable than ever in this unusually beautiful 3,000-armchair-seat theatre.

The Theatre. Equally well-planned, one of its finest features is a flexible stage which projects for an 800-seat thrust-style arrangement, or converts to a proscenium plan. Like the Concert Hall, its backstage facilities are also a tribute to the architectural skill that makes the Civic Center a model of its kind.

The Coliseum. Gigantic in scope, it is a perfect setting for major sports events, conventions, ice shows, circuses, and large-scale performances of every kind. A large restaurant will be housed on the first level, overlooking the piazza. (Scheduled for opening in 1976.)



See all of Birmingham

A good place to start is Birmingham's justly famous JAPANESE GARDENS, the work of a noted Japanese landscape architect. Stroll its gravel paths and delight in every kind of flowering shrub, bridges, statuary, lakes, and even an authentic teahouse.

The 67-acre BOTANICAL GARDENS are just a few steps away. Rare orchids and exotic tropical plants fill the greenhouse, and the grounds abound with specimen roses, azaleas, camellias . . . even a delightful wild flower garden.

Quaint Mountain Brook Village, with its enchanting boutiques

and antique shops, is also nearby, so don't miss it.

Then there's ARLINGTON, one of the South's most superbly preserved and beautiful antebellum homes, dating back to the 1820's . . . VULCAN, the giant iron god standing guard atop Red Mountain, second in size only to the Statue of Liberty.

Birmingham also boasts one of the South's finest art museums. Its sparkling new facilities house fascinating collections of every type, including part of the world-famous Kress collection.

A ride on the mini-

train at the BIRMINGHAM ZOO (the largest in a nine-state area) is like a safari, with rare and exotic animals on all sides.

The Veterans' Day parade and banquet are Birmingham highlights. This was originated here in 1947 with the help of Generals Eisenhower and

Marshall. It's the oldest such event in America and it is acknowledged as the biggest and best!

One of Birmingham's newest attractions is the gigantic RED MOUNTAIN CUT. A part of the expressway system, it exposes millions of years of geologic time in its fossils and rock formations.



What's your favorite sport?

Golf, tennis, fishing, hunting, football, basketball, baseball, sports car racing—whatever you like, you'll enjoy it to the hilt in Birmingham. Year-round-almost-perfect-weather lures you out to the course, to the courts,

to the bass and bream-filled lakes and bird-rich fields surrounding the city.

The Birmingham and Alabama International Motor Speedways attract the finest drivers in the nation. Major football clashes at Legion Field keep excitement at a high pitch in the fall.



Sparkling new hotels and motels pamper you with unexcelled service

You're a very special guest—and you know it—the minute you arrive at one of Birmingham's many attractive accommodations.

Whether it's a steam-hot breakfast served in your room or a five-course gourmet dinner in one of the sumptuous dining rooms, you'll find everything to make your stay most pleasant indeed.

Most feature sparkling entertainment spots, and all are just minutes away from shopping and attractions of every kind.

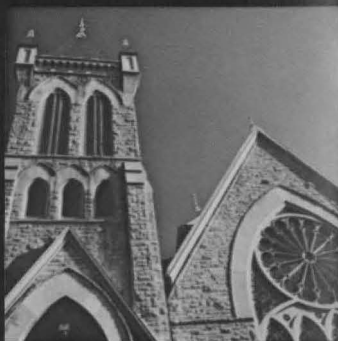
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GALA II GENERAL RELEASE

September 5, 1974

Mrs. Elizabeth Ford makes her first official visit as the nation's new First Lady in Birmingham this weekend. Mrs. Ford and 10 other prominent women will be honored as "Outstanding Women of America" during an array of entertainment and fashion spectacles which will benefit St. Vincent's Hospital.

The event, called Gala II, is a huge, community-wide volunteer project whose purpose is to raise funds for the non-profit, general hospital operated by the Daughters of St. Vincent de Paul. Sister Xavier, Hospital Administrator, said the money will be used to purchase a Tomograph Unit and Pulmonary Function Machine.


The 11 women will be honored with special presentations for their philanthropic, charity and cultural leadership Saturday night at a black tie ball at the new Birmingham/Jefferson Civic Center, for which tickets are \$150 per couple.

The Master of Ceremonies will be Charles Kuralt, of CBS News' "On the Road" series. Popular singing star John Gary will entertain. Dancing, led by the First Lady will close the evening.

White House spokesmen said that Mrs. Ford would center her activities around the hospital, touring the facilities Saturday morning and holding a news conference there. She is then scheduled to attend a luncheon honoring all of the women at the Parliament House Hotel, rest during the remainder of the day, and finally, to appear as the leading lady at the Gala II Ball at 7:30 P.M.

Mrs. Ford and her party are scheduled to arrive in Birmingham late Friday afternoon and the other honored women are expected to attend a private dinner party for the benefactors of Gala II at the Birmingham Museum of Art, Friday night.

The Gala II Honorary Chairman is Ms. Aileen Mehle, nationally syndicated columnist whose by-line is "Suzy." Cornelia Wallace, wife of Alabama Governor George C. Wallace, is the official State Hostess for Gala II.



In addition to Mrs. Ford, the following personalities will be recognized as Outstanding Women of America:

Patricia Buckley, wife of author-columnist William Buckley. She is vice president of the Society for Reconstructive Plastic Surgery at New York Hospital and is on the advisory board of the Memorial Sloan Kettering Institute.

Congresswoman Yvonne Burke, an active proponent of social welfare programs and vice president of the 1972 Democratic National Convention.

Kitty Carlisle, television star, and vice chairman of the New York State Council of the Arts.

Marian Javits, wife of Senator Jacob Javits.

Jane Langley, member of the original Pickens Sisters trio of the 1940's, who today takes an active role in civic affairs.

Eleanor Lambert, a leading personality of American fashion, who guides and produces some of the world's most important fashion events.

Merle Oberon, motion picture actress, who established a park with theater, library and play facilities for the under-privileged children of Acapulco, Mexico.

Cicely Tyson, Emmy-award winning television actress and member of the Board of Governors of Urban Gateways, an arts-in-the-schools program in Chicago.

Diana Vreeland, a leading figure in the international worlds of fashion and society, and consultant to the Metropolitan Museum of Art's costume institute.

Grace Warnecke, wife of internationally famous architect, John Carl Warnecke. The vice president of the San Francisco Ballet Association, she also is a member of the women's committee of the Smithsonian Institute and the advisory board of the California Theater Foundation.

GALA II HOW THE PROCEEDS WILL BE SPENT

All profits from Gala II will go to St. Vincent's Hospital for the purchase of a new Tomograph Unit and a Pulmonary Function Machine. These two pieces of equipment cost more than \$100,000.

The Tomograph Unit is used for body section radiography in X-ray diagnosis. It enables the technician to take X-rays of a specific area of the body, blocking out all surrounding tissue.

The Pulmonary Function Machine measures the capacity and expulsion of the lungs and will be a great advance on the present equipment in use at St. Vincent's. It is used in the case of pulmonary problems such as asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, pneumonia and pulmonary edema.

Money from last year's Gala 75 was used to buy equipment for the X-ray Department and the Nuclear Medicine Laboratory. The \$66,000 Dyna Camera, which has been in use almost a year, enables the Nuclear Medicine staff to make scans in a matter of minutes, which with previous equipment might have taken several hours. The machine is more versatile in its uses and produces pictures with greater resolution and detail. It has a video tape recorder incorporated into it. This insures that retakes are never necessary.

Also purchased last year was a 105 Camera for the X-ray Department. The camera cost \$15,000 and can take up to 12 frames per second, giving a reproduction close to that of a movie. It is especially useful for making esophagus X-rays.

GALA II FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER, MUSEUM OF ART

According to designer George del Favero, decorations for Gala II Friday night dinner party will be of "understated elegance, with Nature as the theme." After being "welcomed" to the Museum area by the decorative lights in the park which will be switched on for the whole weekend, the party goer will find more tiny lights decorate the entrance to the Museum.

The main hall of the Museum will have a "chandelier" of miniature bird cages and hanging plants. Banks of live plants and three vignettes of oriental rugs and wicker furniture will form seating areas.

Tablecloths for the dinner will be of linen printed with birds, with matching napkins and holders. Amber votive candles and white butterfly ashtrays will complete the theme.

Centerpiece for the dinner will be a six foot umbrella of vulture feathers. George claims to have every available vulture feather in the country that is not still on the vulture.

There will be no formal program for the Friday night dinner.

Hosts and hostesses for the honored women at the museum party will be as follows: Chairperson, Eileen Mehle, Don Hawkins, City Council President; Elizabeth Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hess; Yvonne Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams; Marian Javits and Senator Jacob Javits, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Cunningham; Diana Vreeland, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Glenn; Eleanor Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Terrell; Patricia Buckley and William Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Brady; Kitty Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Boykin; Jane Langley, Mayor George G. Seibels, Jr.; Grace Warnecke and Carl Warnecke, Mr. and Mrs. Elton B. Stephens; Merle Oberon, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Johnson, III; Cicely Tyson, Abe Berkowitz.

GALA II SATURDAY LUNCHEON

A ladies luncheon and fashion show will be held at the Parliament House on Saturday as part of the Gala II week-end. Fashions will be by Parisian.

Decorations for the luncheon will feature panels of Diana the Huntress, live plants and hanging baskets of flowers. Each lady will be presented with a small shopping bag of favors and the potted plants used for the decorations will be given away as door prizes.

As the ladies are feted, the prominent male guests at Gala II also will be entertained at a luncheon in the Penthouse of the Central Bank. Civic and business leaders will be their hosts.

GALA II SATURDAY NIGHT GALA EVENING

Saturday night's Gala evening will feature decorations both elegant and lavish.

For the cocktail party Civic Center's Red Carpet Lounge, the columns will be decorated with white ostrich plumes and mirrors.

The dinner and presentations will be held in the adjoining exhibition hall, where a 30 x 30 foot cascading mirror canopy will hang over the runway area.

Six natural jewel colors will provide the theme for the decorations. Each table will be completely color coordinated to its moire silk cloth, with napkins, napkin rings, centerpieces and programs all matching. Centerpieces for the tables will be chicken wire baskets containing votive candles, decorated with sequins and vulture feathers.

The circular VIP tables will have cerise colored cloths and accessories with centerpieces of teardrop candelabra and ostrich plumes. The head table, which will be pink, will be decorated with similar candelabra in a spiraling shape. The guests of honor will each receive a monogrammed moire memory book. Their monogrammed napkins will be held in crystal rings.

GALA II PERSONAL FAVORS

When each of the Gala II honorees is shown to her room at the Parliament House, she will find a large selection of gifts and useful articles selected to help make her stay more pleasant.

Just for pleasure, fresh fruit, a longstemmed rose, a bouquet of flowers, a bottle of sherry and a cut crystal glass. For practical matters, a personalized pad with pen and pencil set, padded coat hangers, an elegant pin cushion with pins and ready-threaded needles, three pairs of spare hose, (just in case) and engraved luggage tags. To flatter her femininity, hand lotion, monogrammed soap, perfume, a monogrammed lace handkerchief and satin monogrammed pillow cases on the bed. To keep her up to date, magazines and newspapers, and as a memento of the South, the Southern Living Cook Book.

GALA II CHAIRPERSON: "SUZY"

When Aileen Elder Mehle was dared by a Miami newspaper publisher to create a better socialite feature than the one she was heard criticizing at a cocktail party, the future "Suzy" little suspected that she would attain the worldwide stature she now enjoys.

The internationally known columnist is the Honorary Chairwoman for St. Vincent's Gala II.

Professionally, Mrs. Mehle hadn't written a line when she took up the challenge offered her. The "Suzy" pen name took life as the author attempted to keep her identity hidden from those Miami bon vivant friends about whom she was writing. In fact, she helped perpetuate the secret by suggesting to her cronies that "a man was writing the column".

In 1962 King Features started syndicating "Suzy", and in 1963 more than 35 papers carried her byline.

In June 1967, "Suzy" switched outlets to the Chicago Tribune-New York News Syndicate. "Suzy's" appearance in the New York News topped an already imposing list that included dailies in Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Detroit, Boston, Miami, Cleveland, Denver, Montreal, Madrid, and Mexico City. She appears in 90 newspapers.

GALA II THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SISTER XAVIER BALLANCE, D. C.

Sister Xavier Ballance, a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul since 1957, is the Administrator of St. Vincent's Hospital, Birmingham.

Sister Xavier is a native of Columbus, Ohio. Sister is a registered professional nurse, a graduate of Mercy School of Nursing in Toledo, Ohio, and St. Louis University.

Sister's experiences for a decade as a nurse ranged from Staff nursing to supervision in Mississippi, Texas, Illinois and Louisiana. Sister received a Masters degree in Health Care Administration at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. in 1968. Since then she has had experience in hospital administration in Massachusetts, Texas, and Alabama.

Sister Xavier is currently a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators, American Hospital Association, Alabama Hospital Association and maintains active nurse registration in Ohio.

Sister Xavier is currently an active participant in Health Care Administration in the Birmingham community. Sister is president elect of the Birmingham Regional Hospital Council, Director of Diocesan Health Services, and a member of several community health committees. The basic purpose of these committees is to improve health care in the Birmingham community.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (continued)

GEORGE DEL FAVERO, artistic designer for all facets of Gala II, is Director of Visual Merchandising and Store Planning for Parisian, Inc., a Birmingham headquartered fashion store. A resident of Birmingham for 26 years, George has worked for Parisian for 22 years. He is a native of New York, educated at New York University. Virtually every artistic venture in the Birmingham area for almost a quarter century has had his involvement, including the Festival of Arts, Birmingham Symphony, Museum of Art, Beaux Arts Ball, Fall Fashion Time and Birmingham Press Club. A former nominee for Man of the Year, he has received awards from the City of Birmingham, Festival of Arts, Salvation Army and Red Cross.

DON L. HAWKINS is Assistant Director and Director of Promotions for the Birmingham/Jefferson Civic Center, the site of Gala II. A Democrat, Don was a floor leader for the Alabama delegation to the 1968 Democratic Convention which nominated the then Vice President, Hubert Humphrey for President. In 1964, he was the youngest delegate to the Democratic Convention which nominated the late President, Lyndon B. Johnson. He was a member of the Alabama State Democratic Executive Committee, 1966-1970 and his wife, Donna, is now serving a four year term. A Birmingham native, he is a graduate of the University of Alabama. Don has twice been chairman of the annual Festival of Arts International Fair, has been vice president of the Festival three times and presently is a director of the Festival.

EDDIE LEITMAN is a partner in the Birmingham law firm of Berkowitz, Lefkovits and Patrick. A Vietnam veteran, he received the Bronze Star Medal while serving as an Army Captain. A Birmingham native, he is a graduate of the University of Alabama with a BS in Business Administration and a law degree. Eddie is a member of the American Bar Association, Alabama Bar Association, the Birmingham Bar Association and Temple Emanuel. He serves on the board of numerous local Jewish organizations and is vice president of Birmingham Lodge 2913

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (continued)

of B'nai B'rith.

MRS. GERALD R. FORD
(ELIZABETH B. FORD)

Betty Ford, one of the "Legendary Women of America" is destined to become more legendary as the new First Lady of our Country.

She was born Elizabeth Bloomer in Chicago, Illinois, and soon afterward moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mrs. Ford attended Bennington College in Vermont, majoring in modern dance, under the direction of Martha Graham, among others. She then went on to continue a more intensive dance course with Martha Graham in New York where she became a member of the Martha Graham Concert Group. Upon returning to Grand Rapids, Mrs. Ford organized her own dance group and became a model and fashion consultant for one of the Grand Rapids stores. She also spent time working with handicapped children sharing with them an appreciation of this art.

On October 15, 1948, Elizabeth Bloomer married Gerald R. Ford, who a few weeks later was elected United States Representative in Congress from the Fifth District of Michigan and served as minority leader of the House of Representatives prior to becoming Vice-President then President of the United States.

The Fords have four children, Michael Gerald presently attending Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; John Gardner is a Forestry major at Utah State; Steven Meigs is a freshman at Duke University; and Susan Elizabeth is a senior at Holton Arms School for Girls.

In Grand Rapids and Washington, Mrs. Ford has been active in Republican women's groups. In the Capitol, she has been involved in the Congressional Club and has acted as President of the Senate Red Cross Club. She has also been program chairman for the Cancer Society Benefit Campaign in Alexandria.

DIANA VREELAND

For more than thirty five years Diana Vreeland has been a leading figure in the international worlds of fashion and society. After ending a ten year stint as Editor in Chief of Vogue Magazine, Mrs. Vreeland has been a consultant to the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute since October, 1972.

Born and raised in Paris, Mrs. Vreeland made her mark on the American fashion world when she became Fashion Editor of Harper's Bazaar. She held this influential post from 1937 until 1962.

During her professional life in fashion and her years in Europe, Diana Vreeland has remained an elegant figure in international society. She has been personal friends with all the top couturiers and has always worked closely with writers, artists, photographers and other people in the fabric world, maintaining a unique and creative involvement in everything she touches.

The two exhibitions that Mrs. Vreeland has mounted for the Costume Institute thus far, The World of Balenciaga and Inventive Clothes: 1909-1939, have broken records not only in attendance and press coverage, but have exerted a major influence in current fashions and design.

ELEANOR LAMBERT

Eleanor Lambert is one of the leading personalities of the American fashion world and a prime crusader for world recognition of American fashion.

After going to art schools in Indianapolis and Chicago, Miss Lambert moved to New York and worked her way up in the art public relations field. Today, Miss Lambert's experienced hands guide the press relations of the creative talents at all levels of American fashion, and she guides and produces some of the world's most important fashion events. She has been appointed by the U. S. Government to produce American fashion shows in Moscow, Australia, and Europe.

In 1960, Eleanor Lambert received the New York Board of Trade's Gold Medal Award for outstanding contribution to the fashion industry. In 1964 the Hall Syndicate asked her to write a column of her experiences, travels and to give fashion information for the average woman. When the National Council on the Arts was established, Eleanor Lambert was named to the Body, the first time fashion had been listed among the creative arts.

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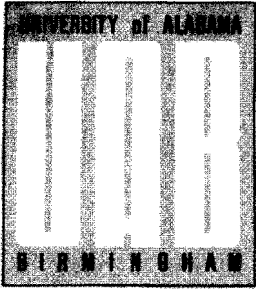
MRS. JOHN CARL WARNECKE

Mrs. John C. Warnecke, wife of the internationally famous architect John Carl Warnecke, combines life as the wife of a busy husband with work as a writer, translator, and promoter of the arts. The Warneckes commute between homes in Washington, D.C., New York City, San Francisco, and a ranch in Sonoma County, California. Mrs. Warnecke travels with her husband all over the world and participates in many of the national and international activities of his practice.

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university of alabama in birmingham

Birmingham, Al.....Town and Gown Theater of The University of Alabama in Birmingham serves the city as a community theater and Alabama as a state theater. In addition to presenting a subscription series of plays and musicals each season at Clark Theater, Town and Gown also tours productions throughout Alabama.

Many young Alabamians who have established themselves in theater, motion pictures, and television have received their training and early experience at Town and Gown.

The Theater, established in 1950, is also becoming nationally known as a try-out center for new plays and musicals. Last season, Town and Gown presented the world premiere of the new musical, "Something About Ann," by Anita Loos, Ralph Blane, and James Gregory.

To be presented in the 1974-75 season, marking Town and Gown's 25th anniversary, is the world premiere of the musical version of "Happy Birthday," with book by Anita Loos, score by Gerry Mulligan, and lyrics by the late Judy Holliday. Also this season, the Theater is doing the American premiere of "Trelawney."

The founding director of Town and Gown is James Hatcher, native of Enterprise, Alabama, graduate of Birmingham-Southern College and the University of Alabama, and an associate professor at The University of Alabama in Birmingham. An adviser to Gala II, he is responsible again this year for the public presentation of the event's honored guests.

Mr. Hatcher was the founding director of the Alabama State Council on the Arts and Humanities and founding chairman of the Alabama School of Fine Arts. He is arts adviser to Governor George C. Wallace, and for the past 28 years has produced and directed the Miss Alabama Coronation Pageant. In 1960, he produced the Miss America Reunion Pageant in Atlantic City.

SAINT VINCENT'S HOSPITAL



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On behalf of the Daughters of Charity, the entire administration

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The new St. Vincent's completed May, 1972

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL (History)

At first glance, the new St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama, may not appear to be such a revolutionary structure, yet its unique history and progressive growth characterized it as a most noteworthy landmark.

Officially opened on November 21, 1898, Saint Vincent's Hospital was first located at the former DeBardleben Home at 15th Street and Second Avenue, South. At the turn of the century, it was moved to its present location at 2701 Ninth Court, South.

Service oriented, the hospital was first started as a mission by four Sisters who had served as army nurses in the Spanish American War. Known as the Four Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, The Sisters' ranks in 1900 grew by two more.

Although severely limited by their facilities in the old DeBardleben Home, the small band of Sisters began caring for patients. They coped with crowded conditions and pallets on the floor until the new building was opened in 1900. By then Sister Chrysostom, the first graduate nurse registered in the State of Alabama, was on hand to serve as the hospital's first administrator.

Already, in two years, Saint Vincent's Hospital had come a long way. Prior to its opening, there was no public hospital in Birmingham. With the Hospital of the United Charities just burned in Smithfield, Birmingham people needed and were eager to build St. Vincent's.

Credited with providing the initiative to obtain funds for the new project, Reverend Patrick O'Reilly, Pastor of Saint Paul's Catholic Church, also found a suitable hospital site. In addition, Father O'Reilly visited the Provincial House of the Daughters of Charity at Emmitsburg, Maryland, and was successful in recruiting a group of Sisters to staff the first hospital.

Eventually, with Father O'Reilly's leadership and with the support of Birmingham citizens, the hospital was built at a cost of approximately \$200,000.00. It was equipped with the most modern and best appointed operating rooms in the south.



Next, another revolutionary event occurred. The School of Nursing was organized in 1900, and the first three graduates were the first nurses trained in Alabama. With the advent of World War I, in 1917, The Provincial Superior of the Sisters, Mother Margaret of Emmitsburg, Maryland, journeyed to Washington, D.C. to offer the services of her Sisters as government nurses. In fact, the first and only band of American Sisters engaging in overseas work during the World War was a group of ten Daughters of Charity from the St. Louis Province with Sister Chrysostom as chief nurse.

Consequently, Sister Chrysostom was replaced at St. Vincent's Hospital by Sister Magdalen. Then in 1920, Sister Angela O'Brien was appointed Administrator. Under Sister Angela's term of office, numerous improvements were made at the hospital. Besides the erection of the school of nursing, the entire hospital was renovated. Paramedical departments such as x-ray and pathology were added. By 1952, the east wing was also added under the direction of Sister Lydia Hoffman.

Through the years Birmingham was growing and with the city's progress came the increasing need for expanded patient care. Plans for a new St. Vincent's Hospital were formulated.

From 1961 to 1966, initial plans for the new hospital began under the direction of Administrator, Sister Carlos McDonald. Later under the administration of Sister Mary Bourke, final plans were completed and soon the complex was made a reality. By May 1972, to supervise the new hospital, came the present Administrator, Sister Xavier Ballance.

In nearly three-quarters of a century, St. Vincent's Hospital had earned the highest reputation of service to the community. Because of such continuing service, the people of Birmingham contributed \$1.4 million of the new hospital's total building costs. Clearly, supported by the community, the modern concrete, glass and brick building contained the most technological aids to medical treatment.

Today, the hospital is still administered by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. Today, the hospital still operates as a voluntary, non-profit corporation under the Board of Trustees of the Order and a Lay Advisory Board of community leaders. Today, St. Vincent's Hospital still remains a mammoth landmark of community service.



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GEORGE C. WALLACE
GOVERNOR

Dear Friends:

As Governor of Alabama, I extend best wishes to everyone participating in Gala II, a wonderful example of people helping people.

Much planning and work have been necessary in the presentation of this second annual spectacular fund raising event and those responsible for its success certainly are worthy of commendation.

I know this occasion will be an enjoyable and meaningful experience for everyone involved.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

George C. Wallace
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September 7, 1974

Dear Honored Guests and Friends of St. Vincent's Hospital:

We are most grateful to you for participating in an event which is very dear to the hearts of those on the staff of St. Vincent's. In fact it is an endeavor which is essential to us in order to keep our hospital first rate.

Again we at St. Vincent's Hospital share with the entire city of Birmingham in the unique privilege of meeting and honoring "Living Legendary Women of America", who have made outstanding contributions in just about every field of endeavor.

We are also grateful to our loyal supporters who have always managed to be in close proximity when the need arose. And somehow, they will always be around when necessary.

Needless to say, it is impossible to thank our Doctors and personnel adequately. Their untiring services have made St. Vincent's a truly remarkable hospital. Our Advisory Board and Ladies' Auxiliary have contributed in numerous ways far beyond the call of duty. We are indeed blessed in having the very best serving St. Vincent's Hospital.

The Sisters wish to express their gratitude to the many wonderful people who are responsible for the progress of our great institution. Each of you will be in our daily prayers and we ask God's blessing for you and yours.

Sincerely,

Sister Xavier
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PROGRAM

Charles Kuralt
Master of Ceremonies

OPENING CEREMONIES

"Dixie—Battle Hymn", arr. George Poole
Mildred Ann Tatum and Andrew Gainey, soloists

Alabama State Song

The National Anthem
Mae Nolden Pickens, soloist

Invocation
Most Reverend Joseph G. Vath, Bishop
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DINNER

GALA CONCERT

John Gary

WELCOMING CEREMONIES

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Greetings
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The first dance will be led by Mrs. Gerald Ford, First Lady of the United States, with Mr. Emil Hess; and by Aileen Mehle, Honorary Chairwoman of Gala II, with the Honorable George Seibels, Mayor of the City of Birmingham.

Program staged by Town and Gown Theater
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Directed by James Hatcher

Town and Gown Ensemble directed by Amos Hudson

Mrs. Pickens accompanied by John Marberry, Judson College



ELIZABETH B. FORD

Betty Ford, one of the "Legendary Women of America" is destined to become more legendary as the new First Lady of our country.

She was born Elizabeth Bloomer in Chicago, Illinois, and soon afterwards moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mrs. Ford attended Bennington College in Vermont, majoring in modern dance, under the direction of Martha Graham, among others. She then went on to continue a more intensive dance course with Martha Graham in New York where she became a member of the Martha Graham Concert Group. Upon returning to Grand Rapids, Mrs. Ford organized her own dance group and became a model and fashion consultant for one of the Grand Rapids stores. She also spent time working with handicapped children sharing with them an appreciation of this art.

On October 15, 1948, Elizabeth Bloomer married Gerald R. Ford, who a few weeks later was elected United States Representative in Congress from the Fifth District of Michigan and served as Minority Leader of the House of Representatives prior to becoming Vice-President then President of the United States.

The Fords have four children, Michael Gerald presently attends Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; John Gardner is a Forestry major at Utah State; Steven Meigs is a freshman at Duke University; and Susan Elizabeth is a senior at Holton Arms School for Girls.

In Grand Rapids and Washington, Mrs. Ford has been active in Republican women's groups. In the capitol, she has been involved in the Congressional Club and has acted as President of the Senate Red Cross Club. She has also been program chairman for the Cancer Society benefit campaign in Alexandria.



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The Vice-President of the 1972 Democratic National Convention, Yvonne Burke has recently completed her first year in the U.S. Congress as one of three black Congresswomen.

Mrs. Burke, who was born and raised in Los Angeles, is a graduate of UCLA and received her law degree from the University of Southern California. She has practiced law since 1956, has served six years in the California Legislature, and was a delegate to the 1968 Democratic Convention before being elected to the House of Representatives. While there Mrs. Burke was granted the first maternity leave in congressional history.

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She has written a column for the New York Post, "Senator's Wife," and co-produced a play, "Hang Down Your Head and Die".

She evaluated new British plays and films for production in the U.S. in 1966 and has served as National Vice Chairman of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Always active in her husband's political campaigns, Mrs. Javits has also worked for local New York City candidates.

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Born and raised in Paris, Mrs. Vreeland made her mark on the American fashion world when she became fashion editor of *Harper's Bazaar*. She held this influential post from 1937 until 1962.

During her professional life in fashion and her years in Europe, Diana Vreeland has remained an elegant figure in international society. She has been personal friends with all the top couturiers and has always worked closely with writers, artists, photographers and other people in the fabric world, maintaining a unique and creative involvement in everything she touches.

The two exhibitions that Mrs. Vreeland has mounted for the Costume Institute thus far, *THE WORLD OF BALENCIAGA* and *INVENTIVE CLOTHES: 1909-1939*, have broken records not only in attendance and press coverage, but have exerted a major influence in current fashions and design.

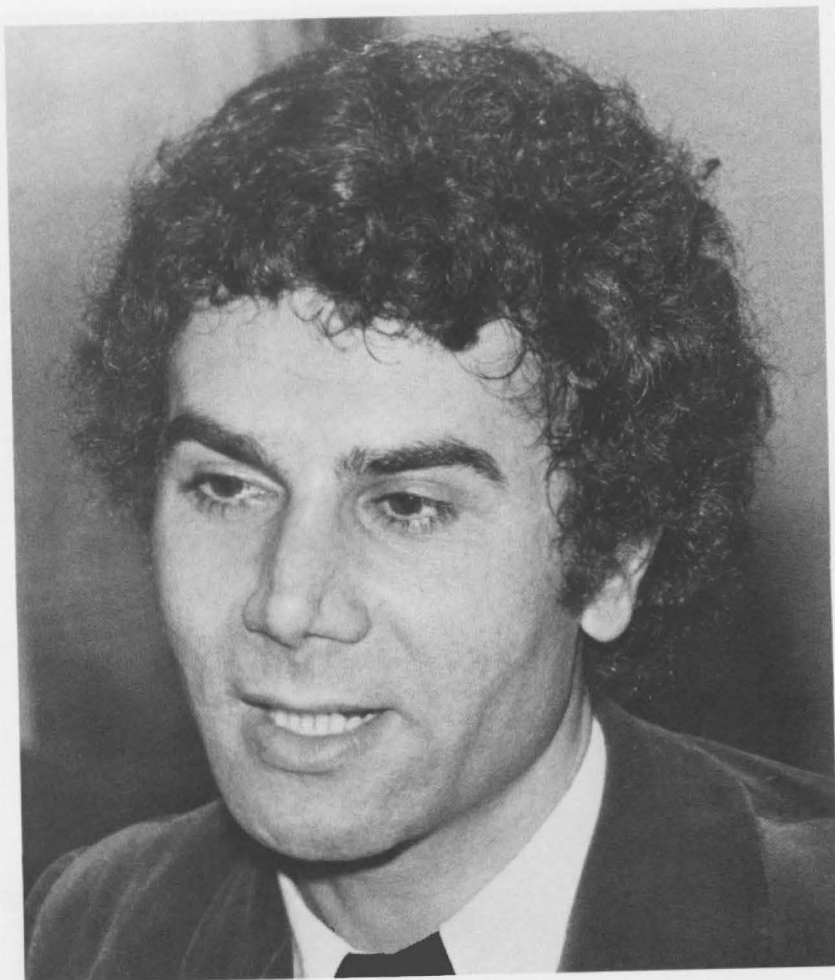


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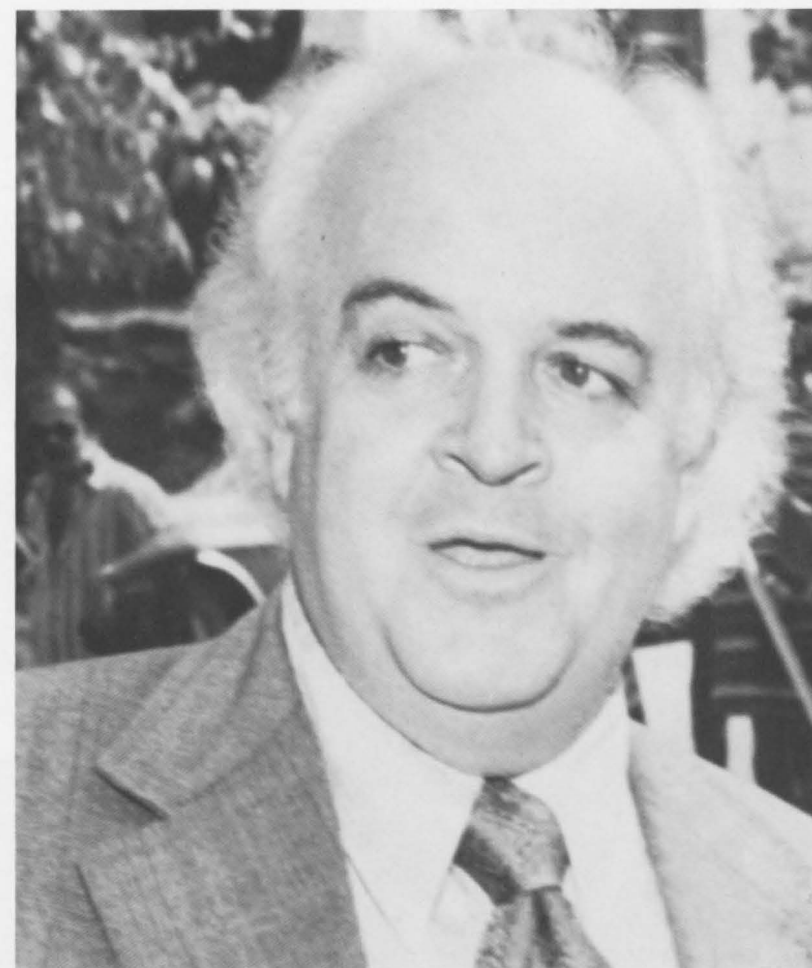


SEBOU
Advisor to GALA II

International make-up wizard Sebou was reared in Iran where he was the son of an Iranian diplomat. At the age of 15 he became beauty stylist to the Iranian royal family who he continues to serve today — including H.I.M. Queen Farah Pahlavi and H.R.H. Princess Asharif Pahlavi.

Sebou speaks eight languages fluently. In addition, he's studied acting, psychology and even has been a teacher. He has done the make-up and created the hairstyles for several Broadway productions and for two major motion pictures.

Today, Sebou owns a consulting salon on beauty on New York's upper East Side. He offers a complete range of beauty treatments for both men and women including all facets of make-up and hair styling.



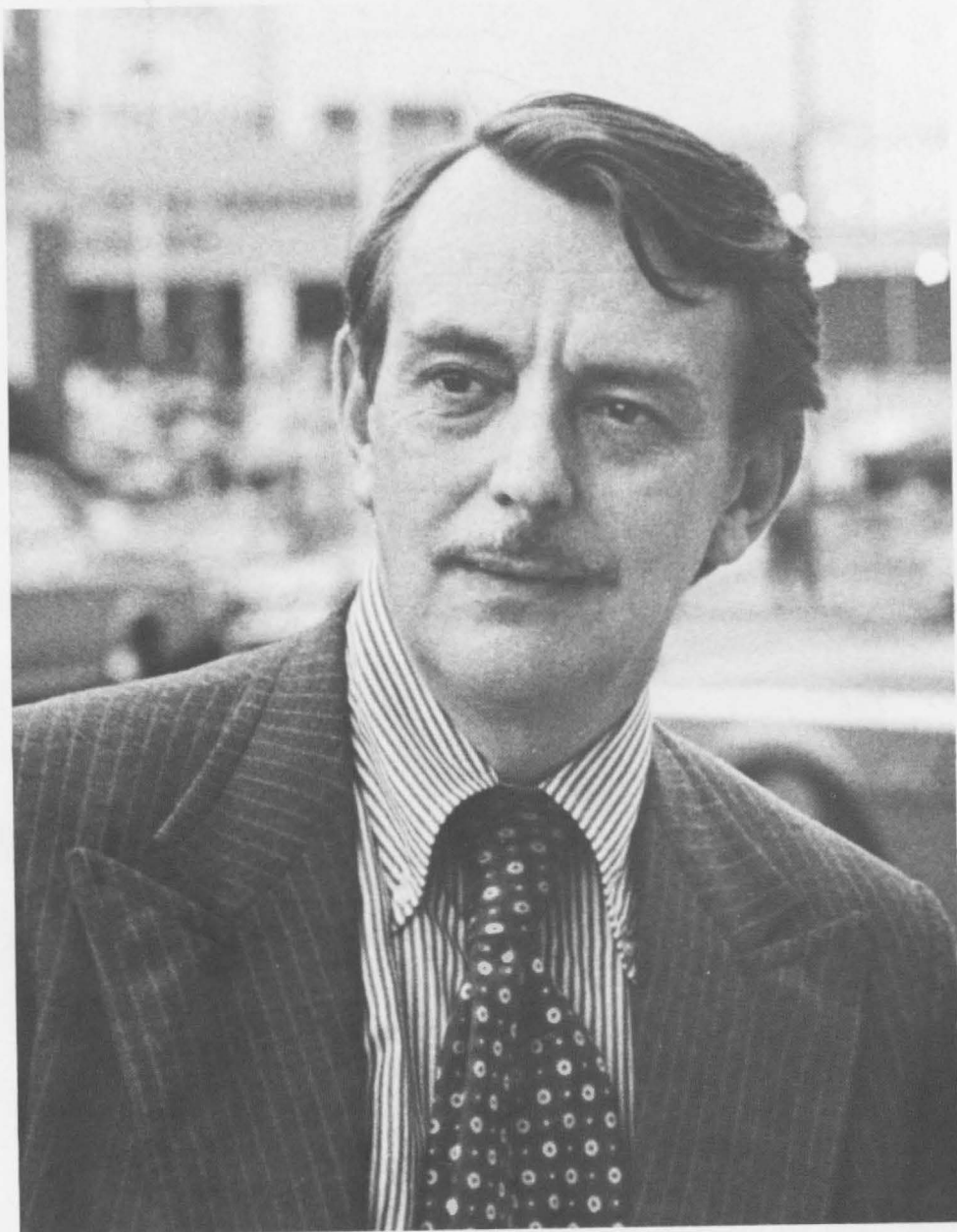
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Hatcher, a native of Enterprise, Alabama joined the University in 1950 as an instructor in speech. He is a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College and holds the Masters Degree from the University of Alabama. During the past 25 years he has received local, state, national and international recognition for his work with all of the arts.

For many years he has produced the Miss Alabama and Junior Miss Alabama pageants, and in 1960 directed the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City.

Governor George C. Wallace appointed Mr. Hatcher the first Executive Director of the Alabama Council on the Arts which was founded in 1966.



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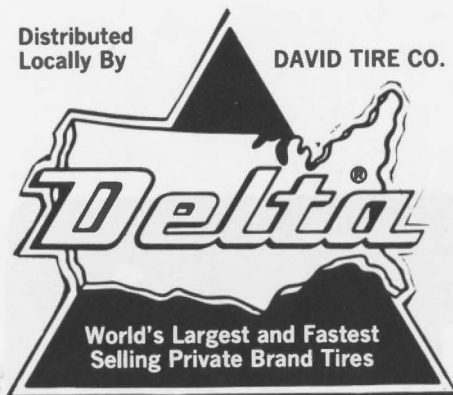


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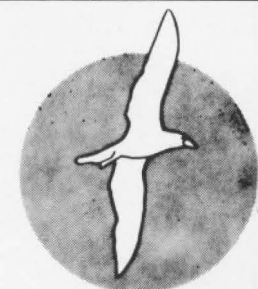
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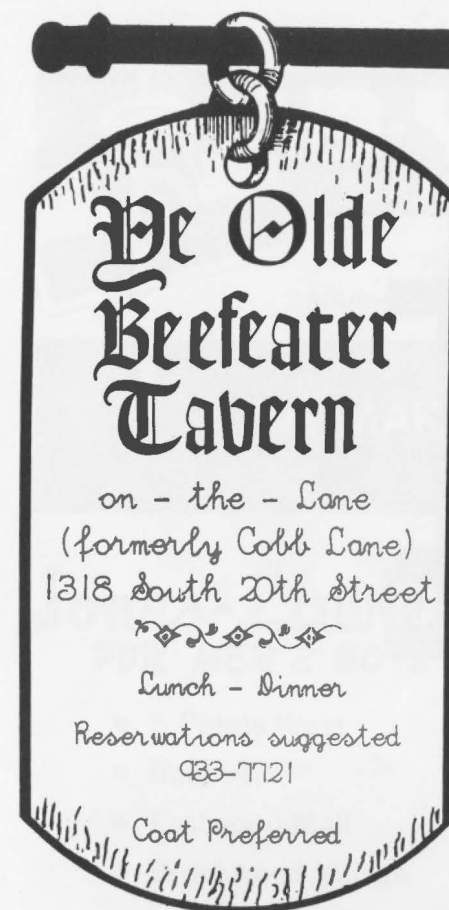
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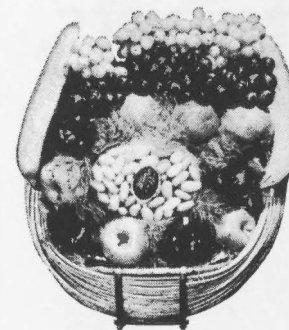
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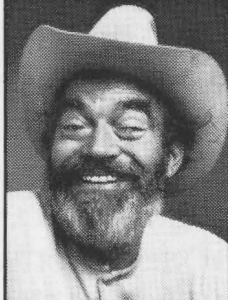
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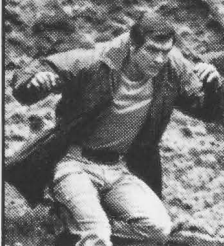
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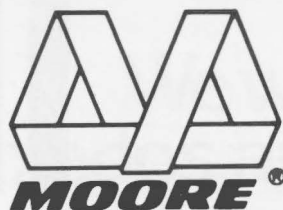


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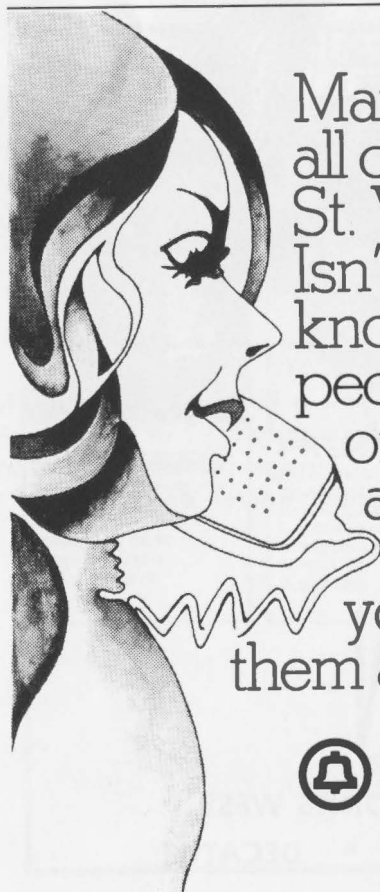
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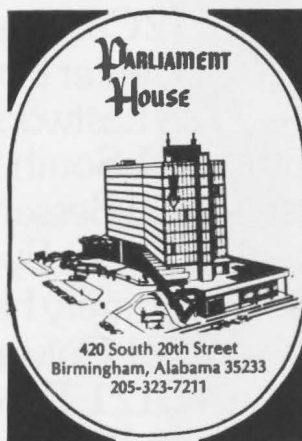
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On March 13, 1899, ground breaking ceremonies for the first permanent building, to be located at 2701 Ninth Circle South, took place. The location became known as Mt. St. Vincent.

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Some of those involved in the organization of the Hospital besides the Rev. O'Reilly were Dr. B.L. Wyman, Mr. H.H. Sinege, Mr. W.P. McCrossin, Mr. J.M. McCartin, Mr. Allen J. Krebs, Mr. Robert Jemison, Mr. B. Steiner and the Most Rev. Bishop Edward Patrick Allen, Diocese of Mobile.

Others were the Very Rev. Father R.A. Lennon, Superior of the Order of the Daughters of Charity, Sisters Benedicta and Magdeline, who undertook organization of the temporary Hospital; and Sisters Placida, Patricia and Antonia who participated in the direction. Mother Mariana, Superior of The Sisters in the U.S. selected the present site of the Hospital, and Sister Chrysoston was the first Administrator in the original permanent building.

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The modern concrete, glass and brick building with the most technological aids to medical treatment, was made possible by the reputation that the hospital has earned in nearly three-quarters of a century of service to the community. Of total building costs, \$1.4 million was contributed from the community.

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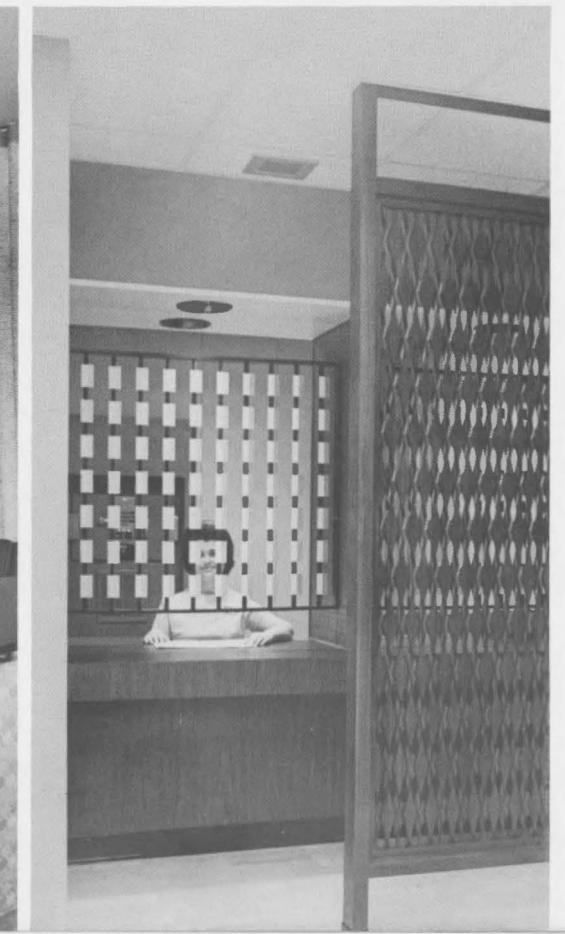
The entrance and facade of the new building face northward from the highlands on the southside. The majestic elevation of the building affords a broad view of Jones Valley and the skyline of the City of Birmingham.

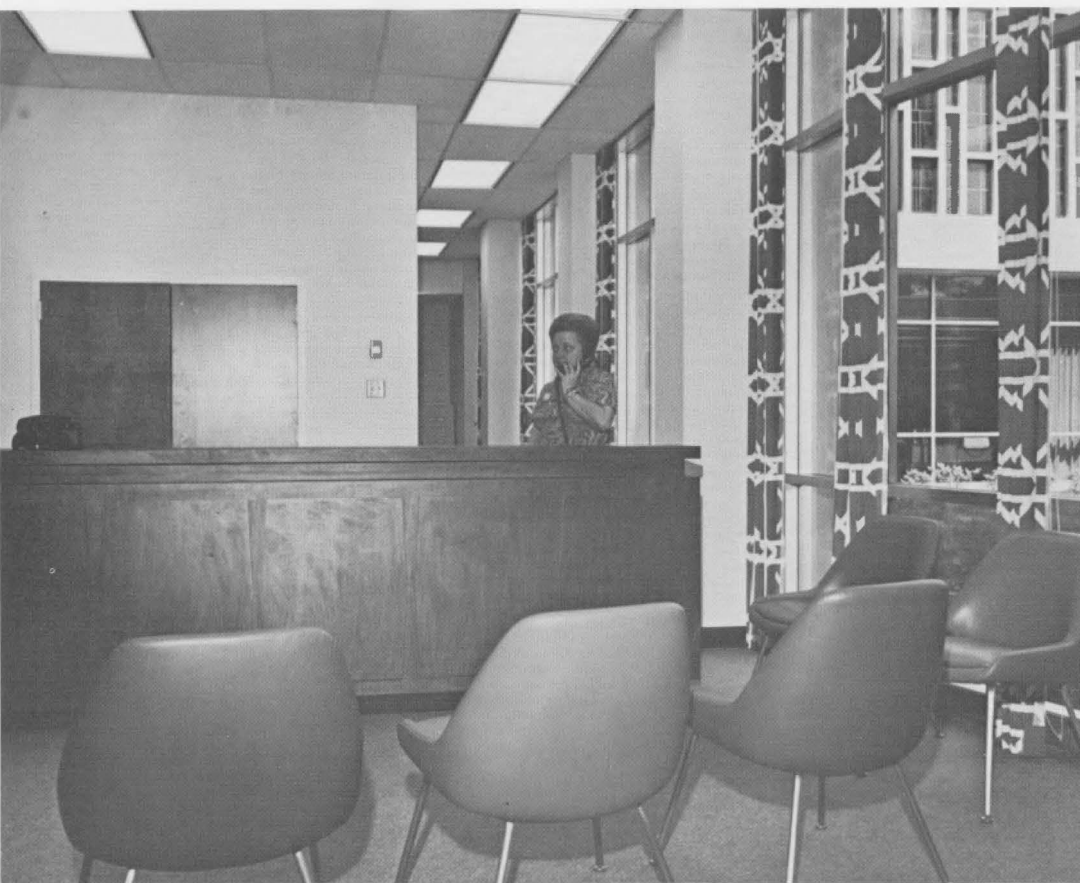
The first floor contains a coordinate of departments. The admitting office extends from the entrance lobby to the elevators which are near emergency operating rooms, central supply, the pharmacy and the ten-bed emergency receiving room.

On the opposite side of the building on the first floor, but accessible to all the supply departments, is the out-patient clinic.

There are diagnostic facilities serving these various departments. Also on the ground floor are four x-ray rooms, all connecting with a dark room.

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The offices for administration of the Hospital occupy the northwest corner of the second floor.

The cafeteria, also on the second floor, extends across the front of the building with full advantage of the view across the valley. The room has been decorated in refreshing citrus colors of lemon and tangerine, with trim of poplar green.

Maternity care is located on the third floor.

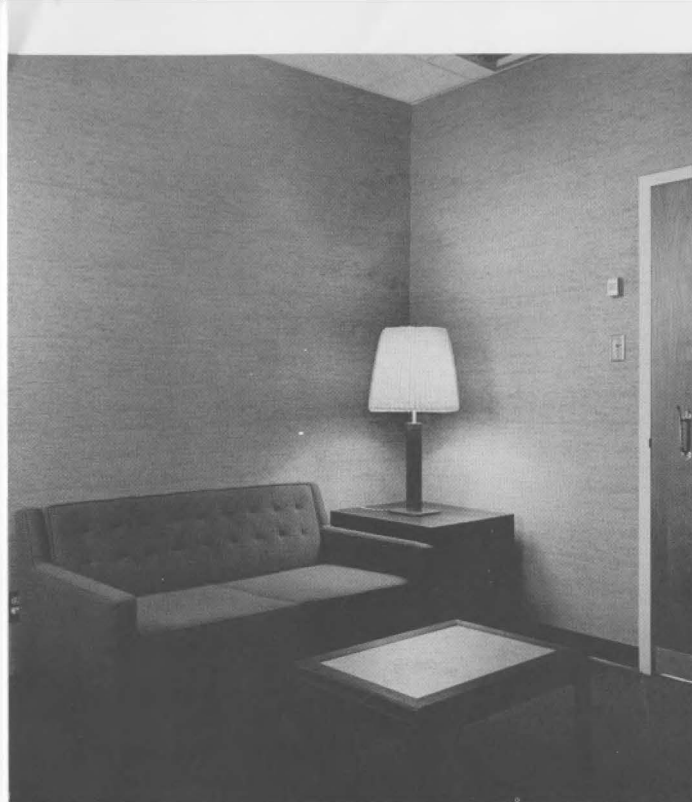
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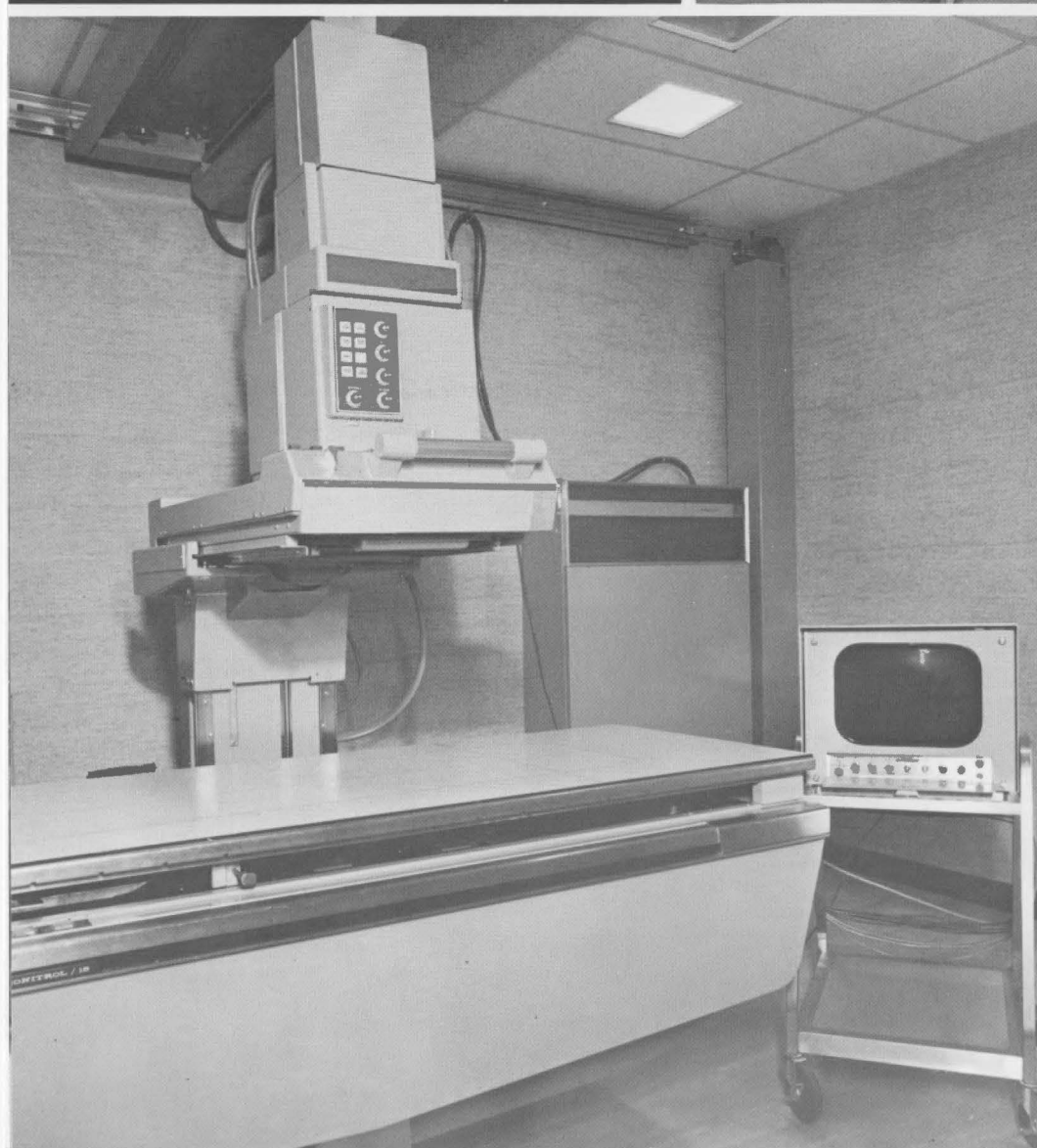
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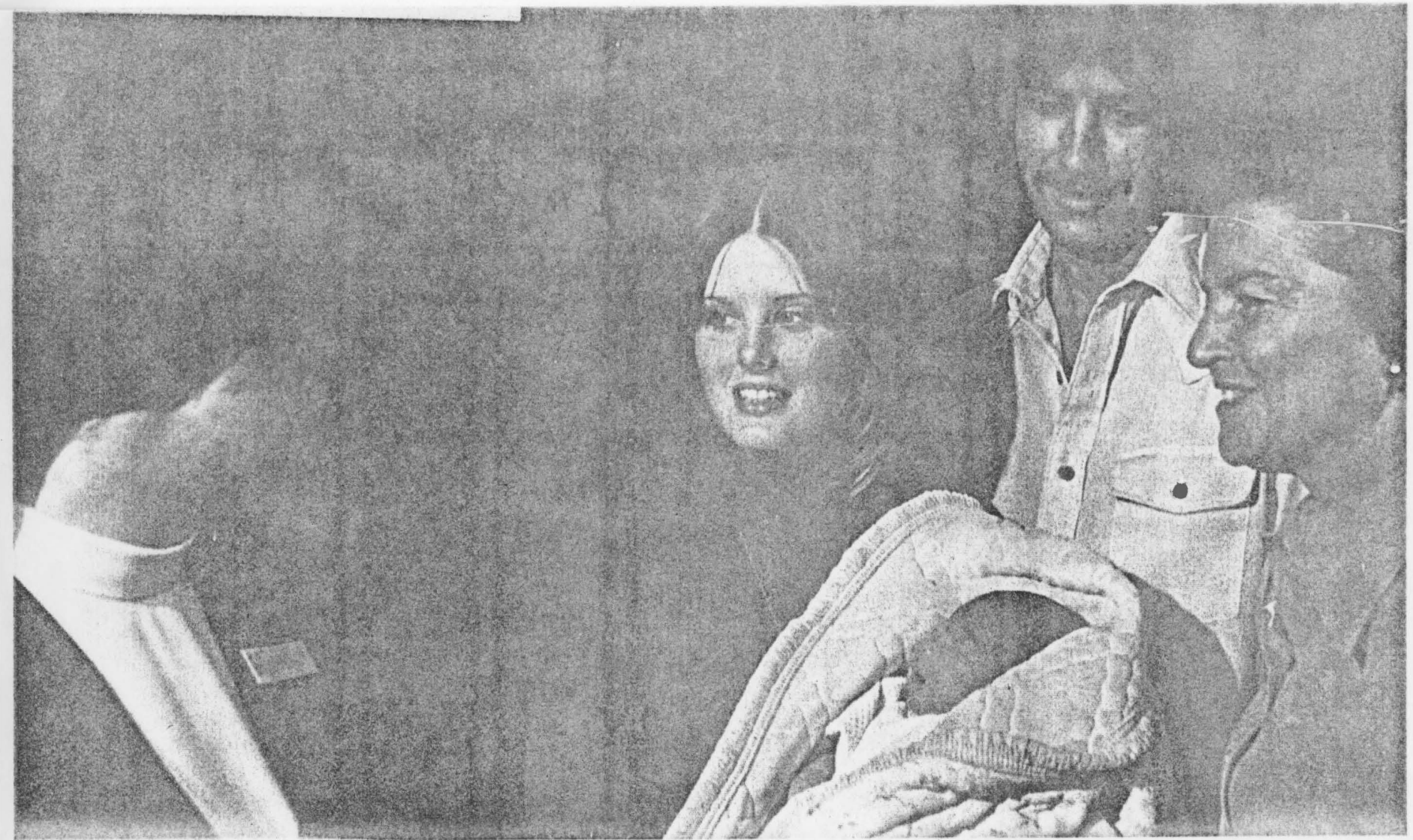




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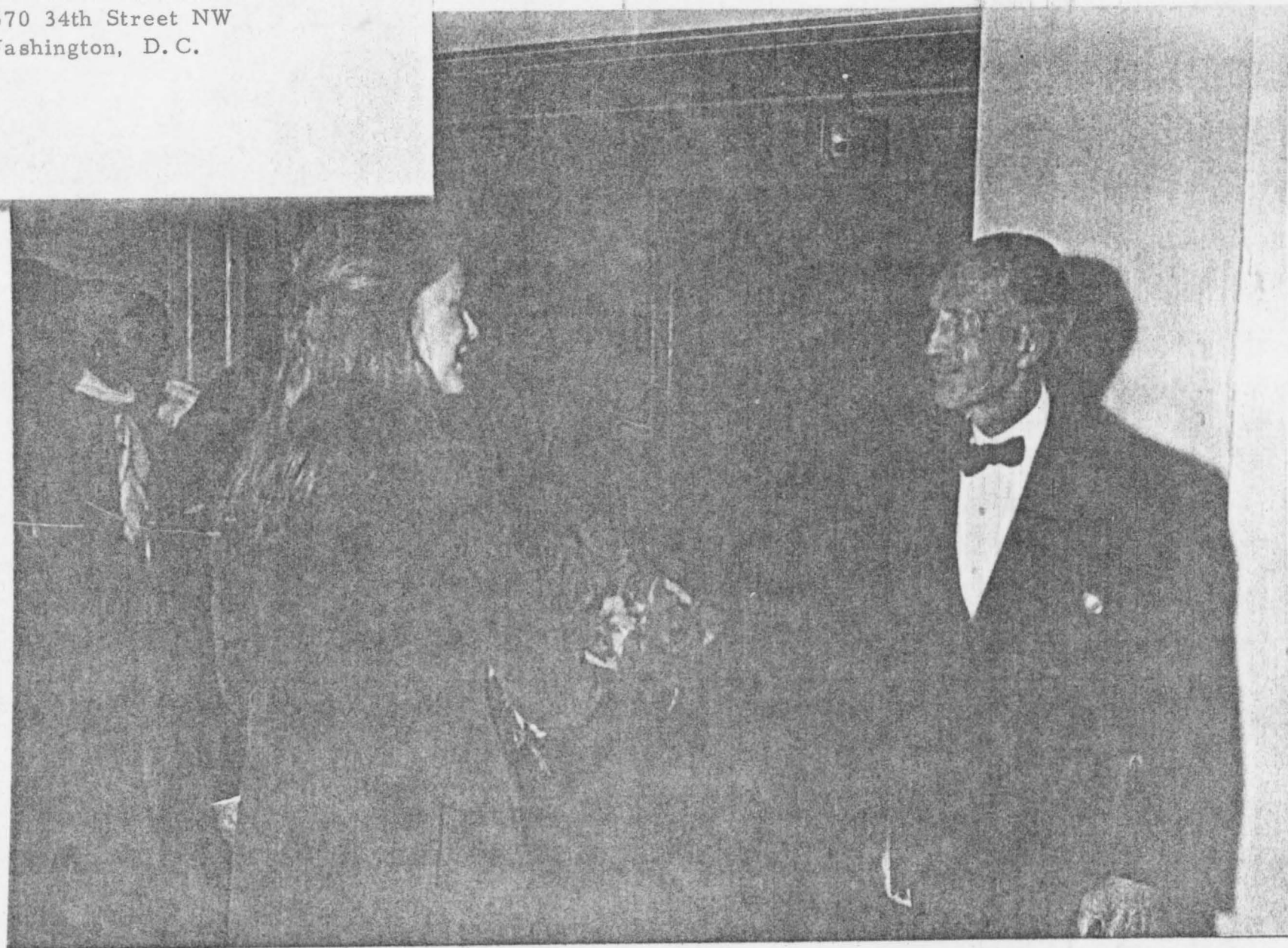
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