

# SOCIETY

## THANKSGIVING DAY DATE OF WEDDING

Ruth Vervey Becomes Bride of J. R. Spencer in Grand Rapids

On Thanksgiving day, Miss Ruth Marian Vervey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Vervey, of Smith street, became the bride of J. Russell Spencer, of Detroit, at a wedding at the home of her aunt, Mrs. H. P. McAvoy, in Grand Rapids.

Rev. D. E. Johnson, of the Grand Rapids Presbyterian Church, officiated at a ceremony attended by the immediate families.

Since her graduation from the Baldwin High School in 1923, Mrs. Spencer has been employed by the Chamber of Commerce in Detroit.

The bride was gowned in pink gossamer over pink satin and carried a shower bouquet of pink butterfly roses and sweet peas.

Upon their return from a wedding trip to Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer will reside at 3421 Chicago boulevard, Detroit.

## PUBLIC INVITED TO MUSICAL

Frederick Alexander, director of music at the State Normal School at Ypsilanti and a chorus of 100 voices will give a program of Christmas music at Christ Church, Cranbrook, Friday, Dec. 14, at 8 p. m. under the auspices of Thursday Musicals, of Birmingham.

This chorus will be assisted by William Hall Miner, carillonneur, the boys' choir of Christ Church, under Mr. Miner's direction, the Girls' Glee club and the children's chorus of Birmingham, under the direction of Miss Mae Brumstead.

George G. Booth, who is co-operating with the Thursday Musicals in sponsoring this affair, stressed the fact that the concert is open to the public.

A free will offering will be taken at the close of the concert to cover the actual expense of bringing the Ypsilanti Choir to Birmingham, those in charge say.

All proceeds over this amount will be given to Christmas charity for Birmingham and environs, the Thursday Musicals announced.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—  
Mrs. Lee A. White, Brookside drive: "In looking over the list of approved moving pictures for the year in two children's magazines I found that all but two of those had been shown in Birmingham."

## MOTHERS FETE GRID STARS

The annual banquet of the football squad of Baldwin High School given by the mothers of the players is planned for tonight in the high school cafeteria.

Approximately 60 persons, including the entire grid squad, coaches, guests, members of the faculty, mothers and fathers are expected to be present at this one of the gala events which close the season.

All the mothers of the boys are participating in preparation for the affair. The committee in charge is Mrs. Howard M. Cox, chairman, Mrs. L. W. Mix, Mrs. Harold T. Ellorby, Mrs. Helen G. C. Schwarz and Mrs. Russell Gore. Mrs. W. Henry, mother of Phillip Henry, 1927 captain, is assisting the committee.

## BAPTIST UNION MEETS

The Ladies Union of the First Baptist Church will meet a week from today at the home of Mrs. Frank Burnett, 402 Southfield avenue. Mrs. Edith Bowles is in charge of the program which deals with "Missions in Africa."

## RALPH WILSON HONORED BY MASONS AT COMMUNICATION

Ralph A. Wilson was elected high priest of the Birmingham Chapter 33 Royal-Order Arch Masons at the fifty-fifth annual communication held Monday night in the Masonic Temple.

Other officers elected were: Harry Mudge, king; Oliver P. Conroy, scribe; Emory O. White, captain of host; Allen F. McGirr, principal sojourner; W. C. Conroy, royal arch captain; Alvin Muddy, master third veil; Stanley Treadwell, master second veil; Bert Moore, master first veil; Bert Moore, treasurer; and George Forrester, secretary.

A reading of the treasurer's report for the year showed the chapter in excellent financial condition while the chapter roll showed 209 members.

The newly elected officers were installed in impressive ceremonies. Past High Priest B. J. Melrow acted as grand installing officer, he was assisted by Robert K. McClelland as grand captain of the host.

At the close of the ceremonies, past High Priest Ralph W. Bricker was presented with a past high priest's apron by his successor, Mr. Wilson.

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED IN VILLAGE HOME

A unique golden wedding anniversary was observed in Birmingham Tuesday evening when Mr. and Mrs. William Harbison, of Post avenue were again united in marriage exactly 50 years after their wedding day.

Rev. Henry S. Evans, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, read the service for the mock wedding while Miss Margaret Harbison and Frank Harbison, sister and brother of the "groom" attended the couple. The house was decorated with baby mums and ferns.

Two brothers and two sisters of the "bride" and two brothers and two sisters of the "groom" witnessed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Harbison have been residents of Birmingham for seven years, coming here from Troy. Mr. Harbison was born in Troy, Tennessee, in 1855 and farmed there until he retired to Birmingham. Mrs. Harbison is a native of Ireland, coming to Troy while still very young.

During his life in Troy Mr. Harbison often held public office as well as one time township treasurer.

They have two daughters, Mrs. Melvin J. Deer, and Mrs. Sam Howting, both of Birmingham, and three grandchildren: Edwin Deer, and William and Jack Howting.

## EXCHANGITES PLAN TO DANCE, DINE

With no speaker on the program Tuesday noon at Lone Pine Inn, members of the Birmingham Exchange club discussed plans to suspend their Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 meetings, as they will observe Christmas and New Year's Day, respectively.

Instead, they plan, under the direction of Lawrence Martindale, chairman of the entertainment committee, to hold a dinner-dance some evening during the holidays, to which their wives will be invited.

It was also decided to hold the semi-annual election of officers Tuesday noon, Dec. 18. Melvin C. Hart made a brief report of a recent meeting of various groups with the Community House board, stating that, beginning this year, all contributions of the Exchange club will be made directly to the Community House's committee on charities, thus eliminating duplication of efforts to help needy families.

George R. Averill, on behalf of Peter J. Slusser, presented the members with a box of cigars, commemorating the acquisition of a little four and one-half year old daughter, Betty Loris, to Mr. Slusser's family. A similar presentation to this Exchange club was made a year ago when James W. Taylor obtained four-year-old Jimmie Jr., said Averill, and I stand ready to make an unlimited number of presentations for all when necessary.

## FAMILY CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Washington N. Berger of 420 Kennesaw avenue, celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at their home Sunday.

For 23 years Mr. and Mrs. Berger have been residents of Birmingham. Two sons and two daughters were with them on their anniversary: Mrs. Ernest Mansfield, of Royal Oak; Russell Berger, Douglas Berger, and Elizabeth Berger, all of Birmingham.

## CLARENCE VLIET, JR. IN MICHIGAN OPERA

Clarence Vliet, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vliet, of Brown street, is a member of the men's chorus of the Michigan Opera, "Rainbow's End." He will spend his Christmas vacation traveling with the troupe. The opera will appear at Toledo, Toledo, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, New York City, Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Saginaw, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Chicago and Kalamazoo.

## DE MOLAYS PLAN HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season for the James S. Hassberger Chapter, Order of DeMolay, promises to be a busy one. The semi-annual meeting and election of officers is scheduled for next Tuesday.

At this meeting Master Councilor, William Spence, will give a referendum on the Conclave held in Detroit recently.

Plans for the annual holiday dance are to be discussed and a date set. This year the Royal Oak Chapter has been asked to join the Birmingham group.

A public installation of officers is scheduled to take place Dec. 18 at the Masonic Temple. Legion of Honor members will act as the installing officers. A short program of entertainment will follow the installation with dancing until midnight, those in charge announce.

## HERBERT CASE WEDS IN NORTH

Herbert S. Case, on the editorial staff of The Eccentric, was recently married and is now living in Munising, in the Upper Peninsula, where he has purchased the Munising News, a weekly newspaper. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Case of Sault Ste Marie.

## WINTER RESORTS TAKE VILLAGERS

Already winter blasts have proved too sharp for many villagers. Some have chosen winter in the resorts of Southern Europe, while others, like Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Nicholas of the Hills, have travelled to the west for the cold months.

Among those who have again chosen Florida for their winter home are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Bowers, of Ridgegate avenue, who have motored to St. Petersburg for their sixth season.

Mrs. Charles A. Todd, her children, Margaret and Barclay Stout, of Yorkshire road, are also among those motored to winter home in St. Petersburg, while Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Todd, of West Maple road, have recently motored there to reopen their home.

## VILLAGERS HEAR WELSH SINGERS

Of interest to villagers is the vocal concert to be held tomorrow night at the Central Methodist Church, Pontiac.

The program is featuring the Rhordd W. G. H. P. in the Mac-cabe building in Detroit. Birmingham's Good Fellowship male quartet consisted of: Floyd Franklin, Bert Beer, Walter Moreland and Emerson Brown, with Mrs. Robert Dudley as accompanist, will broadcast at this time.

## Village Quartet On Air Sunday

Of interest to villagers is the program of sacred music to be broadcast at 8 p. m. Sunday from the radio station, WGHF in the Mac-cabe building in Detroit. Birmingham's Good Fellowship male quartet consisted of: Floyd Franklin, Bert Beer, Walter Moreland and Emerson Brown, with Mrs. Robert Dudley as accompanist, will broadcast at this time.

## CHURCH GUILD GIVES CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas tea of the Presbyterian Church Guild was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. Knute Poppleton, of East Maple avenue.

Gifts suitable for children be-

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MRS. SHAIN SPEAKS TO PEACE LEAGUE  
Mrs. Charles J. Shain will address the Oakland County branch of the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom at the Community House, at 2:15 p. m. Tuesday.  
The topic of her speech will be "Forward Looking", in relation to education in international subjects.  
The Oakland County branch has a membership of 25. Mrs. George T. Hendrie is the state chairman. Mrs. Joseph Hadjilaky, of Birmingham is the chairman of the county group and Mrs. Alex S. Diack of Birmingham is the secretary.  
BRIDGE PARTY PLANNED  
Birmingham order of Eastern Star will hold a bridge tea tomorrow at 2 p. m. at the Masonic Temple. Mrs. James Gordon is in charge of the arrangements for the affair.  
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