CLUB AND PERSONAL NOTES

Class In Pottery Attracts Matrons of Hills Society

For the woman whose fingers know the secret of moulding beauty from clay, there is a class in the studio of Mrs. Frank L. Allen at the Cranbrook Academy of Art, to afford those possessing such a gift an opportunity for its expression.

On Wednesday and Thursday morning each week a group of women take time out of an already full day to study the art of making pottery.

Garbed in work-worn smocks, they stand before the high revolving pedestals on which the work is placed, absorbed in the creation of a vase, a lamp form or some other object of art, from gray, wet masses of common clay.

In one corner of the studio, Mrs. James Vernor, Jr. works with meticulous care on the design of a low vase, suggestive of the Indian pottery of the Southwest, but original with its creator. When finished, Mrs. Vernor explains, it will present the striking effect gained by the combination of black and yellow.

The agile fingers of Mrs. Charles Keppel ply the tools of the art in the creation of another interesing piece of pottery suitable for either a large vase or lamp base with a pleasing design original with Mrs. Keppel.

Mrs. John Cunningham is engaged in the modeling of a unique lamp form for a South Sea Island room. The lamp base is encircled by cherubic babes of the South Sea Isles against a background of palm trees. The shade, Mrs. Cunningham explained, will also be suggestive of the foliage of the tropics.

Miss Elizabeth Bemis, whose vocation is dietician at Cranbrook School, enjoys as her avocation her talent for modeling in clay. Having completed a sugar and creamer, now in the drying stage, she is engaged in the making of a third piece, yet in its early form.

Mrs. W. O. Stevens, also a member of the class, recently completed a charming fern bowl.

Mrs. Allen, artist and instructor, is engaged in the modeling of a tall vase of a delightful modern floral design showing the Egyptian influence.

But, as she passes from stool to stool among her pupils, offering helpful suggestions based on the observation of an experienced eye, her own work is, for the time, forgotten, in the enthusiasm of assisting others to create.

"The object of our class," Mrs. Allen explained, "is the designing of pottery by the coil and strip methods. The pieces produced vary from a tile and small bowl to large vase and lamp forms. They are of a size, shape and variety to assure the student a proper knowledge of the real construction and principles involved in the production of pottery."

The "coil method," Mrs. Allen pointed out, is that by which the Indians built up their pottery. The "strip method" is the modern method perfected by Mrs. Allen while a teacher at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Allen was for many years instructor in pottery and design of the Saturday morning and senior normal classes at Pratt Institute, and is at present doing professional work in her studio at the Cranbrook Foundation. She is a member of the New York Society of Ceramic Arts, the Boston Society of Arts and Crafts, and the Pen and Brush of New York City. She is the wife of the director of Art Education at Cranbrook Academy of Art.

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Social Briefs

Mrs. William B. Brown of Southfield road had as her guest for the week-end, Mrs. Albert E. Hale of Detroit.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Norton of "The Codlins," Lone Pine road, have issued invitations to 200 guests to a musicale at which they will be hosts at the Fox and Hounds Inn at 8:30 o'clock on the evening of Dec. 27. The program, to be held in the ballroom, will be given by the Detroit String Quartet of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Following an evening of music, supper will be served on the first floor of the Inn. For the occasion, the Inn will be decorated to suggest the holiday season.

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Miss Virginia Thomas, a student at Queen's College, Kingston, Ont., will arrive Monday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Thomas of Madison avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Boynton of Dorchester road will entertain members of their bridge club at dinner at their home Friday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Verne Skillman of Brookside drive, with their family, will leave Monday on a motor trip through Florida to be gone for the winter.

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Mr. and Mrs. Vernon C. Fry of West Maple road announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Grace, to Mr. Alexander Douglas Dickie of Montreal, son of the late Rev. Robert Dickie and Mrs. Dickie. The wedding, which will take place after the Christmas holidays, will be a quiet home ceremony. Miss Fry is a graduate of the Liggett School of Detroit and of the Knox School at Cooperstown, N. Y. Mr. Dickie is a graduate of McGill University.

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From A WOMAN'S ANGLE

By MARJORIE ELAINE PORTER

Marjorie E. Porter

When Christmas comes with its many colorful, comical toys designed to bring a smile to the face of childhood, I always feel a little more sorry than usual for the child prodigy.

To possess the mind of a genius, or even of an adult, and the body of a child, is a most unhappy combination. At all times it's unfortunate but at Christmas, it's a calamity.

What thrill can the super-child find in the obvious mechanics of the toy that, to the average child, is a marvel of mystery and beauty?

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He can amuse himself with it, of course, as Dad will sit on the floor for hours, "explaining" the intricacies of a miniature railroad for the benefit of his son.

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So too, may the prodigy condescend toward the wonders of the normal child's world.

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By "prodigy" I do not mean the child with more than average intelligence or ability. I presume we all feel our own children a little "super" in one respect or another.

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And there is, of course, the gifted but perfectly normal, happy-go-lucky youngster who gets as big a kick out of Christmas toys as might reasonably be expected.

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I mean the child who has been thrust out of an environment normal to childhood for the purpose of developing his native gifts to a point as near perfection as possible.

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For this, parents are usually to blame.

Take for instance, the case of six-year-old Ruth Sleneczynski of Sacramento, California, who recently made her Berlin debut as an infant prodigy in a piano recital in Bach Hall "before a house so crowded that even the stage seats were occupied."

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The diminutive Ruth astonished her critics with her repertoire, including Bach, Beethoven and Haydn, with Schubert, Chopin and Weber for the lighter mood of the program.

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And when the little girl, no older than your own first-grader, completed the program that would have been an achievement for her musical superiors in age and training, a sad thing happened.

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Someone in the audience, touched by the appeal of childhood, tried to present the small artist with a doll. But the father arrogantly snatched it from her arms, and threw it into the audience.

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What an unaccountable thing for a father to do! The audience resented it, and for a moment there seemed evidence of a mob attack. But something held them back.

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And little Ruth left the stage without a doll to cuddle and to nestle close in the long lonely hours of the night.

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As for her father, we can only trust that he, at least, was sincere in his action, that he believed himself to be right.

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We should hope, too, that he may sometime see the light, and realize that to the average parent his attitude seems unfair to the child.

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Consider also Willa Elizabeth Gibbs, the 14-year-old girl from Woodland, Cal., who has just completed a 70,000 word manuscript novel based on the French Revolution, which critics pronounce worthy of an adult student of French history.

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Then consider your own children. Trying slyly, perhaps, to slip a few minutes out of that practice hour. Plodding laboriously through finger exercises, with one eye on the music and the other on the clock.

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Or writing, maybe, manuscript novels that you read with a hidden smile, and which you cherish because in them there is still so much of the child-mind.

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And aren't you glad? Don't you delight in their normalcy? Of course, you expect reasonable progress from them as young musicians. You have a right to, and they should realize it.

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They will, no doubt, realize it more keenly, after Christmas is over.

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But now, at this, the Children's Festival, let's remember the lonely little prodigy whose doll was torn from her arms. Let's remember the natural instinct of our girls and boys to play, and thank God that they possess it.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 24th day of November, A. D. 1931.

Present: Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Minnie McDonald, Deceased.

The First National Bank of Birmingham, executor of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the fifth day of April, 1932 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Judge of Probate.

A True Copy.
FLORENCE DOTY,
Deputy Probate Register. 34-36

First National Bank of Birmingham, Michigan.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Stockholders of this Association for the purpose of electing Directors, and the transaction of all such other business as may properly come before such meeting will be held, pursuant to the By-Laws of the Association, at the Banking house of the Association, in the Village of Birmingham, Michigan, on

Tuesday, January 12, 1932

at 12:00 M., Central Standard Time.

The Polls for voting on the election of Directors will be open from 12:00 M. until 2:00 P. M. Stockholders who will not be able to be present in person are respectfully requested to sign and return the inclosed power to represent their stock at said meeting.

ELMER C. HUSTON,
President.

Birmingham, Michigan, Dec. 7th, 1931. 35-38

MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULT having been made for more than thirty days in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Floyd E. Oliver and Jessie Oliver, his wife to Union Trust Company, a Michigan Corporation, dated the 12th day of March, A. D. 1926, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 18th day of March, A. D. 1926 in Liber 435 of Mortgages, on page 319-22, which mortgage was assigned by Union Trust Company, a Michigan corporation, to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a New York Corporation, by assignment dated the 21st day of October, A. D. 1926, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 27th day of October, A. D. 1926, in Liber 435 of Assignments of Mortgages, on page 290, and which mortgage was, by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a New York Corporation, assigned to the First State Savings Bank, Birmingham, Michigan, of which bank Charles W. Lee was appointed Receiver by the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland in Chancery, on the 20th day of July, A. D. 1931, by assignment dated the 16th day of March, A. D. 1932, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1932, in Liber 642, pages 343-4, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy and 15/100 ($3676.15) Dollars, and an Attorney's fee of thirty-five dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on **Monday, the 15th day of February, A. D. 1932,** at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the undersigned will, at the Saginaw Street entrance of the Court House in the city of Pontiac, Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with 6¼ per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to-wit:

Land in the village of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan known as Lot 1201 of Bright Lawn Subdivision and described as: Lots 91 and 94 inclusive, and 99 to 104 inclusive "Re-subdivision of Bright Lawn Subdivision" of the East half of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 36, Town 1 North, Range 10 East, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 23 of plats, page 8, Oakland County Records.

Dated: November 10th, 1931.

CHARLES W. LEE,
As Receiver of First State Savings Bank of Birmingham, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee.

PRESTON ALLEN,
Attorney for Receiver,
102 Howarth Bldg.,
Royal Oak, Michigan. Nov. 19-Feb. 11.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Henry A. Lo Prete and Bessie A. Lo Prete, his wife, both of the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, Mortgagors to Guardian Detroit Bank, a Michigan banking corporation of the same place, Mortgagee, dated the 21st day of October, A. D. 1930, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 27th day of October, A. D. 1930 in liber 961 of Mortgages, on page 249-J, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-five and 04/100 ($1,695.04) Dollars. No suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, now therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1932,** at 12:00 o'clock noon, Eastern Standard Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the easterly or Saginaw Street entrance to the County Building in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, and any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned at or before said sale for taxes and/or assessments on said premises, and all other sums paid by the undersigned pursuant to law and to the terms of said mortgage, with interest thereon at seven percent (7%) per annum, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law. Which said premises are described as follows: All those certain pieces or parcels of land situate in the City of Pleasant Ridge, in the County of Oakland, and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 162, 163 and 164 of Woodward Park Subdivision of the East ½ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 28, Town 1 North Range 11 East, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for said County of Oakland in Liber 6 of plats on page 9; together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Dated: October 27, 1931.

GUARDIAN DETROIT BANK,
a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee.

WARREN, HILL & HAMBLEN,
Attorneys for Mortgagee. 33-45

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Thomas of Madison avenue will be hosts to members of their bridge club at their home Friday evening.

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Mrs. A. J. Neerken of Oxford drive entertained members of her bridge club at luncheon at her home Tuesday. The membership includes Mrs. Guy E. Parker, Mrs. Newton F. Hadley, Mrs. Harold King, Mrs. J. K. Burns, Mrs. Louis J. Schneider, Mrs. Harry Quinn and Mrs. F. R. Mixer.

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Mrs. N. F. Hadley of Arlington drive had as her house guest last week, her sister, Mrs. Clemmet Cooke, of Columbus, O., who returned to her home Monday. During Mrs. Cooke's visit, she was the honoree at several pleasant affairs. Mrs. Hadley entertained Wednesday of last week for her sister, and Friday, Mrs. A. J. Neerken was hostess at a luncheon in Mrs. Cooke's honor at the Detroit Athletic Club.

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The annual Christmas party of the Baptist Church will be held at the church Monday at 7:30 P. M. Each department of the Sunday School will take part in the program.

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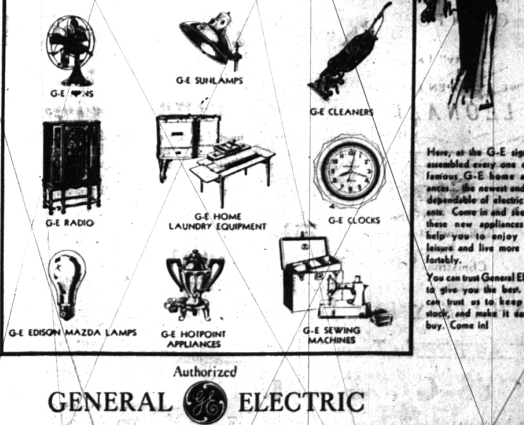
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