

# SOCIETY IN BIRMINGHAM AND THE HILLS

BY MARGE HALL.

## Study Trends In Education And Plan Six Good Lectures

Trends in education, covering local school problems in connection with cafeteria, opening hours, undernourishment, closing and rest periods, individual speed, "problems"—children and night meetings for children, will form the theme of a series of lectures during February and March sponsored by the American Association of University Women.

Mrs. Hugh Waldman, president, announced today. Lecture meetings will all be open to the public. Feb. 18, the first lecture will feature Dr. Mayhall James of Sarah Lawrence College, one of

## Mrs. Harold Gray Attends Conference

From Birmingham, attending the sixth national conference on the cause and cure of war, to be held from Monday to Thursday in Washington, D. C., will be Mrs. Harold Gray of Fairfax road. Mrs. Charles Shaw has attended three of the annual conferences, and found them exceptionally inspiring, but was unable to attend this year, delegating her badge of admittance to Mrs. Gray.

## Islanders Postpone Performance Again

Presentation of "Interference" by the Islanders of Grosse Ile, of the Village Players in Birmingham, postponed from last week, has again been postponed indefinitely, due to continued illness of some of the players.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dwyer, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil F. Charlton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawrence Shaffer, and Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Murray were to serve dinner for the Islanders preceding the play, in the Playhouse.

An afterglow was to follow the performance, in charge of Mrs. M. N. Pebo, assisted by Mrs. Harry J. Connine, Mrs. William G. Wall and Mrs. Arthur Plant.

The next Village Players performance, scheduled for Jan. 31, will include three one-act plays: "Myers Kid" by Eugene O'Neill, directed by Mr. Raymond Reilly; "Thank You Doctor" by Gilbert Emery, directed by Mrs. Robert Dwyer; and "A Matter of Husbands" by Fernie Molnar, directed by Mrs. Leigh Lynch.

Monday the opening address will be delivered by Carrie Chapman Catt, on "Five Years of Education."

What are the next steps to be concentrated upon in the progressive demobilization of the war machine? is one of the main topics to be discussed. "How may public opinion be educated to understand and accept such a program for the United States in its international relationships?" and "How may public opinion be educated to international opinion?" are other main questions under consideration.

Every seat was taken Tuesday by the enthusiastic students of International Relations, directed by Mrs. Charles Shaw. "Vergil" was the special topic for round-table discussion.



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## Benefit Bridge Party at Community House January 28

One of the most outstanding social events on the winter calendar will be the benefit bridge party to be held at the Community House beginning at 8 p. m. Jan. 28.

The proceeds of the event will go towards the maintenance of the Community House and scores of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills residents are making plans to attend.

Mrs. L. N. Pyle is general chairman for the party and she will be assisted by Mrs. Charles Burgess and Mrs. Norman Lytle. The ticket committee is composed of Mrs. Warren Pease, Jr., Mrs. Fred Grant, Mrs. Frank W. Shook, Mrs. H. J. Klingler, Mrs. Joseph P. Little, Mrs. Eugene Smith, Mrs. H. P. Shaw, Mrs. Harold R. Gray and Mrs. E. J. Estman.

There will be prizes offered for each table and the party will not be a progressive bridge, but contract and players wishing advice will be afforded the opportunity of consulting with a contract bridge expert who is expected to attend. Mrs. Pyle announces.

## Study County Home-Rule Bill

Tuesday, the county Home Rule bill will be studied by the Oakland County Council of Women at their meeting in the Community House at 10 a. m. Speakers will be Mr. Guy Stark, County Surveyor, and Mr. Melvin Lee of the state legislature. There will also be a review of the report from the supervisory committee.

## Garden Club Learns About Winter Shrubs

"Winter Shrubs" were discussed at the Monday meeting of the National Farm and Garden Club, at their meeting in the Community House at 10 a. m. Mrs. Fred Roth of Pontiac who showed examples of various shrubs ideal for winter landscaping because of their color obtainable in winter driving. Mr. Roth said, "we see so many bright-colored shrubs that we wish we might have in our own gardens at home. Many of them are available for the planting, and brighten home landscapes remarkably."

In the next issue of The Eccentric a complete list of winter shrubs and their advantages will be printed.

Monday meeting of the Garden Club was held in the Community House with Mrs. John T. Edgerly as president, presiding.

For the February meeting, daffodils will be the main topic for study, and the meeting will probably be combined with the Bloomfield Hills Garden Club, possibly continuing in the Gullitt Hall at Cranbrook.

## Plan Reception And Installation

Mrs. Charles Kinnison is general chairman of the reception which will be given honoring Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wright, in the Presbyterian Church a week from tomorrow night, sponsored by the Presbyterian Women's Union and the Missionary Guild. All members of the church are invited and other ministers in the village are urged to be present.

Mrs. Ernest Steinhorn, Mrs. Arthur Brandt and Mrs. W. E. Moody will be in charge of the tea-tables, assisting Mrs. Charles Kinnison.

A short program of vocal solos will be given by Mrs. Imogene R. Davis has been arranged.

Next Wednesday night in the church, installation ceremonies for Rev. Wright will be conducted by members of the Presbytery from Detroit, at an open meeting for church members.

## Hold Reception Jan. 23

A reception for Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wright will be held a week from Friday, Jan. 23, in the Presbyterian Church, at 8 p. m., sponsored by the Presbytery, the Women's Union and the Missionary Guild.

## Plan Park-Osgood Wedding For Easter-time Celebration

An Easter-time wedding has been planned for Miss Harriet Morrison Park, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison Park of Baldwin road, to Russell Knovles Osgood, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Harold Osgood of Royal Oak. The engagement was announced this week.



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The wedding will be held at the home of Mrs. George G. Steelman, Mr. J. E. Howard, local real estate and insurance broker, who knew and admired the late Henry George, having been a disciple of his since the early 'eighties, explained the single tax formula. Mr. Knovles Osgood, who recognized that all labor products, would take for community expenses the one value of the home is created by the community.

## Dr. Upson Talks To Forum Monday

"With a really efficient unit of governmental operation, Bigland Park, Ferndale, Royal Oak, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills would all be included under one administration centered in Detroit," said Dr. L. D. Upson in his talk to the Forum for Men and Women Monday night at the Community House, "because governmental lines should follow urban lines, and not suburban lines, to remove real economy and cashing."

Whether governments should control industry, or whether population can accomplish a better purpose, was the real theme of Dr. Upson's discussion. Sherman and Clayton acts were outlined in their application to various problems of industry and regulation.

Unsettled phases of government were discussed by Dr. Upson. He cited the case of the great-grand-grandson of Paul Harvey, arrested recently for speeding over the same highway as his celebrated ancestor. Another example cited was that of the most recent state election in Michigan; there was one officer to be elected for every 10 votes cast for governor.

## Mrs. Parks Shows Pictures in Detroit

Mrs. Edgar A. Parks (Ella Johnston) of Pierce street, has two still life subjects in water colors on display at the Independent Artists' Exhibit, 37 East Adams Ave., Detroit, which opened Tuesday night for the remainder of January. One is a picture of a boy painted in Florida, entitled "Florida Christmas Berry." The other is a study of onions—very monotone, Mrs. Parks has won many prizes with her pictures.

Five pictures of Mrs. Parks' are also on permanent exhibit in the recently opened Beaux Arts League showing at the Tuller Hotel, Detroit, two being in India ink, one a figure piece and another a figure study in water colors, and the fifth a study of pomegranates. Other well-known exhibitors are John L. Pappas, Martha M. Currie, Arond Wickerts, Stanley M. Leonard, Ignatz Shaha and Dora Leonard.

## Sleigh Ride, Jan. 22

Increasing popularity has resulted in the growth of the membership in the Household Emancipators' Club, which meets each Thursday night at the Community House. There are now 25 members of the group which is headed by Lily Bowden, president. Other officers are Elizabeth Faro, vice-president, and Elizabeth Hanbury, treasurer. The organization is planning a sleigh ride for next Thursday, Jan. 22.

## DeMolay Banquet Will Precede Initiation Ceremonies

A DeMolay banquet to precede initiation ceremonies for 30 or more new members is scheduled for Tuesday, Mar. 31, by the James Hasseberger chapter, to exceed any previous gathering in the history of the chapter. Entertainment will follow the initiation ceremonies, and an outstanding speaker will be secured.

Arrangements for this gala night are in charge of William Shelton, Richard Fleming and William Spence, all Past Master Counselors. Mr. Charles A. Bingham, advisor of the chapter from December 1925 to December 1929, will be guest of honor, and the class of candidates will be dedicated to him.

The membership campaign, now in progress, has divided the class into two recruiting groups, headed by Gerald Higby and William Lancy. Petitions for the class will all be in by March 17. At present there are 78 active members of the DeMolay chapter in Birmingham, and the chapter was started here in June 1924, 198 members have been taken into the Order. Stephen Grace is Master Counselor of the Chapter, and B. J. Meirov is Advisor.

## Study Masonic Ritual—Symbolism

"Worthy and Well Qualified" and "The Hoodwink and the Cable-Tie" will be the two discussion topics for the next meeting of "The Further Light Club" the first Thursday night in February, immediately following the regular meeting of the Blue Lodge in Masonic Temple. Discussions will be led by Wylie Groves and B. J. Meirov, respectively, on the topics named.

Organized "to provide a medium for the study of Masonic symbolism used in the ritual, and a development of Masonic consciousness," "The Further Light" was organized last year when B. J. Meirov was Worshipful Master of the Blue Lodge. Under W. A. Bingham, who was appointed chairman by Mr. Meirov at the time, the club has proved a distinct benefit in building a Masonic consciousness in Birmingham. At the meeting of the club Thursday night, in the Masonic Temple lounge room immediately following the Blue Lodge meeting, officers for the year were elected: President, C. A. Bingham; vice-president, F. C. Deer; secretary-treasurer, Vernon Keener.

In recognition of his instrumentality in effecting and carrying through the organization of the ritual-study club, B. J. Meirov was elected vice-president at the Thursday meeting, but immediately declined, because of his increasing activities as DeMolay advisor.

## Count Tells Experiences

Count Alfred Von Niezchowicz will tell of his experience on the cruise of the "Kronprinz Wilhelm" for Birmingham young men 15 to 21 years old, at the local DeMolay chapter on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 8 p. m.

## See Champions Play Badminton Jan. 31

Mrs. William Cavan of Larchdale drive and at least 25 of those who play badminton regularly in the Baptist Church gymnasium will be among those from Birmingham attending the international badminton tournament in the Grosse Pointe high school gymnasium Saturday evening, Jan. 31. Eight of the best players in America are to compete in singles and doubles; and beginners will have an excellent opportunity to see what experts do with the feather. The tournament is the first to be held in this vicinity, and is open to the public.

Two leading players from Boston, and players from Montreal, Toronto, and Windsor will compete. Jack Purcell, Toronto, star champion of Canada, will be among the players; he recently defeated the English champion, D. C. Hane.

Badminton is played on a court 44 by 20 feet, with a 5-foot net, and the rackets which drive the job the feather, or bird as it is variously called, are small and light. The game is fast and interesting. Variation of speed is an outstanding feature with skillful players who may play either a soft or a hard game, depending on the style of their opponent's game.

## John A. Pope Takes Bride In New York

John Alexander Pope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav D. Pope of Franklin and Lone Pine roads, was married Jan. 31 to Miss Helen Reese Hebbard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hebbard, Jr., of New Rochelle, N. Y., at the

North Avenue Presbyterian Church in New Rochelle, with a number of Birmingham, Hills, and Detroit residents going East for the nuptials. Miss Elizabeth Lee Pope, sister of the bridegroom, will be one of the bridesmaids. Gustavus D. Pope, Jr., will be best man for his brother.

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Two plays written by members of the new organization will be presented next Wednesday night by the W. M. C. A. Dramatic Club: "Spirit of the Y. M. C. A.," adapted by Lewis Nefz, and "Basketball Started," a true story to be written in dramatic form by John Carnahan and Arthur Valley.

Thirty members have joined the group, which was organized only last week.

**Enjoy Venison Feast**  
Last night, because Mr. Harry Allen had killed a deer, the Presbyterian Men's Club at their informal meeting held to become better acquainted with the new minister, Rev. Clarence Wright, enjoyed a venison sandwich on their refreshments menu. Besides, the men were regaled with songs by Lewis Nefz, and "Basketball Started," a true story of the Detroit Masonic lodges.