

Sister Of Robert Grindley Paints Circus Picture For Scarab Independent Display

"Robin Back" (photo above) is one of the pictures displayed in the exhibition of independent artists in Detroit at the Scarab Club, painted by Winifred M. Grindley, the sister of Mr. Robert F. Grindley of Puritan fame. Here are King Horse, Clown, and frail Circus Rider, all made up in an excellent bit of composition, considered by the judges as a most important piece of painting.

"Winter in Central Park" is another of Miss Grindley's paintings on exhibit in the Scarab show.



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County Home Rule Is Studied By Council Of Women

Discussion of the County Home Rule Bill now before the Michigan state legislature, occupied the interest of members of the Oakland County Council of Women Tuesday morning in the Community House. Mr. Guy Stark, Ferndale Supervisor, who endorses the bill, explained its merits to the women and answered many questions regarding its points of policy.

That representation might not be spread so thoroughly, and that the tendency might be to choose men from the larger centers instead of from smaller local units which at present have their own governing bodies, are the drawbacks of the County Home Rule Bill in the opinion of Mr. Stark, though the plan would save Oakland County alone \$500,000 a year. Mr. A. W. Wilson, a representative of Oakland County, also spoke in favor of the bill, saying that the present form of county government is very unwieldy.

"There are 265 boards in Oakland County right now that can tax at five cents, that represent, drains, roads, etc., through their appropriation budgets," said Mr. Wilson. "A smaller governing body than the present Board of 48 Supervisors, could be far more efficient." The County Treasurer stated. The fact that \$2,200,000 worth of back taxes remain unpaid was stressed by Mr. Wilson as the reason for recently negotiating a \$1,000,000 loan to cover current county expenses.

Next Tuesday the Board of Directors, and the department heads representing the poor commission, supervisors, etc., of the Oakland County Council of Women, will meet at the home of Mrs. Dan Smith in Milford.

Tobogganing Attracts Younger Set



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Mr. Edward Roehm of Vaughn road, Bloomfield Hills, and Miss Mary Adele Shaw also of the Hills, are among the many who find tobogganing such good sport these winter days and evenings.

Social Briefs

Mr. James Campbell, of Purdy street, spent last Saturday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Sackett, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Wise and their family; Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wise and Ray Woods of Lansing were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wise of Bloomfield Village over the weekend.

The Past Noble Grand club, of the Rebekah lodge, met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. D. B. Wilkinson, of Merrill street.

Mrs. Harry Klingler, Mrs. P. K. Loud, Mrs. W. H. Autenbach and Mrs. George T. Nickerson were guests at a Colony Club luncheon Saturday, given by Mrs. W. S. Kennedy of Bloomfield Hills who is staying at the Astor Court apartments in Detroit for the winter.

Mrs. Anna McEwee of Aspen road is visiting in Erie, Pa., until the middle of March.

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Lisa Lindstrom of New York added a new title to her long list of championships by winning the national senior long distance swimming event.

Attends Wedding Abroad

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scripps Booth of Lone Pine road entertained last Thursday evening preceding the symphony concert, for Miss Esther Booth of Grand Rapids who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Wallace, Miss Booth leaves shortly for Europe to attend the wedding of her cousin, Miss Virginia Kingswood Booth, to William Dickerman Vogel May, 4 in Copenhagen. Miss Booth's engagement was announced here shortly before her departure last June with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Herman Booth, for Copenhagen where Mr. Booth took up his duties as United States minister to Denmark. It is also understood that John Lord Booth, who is serving as one of his father's secretaries will be married in April to Mrs. Winifred Wessel, daughter of the Chilean minister to Denmark.

Elect New Officers

At the annual election meeting of the League of St. James Women this last week, Mrs. Robert S. Preble was given the presidency, succeeding Mrs. Charles Elton Buck whose two-year term has expired. Mrs. Orren L. Andrews was elected first vice-president; Mrs. H. S. Sibley, second vice-president; Mrs. William E. Elcock, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George Y. Reed, recording secretary; and Mrs. Ada Ferguson, treasurer.

Sleigh-Riding Gives Fun

At Oak Knob where Mr. and Mrs. Lyman J. Craig are occupying the home of Mr. Craig's mother, Mrs. James Craig, for the winter, many children are found coasting down the hills every afternoon of the day and evening. Saturday afternoon Mrs. Craig entertained at another sleigh-ride party for her children and a few of their friends.

Hear Rasey Lectures

Tonight several Birmingham residents will attend the second of Dr. Marie Rasey's lectures in Royal Oak on "Adolescent Psychology," at the Royal Oak Junior High School, under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association. Three more lectures are scheduled for Jan. 29, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19.

ART and MUSIC

Quarter-Tone Piano Sing Three Original As Played By Barth Music Compositions Proves Revelation

By CHARLOTTE FRYE

The Detroit chapter of Pro Musica, through the National Music League, presented Hans Barth, pianist, composer and conductor, to its members and out-of-town guests including several from Birmingham Friday evening at the Detroit Institute of Arts. While the program was divided into two parts, devoted to an exhibition of the chronological development of the piano, the demonstration of the qualities and possibilities in the quarter-tone piano invented by Mr. Barth attracted the most attention. The program included the "Father Chord" by Scarlatti, Corelli, Rameau, Haydn and Gossec; were introduced in the first part of the program and were executed with a delightful delicacy only the harpsichord can produce. Mr. Barth played three of his own compositions on the piano in the second part of the program, producing weird effects through the use of the pedals.

Explains His Instrument

Mr. Barth prefaced the third part of his program by explaining the quarter-tone piano and how it came into existence. When he was a child, he said, he frequently played consecutive half-tones on the piano and was disturbed because "there were no notes between the half-tones." His father, amused at his son's curiosity, dismissed the questioning with the remark: "Learn your half-tones, first, my boy."

When he was 17 years old, Mr. Barth said, his teacher encouraged him in his efforts to obtain a musical instrument similar to the piano which would produce quarter-tones. Four years ago Mr. Barth interested a piano manufacturer in his invention and introduced the instrument upon which he now plays. The instrument has the appearance of a conventional piano, with one key-board superimposed upon the other.

The upper keyboard is that of the standard piano while the lower one has red keys with green sharps and blue flats. Each key on the lower manual is tuned a quarter-tone lower than its twin key on the upper manual.

Before beginning his compositions the inventor played the half-tone or chromatic scale on the quarter-tone scale and the three-quarter-tone scale. The sensation the listener has when the quarter-tone scale is played prestissimo, is like hearing successive tones produced upon a stringed instrument played glissando. The scale of the new piano has 24 chords and 24 keys of the conventional major and minor thirds, a medium third and above the medium third, a greater third which Mr. Barth uses as the harmonic basis for his compositions. He explains that after he had experimented at length with notation, he decided to use red ink for the quarter-tone piano or lower keyboard, and black ink for the one above, eliminating notation of sharps altogether.

In the concluding number on his program, a composition called "Nervous Wiping," Mr. Barth gave full effect to the possibilities of the new instrument. The composition conveyed the musical impression of a 24-temperament bell rather than the sounds of a 12-temperament bell as we know it. This addition of 12 new tones brings to the realm of music a great possibility for a broader and richer musical literature.

Although, at times we were under the impression the instrument was of new tone, at other times we were introduced to new tones of delicacy and loveliness which before have been heard from us. Music of the instrument reminds one of some radio qualities—the music is in the air—it is for us to detect and attain ourselves.

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Barbours Entertain Musically

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Barbours were among those entertain.

Miss Traub Enjoys Opera

Miss Barbara Traub who left last Thursday for New York to study art, was entertained with a party of young people the preceding evening by Mr. Charles McLean, for a German Grand Opera flying Dutchman.

Acquire German Prints

Modern German prints, in a comprehensive collection, have just been acquired by the Detroit Institute of Arts—the first American museum to install such a collection. Works of 10 men are represented: Corinth, Barlach, Nolde, Mueller, Matras, Kirchner, Penzinger, Hofer, Rohls and Dieckhoff.

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