

# SOCIETY IN BIRMINGHAM THE HILLS

By MARJORIE ELAINE PORTER.

## A Letter For You

Can you picture an irresistible dreamer shepherdess offering for sale boutonnières for her dainty trousseau? You can see in your mind's eye, a number of them daintily tripping to an fro in a scene that resembles a back-drop suggesting the Greek revival—you have a mental television photograph of the Flower Fete to be held at Cranbrook Saturday.

The girls who will sell flowers and candy are going to wear the most adorable costumes,—but if that isn't a woman's starting right in to describe clothes before I tell you what the occasion is to be.

Every year, you know, the Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church Cranbrook and the Bloomfield Hills and District Horticultural Society have a flower show. This year it's to be held in the pavilion at Cranbrook on Saturday of this week.

But as I was saying, to get back to the costumes which are always a dramatic and colorful touch, these were cleverly designed by Josephine Cooper.

And here is a tip she gave me, which is valuable and should be passed along. When selecting color schemes for costumes to be worn out-of-doors, never choose the pastel shades. Think of the competition those delicate colors are going to meet when they get out in the bright daylight and face the glare of the sun.

Costumes for a garden fete, to be effective, should have more vivid coloring. Use shades of blue, rose, green and purple in deeper tones than the pastel tints. And that is just what Miss Cooper has done so successfully. The costumes to be worn by these little animated Dresden shepherdesses will have skirts of saten in a plain color—rose or blue, green or purple—with bodice and panners over the skin of gay flowered material. Instead of hats, they will wear narrow bands of ribbon around their hair.

Isn't that dainty? Wouldn't you like to see yourself adorned with such a costume? Only the girls who will sell the nosegays, boutonnières and bon bons will be privileged to wear them.

Mrs. C. Theon Van Dusen is chairman of the flower committee. She tells me the nosegays will be made up of small flowers, chiefly roses combined with forget-me-nots, pinks, bachelor's buttons, nigella and pansies, and that will be the fastidious little boutonnières for the men guests. These dainty bouquets, and candies as tempting, will be displayed on wooden trays painted to match the costumes I describe.

And of course, you will want to know who is going to wear these quaint creations. On Mrs. Van Dusen's committee are Romayne Thompson, Mrs. Howard Yale, Mrs. Hugh Hitchcock, Mary Morris, Mrs. Robert Grindley, Doris Otter, Marguerite Ward, Sally Davis, Marjorie Strong, and Marjorie Wernick. Mrs. Harold L. Wallace is chairman of the candy committee, and assisting her will be her daughter, Elizabeth, Margaret Booth, Alice Osterman and Janet Forbush.

Now you have the picture complete and in your imagination can watch the certain rise on a gay and colorful scene. I wish you could be here to see it in reality, but for the summer, adieu and bon voyage—

M. E. P.

## They Are Of Interest To Birmingham Society

**National President of the W. I. L. P. F., Honor Guest**

Mrs. Hannah Clothier Hull, of Southshore, is national president of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the honor guest at a luncheon held at the Orchard Lake Country Club Wednesday.

She will be the principal speaker at a dinner meeting of the Michigan branch of the League held at the Belvoir Hotel Wednesday evening. Her visit in Detroit was occasioned by her trip across the continent to attend the annual national meeting of the W. I. L. P. F. to be held in Los Angeles, June 13-20.

Attending the luncheon Wednesday were Mrs. Frederick H. Holt, president of the Michigan Branch; Mrs. F. Farrington Holt, Mrs. Mason Barr, Mrs. Wallace Frost, Mrs. Harold S. Gray, Mrs. W. F. Gilbreath, Jr., Mrs. Louis Kahn, Mrs. Edward L. Bryant, Mrs. William E. Eacey, Mrs. J. T. Garwood, Miss Julia Van Arsdale, Mrs. Melville Welt, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Frank W. Hawley, Mrs. K. W. Bash, Mrs. Bever Lewis, Mrs. M. R. Kahn, Mrs. George Bogue, Mrs. Joseph Braun, Mrs. Thomas S. Parker Mrs. A. S. Diack, Mrs. George Stephens, Mrs. Theodore Stanton, Miss Jessie Miller, Mrs. Edward Thom, Mrs. E. W. Bricker, and Mrs. Albert Wasley.

Col. Edwin S. George, Mrs. George and their daughter, Mrs. Friscilla and Miss Besie, returned from their Bloomfield Hills residence, Cedarhurst, Friday. Mrs. George and her daughters, who spent a year in Paris, were joined by Col. George, with whom they traveled in Russia before making their homeward journey.

## Pupils Meet After 60 Years

"No more Latin, no more French, no more sitting on hard wood benches," merrily chimed a group of boys and girls as the little district school closed its doors for the summer.

But after 60 years, those boys and girls, trying to shake over the shoulder of memory, forgot the discomfort of the hard wood benches in the long line of new friendships that were made in the little school/house more than half a century ago.

And this is how the reunions of the Blackson School, which 60 years ago stood on the Eleven Mile road, where the village of Berkley lies today, came about. Three years ago, when alumni of the Hill School were planning their annual reunion, Mrs. Amanda W. Navin, mother of Mrs. Thomas W. Navin, and with whom she lives on the Southfield road, was reminded of her school days back in the '70s when she and her friends attended the Blackson School.

And the more she thought about her school days, the more she longed to see her old friends. It was then she and her daughter conceived the idea of holding two school reunions annually in Birmingham, the Blackson and the Hill.

Invitations were sent out and 35 alumni appeared on the day set to renew their acquaintance with Mrs. Heth and have luncheon at the home of Mrs. Navin. That was three years ago. Two years ago, last year, and last Saturday the reunions were held successfully and successfully.

This year the reunion was held at the Community House, and the same faithful 35 alumni appeared, some with sons and daughters or grandchildren who attended each year with as much enthusiasm as their elders.

Among those who attended last Saturday were Mrs. Betty, Mr. and Mrs. George Rush, Mrs. Altana Campbell, Mrs. Minerva Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor and their son, Howard, Miss Nettie Schilling, and Mrs. Hattie Radtke, all of whom were from Birmingham. Mr. and Mrs. William Elwood and their daughter, Mrs. Margaret Elwood, Miss Anna Hall, Mrs. Hattie Koonz, and from other towns and cities came Erastus Wells of Abbottsford, Mr. and Mrs. George Ferguson and their daughter of Ann Arbor; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson of Detroit; Charles Quick of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Jenkins of Ferndale; John Sutton and his niece, Mrs. Dorothy Baldwin of Corvina; and Frank Blackman of Belleville, whose father, Lyman Blackson, gave the land from his farm upon which the school was built, and for whom it was named.

Among the guests two of particular interest were Miss Anna Hall and Mrs. Hattie Koonz, who reside on Bates street, and both of whom taught at the Blackson School in the '70s when Mrs. Koonz was Miss Hattie Hall.

Participating in the Anniversary had recalled the days when, as a girl of 14, she went to teach at the Blackson School for the first time.

"Many of those who attend our reunions went to school to me," Mrs. Hall said. "I taught at the Blackson School several different terms, but the first time in 1873 when I was only 18. I remember that especially because I had 61 scholars, 25 of whom ranged from 16 to 23 years of age."

The teacher who had preceded me, a man, had had difficulty with some of the older boys who insisted on playing checkers during school hours. When he called them to their desks, they told him to wait until the game was over. So I had to be very strict until I broke up the checker game and made the boys understand that they did not go to school to play checkers.

"But I had success with them, and afterwards was invited to all the parties and dinners. They were turned out to be fine men and hold splendid positions of trust and responsibility."

"When I went to the first reunion three years ago I saw pupils that I had not seen in 40 years. Quick, Nettie Schilling, William Elwood, Erastus Wells, including Mrs. Taylor, who was Hattie Ferguson and Lottie and the Blackson School was demolished more than 20 years ago. Many of its former pupils are living in various parts of the state and country. Since the first reunion three years ago, there has not been a single death in the ranks of the Blackson School alumni."

Miss Elizabeth Walker entertained in honor of Mrs. Stevens school in 1928 when she was hostess at a luncheon at Devon Gables Inn, her guests including Mrs. William E. Rice, Mrs. Leitch Arch, Mrs. Sherman L. Dewey, Mrs. W. G. Pierce, Mrs. John Reddick, Mrs. W. D. Thompson, Mrs. Frank Bromley, Mrs. George G. Booth, Mrs. Mrs. John Marquin, Mrs. Ralph Stone, Mrs. John Shaw, Mrs. W. G. Lerchen, Mrs. Joseph H. and Mrs. Herbert B. Pappan.

Mrs. Leigh Lynch of Dorchester had been hostess at a tea in honor of Mrs. W. G. Stevens today.

Mrs. W. G. Lerchen of West Hill had been hostess at a tea in the Long Lake road where she was complimenting Mrs. Stevens at her home June 17.

Mrs. L. L. Nixon of Hunt road, had been hostess at a pot luck luncheon and card party at members of the Rebekah Lodge Friday at 12:30 P. M.

Miss Margaret Berr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berz of Pierce street, accompanied by Miss Norma Wall of Hollywood, Cal., will leave Saturday by motor to California where she will remain for a month.

Mrs. Warren Poast, Jr., of Buckingham road, has as her guests for a few days her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Poast, and Mrs. G. F. Spalding, all of whom are from Rockford, Ill.

## Fourteen Estates Open Gardens To Clubs

Members of the Birmingham Garden Association are included in the invitation extended today auspices of the Garden Club of Michigan to visit the gardens of 14 Grosseto estate estates.

The days set aside for this interesting event are Thursday and Friday, June 18 and 19, and the visiting hours from 2 to 5 P. M. The owners of the gardens include Mrs. Henry Sheldon, Mrs. Benjamin Warren, Mrs. Charles B. Warren Mrs. K. H. Webber, Mrs. Edward Butler, Mrs. Percival Dodge, Mrs. Fred T. Marney, Mrs. Cameron B. Waterman, Mrs. John W. Dyer, Mrs. Joseph Standart, Mrs. Murray W. Sales, Mrs. Frank H. Book, Mrs. Miss Sarah Hendrie and Mrs. Phelps Newberry.

Included in the invitation of the Garden Club of Michigan are the Bloomfield and Birmingham units of the National Farm and Garden Association, the Pleasant Ridge Garden Lovers, the Little Garden Club of Grosseto Point, the Colony Club, the Women's City Club, the Twentieth Century Club, the Southampton Garden Club, Grosseto Point Club, Dearborn Club, Northwestern Club, Trowel Garden Club, Redford Garden Club, Detroit Garden Club, the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs, the Society of Arts and Crafts, the Bay City Garden Club, the Detroit Arbor Garden Club, the Garden Club of Grand Rapids and the Jackson unit of the National Farm and Garden Association.

Members of the Birmingham unit include Mrs. John T. Edgerly, president, or at the Community House.

Dr. Francis L. York, chairman of the board of the Detroit Institute of Music, will be host to members of the senior class at a picnic luncheon at his estate, Yorkpark, Saturday.

Mrs. Robert F. Grindley will be hostess at a bridge luncheon at the Orchard Lake Country Club, June 17. The guests will include Mrs. Arthur Lacy, Mrs. Robert M. Clark, Mrs. Ford M. Brook, Mrs. Clarence W. Boydell, Mrs. Henry Whiting, Mrs. Horace W. Potter, Mrs. Frederick S. Booth, Mrs. John C. Lane, Mrs. Clark Bennett, Mrs. Robert E. McKean, Mrs. Merin A. Cordry, Mrs. George C. Forman and Mrs. Sherwood Reekie.

Mrs. George M. Dwellley and her children will leave shortly for a motor trip to Maine, where they will occupy their summer home at Southport. Mr. Thorndyke Dwellley has completed his studies for the year at Manlius Military Academy, will meet his mother in York, and accompany his family to Maine.

Mrs. Thomas Lascombe of West Maple road, entertaining for her daughter, Mrs. Charles Platz, and Mrs. Joseph Penrose, both guests from Rogers City, was hostess to the Sans Souci Bridge Club at a bridge luncheon Thursday.

Mrs. Robert William Esieig, of Bingham road, entertained Saturday at a bridge luncheon of two tables in honor of Miss Glendora Rogers of Detroit, a bridge object of June.

Mrs. and Mrs. Harry Mack, of Puritan road, entertained members of their bridge club at a bridge dinner Saturday evening.

## Mrs. Bash Hostess To Kappa Alumnae

Blue iris and tall blue tapers adorned the luncheon tables when Mrs. K. W. Bash, Aspen road, entertained 70 members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association at her home Saturday.

Assisting Mrs. Bash as hostesses were a group of "Kappas" residing in Birmingham, among whom were Mrs. Gordon Saunders, Mrs. D. C. Mills, Miss Margaret Rainey, Mrs. Milton Malender, Mrs. Mrs. Milton Malender, Mrs. Harold R. Rotham, Mrs. Charles Randall, Mrs. Clyde Harter of Wine Lake and Mrs. Leslie Eby and Mrs. H. M. Cater of Royal Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Hendrie and Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Stevens were the guests of honor Wednesday last week at the first of a number of dinner dances to be given each week throughout the summer at the Fox and Hounds Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moore of Long Pine road are planning to leave later in the summer for Europe. Mr. Moore, who is a member of the faculty at Cranbrook, will spend throughout the summer at the Fox and Hounds Inn in France.

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Ormond of Wadlington road, were hosts to 10 guests at a buffet supper Sunday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen of Cranbrook, who will leave shortly for

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