

# SOCIETY BIRMINGHAM AND THE HILLS

By MARJORIE ELAINE PORTER.

## Flower Fete Committees Named

An annual event of importance socially and horticulturally in Birmingham and the Hills is the flower festival given jointly by the Bloomfield Hills and District Horticultural Society and the Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church Cranbrook.

This year the festival will be held in the pavilion at Cranbrook in the afternoon and evening of June 12. Supper will be served by the pool.

An innovation will be the wild flower contest for school children, in which prizes will be offered to boys and girls gathering and identifying the greatest number of native wild flowers.

The first prizes to both boys and girls will be donated by Thomas Pearson of Grosse Pointe. Mrs. T. Barbour offers the second prize for boys. Third prizes to both boys and girls will be awarded by the Horticultural Society.

Judges for the wild flower contest will be Mrs. W. D. Thompson and Mrs. Campbell Harvey. The judges for the horticultural show will be Alexander Lamrini, superintendent of Cranbrook, estate of George C. Booth; Henry Mathews, county horticulturist, and A. U. Douglas, superintendent of Col. Sidney Waldron's estate at Clarkston. The society requires that all entries must be in two days before the show.



Mrs. A. J. Stabelin

Stabelin will be in charge of decorations with Mrs. W. D. Thompson. The ticket committee is headed by Mrs. Hamilton (Fisher) and includes Mrs. Frederick S. Strong, Jr., Mrs. Vernon B. Kellie, and Mrs. Helen Collins. Mrs. Donald Sanderson will be in charge of the fish pond, assisted by Miss Mary Adele Shaw and Miss Mary Elsie Davis.

General arrangements will be directed by a committee including Mrs. W. G. Harry, Mrs. S. S. Marquis, Mrs. Burt A. McDonald, and Mrs. James A. Beresford. The cake table will be in charge of postees, and Mrs. James Vernon, Jr., is directing publicity. The table will be in charge of Mrs. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, and assisting her will be Mrs. John Fitz Lane, Mrs. George T. Nickerson, Mrs. Percy K. Loud, Mrs. Earl R. Cain, Mrs. Edwin Beresford, Mrs. W. S. Kennedy, Mrs. Colin Campbell, Mrs. Perry Williams, Mrs. Victor H. C. Johnson, Mrs. A. Hall Dusen as flower girls will be Miss Mary Kathleen Morley, Miss Janet Page, Miss Romany Thompson and Mrs. Hugh W. Hitchcock. Mrs. Clarence H. Booth will be in charge of arrangements for the supper. Members of Mrs. Booth's committee are Mrs. George W. Booth, Mrs. Robert C. Traub, Mrs. Frank W. Shnell, Mrs. Joseph F. Bage and Miss Frances Booth. Miss Sarah Sly and Mrs. Benjamin H. Micou will act as treasurers.

## Metamora Wins Blue Ribbon in Bloomfield Spring Show

Miss Annette Phillips on Black Rock, and Miss Margaret Phillips Standard on Hackler, composed the winning combination that brought the blue ribbon to Metamora Hunt Club in the inter-club jump and the spring show of the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club last Saturday.

Metamora led with the low total of 1 1/2 faults, Bloomfield Open Hunt was a close second with 2 1/2 faults, and the Detroit Riding and Hunt Club followed with a total of 3. The competition was the keenest that the class has offered since it was introduced. Only 18 points stood between Metamora in the first place and the Detroit club in the third.

Bloomfield was carried to second place by Hercules with Mrs. Lee W. Moore on Bonito, a ride given by Elliott S. Nichols, and Greenlade with Clifford McDonald on the same horse.

For the first time Aiken fences were introduced to local equestrians in the spring jump and Aiken fence is backed up by a high standard of excellence. The use of these fences, judging from Saturday's exhibition, will be conducive to safety, but also to improvement in pace and better fencing in next fall's hunt race meetings. In the pair jumps, the C. H. O'Shea entry was first, the E. S. Newton second, and the Charles D. Pierce entry, third. The blue ribbon in the teams of the hunt race was won by the E. S. Nichols stables.



Miss Annette Phillips

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Listman of Arlington drive will be hosts at an evening bridge to be sponsored by the League of St. James Women on their home Friday evening, June 5.

## MISS ANNETTE PHILLIPS EVENING BRIDGE SPONSORED BY LEAGUE

Assisting the hosts will be Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Palmer, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. William Alcock, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Platt, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Lane Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Preble.

## MRS. BOWLUS RECEIVES GAVEL

Lilies and honeysuckle, tulips and tapers added a festive note to the closing meeting of the Women's Literary Club held at the home of the president-elect, Mrs. C. A. Bowlus on Yarmouth road, Tuesday.

A dainty buffet luncheon was served in the dining room, and in the recreation room, bright with many spring blooms, small tables, decorated in the club colors, were set for 80 guests. Following the luncheon there was a brief business session to close the year.

An impressive moment was the presentation of the gavel by the retiring president, Mrs. Clarence Vliet, to her successor, Mrs. Bowlus. Mrs. Vliet told of her happy associations as president thanked club officers and members for their cooperation.

In accordance with the tradition of the club, Mrs. Vliet was presented with the pins of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, an honor conferred only on past presidents members of the Literary Club.

Mrs. William Jeffries Chowning, Jr., the former Margot Cousens, daughter of Senator and Mrs. James Cousens, became the mother of a son in Washington, May 14. The new baby, his parents announce, will be called William Jeffries Chowning.

## Garden Benefit To Aid Symphony

A group of prominent Birmingham women, who have been working on behalf of the Detroit Symphony committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Donald T. Stanton, will visit the gardens of Lake Terrace, the residence of Mrs. John Stoughton Newberry on the Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe, Friday afternoon, June 11.



Mrs. Donald T. Stanton

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Newberry and to benefit the Detroit Symphony Orchestra maintenance fund, the gardens will be open to guests from Monday until Saturday. The garden benefit is planned at this time to give visitors the opportunity to see the peonies, iris and heliotrope in bloom.

A number of groups are planning to have luncheon together before motoring to Lake Terrace. "We hope this event will recall to the minds of Birmingham women that the work of promoting the ticket sale for the Friday afternoon concert will continue through the summer," said Mrs. Stanton.

who usually renew their concert tickets in the spring for autumn season have failed to do, and the Women's Association has pledged itself to the undertaking of selling out the hot tickets in the near future. The orchestra and its conductors are playing to vacant seats.

Mrs. H. J. Chafont and J. J. Kennedy were the winners in a two ball foursome at the Birmingham Golf Club last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. William Alcock, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Platt, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Lane Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Preble.

Mr. and Mrs. James Schermerhorn Jr., of having to forego their sons, Jimmie and Billie, returned Wednesday from Louisville, Ky. where they attended the Derby at Churchill Downs. Mrs. Schermerhorn had been the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Schermerhorn since in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Osborne, of Pierce street, was hostess at an informal tea for a group of teachers on the Barnum School, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stolberg, of Riverview avenue, will leave Saturday for Hamlin Lake to attend a house party at which Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Brown of Chicago will be hosts.

Mrs. Joseph Stroup of Elm street, who has been wintering in the South, will leave Miami next Saturday to begin her homeward journey. On the way, she will stop over at Port Deposit, Md., to attend the graduation exercises of her son, John Carl, with whom she will return to her home in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Skillman of Brookside drive, entertained 24 guests at dinner Saturday, May 16, afterwards taking their guests to the Players' restaurant for a buffet supper at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Montgomery of Purdy street, and their son, Jack, attended dinner at the Detroit Leland Hotel Wednesday evening, when their son was the guest of honor at a magazine sales promotion campaign conducted by the Curtis Publishing Company. Jack, who is 12 years old, is the manager for the district, employing between 45 and 60 boys to aid him in his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Ross of Willets street had as their guests Sunday, the Misses Anne and Maude Donaldson of Moss avenue, Detroit.

## Novel Dance Recital To Benefit Community House

Mrs. Verne Skillman is general chairman of the dance recital to be given by Miss Evelyn Livingstone Smith, instructor in dancing, for the benefit of the Community House, Saturday, June 6, at 8:30 in the afternoon. A large number of prominent Birmingham women have pledged their support by serving on committees and acting as patronesses for the affair.

Mrs. William C. Salisbury and Mrs. R. E. Anderson are assisting with the publicity. The ticket committee includes Mrs. L. Heyward Towle, Mrs. C. A. Newcomb, Mrs. Mrs. Clayton Gracy, Mrs. William Blythe, Mrs. Milton F. Coulson, Mrs. E. W. Sealhorn, Mrs. M. D. Mills, Mrs. H. G. Newcomb, Mrs. E. E. Glover, Mrs. Herbert C. Adams, Mrs. John T. Edgerly, Mrs. J. B. Barnes, Mrs. John B. Gay and Mrs. Fred D. Farrar.

Mrs. Skillman was hostess at a delightful tea Wednesday afternoon for members of the committee and patronesses who were interested in completing arrangements.

In addition to the committees Mrs. Warren Pease, Jr., Mrs. D. A. McDonald, Mrs. Della Waterbury, Mrs. K. W. Bash, Mrs. R. S. Porritt, Mrs. W. E. Ray, Mrs. Richard Thomas, Mrs. E. H. Tibbott, Mrs. Fred Walls, Mrs. F. P. Birmingham, Mrs. P. N. Wygant, Mrs. G. W. Brennan, Mrs. Clyde Haefner, Mrs. C. H. Richey, Mrs. W. E. Brewer, Mrs. D. C. Murray, Mrs. Charles Cromwell, Mrs. Irving Babcock, Mrs. Warren Hillen, Mrs. F. R. Mixer.

Also Mrs. Charles Bowen, Mrs. Shelton Wright, Mrs. T. W. Nigg, Mrs. Charles C. I. Hommedieu, Mrs. Charles S. Kidder, Mrs. Dorothy Jones, Mrs. P. J. Kent, Mrs. O. D. Holm, Mrs. E. F. Beasley, Mrs. George Shepherd, Mrs. R. J. Wagner, Mrs. Marcus Tobin, Mrs. W. P. Gibson, Mrs. Robert Woodruff, Mrs. E. J. Hendrick, Mrs. E. Velimond, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, Mrs. J. R. Mitchell, Mrs. George Wellington Smith, Mrs. William Boughner and Mrs. H. A. Dick.

Among the Birmingham children who will take part in the program of dances next Saturday will be Marjorie Kidder, Yvonne Gay, Beverly Jones, Betty Anne Pease, Betty Dick, Caroline Barnes, Jane Boughner, Susan Hillen, one Babcock, Esther Lee Mixer, Joan Matzky and Genevieve Gay.

Margaret Cole, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Cole of Buckingham road, is recovering from a serious illness.

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

The society editor, readers of the Birmingham Eccentric, please send or telephone social notes and announcements into the office, room 1100, at least two weeks before publication.

Mr. and Mrs. Draper Allen of Westwood drive were hosts at an informal dinner party at their home Monday evening. Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. William Blythe, Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Owen of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Schneider.

Mrs. Charles Elton Buck, of Chesterfield road, had as her guest the week end, Mrs. James H. Benedict, who having returned from her winter sojourn in Honolulu, was on her way to Middletown, O., to attend the wedding of her son.

Mrs. W. G. Hutchinson was expected to return to her home on Park drive from New York this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Luscombe of West Maple avenue will be the guests next week-end of Mrs. Charles Plat of Rogers City.

The Philomatheal club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Robert Wandell of Gleggery road. The next home in Cleveland was the home of Mrs. Edward McQuater of Chester street.

The Intermediate Young People's Group of the Presbyterian church was entertained last Friday evening at the home of their leader, Mr. Paul L. Penfield of Greenwood avenue. A lively game of cards preceded the supper, and the evening was spent playing games. About 16 members were present. The president of the club is Arthur King.

Breakfasting in New York in the morning and dining in Detroit in the evening, Mrs. E. W. G. Edgerly for the first time by Miss Margaret V. Sabom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Edgerly of Puritan road, when she flew from New York last Sunday to spend Birmingham. Miss Sabom landed in Cleveland and came from there to Detroit by hydroplane, arriving in Detroit in time for evening dinner.

Miss Catherine Wilson, daughter of Mrs. Rockwood N. Bullard, returned to her mother's home, Avon lake, Saturday afternoon, after going an operation for appendicitis at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Rockwood N. Bullard and Mrs. Lane returned from a trip to New York last week.

Mrs. Clyde French and her daughter, Jacqueline, returned home this week after a month's visit with Mrs. French's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clauson of Cadillac.

## CARILLON RECITAL

Sunday, May 31, 1931, 3:45 P. M. William Hall Miner, Bellmets, America, The Beautiful, Ward Bland Ghorus, Wagner, Oh, Nightingale, De Koven, Minstrel Boy, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God, Come, Thou Almighty King, Dykes, Faith of Our Fathers, Giardini, American Hymn, Honey Keller, Cranbrook School Hymn, Patmore, selections will be given Saturday, May 30, at 10 o'clock.

## ORGAN RECITAL

From 8:15 to 9 P. M. Prelude C Sharp Minor, Voderinski, Schumann, Transcendental, Stueege, Meditation, Schumann, Toccata, Stueege, Clark

## Church Groups Meet

The four groups of the Women's Union of the Presbyterian church met Wednesday, each group meeting individually with a different hostess. Mrs. H. D. Harris, leader of Division I, entertained her group at her home on Gleggery road at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Thomas Navin's group, Division 2, met at the home of Mrs. Charles Kinnison of Hawthorne road for a luncheon and meeting at 1:00 o'clock. Mrs. Robert Peritt of Adams road, and division No. 4 with Mrs. Oscar Miller as leader, was entertained at a luncheon meeting at the home of Mrs. Guy Jensen of Madison avenue at 1 o'clock.

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