

SOCIETY IN BIRMINGHAM AND THE HILLS

By MARJORIE ELAINE PORTER

County Red Cross Roll Call To Begin On Armistice Day

With Mrs. Roland H. Mann as chairman, the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross, will observe the golden anniversary of the organization in a roll call for members to be launched on Armistice Day, to continue until Thanksgiving.

Assisting Mrs. Mann and directing the campaign in Bloomfield Township will be Harold H. Corcoran.

The roll call will be conducted by means of a house-to-house canvass in an effort to secure as many new members as possible for carrying on the work of the Oakland County Chapter. The membership quota set for the national organization is 7,000,000. Half of the membership fee of \$1 goes to the national headquarters, and the other half to the Oakland County Chapter.

"The major project of the local chapter is the war service work," Mrs. Mann explained. "Although this service is given to veterans of all wars and their families, the greater part of it in Oakland County is with World War veterans."

"The work consists chiefly of filing claims of all sorts against the U. S. Veterans Bureau, with the result that in the past year settlements amounting to \$268,281 were made in favor of Oakland County veterans."

"We hope the people of Oakland County understand that we function here just as actively in times of peace as in war. For instance, there is no provision made in our budget for volunteer workers. But through our national directors we have usually been able to accept the quotas given us by National Headquarters."



Mrs. Mann

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coryell, of Arlington drive, had as their house guests last week Mr. and Mrs. H. Blakeslee Crane, and children, of Fennville, Mich. Mrs. William Bridge, and Miss Emily Bridge, of Fenton, Mich., will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Coryell this week-end.

Mrs. Howard P. Doying, of Hanna street, left Monday for Chicago, where she will remain two weeks as the guest of her sister, Mrs. P. E. Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Blanding, of Lansing, were the guests of Mrs. Emma Huff, of the Sly Ferry Farm, Sunday.

The Misses Winifred and Marion Quorton, who are attending the University of Michigan, spent Sunday with their mother Mrs. Fred V. Quorton, of West Maple ave.

Prominent Couple Wed In Romeo Saturday

"Just like a romance in a story book," was the manner in which Mortimer Neff, son of Dr. and Mrs. Irwin H. Neff, of Linden road, described his elopement and marriage Saturday to his fiancée of two years, Miss Marian Parsons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Parsons of Detroit.

Neff and Miss Parsons motored to Romeo and were married in the Episcopal Church there by the Rev. Charles McCurdy, who was for many years, pastor of St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham.

Included in the group which became a wedding party were Miss Mary Isabel Davis of Bloomfield Hills, Kenneth Bingham of Birmingham and Joseph Parsons, brother of the bride.

"Mortimer and Marian had been engaged for two years or more," Mrs. Irwin H. Neff explained. "We knew the wedding was to be held eventually but didn't expect it to be quite so informal. Both wished to avoid a large wedding and preferred the simplicity of the quiet little church as a more romantic background. Mortimer said it was just like a story-book wedding."

Following the ceremony the couple left for a motor trip through the South. On their return they will reside temporarily in the Palmer Lodge, later making their home in Birmingham, Mrs. Neff said.

Musicales Plans Concert Of Old English Madrigals

The annual artist concert sponsored by the Thursday Musicales is one of the traditions of the organization. Each year it presents noted artists in recital as a realization of the club's aim to bring the best available in music to Birmingham.

Mrs. James Lee Oliver is general chairman of the concert this year, which will be held at the Community House, Tuesday evening, Dec. 1. Assisting Mrs. Oliver as vice-chairman, is Mrs. Norman Lyle.

The English Singers of London, including Florio, Nellie Harrison, Lilian Berger, Cuthbert Kelly, Norman Stone and Norman Notley, will be the artists. Their repertoire consists of madrigals and old English folk songs, sung informally as the group is seated around a table.

The English Singers were introduced to this country by Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, who brought Miss Virginia Nicholson entertainers to Birmingham at the Birmingham Theater Saturday afternoon, followed by supper at her home on Greenwood avenue. Her guests included the Misses Louise and Betty Jean Mills, Charlotte De Bois, Edna Rounds, Louise Mitchell, Kathryn and Carol Carr, Jane Thomas, Elizabeth Cooper, Mrs. Richard C. Sharp, Eleanor Weideman and Jane Collins.



Mrs. Oliver

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Walling, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wernuth and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilson of Rochester.

William R. Newell, noted student and teacher of the Bible, was the guest speaker at a meeting held Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. H. H. Howe of Hanna street. More than 75 representatives of Birmingham churches gathered to hear Mr. Newell's address on "The Book of Ruth." Mr. Newell, who gave a series of lectures in Detroit on "The Book of Revelations," left for Chicago following his visit to Birmingham.

Mrs. R. K. White of Lake Park and Mrs. E. E. Holler of Safford road will be joint hostesses at a bridge luncheon in honor of Mrs. H. H. Hatch of Oak Hills County Club. Covers will be laid for 12 guests.

Mrs. Stowe D. Baldwin of Dorchester road will be hostess to members of the Birmingham Council of Girl Scouts at the informal supper party at her home Monday evening, in honor of Mrs. Richard C. Fowler, who is the retiring commissioner.

Mrs. R. N. Johns of York Linds will be hostess at two affairs this week. On Thursday, Mrs. Johns will entertain a group of Birmingham friends who belong to her sewing club. Friday, Mrs. Johns will be hostess at a bridge luncheon two tables, for a group of friends from Detroit.

Mrs. F. H. Grant of Riverside drive returned last week from three-weeks' tour of eastern cities.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Humphries of Chicago stopped in Birmingham last week en route to St. Petersburg, Fla. While here, they were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Schermerhorn, Jr., of Bayne road.

Mrs. Edna Platt was the luncheon guest of the Birmingham Business Women's Club at the meeting held at the Community House Wednesday. The program was given by Miss Becky Perkins. Mrs. Bernice Kuehle is chairman of the committee arranging for the Scotch party to be given by the club Friday evening.

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White Elephant Sale To Aid Village Mart

A novel plan of defraying expenses for organizations participating in the Village Mart to be held at the Community House Dec. 4 and 5 is the White Elephant Booth.

As the name suggests, in this booth will be sold articles of bric a brac, china, glassware, jewelry which may be "White Elephants" to their present owners, but which may prove useful to others.

Mrs. Irwin H. Neff, chairman of the booth, asks that all with such articles to contribute to the White Elephant Booth do so, as the proceeds of the booth will be used to pay expenses of the Mart.

Aprons large and small, gay and practical, will adorn the miscellaneous booth to be sponsored by the Ladies Missionary Society of the Redeemer Lutheran Church, when the Village Mart is held at the Community House, Dec. 4 and 5.

"The plan of the Mart is the same as for any church bazaar," Mrs. Harry Mack, who is assisting publicly, explained. "Each church or organization taking part will be entitled to the money it earns in its own booth. The object is to promote community spirit among organizations and churches, but each group cooperating will receive all of the proceeds of its booth."

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Her Wedding To Be Event Of December

Miss Plotkin

Miss Esther Ruth Plotkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Plotkin of Yorba Linda, announces Dec. 16 as the date of her marriage to Mr. Adrian David Rosen, son of the late A. B. and Mrs. Rosen of Detroit.

The ceremony will be performed at the bride's home in the afternoon, followed by a reception after which the couple will leave for New York, where they will be guests for a week. From New York they will sail on the steamer Cabotonia for southern waters, stopping at Havana, Nassau and Miami.



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Forum Hears Talk On Tax Situation

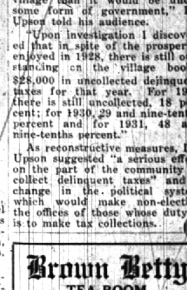
"The government worth paying for is a question which residents of Birmingham might appropriately ask themselves in this financial crisis," Dr. Lewis Upson, director of the Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research, declared in an address at "Government Deficit" Monday evening.

Dr. Upson was guest speaker at a meeting of the Peoples Open Forum, sponsored by the Birmingham Branch of the American Association of University Women and held in the Community House.

"Birmingham should also consider whether it is better off as a village than it would be under some form of government," Dr. Upson told his audience.

"Upon investigation I discovered that in spite of the property employed in 1928, there is still outstanding in the village books \$28,000 in uncollected delinquent taxes for that year. For 1929 there is still uncollected, 18 percent for 1930, 29 and nine-tenths percent and for 1931, 48 and nine-tenths percent."

As a retrospective measure, Dr. Upson suggested a serious effort on the part of the community to collect delinquent taxes and change in the political system which would make non-elective the officers of those whose duty it is to make tax collections.



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