SOCIETY IN BIRMINGHAM AND THE HILLS

By MARJORIE ELAINE PORTER

100 Guests Attend Chinese Dinner At Community House

On tables spread with white cloths adorned with red dragons, mandarin and other emblems typical of China, a Chinese dinner was served by members of the Girl Scout Council Tuesday evening to 100 guests in the Community House.

The menu was also Chinese, and chop sticks were provided, as well as silver, to lend a realistic touch to the occasion. Assisting in serving the guests were members of the Girl Scout troups in Birmingham, under supervision of Council members.

Following the dinner, the guests attended the lecture on Manchuria given by Prof. Robert B. Hall of the University of Michigan, under auspices of the Birmingham Branch, A. A. U. W.

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Struggle In China Dubbed "Soy Bean War" By U. of M. Prof. Speaking In Birmingham

The present conflict in China resolves inself into a "soy bean war," Robert B. Hall, Ph. D., assistant professor of geography at the University of Michigan, declared in an address on the Manchurian Situation at the Community House Tuesday evening under auspices of the Birmingham Branch of the American Association of University Women.

"The chief wealth of Manchuria lies in its soy bean crop", Prof. Hall told the audience, "the importance of the mineral deposits in Manchuria has been greatly over-estimated, probably because of the fact that Japan is lacking in coal and iron deposits.

"But the soy bean crop is of considerable importance to the Japanese for fertilizer as well as for food. Their rice fields have been greatly impoverished as a result of many years of cultivation. It is to improve the soil of these fields that the soy bean is used by

Prof. Hall

the Japanese. The Japanese are eager to control the fertile valley in which the soy bean is raised in Manchuria." Prof. Hall predicted ultimate victory for the Chinese through sheer force of numbers.

"The population of Manchuria is overwhelmingly Chinese", Prof. Hall said, "and whatever the immediate outcome will be, the Chinese will conquer in the long run through sheer force of numbers."

In response to a question from the floor as to whether the Japanese might "conquer the world", Prof. Hall declared he held it to be "highly improbable."

"There may be an ambitious element in the militaristic party", he pointed out, "but the actual accomplishment of world dominion by the Japanese is highly improbable."

The lecture was also attended by those who were guests at the Chinese dinner sponsored by the Girl Scout Council at the Community House preceding the address.

Prof. Hall spent the years of 1928 and 1929 as a resident of Japan. He is co-author of "A Source Book in Geography," and "Elementary College Geography."

A new badminton group of mixed doubles has been organized to meet Saturday afternoon at the First Baptist Church from 2 to 4:30 P. M. Included are Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Colgrove, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Tillotson, Mrs. Karel Rickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Brock, Mrs. Carleton Fox, Rolfe C. Spinning and William Cavan.

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Among the Birmingham hostesses who entertained tables at the bridge luncheon given by the Women's Association of the Birmingham Golf Club Wednesday were Mrs. Fred W. Grundman, Mrs. Charles E. James, Mrs. G. H. Stump and Mrs. H. H. Gardner.

Mrs. Grundman invited Mrs. A. J. Bruce, Mrs. Percy Nelson and Mrs. Raymond Rand of Royal Oak to join her at her table. Mrs. James was hostess to Mrs. Robert Bethel, Mrs. Frank Hogben and Mrs. Frederick Pugh of Royal Oak. At Mrs. Gardner's table were Mrs. Clifford Hyett and Mrs. Alfred Zahrn of Detroit and Mrs. Orville H. Foster, Jr.

Mrs. Stump was hostess to Mrs. Philip J. Kent, Mrs. Richard Thomas and Mrs. John Bloomstrom.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence G. Heinmiller of Ardmoor drive will be hosts to their bridge club at dinner Saturday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Grundman of Glenhurst drive entertained Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gibelsey of Royal Oak at dinner Friday evening, later taking their guests to the harp recital given by Miss Mildred Dilling in the Kingswood School auditorium.

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Mrs. Burt A. McDonald of Westwood drive, president of the Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church Cranbrook, announced her committee appointments for the year at a meeting held last week at the church. Mrs. George G. Booth is chairman of the advisory committee, and Mrs. John T. Shaw is chairman of the altar committee. Other committee chairmen were named as follows: Miss Elizabeth Walker, social service; Mrs. Clarence Booth, supply work; Mrs. Sheldon Noble, sewing committee; Mrs. Albert J. Stahelin, house committee; Mrs. James Beresford, finance committee; Mrs. Robert Traub, membership committee; Mrs. Henry Scripps Booth, "Clothes Closet" committee; Mrs. W. G. Lerchen, choir committee; Mrs. I. J. Osbun, church periodical committee, and Mrs. Frederick S. Strong, Jr., church school committee.

Health Drive Plans Announced By Barnum P. T. A.

Plans for a summer "round-up" of all pre-school children in Birmingham for physical examinations by Dr. William Lloyd Kemp, health officer, were announced at a special meeting of the Parent Teacher Association of the Barnum School at the school Tuesday evening.

The "round-up" will be conducted in response to requests from Dr. Kemp. He conducted a partial health investigation last year, and from the National Council of Parent Teacher Associations, Mrs. Arthur C. Peck, president, announced.

A committee appointed by Mrs. Peck to outline plans with Dr. Kemp includes Mrs. R. L. Fletcher, chairman, Mrs. Walter Huffman and Mrs. H. P. Halladay.

Mrs. Peck also appointed a nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers to be acted upon at the annual meeting March 17. Mrs. Floyd Franklin is chairman of the committee which includes E. W. Osborne and Mrs. Edwina Detzler.

"Proving Worthy of Life" was the subject of an address by the Rev. W. H. Aulenbach, assistant rector of Christ Church Cranbrook, who addressed the association.

"The depression is due to the attitude of superiority on the part of American people", Rev. Aulenbach said, "it requires a depression to make the American people feel and realize that God is everywhere.

"Life is not an existence. It is an evolution. America doesn't want revolution, it wants evolution. The danger lurking in success to the individual or nation, is that growth may cease after success arrives.

"I would rather live amid the filth of Russia and eat cucumbers and tomatoes three times a day than to live in an America that had decided not to grow."

The program also included vocal solos by Floyd Franklin. Following the meeting, refreshments were served with Mrs. Arthur Peck and Mrs. W. S. Maywood pouring.

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Mrs. George Beath of Escanaba is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Nancy B. Thomas of Worth street.

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Members of the DeMolay Chapter of Pontiac will be hosts at the annual spring dance planned for April 1, to be held in the Masonic Temple at Pontiac. Those assisting in arrangements include Harold Bigelow, general chairman; Rudolph Richards, Brenard Tryon, Joseph Hiltz, Edwin Hooper, Frank Arnold, John McCandless, and Lyle Edwards. Jack Douglas, "Night Watchman" of radio fame, will be master of ceremonies.

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The Pythian Sisters of Birmingham will give a pot-luck luncheon at the Knights of Pythias Hall Thursday, Feb. 25. Five Hundred and bunco will be played following the luncheon. Mrs. Lulu Carter and Mrs. Ida Dawson are on the committee in charge of arrangements.

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Lee A White of Brookside drive will give a travel talk and show moving pictures made on a trip abroad taken recently by his family, at the Holy Name School hall on Harmon avenue, this evening at 8 P. M. The program will be presented under auspices of the Altar Society of Holy Name Catholic Church.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Brown of Greenwood avenue will attend the Washington bi-centennial program at South Lyons Monday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Donmoran.

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Mrs. George Jones' group of the Women's Society of the Methodist Church will give a Washington Bake Sale at Stroup's Market Saturday at 10 A. M. Mrs. J. W. McVean is general chairman.

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Mrs. Roy Brown of Greenwood avenue was hostess at a table of bridge at the luncheon given by the Birmingham Golf Club Wednesday. Her guests included Mrs. E. G. Payton, Mrs. George Daniels and Mrs. R. J. Taylor.

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Miss Esther Pyle of Euclid avenue was hostess at a birthday party and treasure hunt in honor of Milton Thomson at her home Friday evening. The guests included Basil Terry, Herman Schwarze, Jack Phatcher, Stewart Thomson, Lyle Saum, Margaret Sutherland, Mary Pyle, Peggy Herson, Katherin Vahey and Wilma Newman.

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Mrs. K. K. Martin of Lone Pine road was hostess to members of St. Margaret's Guild of St. James Episcopal Church at her home Tuesday. Assisting the hostess were Mrs. Thomas Walton, Mrs. Herbert Zerbe and Mrs. Warren Pease, Jr. Plans were discussed at this meeting for a series of bridge teas to be held under auspices of the guild. Mrs. L. N. Pyle of Euclid avenue will be hostess at the first bridge at her home Friday, Feb. 26.

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Miss Joann Howell of Southfield road was hostess at a party in honor of her sister, Billie, who celebrated her 10th birthday Tuesday. The guests included Ruth Cowen, June Osborne, Ruth Navin, Margaret Carey, Barbara Meyer, Ruth Shippey, Margaret Carnahan, Anne Halladay, Marian Hoover, Patty Wilkinson and Shirley Smith.

Talks On Religion Sponsored By League

Mrs. Gray

The first of a series of lectures on subjects pertaining to religious education was held at the parish house of St. James Church Wednesday under auspices of the League of St. James Women. Mrs. J. B. Williams, as the first speaker, discussed "Youth-Religion, The Main Chance in Life."

Mrs. Harold S. Gray will give the address for the second lecture in the series next Wednesday basing her talk on Japanese and Chinese in America.

Other topics in the series include "Civic Righteousness", by Mrs. William E. Robinson, "Ministry of the Christian Church to the Isolated" by Mrs. Richard Fowler and "Which Way Religion", a book review, by Mrs. Winthorp Allen.

Mrs. L. M. Baker is chairman of the series. Lectures are held at 11 A. M. each Wednesday. Following the lectures, luncheon is served at the parish house.

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A progressive dinner party has been planned by a group of Birmingham young folk for Saturday evening, beginning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Neal of Oakland avenue. The party will then proceed to the home of Mrs. L. N. Pyle and from there to the home of Mrs. D. C. Mills. In the group are Miss Rosemary Neal, Miss Mary Pyle, Miss Peggy Mills, Miss Mary Ann Reed, Miss Yvonne Gay and the Misses Joan and Virginia Sweinhart, John Pratt, Don Ellenwood, Henry Foley, Dick De Beaubien, Fred Schwarze, and Harry and Glenn Stormfeltz.

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Miss Grace Wiley of Southfield road was hostess at a Valentine bridge in honor of Miss Buelah King of Detroit, formerly of Birmingham, at her home Saturday. Her guests included, besides the honoree, Mrs. Charles Randall, Mrs. Robert Peck, Mrs. Alfred Morlock, Mrs. Gerald Watts, Miss Dena Halleck and Miss Irene Cook.

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Division No. 4 of the Presbyterian Women's Union, under the leadership of Mrs. Oscar Miller, will meet at luncheon next Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the home of Mrs. R. L. Beers of Arlington drive. At the meeting following the luncheon, the members of this division will finish the quilting and other activities which have occupied them for the past year.

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Miss Maude Curry of the Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti, spent last week-end visiting her mother, Mrs. David Curry of Bates street.

Shows New Material

Marion Davies, screen star, displays a Redfern frock which introduces a new material called satin-Circe. It resembles patent leather but is of a clinging softness which makes it possible to drape into the season's lines.

Book Group Reviews Novel Of Old Quebec

Reminiscences of Willa Cather, prominent novelist, and a review of her recent book, "Shadows on the Rock", composed the program at a meeting of the class in contemporary literature of the American Association of University Women held at the Baldwin Public Library Monday.

Mrs. J. J. Roura, Jr., spoke of her friendship with the author when Miss Cather was a newspaper woman in Pittsburgh. Mrs. W. H. DeGraff reviewed "Shadows on the Rock", which represents the simple life in Quebec during the 17th century.

"Shadows on the Rock' is a fresco in prose", Mrs. DeGraff told the group. "In it Miss Cather weaves the story of Euclide Auclair and his 12-year-old daughter, Cecile, who resided in Quebec in the time of Count Frontenac. Although there is no plot, the incidents in the lives of the characters are told in word pictures of great beauty. The atmosphere throughout the book is so real that it transports the reader back to the days of simple living in the city on the Rock."

At the next meeting of the class, Feb. 29, Mrs. J. P. Garwood will review the letters of George Bernard Shaw and Ethel Terry.

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Mrs. Dale Weitzel of Lakeview drive will be hostess at an informal luncheon at her home Wednesday, including among her guests Mrs. Robert B. Brigham, Mrs. L. Ford Merritt, Mrs. E. A. Bresler, Mrs. Daniel Potter, Mrs. Charles Marshall and Mrs. A. J. Auchterlonie.

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The Sans Souci Bridge Club will meet this afternoon in Dearborn, at a dessert tea as the guest of Mrs. Clarence Hemstreet, formerly of Birmingham.

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Mrs. S. D. Light of Arlington drive, entertained the Beverly Hills Bridge Club Wednesday at luncheon and bridge.

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The Order of Eastern Stars will meet next Wednesday at the Masonic Temple for the regular monthly meeting.

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Bancroft and James Gayle Brien, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Brien of Vinewood avenue, who have been sojourning in Palm Beach and Sebring, Fla., are expected to return the first of next week. Douglas Brien, who is a senior at the University of Michigan, spent several days last week with his parents, returning to Ann Arbor for the week-end house parties. He will visit his parents again this week-end, remaining for the holiday Monday.

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The Suzanna Westley group of the Methodist Church will meet next Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the home of Mrs. W. E. Stoffregen of Henley drive.

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John Chandler of Forrest street returned from Ypsilanti State Normal College to spend last week-end with his parents.

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Mrs. Charles Hallock of Ann street spent Tuesday afternoon in Milford visiting friends.

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The Past Noble Grand Club of the Rebekah Lodge met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Emily Gilbert of Landon avenue. Fifteen members were present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. L. G. Green of Townsend street.

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Mrs. F. W. Arnold of Woodward avenue is very ill in St. Joseph's hospital following an operation.

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The Philemon Club will meet next Friday at a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Burt Thompson of Pierce street.

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The Ladies' Society of the Methodist Church met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Thomas A. Schooley of Adams road.

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Pierce P. T. A. Plans Milk Fund Benefit

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Mrs. Thornberry

Plans for a benefit bridge for the milk fund of the Pierce School, have been announced by Mrs. J. L. Thornberry, president of the Parent Teacher Association. The bridge will be held at the Community House Friday, Feb. 26, at 8 P. M. Proceeds will be used to supply milk to children attending the Pierce School at the daily recess period.

Mrs. Marguerite Filer is in charge of the sale of tickets, assisted by Mrs. Ethel Clement.

Mrs. A. B. Cooley is chairman of the committee on social arrangemehts Assisting her are Mrs. Lillian Gill, Mrs. Pearl Morrison, and Mrs. Frank G. Sikorski.

Invitation is extended to the public by the Pierce P. T. A.

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Complimenting her son, Frederick, on his 12th birthday, Mrs. F. W. Grundman of Glenhurst drive entertained several of his schoolmates at dinner and a theater party Friday evening. The guests included John Corson, Charles Gardner and Dale Weitzel.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Muehlman, who formerly resided on Suffield road, are now occupying a new home on Greenwood avenue.

Presbyterian Women Will Be In Charge Of Sunday Service

A service sponsored by the women's organizations of the First Presbyterian Church will be held at the church Sunday evening, as part of a pre-Easter program outlined by the Presbytery of Detroit. Members of the groups participating, including 100 women, will be seated together in the center of the church.

Dr. C. E. Mieras, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Detroit, will be the speaker at this service. A musical program will be given by the Presbyterian Quartet.

New Course In Contract Offered

Groups of friends in Birmingham are meeting informally at various homes to take lessons in contract bridge from Bert H. Cox of George street. Mr. Cox, who is well known in Birmingham and has returned to reside here, is basing his course of instruction on the Culbertsen system. Instead of the conventional method of teaching contract, Mr. Cox presents the rules in a simplified form which will enable a player to play or compete with another player using a different system.

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The regular meeting of the Pythian Sisters Lodge will take place at the Pythian Hall next Monday evening. Mrs. Wilma Kelley will be in charge of the George Washington program which will be presented.

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