

SOCIETY IN BIRMINGHAM

By MARJORIE ELAINE PORTER

Local Clubs To Hear Talk On India

"Madame Gandhi and the New India" is the timely subject on which Mrs. Wethly Housinger Fisher of Ann Arbor will speak when she appears before a group of Birmingham organizations the afternoon of Tuesday, Jan. 19 at the Community House.

As a resident of India for 10 years, Mrs. Fisher is prepared to discuss Mrs. Gandhi and the country in relation to her own experience. During her residence there, her husband, Dr. Frederick Bohn Fisher, was Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Calcutta area. Dr. Fisher is now pastor of the First M. E. Church of Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Fisher was also among the "educational missionaries" in China, where she established a school for girls in the interior.

Sponsoring the lecture are five local groups. They are represented by Mrs. C. A. Bowlin, Mrs. V. J. Snyder and Mrs. H. H. Wellman of the Women's Literary Club; Mrs. Harold C. Gray and Mrs. Clark C. Coulter from the American Association of University Women; Mrs. Robert B. Smith from the Women's Missionary Guild; and Mrs. D. L. Tait and Mrs. Marshall Morgan from the Women's Society of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Miss Ethelmary and Paul York Honors of Bloomfield Hills are guests at a costume party given New Year's Eve at the Crafts Guild in Detroit.

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Her Marriage To Be Event Of Social Prominence



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The Church of St. Vincent de Paul in Pontiac will be the scene of the wedding of Miss Ellen Hammond Skae, daughter of Mrs. Edward Askin Skae of Bloomfield Hills, and Mr. James Joseph Phelan, Jr., of New York, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Joseph Phelan of Boston and Manchester, Mass., Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, Bishop of Detroit, assisted by the Rev. Francis Van Antwerp, the Rev. Francis X. Cox, and the Rev. Thomas Courrier.

Following the ceremony, a wedding breakfast and reception will be held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Edward Askin Skae, on an extensive wedding trip abroad.

Junior Riders Masquerade In Gymphana

Masquerade costumes unique and varied in character were used to disguise young riders in the first gymnastics of the season held at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club New Year's Day.

Following luncheon, the games were held. Among the participants were Sally Hunter, Harriet Flannery, Jean and Barbara Shuell, Susan and Janet Briggs, Denise Furcy, Patsy Floyd, Christine Todd, Alberta Stahelin, Hermine McCormick, Cynthia Adams, Jane Sezynski, Sally Green, Mary Louise Kern, Betty O'Dell, Kathleen LeFebvre, Edward Lechen, William G. Lechen, Jr., Julian Brown, Jack and Thomas Lovett, Charles Pierce, Jr., Otto Kern, Jr.

Bill Martin, Robert Floyd, N. Bradley Hattie, Jr., Gordon LeFebvre, Jr., Bud McCormick, Elliott S. Nichols, Jr., Bill Kahn, Donald Plummer, Jr., Tracy, Jr., Milner Thon, Edward Willard and James Vernon, III.

Eastern Problem To Be Subject Of Talk

Mrs. Harold S. Gray will address the International Relations Class conducted by Mrs. Charles J. Shain, which will resume meeting Tuesday at the Community House.

Mrs. Gray, who attended a student volunteer conference at the University of the Pacific in California recently, will discuss that question, which is of interest to both sides of the situation as presented at the conference by Japanese and Chinese students.

"Best Sellers" To Be Subject Of Talk

"The Making of Best Sellers" is the subject of the address to be given by Mrs. C. Kenneth Bell, formerly a manuscript reader for the publisher, at a meeting of a book-study group sponsored by the American Association of University Women, which will be held at the Baldwin Public Library, Jan. 20 at 10 A. M.

Mrs. Bell, who is chairman of the group, which is organized at the interest in the study of modern literature. As organization expense is incurred for a permanent day and hour for meeting, will be made at this time.

Judge Covert To Be Speaker

Judge Frank L. Covert of Pontiac will be the speaker at a meeting of the Peoples Open Forum at the Birmingham Community House Monday evening. Judge Covert will discuss the Covert Road, a project which he is championing.

William G. Lewis, secretary of the Crusade, an anti-prohibition organization in Detroit, will speak at the next meeting of the Forum on Jan. 25.

Mrs. Harry Hendricks of Grand Lodge returned Monday to her home following a visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Plumstead of George street.

Mrs. E. F. Painter of Watkins street was hostess at a supper party recently in honor of the eighth birthday of her daughter, Nancy, which occurred Christmas Day. The guests included Jean Alice Potter, Betty Corryell, Doris Franklin, Patsy Kennedy, Joan Hadjisky, Memory Upper, Irene Williams, Barbara Young, Mary Kline, Barbara Allen, Loretta Hall and Vella Jackson.

John Chandler, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chandler of Forest avenue, who graduated from Baldwin High School last June, left Tuesday for Ypsilanti, where he will enter the State Normal College.

During his senior year in high school, John served as school correspondent for The Birmingham Eccentric, and was a member of the varsity basketball team.

Mrs. Norah Ead of Birmingham boulevard had as her house-guests the holidays Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shansell and their son, Billy, of Dearborn, and Mrs. A. J. Clark of St. Thomas, Ont.

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Badminton Is Favored As Sport For Indoor-Season

When winter settles down in earnest, and the wind-swept golf course no longer intrigues the most ardent enthusiasts, indoor sports, like badminton, come into their own.

Since the introduction of that particular game here about two years ago, Birmingham folk with a penchant for the athletic have taken to the sport with wide-spread enthusiasm, and the ranks of badminton devotees in the village grows with the approach of each season.

Badminton arrived in Birmingham via a round-about route, breaking in general terms. The game originated in India and was introduced to England by returning members of the British army. Later, visiting Canadians learned the game and carried it back to Canada, from which it came to the northern part of the United States, brought by Canadians here to reside.

Among the early players in this locality were Mr. and Mrs. William Cavan of Detroit, who claim to have brought their knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, badminton with them from Canada, and helped to popularize it in the home of their adoption.

Today badminton is among the most popular of winter sports in Birmingham and the Hills. Wherever conditions are adaptable to the needs of the game, it is played, morning, afternoon or evening.

The Bloomfield Open Hunt Club virtually every member is a player of badminton. Here groups gather Monday and Tuesday evenings, and Tuesday and Thursday mornings, with a group of players meeting at the club at 7 P. M. Chairman of the badminton committee at the club is Frank W. Atkinson of Bloomfield Hills.

In Birmingham the gymnasium of the First Baptist Church and those of the Adams and Quorton Schools are occupied nearly every evening.

Play In Church, Schools

According to Rev. David Leon Woodward, pastor of the First Baptist Church, December was a record-breaking month, with 120 hours of badminton played in the church gymnasium.

Louis Randall, business manager of the Board of Education, reports the number of groups and players meeting at the schools has increased considerably since last year, with the game which is taken at the Quorton School, and three at the Adams Junior High School. Each group, Mr. Randall explained, pays for light and janitor service so that no additional expense is incurred for the game.

Interest in the game seems to be universal, with both men and women playing separately and on mixed teams. In the long list of badminton devotees one finds a repetition of names, showing that many players belong to more than one group, playing two or three times a week.

Among the "early birds" is the group which plays at the Baptist Church at 9 o'clock each day morning, with Mrs. E. Ostell as leader. Equally ambitious is the group which follows it, led by Mrs. E. C. Cain and including Mrs. Frank Newell, Mrs. C. Theron Van Dusen, Mrs. Farrand Hollister and Mrs. Paul Berry.

Other Groups

Miss Ruth Somers is the leader of an evening group meeting at the church from 7 to 8 P. M. Monday evening. In this group are Mrs. M. O. Orma, Mrs. Bertha Akroyd and Irene Cook.

On Tuesday from 10 to 11 A. M. Mrs. William E. Hoffer and Mrs. Charles H. Welch, Jr., is leader of a group at the church, including Mrs. R. K. White, Mrs. George Jewellen, and Mrs. S. A. Stolberg.

In the evening a mixed group of players meets at Mrs. Richard C. Combes, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence P. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Welch, Jr., is leader of a group meeting Wednesday from 9 to 10 A. M., with Mrs. Wallace Dadds, Mr. Alan Joslyn and Mrs. Hamilton H. Patterson as players.

The two groups meeting Wednesday morning are led by Mrs. Robert H. Daisley and Mrs. Herbert M. Zerbe. Mrs. Daisley's group, which plays from 10 to 11 A. M., is composed of Mrs. George Howe, Mrs. Mary E. Wickert, Mrs. Langley Smart, following. This group, Mrs. Zerbe leads. Mrs. R. G. White and Mrs. Crawford J. Lee from 11 until noon.

A group of young business women met Wednesday evening to play at the gymnasium of the church. The group was led by Mrs. Norah Ead, Miss Elizabeth Graves and Miss Orma White. Mrs. Laurence P. Smith and Mrs. Sam M. Garber.

Miss Betty Brock, Mrs. H. Ledyard Towle, Mrs. William D. Reese and Mrs. C. G. Eden.

In the evening on Thursday Miss Jane Shepherd is leader of a group of young women including Miss Marjorie Shepherd, Mrs. Thomas Kershaw and Miss Margaret Martindale.

Five groups make a full schedule for the gymnasium of the church on Friday beginning at 10 A. M. and continuing through the day until 10 P. M.

Other Friday Groups

Mrs. Herbert F. Royal is leader of the group meeting at 11 A. M., in which Mrs. William Hartman, Mrs. John Gordon, Mrs. William Spiegel, Mrs. G. H. Fox and Mrs. C. Howard Donnelly participate.

From 5 to 6 P. M. a group of young women employed in the Municipal Building meet with Mrs. Anna Schultz as leader. Included in this group are Miss Alice Upward, Miss Irene McDonough and Miss Irene Hanley.

The next hour is occupied by a group led by Mrs. R. G. White, Mrs. Lawrence P. Smith and Mrs. C. L. Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Whaley.

Mrs. Godfrey Strelinger leads a group from 8 to 9 P. M., in which play Mr. and Mrs. Harold Klein, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Strelinger and Harry Collins.

At the Quorton School badminton groups meet every evening. On Monday, Mrs. W. S. McLean is leader of a group. On Tuesday, Mrs. George Wellington Smith, Mrs. Herbert Fisher and Mrs. E. B. Hoffer are leaders. On Wednesday, Mrs. H. G. Muchman is leader of the Tuesday evening group, including Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Ferde Brook, Mr. and Mrs. William Cavan, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reese and Mr. and Mrs. Muchman.

On Wednesday evening, E. H. Tillotson is leader of a group to which belong Mr. and Mrs. Tillotson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mack, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mack, Mr. and Mrs. William Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. George Storm, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Royal, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Wainwright, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brook, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Karel Rickerson, Roy L. Spinnaker, Mr. and Mrs. Colgrove, and Dr. and Mrs. John H. Gordon.

On Friday evening, Mr. Benjamin H. Micou is leader of a group meeting on Thursday evening composed of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Halsted, Harold Ward of Pontiac, Ward of Pontiac, Ward of Pontiac and Kenneth Bingham and Thomas Towle of Detroit.

On Friday evening, the Quorton group playing includes Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dadds, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Welch, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joslyn, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Grindley, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Eade, Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Lauver, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newell.

On Saturday evening a week the Adams School is open for the winter group. On Tuesday evening a tag group plays, of which P. T. Jones, Jr., Mr. Paul B. Belford, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Royal, Mr. and Mrs. David Fitch, W. D. Pittman, Jr., R. G. White, Norman Berry and Charles L. Davidson.

The second group, playing Wednesday evening, consists of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard E. Hoffer and Mrs. Arthur Wragby, and Mr. and Mrs. George Nachreiner.

The third group is that led by Mrs. Earl R. Cain on Friday evenings.

Mrs. Mae Hupp of West Maple avenue, who is accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Belfore, arrived home Tuesday after having spent two months as their guest at Duluth, Minn. Mr. Belfore left Saturday for New York where he will visit his family for several days before joining Mrs. Belfore here. Mr. and Mrs. Belfore will leave Saturday to return to their home.

The Present Day Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Michael Miller of Smith avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davidson, Melvin E. Uppiger and Mrs. Jesse Thornberry were in charge of the lesson, the subject of which was, "English Possessions in Africa."

The Eastern Star Lodge announces that a School of Instruction will be held Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 7:30 P. M. at the Masonic Temple by Mrs. Selma A. Brown, an associate grand matron of the lodge. A pot-luck supper at 6 P. M. will precede this meeting.

The Birmingham Temple of Pythian Sisters have been invited to put on the installation of officers at the Oak Temple, Royal Oak, and a number of members from here will attend the meeting Thursday evening. Sarah E. Symons, most excellent chief of the Oak Temple, will act as installing officer, and Miss Parks, grand manager, and Rose Berry and Miss Marjorie will install the new officers of Oak Temple for the coming year.

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Guests To Present Musicales Program



Mrs. Lyle

The annual Federation Day program of the Thursday Musicales will be held at the Community House Thursday, Jan. 14, at 10 A. M., with Mrs. Norman Lyle as chairman of the day.

Mrs. George Langford of Ann Arbor, first vice-president of the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs, will address the meeting on "Federation Projects."

According to custom, an exchange program will be given, with members of guests clubs taking part. The organizations participating include musical groups of Highland Park, Royal Oak and Pontiac, belonging to the Federation.

Mrs. Frederica Hull, soprano, of the Highland Park Musical Club, will sing a group of songs, piano solos will be played by Miss Catherine Thomas of the Tuesday Musicales of Pontiac, and violin solos, by Mrs. Palmer Sutton of the Morning Musicales of Royal Oak, will complete the program.

Hostesses for the day will include Mrs. L. W. Porter, Mrs. A. H. Snyder, Mrs. Frank Packard and Mrs. Della Waterbury.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. McCurdy of Romeo, formerly of Birmingham, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Cobb and Mr. and Mrs. F. Trumbull at the Trumbull home on Ridgeland avenue, for Christmas dinner.

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