

CLUB AND PERSONAL NEWS

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Novel Of Stage Life Reviewed By Study Group

"Broome Slaves," by the British author Clemence Dane, was the subject of a review by Mrs. Victor H. Cahalane at a meeting of the study group in current literature sponsored by the Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women, at Baldwin Public Library Monday.

The novel was described by Mrs. Cahalane as "an interesting study in heredity," and as "a possible analogy to the Barrymore family."

"In the closing chapters," Mrs. Cahalane pointed out, "the struggle experienced by those devoted to the stage, when they make a choice between the legitimate and cinema, is one of the fascinating and realistic passages of the book."

At the next meeting, Mrs. Thomas R. Wyles will lead a class discussion on modern poetry.

Thursday Musicale Names New Slate of Officers for '32

Miss Dorothea York, a former vice-president and author of "Mad and Stars," an anthology of World War songs, was elected president of the Thursday Musicale to succeed Mrs. Gerald J. McKechnie at the meeting held at the Community House Thursday.

Other officers named on the new slate include Mrs. William Lloyd Kemp, vice-president; Mrs. Kaye Rickerson, recording secretary; Mrs. Imogene Davis, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Herbert H. Gardner, treasurer.

The three members-at-large elected to the board of directors are Mrs. C. E. Boisford, Mrs. Frank Packard and Mrs. C. A. Newcomb, III.

Miss York was vice-president of the Thursday Musicale a year ago, and served on the membership committee this year. In addition to her club activities, she has been engaged in the compilation of "Mad and Stars," which came off the press in September.

Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. Rickerson, Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Davis are also prominent in local musical circles. Mrs. Newcomb is well known professionally as Violet Vincent, for her charming songs and impersonations.

A program of Michigan composers and music was presented following the election by Dr. Francis L. York, chairman of the board of directors of the Detroit Institute of Musical Art, and curator of Music of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Dr. York opened the program with a talk on Michigan composers, which was illustrated by compositions of the various musical men as they were discussed by Dr. York.

"In trying to put the composers of Michigan in their proper place with reference to composers of other states and countries, and in comparison with them," Dr. York told the club, "one thing must be kept well in mind.

"Until very recently, no western man, no matter what the value of his compositions might be, had the remotest chance of having any large composition performed in public. It would have been the height of folly for a would-be composer of symphonic music or grand opera in Michigan to spend his time and spoil much valuable music paper in writing either.

"Any American composer faced very nearly the same difficulty, but in the case of a man from the wild and woolly west, say Detroit, where, as everyone well knew, the Indians finally chased the herd of wild buffalo down Woodward avenue, a composer of grand opera or symphonic music stood as little chance of having his work performed as the snow maiden woman had a chance of being published in the ether regions of his Satanic majesty.

"The result of this is that those avenues to fame that were open to the European composer were closed to us, and they are exactly those avenues which lead most quickly and surely to a great reputation.

"Of these years, conditions have changed somewhat for the better. But we must recognize the fact that Michigan composers have been limited almost entirely to works in the smaller forms, such as songs, piano pieces, organ compositions for church work and anthems for the church service. But in this smaller sphere, we are identifiably state that we have done very creditable work."

The program included chorus selections by William Howland of Detroit, sung by the Thursday Musicale; violin solos by Murray Patterson and Valbert Coffey, played by Miss Florence Bennett, accompanied by Mrs. Marion Partridge Daniels; a reading, "King Robert of Sicily," to the music of Rossini; a song by Sam Slade; the first movement from a violin suite by Jack Conklin, played by Miss Welden; and "The Storm King," a Norse legend by Eugene Field, composed by Mrs. R. J. Hetrick served as chairman of the day. The hostesses included Miss Don Scott, Mrs. William E. Holler, Miss Margaret Sander, and Miss Florence Gardner.

Barnum P. T. A. Will Hold Election Today

The second annual luncheon for teachers and room members of the Barnum P. T. A. will be held today at the school, given by the executive committee of the Parent-Teacher Association, which will be held at the school today.

Mrs. W. G. Olson is chairman of the luncheon, for which the color scheme will be green in keeping with the significance of St. Patrick's Day.

The annual election of officers of the Barnum P. T. A. will take place at 4 P. M. today at the school. Dr. C. H. Benning, director of the Royal Oak District of the Oakland County Department of Health, will discuss the proposed summer "week-end" of preschool children for health examination.

Among those planning to give dinner parties preceding the Poor Richard dance at the Community House Friday evening are Mrs. M. F. Wurstler, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Middleton and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Middleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Middleton will entertain their guests at the Home-Frida dining room, has invited Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Burt A. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Eiter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Sitta, Miss Thekla Forsyth, Dr. J. B. Hasselberger, Miss Dorothy Monfort, Dr. John Besancon, and Mr. and Mrs. Danam. Call of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bay will entertain at their home, Mr. and Mrs. Shafer, Mr. and Mrs. George Howard Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pease, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Heilmiller, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Edgerly, Mr. and Mrs. E. Anderson, Thomas G. Wade and Mrs. J. L. Pickering, Jr., of Pleasant Ridge.

Dr. Francis L. York of Yorkville, Sunnyside, will be the honor guest at a stag dinner Saturday evening given by the Detroit Institute of Musical Art, at the home of Mrs. S. Black, near Miller and Bertrand D. York.

Mrs. Clarence P. Davey of Ridgeway avenue is chairman this week of the Suzanne Westley group of the Methodist Church in charge of the regular Thursday luncheon at the church. These luncheons, taking place every Thursday, are given for the public by the various groups of the church for the purpose of raising funds.

Mrs. Don Jordan of Bloomfield Hills will entertain her bridge club Tuesday afternoon.

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Social Briefs

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Mrs. Laura Hopper and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gilbert of Beechwood Drive, returned Tuesday from Chicago where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Hopper's son, Gilbert.

Mrs. Carrie M. Harris of Hazel street was hostess Tuesday at a birthday luncheon for the Past Noble Grand Club of the Rebekeh Lodge, celebrating the birthdays of members that have occurred during the months of January, February and March. The decorations used were green and white, appropos of St. Patrick's Day.

Two birthday cakes with candles graced the table honoring the seven birthday guests, Mrs. D. B. Wilkinson, Mrs. George Dawson, Mrs. Charles Haffock and Mrs. May Bailey.

Mrs. Jack Wilson's group of the Methodist Church was entertained at luncheon last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. W. J. Lemesure of Bloomfield Highway. Thirty-five guests were present. Games were played during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Butler of Allen, Mich., spent several days of last week as the guests of Mrs. Sarah Campbell of Parry street.

The Knights of Pythias, assisted by the Pythian Sister Lodge, will give a public supper at the Pythian Hall Saturday evening, at 7 P. M.

Mrs. Emil G. Olin of Southfield avenue will be a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lajoie of Pontiac, Saturday evening, at a party honoring the birthday of Mrs. Lajoie.

Orville H. Foster of Arlington road, Beverly Hills, returned Monday from Miami, Fla.

The Philemon Club met last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. B. P. Brook of N. Woodward avenue. The next meeting will be held next Tuesday at the home of Mrs. James H. Terry of South Woodward avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Hadley of Arlington drive will entertain members of their bridge club at dinner Saturday evening.

Mrs. Winthrop Allen was the speaker yesterday for the class in religious education which meets each Wednesday at the parish house of St. James Episcopal Church. Mrs. Allen reviewed the book by Patterson Smyth on "How We Got Our Bible."

Mrs. Frederic B. Curtis of Suffolk road will entertain members of the Altar Society of the Holy Name Catholic Church at a dessert luncheon at her home Wednesday, March 30, at 1 P. M. Assisting Mrs. Curtis as hostesses will be Mrs. E. J. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Robert Frye, Mrs. O. O. Beck, and Mrs. Robert Siau.

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