MRS. ESSERY NAMES NEW A. A. U. W. CHAIRMEN

Local Branch Begins Year With Plans For Book Sale

First Meeting Of Fall Season Will Be Held Wednesday To Outline Work

By MARJORIE ELAINE PORTER

With the completion of committe appointments, and plans under way for the annual book sale in October, the Birmingham Branch of the American Association of University Women has launched upon a new year of activity.

Announcement of appointments of committee chairmen was made by Mrs. William E. Essery, president, at a meeting of the board of directors held Tuesday morning. Plans for the book sale were also outlined at that time by Mrs. Robert F. Watt, chairman, and the names of those who will assist on the various committees were made known.

Committee Chairmen

Of the standing committees for the year, as appointed by Mrs. Essery, Mrs. Nahey B. Thomas, librarian of Baldwin Public Library, heads that on college information. Mrs. Thomas L. Thurber will serve as chairman of the courtesy committee; Mrs. Mason Bair, chairman of the educational committee, and Mrs. Clifford H. Ranney, chairman of the Fellowship committee.

Mrs. Charles J. Shain was named chairman of the committee on international relations, and Mrs. Loren T. Robinson will head the legislative committee. Mrs. Louis Kahn, who is also vice-president of the association, will direct the work of the membership committee, and Mrs. Lewis E. Daniels is chairman of the program committee.

Mrs. Henry G. Doering, formerly chairman of publicity for the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs, will be in charge of the local publicity committee. Mrs. Paul L. Penfield is the new chairman of the scholarship committee, while Mrs. A. G. Osterman will head the committee in charge of social affairs.

Mrs. Watt will also act as chairman of the committee on ways and means. Mrs. Clark L. Bassett has been representing the organization as captain for the N. R. A. campaign, assisted by Mrs. O. F. Pearson, Mrs. Hal Wolfe, Mrs. F. W. Raeder and Mrs. Shelton Wright.

Meet Next Wednesday

Members of the Birmingham branch will hold their first meeting of the season next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Draper Allen of Westwood drive, when the new committee chairmen will outline their various plans for the year. The meeting will be followed by an informal tea at which Mrs. Merle P. Bailey will preside.

Mrs. Harold S. Gray, and Mrs. H. H. Wellman will pour. Others assisting Mrs. Bailey on the refreshment committee will be Mrs. Fred D. Farrar, Mrs. Clark L. Bassett, Mrs. J. H. Rosso, Mrs. Charles D. McCall, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Roura, Mrs. Langley Smart and Mrs. Thomas J. Peterson of Royal Oak.

The first project to attract the interest of the association this fall will be the book sale, an annual event held to benefit the local as well as other scholarship funds. It is scheduled to take place the week of Oct. 16-21.

Appointments of those in charge of committees for the sale, as announced by Mrs. Watt include Mrs. J. J. Roura, Jr., chairman of solicitation; Mrs. L. I. Lofgren, chairman of transportation; Mrs. Douglas H. Ewen, chairman of sorting and marking; Mrs. Doering, chairman of publicity; Mrs. L. B. Sappington, chairman of sales and Mrs. H. G. Wood, chairman of equipment.

Other new officers assisting Mrs. Essery and Mrs. Kahn this year are Mrs. William Coit Allee, recording secretary, and Mrs. C. B. Randall, treasurer, and Mrs. R. B. Gripman and Mrs. Roura, directors-at-large.

Stage Set For Fall Get-To-Gether Friday

High School, College And Young Married Groups Planning To Attend

Arrangements have been completed for the second annual Fall Get-together to be held at the Community House Friday evening under auspices of the Modern Society of Christian Principles, and of Max Gail, well known Birmingham orchestra leader.

This will be the first dance of the season for the high school and college groups, and will also include many of the younger married set. Dancing will begin at 9 instead of at 9:30 as formerly announced, and will conclude at 1 A. M., instead of at 1:30. In addition to dancing, the program will also include stunts and medleys of college songs.

Richard Philips is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the M. S. C. P. Members of the organization planning to attend a pot-luck dinner before the dance at the home of Gahm Kinnison of Hawthorne road, include the Misses Marjorie Adams, Betty Peabody, Janet Peabody, Harriet Brelsford and Elizabeth Adams, and Dale McClelland, Fred Cushing, Richard Philips, Gahm Kinnison, Donald Stewart and John Shephard.

Barnum P. T. A. Plans Four Bridge Benefits

Proceeds To Repay Debt In Milk Fund Caused By Bank Holiday

Early plans for the coming season announced today by the Barnum School Parent-Teacher Association include a series of four bridge teas to be held at the home of Mrs. E. W. Osborne of Pierce street, beginning Thursday, Sept. 14.

The series has been planned to meet a deficit in last year's milk fund caused by the bank closing. At the time of the closing the Association had on deposit in a Birmingham bank a fund amounting to more than $100.

When this became unavailable, payment of the milk bills for the year was made by the milk committee. It is to repay the committee that the bridge parties have been planned.

Ten tables will be in play at each affair. Mrs. Floyd A. Franklin is chairman of hostesses for the first. Chairmen for the others, which will be held successively two weeks apart, will be Mrs. John H. Rosso, Mrs. Edwin D. Wolf and Mrs. R. L. Fletcher. Mrs. Osborne, who served as president of the association last year, was succeeded by Mrs. H. G. Roberts of Pierce street.

Tickets for the series or for individual parties may be obtained from any one of the chairmen in charge.

Miss Standart To Become Bride Of Ohioan Friday

Miss Standart

—Photo Courtesy of Detroit Free Press

St. Hubert's Chapel in Kingsley Hills, O., will be the scene of the marriage Friday at 4 o'clock of Miss Margaret Phillips Standart, daughter of Mrs. E. Phillips Standart, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, and Henry W. Standart of Detroit, to Arthur Alexander Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Baldwin of Cleveland and Mentor, O. The Rev. Edward R. Andrews will read the nuptial service.

Miss Standart will have as her maid of honor, Miss Viola Hammond of Bloomfield Hills, and Mr. Baldwin will be assisted by his father as best man. Miss Standart will be given in marriage by her father.

Acting as ushers will be Lewis W., Frederick C., and Henry P. Baldwin, brothers of the bridegroom, also Gregory McIntosh, Rudolph H. Garfield, Frederick Cross, Woods King, Price McKinney, and Dr. Irwin C. Hunger.

A reception at the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club will follow the ceremony. The couple plan to reside at Shady Brook Farm near Mentor, O.

William De Beaubien To Wed In Lansing

Birmingham Man Will Take Bride In Ceremony To Be Performed Monday

A wedding to be solemnized in East Lansing at 10 o'clock Monday morning, which will be of social interest to many in Birmingham, will unite in marriage Miss Margaret Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Morgan of East Lansing, and William John De Beaubien, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. William De Beaubien of Yorkshire road.

The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. John A. Gabriel in the rectory of the Church of the Resurrection. Miss Jean Stickle, also of East Lansing, will attend Miss Morgan as bridesmaid, and Philip B. De Beaubien will assist his brother as best man.

After the nuptial service a wedding breakfast and reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents, where her mother and maternal grandmother also celebrated their nuptial ceremonies.

Following the reception, Mr. De Beaubien and his bride will leave for the Muskoka Lakes where they will spend a fortnight. They will be at home to their friends in Pontiac after Sept. 25.

Mr. De Beaubien was graduated a year ago from the General Motors Institute of Technology in Flint. Since that time he has been engaged in the engineering department of the General Motors Truck Company in Pontiac. For the past two years, Miss Morgan has been a student at Michigan State College.

Mrs. Murphy Will Speak At Garden Group Meeting

The brilliance in coloring of late summer gardens suggests the importance of correct flower arrangement to achieve artistic effects. Mrs. Fred T. Murphy of Grosse Pointe will discuss this theme at a meeting of the Birmingham Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association at the Community House Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Donald U. Bathrick is chairman of the tea which will follow the program. Assisting her will be Mrs. Albert A. Clark, Mrs. W. A. P. John, Mrs. Sam M. Garber, Mrs. H. Ledyard Towle, Mrs. Jules Agramonte, Mrs. Robert F. Greenley, and Mrs. Clifford J. McDonald. Mrs. John and Mrs. Garber will preside at the tea table.

Parents of Dull Child May Find Psychologist Help

Myers Recommends Scientific Advice Care and Education of Mentally Backwa

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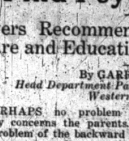
PERHAPS no problem more deeply concerns the parents than the problem of the backward child. It may be the child who gets on well about the home, even with his playmates, but not at school. It may be the child very bright, indeed, who has failed to learn as books as rapidly as other children his age. This child may even excel in one or more school subjects and miserably fail in others. All such children have great promise, as a rule, and could be greatly helped under expert guidance.



Dr. Garry C. Myers

Health May Be Cause

Then there is the child dull in every way—dull at home, dull on the playground, dull at school. An occasional one of this type is not dull, but suffers from some remedial physical handicap and that has been the chief cause, such as defective vision or hearing.

Providing the child has no such physical handicaps, but is dull enough to be counted queer by his playmates or to be the object of their jests—then the sufferings by his parents hardly is endurable. My heart goes out to these parents more than to the child. He probably does not know enough to sense the seriousness of his plight. And the more advanced educationally and socially his parents are the keener, as a rule, their suffering.

The trained psychologist should be able to help the parents of the child of any sort noticeably retarded mentally. If this psychologist is wholly scientific in his attitude, he can tell the parents with considerable assurance of correctness, how much in terms of the child's learning they might expect. Even he may make some mistakes, of course.

I should advise the parent of a noticeably backward child, when the school does not provide a psychologist, to seek the aid of a guidance clinic, if one is within reach, or to get in touch with the nearest accredited institution of higher learning, or to write for direction to a trained psychologist to the Psychological Corporation, Grand Central Terminal Building, New York City, whose directors are members of the psychology departments of the leading universities of this country.

The psychologist also should be able to advise as to the best ways and means of the child's further care and education.

Unfortunately, many well-meaning neighbors, preachers, even family physicians, often hold out false hopes to parents of children greatly retarded mentally, telling them the child will "soon grow out of it" or will "make a sudden spurt in progress at adolescence." More often than not—such a child's handicap only grows more pronounced at adolescence, because of the increased inability at social adaptation.

Here are some books on the backward child: H. H. Goddard, "Psychology of the Normal and Subnormal," Dodd Meade, 1919; Leta Hollingworth, "The Psychology of the Subnormal Child," McMillan, New York, 1920; Arthur Holmes, "Backward Children," Bobbs-Merrill, 1915; Annie D. Inskeep, "Teaching Dull and Retarded Children," McMillan, New York, 1926; David Kennedy-Fraser, "Education of the Backward Child," University of London Press, 1932.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Two pamphlets by Dr. Myers may be obtained by sending 10 cents in coin, each, and a self-addressed envelope stamped with a three-cent stamp, to Dr. Garry C. Myers, care of The Eccentric. The pamphlets are: "Punishments and Rewards" and "Fear."

Fashion Tea To Reveal Modes And To Benefit Orchestra

The fashion promenade in which many smart young women of Bloomfield Hills will appear as models, after a week's postponement, will be held next Wednesday afternoon at Eastway Farms, the Hills estate of Mrs. Francis Palms.

The affair has been arranged to catch the provervial two birds with the same stone. It will not only give the women who witness it an opportunity to know what will be worn in smart circles this fall and winter, but will also benefit the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, as it is being sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills-Birmingham committee.

Virtually every form of dress in current fashion will be displayed, including pajamas, lounging robes and negligees, sport costumes, afternoon frocks and evening gowns. Appearing as models will be many prominent young women and matrons, among whom will be the Misses Annette Phillips, Betty Stahelin, Valerie Depew, Josephine Taliaferro, Doris Otter, Josephine Braun, Doris Fitch, Barbara Fitch, Jane Thompson, Elizabeth Wallace, Betty Brede, Jane Brede, Betty Bird, Virginia Hills, Kathleen Lefebvre, Lola McDonald, Frances Ann Morley, Janet Forbush, Patsy Floyd, Sally Davis, and Betty Klingensmith.

Styles in vogue for the fashionable matron will be worn by Mrs. A. M. Gault, Mrs. P. M. Wygant, Mrs. Fletcher D. Richards, Mrs. C. Theron Van Dusen, Mrs. O. G. Eden, Mrs. Guy C. Smith, Mrs. H. Gray Muzzy, Mrs. A. H. Otis, Mrs. John F. Reeder, Mrs. Irwin H. Neff and Mrs. H. A. Lauver.

Mrs. Walter G. Morley and Mrs. James Lee Oliver are general chairmen of the affair. Mrs. James Q. Goudie is chairman of the committee arranging for the tea, which also includes Mrs. William Traub, Mrs. Frank W. Shuell, and Mrs. Richard C. English. Miss Romayne Thompson is chairman of the committee in charge of the fashion show, assisted by Miss Mary Taliaferro and Mrs. Milton F. Coulson. Mrs. Van Dusen is chairman of the ticket committee.

Auxiliary To Hold Initiation And Program Tuesday

An interesting program has been planned by the American Legion Auxiliary to follow its initiation ceremony at the American Legion Home at 7:30 P. M. Tuesday. The program, which will be open to members of the Charles Edward Post of the American Legion, will include an address by Mrs. Pearl Quernback, chairman of the Fidac Department for the State Auxiliary, and a play, "On The Air."

The Fidac portion of the program will be in charge of Mrs. Gordon L. Bailey. The cast for the play will be composed of five members of the Rochester Auxiliary, including Mrs. Clyde Murdoch, Mrs. Fred Hallbach, Mrs. Harold Weaver, Mrs. Milo Howell and Miss Iva Brownell. A buffet luncheon will follow the program.

Guests at the pot-luck luncheon given by the local auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Lloyd L. Stanley on Madison avenue Tuesday were Mr. Stanley's mother, Mrs. C. P. Stanley of Encinitas, Cal., Mrs. Murdoch and Mrs. Halbach of Rochester.

Club Calendar Full At Orchard Lake For September

The fall round-up for Stag Day, Saturday, the club golf championship, and the club championship sailing races, concluding with a dinner for both men and women skippers on Saturday, Sept. 16, are among the many activities afoot at Orchard Lake Country Club this month.

Golf and a boxing match are among the features planned for Stag Day, which will be open to members and guests. Dinner will be another of the attractions arranged.

Women sailors began their series of championship races Friday, preceded by luncheon at the club. The second race was run Tuesday, and the third Friday. The two last in the series will be held on Sept. 12 and 15. The races for men will be run Sept. 10 and 16.

The sailing season will close Sept. 16 with a dinner for all sailors, when prizes for the year will be awarded.

Mrs. Hugh W. Hitchcock is chairman of the women's sailing committee, assisted by Mrs. Clare Bennett, Mrs. Theodore F. W. Meyer, Miss Virginia Bloomer and Mrs. W. Lawrence Shaffner.

Qualifying rounds for the club championship in golf will be played Saturday and Sunday. Two matches must be played by Sept. 17.

AULENBACH TO SPEAK ON WOOD CARVINGS

The last of a series of talks regarding the tapestries, statuary, murals, wood carvings and other features of Christ Church Cranbrook will be given at the morning worship service at 11 A. M. Sunday by the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, assistant rector. The subject will be the wood carvings on the reredos, the pulpit and the lectern.

For the first time in several weeks, the full choir will sing, under the direction of William Hall Miner, choirmaster. The service will include a brief sermon by Mr. Aulenbach, and will be preceded by a carillon recital by Mr. Miner from 10:35 to 10:50 A. M.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pierce of 387 Hamna street are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, John Brian Lloyd Pierce, who was born Monday.

Miss Huyette Speaks Her Nuptial Vows At Ceremony In Old Fashioned Garden

Before an improvised altar in the garden of Rocky Terrace, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Huyette in Bloomfield Hills, their daughter, Miss Hannah B. Huyette, and C. Ashmead Biddulph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Biddulph of Glen Ridge, N. J., spoke their marriage vows at 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening.

The setting at Rocky Terrace, with its old-fashioned garden adorned for the occasion with wrought-iron standards filled with white gladioli and dahlias, was most picturesque and appropriate for the event. Down a garden aisle, designated by white satin ribbons connecting the flower standards, the bridal party proceeded to an open space before an apple tree where the altar was artistically arranged, banked with large vases of white flowers and smilax screens.

As the bride and bridegroom knelt upon a white satin prie dieu, the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, assistant rector of Christ Church Cranbrook, read the nuptial service.

Miss Huyette was a graceful bride in ivory satin robes. The long train which extended from a redingote, worn over the formfitting gown, was covered with a wide panel of Chantilly lace, falling from the shoulders. The flowing tulle veil fell from a close-fitting turban of tulle, also adorned with a rose veil, and which was worn slightly tilted over the right eye. She carried an arm bouquet of Easter lilies.

Artificial moonbeams, formed by floodlights illuminated the grounds, served to bring out the lovely garden shades of the gowns worn by the bridesmaids. The colors chosen were suggestive of late summer blooms. Mrs. John R. Hatch of Orange, N. J., and Miss Nancy Jane Huyette, who attended their sister as matron and maid of honor, wore cerise. Mrs. Marion K. Kellogg and Miss Cornelia Biddulph of Bloomfield, N. J., two of the bridesmaids, were gowned in watermelon pink, while the others, Mrs. Thomas B. Mann and Mrs. Theodore L. Sedwick, wore tea rose.

The gowns, though differing in color, were of the same design, made of satin veiled in tulle with elbow-length capes of pleated tulle, ruffles, tied with satin ribbons. Each bridesmaid carried a bouquet of dahlias matching her gown.

Clarence H. Biddulph attended his son as best man. The ushers were Theodore L. Sedwick and Henry W. Harding of New Rochelle, N. Y., cousin of the bride.

Daintily garbed in a Kate Greenaway frock of pink Mousseline de soie, carrying a bonnet of the same material, filled with pink roses and baby's breath, diminutive Ruth Huyette Hatch served as flower girl.

Mrs. Huyette wore, for her daughter's wedding, a gown of dahlia red velvet made with a cape banded with blue fox. Mrs. Biddulph's gown was of black Spanish lace over black satin. Both mothers wore shoulder bouquets of gardenias.

Following the reception, which was held in the Huyette home, Mr. and Mrs. Biddulph departed on a motor journey to Cape Cod and through the Adirondacks. Mrs. Biddulph selected for her traveling costume a black tailored suit trimmed with gray fox collar and cuffs. Her hat and accessories were also black, a blouse of Irish lace adding a note of contrast.

After the wedding journey, Mr. and Mrs. Biddulph will take up their abode in Bloomfield, N. J.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Allen of Ridgedale road returned Monday from Colorado where they spent three weeks visiting in Boulder, Colorado Springs, Estes Park and Denver.

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Miss Lillian Reinhold of Detroit is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Holf and Mrs. Emma Stock of the Bloomfield Estates. Last week, Mrs. Hohf and Mrs. Stock entertained ten guests in honor of Miss Reinhold.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Broock of Lone oak court were hosts at a subscription dinner at their home Saturday evening for a group of friends including Miss Romayne Thompson, Jack Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Micou, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert F. Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Earle, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Wellington Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ledyard Towle, Dr. and Mrs. Carlton Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. William S. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Woodruff, Miss Mary Adele Shaw, Miss Frances Hamilton, Miss Mary Isabel Davis, John Morley, Verne Myers, and John Mulock, all of Bloomfield Hills. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. John S. Van Alstyne, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Noack, Jr., of Detroit.

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald U. Bathrick, who have been occupying the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harlow N. Davock on Dewey road, plan to move Sept. 15 to Randall Court.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Gray, who have been spending the summer months at their home at Lake Angelus have leased their Birmingham residence on Fairfax road and will move their family to Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton F. Coulson of Madison avenue have as their house guests Mrs. Coulson's sisters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford J. Ross of Little Rock, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Masling of Fort Worth, Tex. Mr. and Mrs. Coulson were hosts at dinner Tuesday evening in honor of their guests.

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald T. Stanton of Mohegan drive who spent the month of August with Mrs. Melvin J. Kates of Oakland avenue, at her cottage north of Port Huron, returned last week. Mr. and Mrs. Stanton motored to Chicago to attend the World's Fair for the week-end.

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Dr. and Mrs. Carleton Fox of Suffield road had as their guest for the week-end and holiday, Harold Waples of Lansing.

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Mrs. Orville H. Foster, Jr., of Arlington drive will entertain 14 guests at a shower and luncheon today in honor of Miss Margaret Foster, a bride-elect of Sept. 20.

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Mr. and Mrs. Angus D. McLay of Wimbleton drive had as their guests for the week-end and holiday, Mrs. Henry Walsh of Des Moines, Ia., and Washington, D. C., with her children, Henry Brown, Robert and Jean. Henry Brown Wallace returned recently from Colorado where he spent the summer as a forest ranger. Another guest at the McLay home Friday was Mrs. Henry L. Strong of Rochester, N. Y., and Washington, D. C.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Paton of Dorey Lane and their daughter, Eleanor, returned Monday from Chicago, where they spent the past week.

Club Notes

The Philemon Club will hold its first meeting of the season Tuesday at the home of Mrs. James Terry of South Woodward avenue.

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The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at Baldwin Public Library Wednesday at 2:30 P. M. Mrs. Henry Stephens will be in charge.

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The regular business meeting of the Ladies Missionary Society of the Redeemer Lutheran Church will be held at the home of Mrs. Walter Moderow of Beverly Hills at 8 P. M. Thursday, Sept. 14.

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The board of directors of the Birmingham League of Women Voters will be guests at a picnic luncheon at the home of Mrs. G. Hall Roosevelt of Puritan road Tuesday. A meeting will follow the luncheon.

Wide Variety Of Flowers To Vie For Honors At Show

Classes permitting a wide variety of exhibits for members as well as non-members have been arranged for the annual fall flower, fruit and vegetable show sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills District Horticultural Society to be held Saturday at the Community House.

The first group of exhibits will be composed of collections of cut flowers. In the second and third classifications will be vases of perennials and annuals. Three other divisions will be devoted to roses, dahlias, and gladioli, and another to fruit. The last of the divisions for members exclusively will be those for vegetable exhibits.

Fifteen classes will be open to non-members. The first of these will be for large vases of perennials aranged for effect, and the second for vases of asters, including three blooms of each of four varieties.

A vase of Zinnias, a large vase of annuals also arranged for effect, and a vase of roses containing six blooms of three varieties comprise three other of the open classes. There will be also three classes for the best collections of dahlias, and one for the best basket of gladioli, arranged for effect. Vases of apples, pears, grapes, beets, carrots, cucumbers and tomatoes will comprise the open classes in fruits and vegetables.

Judges for the show will be Henry Cartwright, Richard Sayward and Tom Pearson. All entries must be in the hands of the secretary, George Leslie, two days previous to the show, and all exhibits must be in position by Saturday noon.

Mrs. Sidney A. Wells of Merrill drive and her daughter, Patsy, returned last week from Gaspe, Que., where they spent several weeks following a visit in Ontario, Can., and Mrs. Wells' mother, their guest for the week-end, Mrs. Hauser of Cleveland.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

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By E. V. SHEPARD

FAMOUS BRIDGE TEACHER

BURNING YOUR BRIDGES

IF EVER A leader burned all his bridges to oblige his followers to go ahead to victory, the declarer of the following hand must have been a close student of the stratagem. Certainly North burned all his bridges.

North: ♠ None ♥ Q 8 ♦ A K 9 3 ♣ A J 9 8 6 3 2

West: ♠ A Q J 10 4 ♥ K J 10 7 6 ♦ 7 ♣ K 5

East: ♠ 9 6 5 3 2 ♥ 5 3 ♦ 10 8 5 4 ♣ 10 7

South: ♠ K 8 7 ♥ A 9 4 2 ♦ Q J 6 2 ♣ Q 4

Bidding went: West, 1-Spade; North, 3-Clubs (this was only a strong invitation bid, as South had declined to bid as dealer); South, 3-No Trumps, with a single stop to spades; West, passed; North, 4-Diamonds; South, 5-Diamonds.

The opening lead was the 3 of spades, going through dummy's only possible stop to the suit. Dummy played low, although it might as well have put up the K, on the bare chance that East held that card. West played the 10. North ruffed.

Of course the declarer hoped for a 3-2 opposing division of trumps, so he led his K, followed by the 9, which dummy overtook with the J, only to see West discard the 4 of Spades, showing that East held as many trumps as dummy and one more trump than declarer, after North had ruffed once. That is the trouble with bridge assaults, even when partner also holds 4. Too often, for comfort one opponent holds many or more trumps than declarer. To say the least the situation appeared awkward to the declarer. As West was a stickler for having 2½ quick tricks for a opening bid it was clear that he held the A-Q of spades, the K of hearts and the K of clubs, provided he was running true to form.

Dummy's Q of clubs was lead and would have been allowed to run had not West covered with the K. The Ace won. Then and there the declarer set fire to all his bridges. There was to be no escape for him in case things went wrong. He had to trust that things would go right.

The declarer led his Ace of diamonds—the last one which he held—and ruffed a heart. Dummy's Ace and dummy's last trump was led. Upon it the declared discarded his last heart, leaving him only clubs as ruin in case that suit did not break for him. Probably he wished with all his heart that clubs were trumps.

Dummy's 4 of clubs was led. West played the 5. For an instant the declarer hesitated between finessing his 8 and playing his J in an endeavor to drop the 10. It was a close point, as North was West for 5 spades originally, and unless he also held 5 hearts (which he had declined to bid), West held the missing 10. North put up his J of clubs, dropping the 10, thus spread his hand for 13 tricks won.

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