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SOCIAL BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Earle B. Wilson of Shirley drive and their son, Earle, Jr., have returned after a visit of two weeks to Williamsburg, and Toronto, Ont., and the Canadian Falls. Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Wise of Bloomfield Village entertained the Misses Dorothy and Ruth Porritt and their sons, Earl Wilson, Jr., and Harry Wise, Jr., at dinner at the Pine Lake Country Club. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and their son will leave Saturday for their summer home on Lake Erie near Madison, O.

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Mrs. Edgar G. Wasey of Barbour Terrace will be hostess at dinner at the Detroit Boat Club this evening for Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Hudgins of Indianapolis, Ind., who are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Whiting Raymond of Harmon avenue. Other guests at the dinner will be Mrs. Wasey's mother, Mrs. Sue Willeke; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Shuart, Miss Helen Hudgins, Tom Hudgins, and John Todd. Mrs. Raymond and Mrs. Hudgins were the luncheon guests Tuesday of Mrs. Walter M. Bieling of Rayburn road at the Fox and Hounds Inn. Mrs. Hudgins, who has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Raymond and Mr. Raymond, for the past week, was joined Tuesday by Mr. Hudgins, his daughter, Miss Helen, and son, Tom. The family will leave for Indianapolis Friday.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Paton of Drury Lane were guests for the week-end at the Old Club at the Flats.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Tillotson of Fairfax road were hosts at a buffet supper at their home Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Lund, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Royal of Mohegan drive. The other guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cavan, Mr. and Mrs. John Storm, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Clemmer, Mr. and Mrs. William Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Brehm, Mr. and Mrs. Francis C. Bagby, Dr. and Mrs. Carleton Fox, Mrs. Clare H. Ogden, Mrs. Tillotson's mother, Mrs. J. W. Dalton of Rochester, N. Y.; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boardman and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scott of Detroit.

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Mrs. Ralph Wilson of Pierce street entertained several small guests at luncheon Tuesday in honor of the fourth birthday of her son, Donald Ralph. Those at the party were Marian and Margaret McDonald, Billy Kindley, Leland McCallum, Keith Egge, Billy Hoofnagle, Allen Lang and Richard Wilson. The luncheon was served on the porch, where gay balloons and other effects suggested a circus scene to the small guests.

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John Verhoeff of Chicago will arrive this week-end to join his family, Mrs. Verhoeff and their children, June and Nan, who are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. George Shepherd of Franklin Village.

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Mrs. Eleanor J. Ford of Southfield road has returned after taking her daughter, Ellen, Lucina Pagel and Marjorie Fattrson of Detroit, to Wanalda Woods Camp at Camp Lochearn, Ely, Vt. They motored through Toronto and Kingston, Ont., Montreal and Lake Champlain on their journey East.

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Mrs. John Williams of Yorkshire road has as her guest this week, her sister, Miss Carolyn Johnston of Grand Rapids. Tuesday, Mrs. Williams entertained informally at sewing and tea in honor of her sister.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kahn of Franklin road will be hosts to 12 guests at dinner at their home Saturday evening.

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Howard Russell, Jr., of Charlotte, Mich., is visiting at the home of his grandfather, Harry Russell of Beverly road.

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Mrs. Henry J. Sprague and her daughter, Evelyn, of Passaic, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Veevers of Green Pond, N. J., left Saturday after a visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver D. Sprague of Stanley street.

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Mrs. Loren T. Robinson of Wimbleton drive returned Monday after spending the week-end as a guest at a house party at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. George I. Altenburg at Old Mission. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Hardig of Abbey road will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moffett at their cottage at Union Lake for this week-end.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Park Armstrong and their son, James, of Princeton, N. J., are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Purves of Old Salem court. In honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Purves were hosts at an informal supper party Sunday evening. Also guests for a brief visit this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Purves were Mr. and Mrs. George P. Armstrong of Elkhart, Ind.

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Sailing is one of the chosen pastimes with which to while away long summer afternoons. Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Forest L. Keenan of Ridgedale avenue, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dale Rue of Shepherd Bush road, and Mrs. Thomas R. Walton of Rivenoak road enjoyed a sail and picnic supper on the water, sailing from the Detroit Boat Club. In another party sailing from the Boat Club Friday will be Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Hastreiter of Abbey road, Mr. and Mrs. Milton F. Coulson of Madison avenue and Mr. and Mrs. Keenan.

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Miss Irene Hall of Toronto, Ont., and her uncle, Jack Whiteley of Detroit, spent the week-end as guests of Miss Marion Mercer of Bird street. Miss Hall will remain for the summer.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. Melbourn Roberts of Yosemite avenue will leave Sunday for Tea Lake in northern Michigan, where they will occupy the Robert McClellan cottage for a week.

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William Singers, of Montreal, was a guest for the week-end of his brother, George Singers and Mrs. Singers of Park street.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Announcement has been received by Birmingham friends of the marriage of Miss Alice Fox, daughter of Mrs. M. Fox of Gladstone, Mich., to Renold Anderson, at Gladstone on Monday. Miss Fox was formerly a member of The Eccentric's staff.

ENGAGEMENT MADE KNOWN

A wedding to take place early in September at the First Baptist Church in Royal Oak will be that of Miss Marjorie McEacheran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie McEacheran of Royal Oak, and Donald N. Spohr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Spohr of Larchlea drive, whose engagement was announced this week.

What The Women Think About It

Each week, The Eccentric asks several women, chosen at random from the telephone book, to answer a question of general interest in Birmingham.

The question for this week: What would you consider an ideal two weeks' vacation?

Mrs. Thomas W. McNeill, 1375 Dorchester road: "A cruise seems perfect to me. I'd go to Buffalo first, up the St. Lawrence to Murray Bay, and end up at the Chateau in Quebec. Or possibly I'd go to Banff, at Lake Louise."

Mrs. Roy Witten, 859 Forest avenue: "I would just stay home and rest for the two weeks."

Mrs. Merle P. Bailey, 776 Southfield road: "I think Lake Louise would be perfect for such a vacation."

Mrs. Seymour Adams, 692 West Adams road: "It is so cool and pleasant at home that I believe I would stay right here and have somebody come in to do everything for me. I would have all of my friends visit me and spend my vacation entertaining them."

Mrs. Arthur Neville Kirk, 11 Sunset trail: "A Great Lakes cruise on one of the lake liners is my idea of a perfect two weeks' vacation."

Mrs. H. J. Strasler, 368 South Adams road: "I'd like to go to the mountains, but not the Rockies. They're too far away."

Mrs. F. E. Van Black, 959 East Maple: "I'd take an automobile trip through northern Michigan. I have been through that country before and I love it. Some of the cities I would visit are Ludington, Manistee, Traverse City and Petosky."

Mrs. E. W. Brehm, 1319 Dorchester road: "A vacation to me means a decided change from the things one has been doing. Therefore, a boat trip appeals to me especially. I should prefer an ocean voyage, whether of long or short duration."

Mrs. M. M. Austin, 152 East Lincoln road: "We have just opened a hunting lodge at Lewiston, Mich., and I would like to spend my two weeks there. It is beautiful country and there is excellent hunting and fishing."

Mrs. Russell H. Fisher, 776 Ridgedale avenue: "I should like to go to some quiet spot up in northern Michigan with my husband, and spend my time just fishing and relaxing. I think a vacation should be spent out-of-doors."

Mrs. F. W. Raeder, Quarton road: "Having just returned from a vacation in Wisconsin near Waukesha, I think that state is a grand place for a trip. Northern Wisconsin is particularly lovely."

Mrs. Dorothy G. Rooseveit, 843 Puritan road: "Two weeks is rather a short time for my favorite vacation, as I would choose a ranch in Wyoming. The C-M Ranch is a marvelous place to spend a summer vacation."

"John Brown's Body" was one of the most frequently sung marching songs of the Civil War.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Written For Central Press and The Birmingham Eccentric

By E. V. SHEPARD

FAMOUS BRIDGE TEACHER

YEARS AFTER a once popular convention has been abandoned, it crops out in some unexpected spot. Its user may have been playing the convention regularly, or he may have found it in an old book or heard of it from another player. Last May I ran across a conventional bid which was introduced about 1916, by Wilbur C. Whitehead, one evening when S. S. Lenz, Ralph Leibenderfer and myself were playing at Whitehead's apartment. We soon abandoned the convention, and I had not heard of it for a dozen years. Here is the hand where the convention was effectively employed.

North: ♠ 9 4 ♥ Q J 7 ♦ K 10 6 4 ♣ 9 5 3 2

West: ♠ Q 8 3 2 ♥ 9 6 4 ♦ A J 8 2 ♣ 8 4

East: ♠ K J 10 7 ♥ A K 8 5 ♦ 3 ♣ A K J 7

South: ♠ A 6 5 ♥ 10 3 2 ♦ Q 9 7 5 ♣ Q 10 6

The first three players passed. An Englishman, sitting East, made an opening bid of 2-Clubs, stating that his partner knew the convention, and asking if he might explain the convention to his opponents. The opening 2 of a minor suit shows three powerful suits, with a worthless fourth suit, which may or may not be the suit bid. Partner is supposed to bid any 4-card major suit, if held, or to bid such a minor suit if necessary. In case partner has the high honors in the suit mentioned in the opening call, he bids 2-No Trumps, as that suit must be the weak one with the bidder.

West responded with 2-Spades, which East carried to 4-Spades, and play began with the opening lead of the Q of hearts, which dummy's K captured. South's Ace of spades captured the K, led from dummy. South led back his 10 of hearts, and dummy won with the Ace. The J of spades was led. Then the 5 of hearts was led. North's J won the trick. North led his fourth best club. Dummy's K won.

The 10 of spades pulled the last opposing trump. The good 9 of hearts was led. The declarer discarded a low diamond. The Ace of clubs won the next trick. When West saw the 10 of clubs fall from South's hand, he led dummy's lowest club. South played the Q. West ruffed with his last trump. West led the Ace of diamonds. Dummy used its last trump to ruff a low diamond. This was the 12th trick. Dummy led the good J of clubs for the last trick. All that North and South took were 1 spade trick and 1 heart trick, giving West 5-odd.

As it happened, the same result could have been accomplished by East's opening bid of 1-Spade, which his partner would have assisted. East might then have bid hearts, which West would have shifted back to spades, and game would have been made, just as it was under the conventional bidding.

FRANKLIN

Mrs. Harriet Epley, who is attending summer school at Michigan State Teachers College, Ypsilanti, spent the week-end at her home here.

A regular meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the Franklin M. E. Church will be held at the church this afternoon. Lunch will be served.

Mrs. Josephine West, and Mrs. Claude Denison and son, John, and daughter, Virginia, of Chicago, were guests at the home of Mrs. J. B. Wood last week.

Mrs. Carrie Bishop of Clarenceville, Mich., has been the guest of Mrs. Floyd Facer the past week.

Norman Facer was the winner of a trip to the World's Fair at Chicago in a recent guessing contest.

LOWER AIR MAIL RATE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1

A significant reduction in the postage rate for air mail is scheduled to go into effect Aug. 1, according to Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne. The new rate will be 6 cents an ounce. Formerly, mail by air was charged 8 cents for the first ounce and 13 cents for each additional ounce.

Stamps and stamped envelopes purchased under the old rate may be redeemed in cash up to Aug. 15, Mr. Byrne said.

India has a population of 355,000,000 and only 57,000 telephones—one telephone to every 6,250 people. In the United States there are 948 telephones for every 6,000 inhabitants.

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The trouble with the person who always expresses the greatest readiness to help you is that it is usually the person least in a position to do so.

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To clean a rug take a cup of salt and pour over it, then take the broom or a brush and scrub the rug. After this use the sweeper or vacuum cleaner.

Arrests Increase In County In 1934

Prosecutor Reports 1,240 Convictions Out Of 1,443 Arrests In First Six Months

According to Prosecutor Arthur P. Bogue's semi-annual report to the attorney general's office, 1,443 persons were arrested in Oakland County during the first six months of 1934. Of this number, 1,240 were convicted and 36 were acquitted. Payment of costs freed 10, four cases were nolle prossed, 147 were discharged on examination, and there were six escapes and settlements.

Total fines collected for the six months amounted to $3,179.50, and costs were $4,728.98, making a total of $7,908.48. For the first six months of 1933, the total was $4,415.85, with 999 arrests. The figures for the same period in 1932 are $7,916.80 fines and costs and 1,341 arrests.

Crimes growing out of drunkenness and the use of liquor during the first six months of this year caused the arrest of 583 persons, as compared with 241 for the same period in 1933, and 316 in 1932. Arrests for motor law violations for the six months of this year total 489. In 1933 the number was 133, and in 1932 it was 410.

NOMINATING PETITIONS FILED BY REP. DONDERO

Petitions for the re-election of George A. Dondero, Royal Oak attorney, as congressman from the 17th Michigan district, on the Republican ticket, were filed in Lansing Monday with Secretary of State Frank D. Fitzgerald. The petitions contained signatures many times in excess of the number required, and these came from every section of the district, Mr. Dondero said.

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