

News of Social and Personal Interest

PLANS COMPLETE FOR STYLE SHOW

Birmingham Women Will Display New Frocks In Spring Fashion Promenade

With spring in the air and Easter just around the corner, the time seems auspicious for the revelation of fashions that will sway the feminine mind this spring.

So reasoned the League of St. James' Women as it made arrangements for the style show to be presented at the Community House Friday afternoon under the direction of Mrs. L. N. Pyle.

Taking part in the fashion promenade will be Miss Lillian Walton, Mrs. Harold A. Dick, Miss Katherine Mann, Mrs. Donald Bay, Miss Doris Otter, Mrs. Morris M. Haisled, Mrs. Edward Tucker, Mrs. Oscar Brede, Mrs. Philip M. Wygant and Mrs. Clark Branson.

At the tea which will follow the show, Miss Ruth Asper and eight young girls will serve the guests.

Village Players Promise Thrills In Mystery Drama

"Bitter Willows" To Be On Public View Mar. 24; Cast Chosen

Suspense and thrills, and all that goes to hold an audience breathless until the final curtain are promised for the mystery play, "Bitter Willows," which will be presented by the Village Players at their second public performance of the season at the Playhouse Mar. 23 and 24.

An interesting sidelight on the play is that the author, Leah Cameron, is a woman with an extensive career as a writer and social worker. She is now preparing to receive her master's degree in English from Northwestern University, where she was the winner of a fellowship for a play entitled "Day of Glory."

Those taking principal roles in "Bitter Willows" will be Miss Margaret Wygant, Mrs. Harrison J. Stringham, Dr. J. B. Hassberger,



Margaret Wygant

REHEARSALS BEGIN FOR O. E. S. PLAY

Mrs. Russell M. Heinze Directing Local Cast In "Beads On A String"

Under the direction of Mrs. Russell M. Heinze of Greenwood avenue, rehearsals have begun for the presentation of "Beads On A String," a comedy in three acts by Elsey Myrtle Girard, to be produced under auspices of the Order of Eastern Star at the Community House Friday, April 20.

The cast will include Mrs. Emma Baldwin, Mrs. J. M. Rainey, Miss Marian Masters, Miss Marvel Jean Carsons, William Spence, Joseph B. Dickey, Sam Howling, John Parks and John Mellem.

Rehearsals are held twice each week at the homes of those taking part. The next will be held at the home of Mrs. Heinze Friday evening. Two rehearsals next week on Wednesday and Friday evenings will be held at the home of Mrs. Rainey on Oakland avenue.

Garden Branches Plan Joint Meeting

Peter Patterer, landscape architect of Battle Creek, will be the speaker at a joint meeting of the Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Pontiac Branches of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association Monday at the Guild Hall, Cranbrook. Mr. Patterer will discuss roses.

Mrs. Waldemar P. Adams of the Bloomfield Hills Branch will be in charge of the tea following the program. Mrs. Charles H. Welch, Jr., president of the Birmingham Branch, and Mrs. Harry Fitzgerald of the Pontiac Branch, will preside at the tea table.

The meeting will begin at 2:30 p. m.

St. Margaret's Guild To Hear Talk By Judge McGaffey

St. Margaret's Guild of St. James' Episcopal Church will hold its regular monthly luncheon meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Herbert F. Royal of Mohegan drive at 1 o'clock. Probable Judge Dan A. McGaffey will be the speaker.

Assisting the hostess will be Mrs. F. W. Boynton, Mrs. Norman James, Mrs. Francis C. Bagby and Mrs. J. D. Kysor.

A Capone Racketeer found new life LOUIS D. HILL SPEAKS Sunday Evening FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Richard Erwin of Southfield is spending three weeks in Bravo, Mich., with his daughter Mrs. E. D. Nash.

Trowbridge Gail, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gail of Pierce street, who returned recently from Munising, where he was stationed at the Civilian Conservation Corps camp, is now employed in Detroit.

Mrs. B. M. McMechan of Aspen road, with her son Jerry, will leave Saturday morning for Washington, D. C., to spend two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Hendrick of Pilgrim road expect the arrival this week-end of Mr. Hendrick's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Hendrick of Toronto, who will stop for a week to visit, then enroute to their home from Mississippi where they have been spending the winter.

Honoring Miss Muriel Wilson, a popular bride-elect, Mrs. William McClure of Bloomfield court entertained 12 guests at a luncheon shower Friday evening.

Monday evening, Mrs. Elmer Lowe and her sister, Miss Elizabeth McClure, were joint hostesses at the home of Mrs. Lowe on Park street at a lunco party and pantry shower in Miss Wilson's honor. Eleven guests were present. Miss Wilson's engagement to Leonard McClure, brother of the hostesses, was announced on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Jeffries of Morningview drive returned Sunday from Florida, where they have been sojourning since the first of the year, dividing their time between St. Petersburg, Clearwater and Dunedin.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton E. Sears will be hosts at a pot-luck supper at their home Friday evening. In the party will be Mr. and Mrs. Bernard L. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Kollfus, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Nachtrieb, Mr. and Mrs. C. Allen Valpey and Crawford J. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Hardman of Stanley street had as their guests at bridge Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Russell McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Binkley, and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kemp.

Social Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Harlow N. Davock and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stuart, who have been spending some time in Lake Worth, Fla., expect to return to Birmingham about Mar. 21.

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Church Plans Dinner For St. Patrick's Day

Mrs. C. C. Cross of Berwyn road is chairman of the committee on arrangements for a chicken pie supper to be held at the school hall of Holy Name Church Saturday evening in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The dining room will open at 6 p. m.

Assisting Mrs. Cross are Mrs. Henry Bruce, Mrs. W. W. Dean, Mrs. Foley A. Swaney, Mrs. Frank J. Mulholland, Mrs. James F. Partlan, Mrs. Charles O'Connor, Mrs. H. M. Stillman, the Misses Edna Connolly, Mrs. Michael Collins, Mrs. Daniel Robertson, Mrs. Henry Kothe and Mrs. F. A. Doran.

A program of entertainment will follow the dinner.

Persia Will Be Theme Of Doctor's Talk At Church

An address on Persia by Dr. Hartman A. Lichtwardt of the American Christian Hospital in Meshek, Paris, will constitute the program following a baked-bean supper to be given by the Women's Union of the Presbyterian Church at the church next Wednesday.

Mrs. F. H. Mellinger is chairman of arrangements. Assisting her will be Mrs. L. B. Billings and Mrs. K. B. Olsen. Mrs. E. W. Seaborn will be in charge of the sale of tickets.

Mrs. John P. Wood of George street returned Sunday from Saginaw where she was the guest of her mother, Mrs. E. W. Schurz, for a week.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Written For Central Press and The Birmingham Eccentric By E. V. SHEPARD FAMOUS BRIDGE TEACHER

A Perfect 3-Bid

I have no idea who originated an opening bid of three of a suit, to show a hand which could be supported for game, without asking normal trump support. The opener, or requiring him to win a side trick, I taught the bid in 1926, but it is the strongest. The proper hand for making such an opening bid did not appear once in months. I audited and missed upon the bid dozens of times to one occasion when the bid was legitimate.

♠ 8 5 3
♥ A 7 6 3
♦ 9 5 3 2
♣ A

♠ 6
♥ Q J 10 9
♦ 10 9 7
♣ 6 5 3

♠ A K Q J 10 7 4 2
♥ K 5
♦ A K
♣ A

The opening bidder cares nothing about partner's distribution. All that the opening bidder wants is information concerning partner's Ace holding.

Only two responses are allowed bid opening bidder's partner: he must bid the suit containing the lowest ranking Ace, if he has one or more Aces; otherwise the opening bidder's partner must shift to 3-No Trumps, to show an aceless hand. If the opening bidder's partner shows his only Ace, he may not rebid that suit in case he holds the K of the same suit. The responding hand shows only Aces.

The opening bidder is dictator. He does not show Aces, as is done when an opening bid of two is made. He may, however, show a weak suit, asking partner to choose between the long suits.

A revival of the three-bid came in 1922, recently saw the following ideal hand dealt by South, and opened with a bid of the 3-Spades.

South counted in certain tricks in his own hand. If partner held the Ace of hearts 6-odd could be won. In case partner held the Ace of clubs 5-odd must be made, with even chances for winning an added trick. In case partner held both missing Aces (for which there were two in 19 chances) a grand slam was assured.

Bidding went: South, 3-Spades; North, 4-Clubs; South, 5-Spades, knowing at the worst he was good for all except two tricks; North, 6-Hearts; South, 7-Spades.

Of course South had only to spread his hand for the grand slam after an opening lead of the K of clubs.

The bidding has not been perfected as is the case with feature showing following an opening two bid or when partner demands feature showing, but some holdings obtain perfect results with the opening bid of three.

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