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GROUP TO ATTEND STATE CONVENTION

Local Branch To Be Well Represented At Detroit Conference

A representative group of Birmingham women are planning to attend the annual state convention of the Needlework Guild, which will be held Friday in Detroit at the Book Cadillac Hotel.

In addition to officers and members of the board of the Birmingham Branch of the Guild, others who will attend are Mrs. H. P. Gahm, Mrs. W. T. Elliott, Mrs. W. A. P. John, Mrs. E. W. Seaholm, Mrs. Clyde Wood, Mrs. N. A. Finch, Mrs. A. J. Neerken, and Mrs. Guy E. Parker.

One of the highlights of the day will be a tea honoring Mrs. Truman H. Newberry, honorary national president, and state chairman of Michigan and Florida. Mrs. Frank Brooks, Mrs. Newberry's daughter, will be the official hostess, representing the Detroit Branch of which she is chairman.

Garden Units Send Delegates South To Convention

The Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills units of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association will be adequately represented at the annual convention of the national association in Charlottesville, Va., May fourth to sixth inclusive.

Mrs. Harry Denyes of Suffield road, a member of the Birmingham unit, will attend as a member of the national board of directors. Mrs. Frank E. Newell, who is spending some time visiting in Charlottesville, will represent the Birmingham unit.

Mrs. W. D. Thompson and Mrs. Frederick J. Robinson will leave Sunday to motor down to the convention, representing the Bloomfield Hills unit.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Todd of Pierce street celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary Sunday, at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Todd. Mr. and Mrs. Todd received as a gift 50 American Beauty roses to mark the day. Guests from out-of-town included Mr. and Mrs. E. Coler, Miss Myrtle Barse and James Rupert of Caro, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. George F. Pulford of Detroit.

Heads Flower Booth

Mrs. Donald T. Stanton

The second annual Flower Festival sponsored by the League of St. James' Women is the next event of magnitude on the spring calendar. The date selected for the affair is Saturday, May 23, at the Parish House on West Maple avenue.

The Festival promises to be all that the name implies, with a display of flowers and plants as the largest exhibit, of which Mrs. Donald T. Stanton is in charge.

Mrs. G. C. McKay is general chairman. Features of the Festival will include a white elephant booth, of which Mrs. Kenneth Heidenbrand is chairman; a fortune-telling booth, with Mrs. L. A. Farquhar in charge, and a booth for garden novelties under the supervision of Mrs. Edward M. Smith, Jr. Mrs. Walter Giles has been appointed chairman of the bake sale to be held in connection with the Festival.

Mrs. Arthur J. Underwood of Williamsburg road has returned from an Eastern trip when she was a guest at Buckhill Falls, Pa., and at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Barthel of Newark, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Underwood entertained 16 guests at a cocktail party Saturday evening before the dance at Orchard Lake Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Nachtrieb, who moved recently to Rochester, Mich., had as their guests at dinner and bridge Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard L. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wragge, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton E. Sears, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Friel of Pleasant Ridge.

'Front Page' Adds Another Laurel To Players' Crown

By Marjorie Elaine Porter

The Village Players added another laurel to their crown of victory, Friday and Saturday evenings with a very fine presentation of "Front Page," a three act play of newspaper life by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur. It also marked the annual public performance of the Players and was given on both evenings before capacity houses.

Judging the play by the best standards of amateur productions, it was a uniformly good show. It was well cast, well directed, and moved along at a fairly good speed.

"Front Page" is no love story. It is a frank exposé of the nether side of politics and the newspaper men, who, quite its principal roles, are no hero for purity, nor could their life be recommended as reading for the young.

Altogether, it is a fast moving vehicle. There is plenty of action and through it all runs hardboiled lines that provoke much humor, the sort of humor one is likely to hear in any newspaper along the dock.

As newspaper men, special mention should be made of the performances of Loren T. Richinson as Jimmy Murphy of the Journal, Dr. J. E. Hilfinger, Bensinger, aesthetic part of the Tribune, Donald S. Bell as Endicott of the Post, Fred D. Farrar as Krueger of the Journal of Commerce, Dr. John E. Hollister as Schwartz of the Daily News, Ed Rizzani, Arthur Lee, Mayor of the City News Bureau, and George D. Miller as Jack Wilson of the American.

Warren Peace, Jr., was winning and irresponsible Hildy Johnson. Mrs. John H. Goodell, playing opposite as Peggy Grant, the girl with whom marriage meant goodbye to the newspaper world for Hildy, cast her lot with spirit and naivette. Mrs. Clifford H. Ranney, as Peggy's mother, gave an amusing performance of outraged dignity. Mrs. Charles J. Shea was sad and ludicrous as Mrs. Hermie Schlosser, on the trail of the elusive Hermie, who lost himself in a fog of inebriation on the day of execution.

D. S. Hastreiter was particularly well cast as Walter Burns, dominating managing editor of the Herald-Examiner. Walter Herd, with a Wooden shoe, who couldn't sell his theories on crime cure to the press, made his role amusing and true to type. Dr. James Howell in the part of Sheriff, gave the audience many a well-deserved laugh.

Rolfe C. Spinning as the condemned man, Williams, won the sympathy of the audience, as a pawn in the political game making a stand with his back to the wall. Mrs. W. Carleton Scott, depicted Molly Malloy, sweetheart of Williams, a role not so easy to portray, and gave a good performance.

Mrs. Eddy was a certain and liberal Polish who directed in a convincing manner the many foreign characters. Charles J. Shea appeared as the unscrupulous lawyer, determined at any cost to save the soul of his client, Williams, a role well portrayed by Edward S. Reed, Jr. Ward W. Badger, Clifford H. Eastman, and Mrs. A. W. Lee, Jr., had minor parts.

Altogether, it was a well-rounded, well-presented, Outstanding among the performances were the splendid work of Mrs. Ranney, Mrs. Goodell, Mrs. Hastreiter and Dr. Hastreiter.

In choosing members of the cast, it also should be stated that Director George M. Brazell, and his assistant, Mrs. Spinning, There was a plenty of pep, pause and enthusiasm in a very good, lively show, well performed.

Calendar
OF COMING EVENTS

Today: Family night dinner, Community House. Meeting Birmingham Business Women's Club.

Friday, May 1: Folk dancing class, Community House, 2:30 p. m. All-day meeting Oakland County Federation Women's Clubs, Community House. May Gold dance, Community House. Annual Legion card party, Legion Home.

Saturday, May 2: Tap dancing class, Community House, 9:30 a. m. Benefit dance for Home for Student Committee.

Sunday, May 3: Men's Forum, Community House, 10:30 a. m.

Monday, May 4: Edna Barrie Sewing group, Community House, 11 a. m. Duplicate bridge group, Community House. Alfred Youth meeting, Community House.

Tuesday, May 5: Birmingham Woman's Club, Baldwin Public Library, joint meeting service clubs, Community House. Dinner for Property Owners, Division, Community House. Dinner for Y. M. C. A. camp trustees, Community House.

Thursday, May 7: Family night dinner, Community House.

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Fashion Tips

The bridal trousseau is now the big question of the season, what with June only a few weeks in the distance. There are so many frocks to be planned and selected, there are hose and gloves to match and one-thousand-and-one details to look after.

First there is the bridal gown to consider, and those of the bride's attendants. As pink is the color expressive of joy, why not a pink wedding gown? Here's an idea!

A young American designer has created a lovely wedding gown of delicate pink lace for the spring bride. The bridesmaids' costumes are also of lace in a slightly deeper shade, and having bell shaped skirts. The wedding veil is of the same colored lace as the bride's dress.

There will be many informal occasions when the bride will need a captivating hostess gown. Fashion decrees that:

Taffeta is the choice for the hostess gown, when one receives at little tea or cocktail parties. Such dresses are very feminine and look like fancy costumes. Sometimes a dress requires twenty yards of material.

Her hats must be smart, so the bride-elect is interested in news about them:

The derby hat is gaining in popularity. For a while it looked as though the Homburg style would continue to be the leader for tailored women.

For a dash of color:

With the black sheer crepe, a bright colored jabot scarf and a knotted sash at the side is extremely smart.

Voiles that do not crease, linens that do not crush.

A new voile which has been processed to keep it from creasing is on the market. Crease resisting linen in new printed designs will also be a popular material for summer frocks.

Here is a good rule to remember:

Two of the four must match but not all four. It must be hats and gloves, shoes and bags, or gloves and bags.

Gloves fasten on the back of the hand.

Many of the new gloves fasten on the back of the hand. Others are short, fastened with only one button.

This hint should prove valuable:

A new silk elastic tape is the very thing to sew under those seams that have a way of pulling loose.

You will want to know the correct shade of hose to wear with navy blue:

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