News of Social and Personal Interest

BENEFIT WILL AID HOUSE PIANO FUND

Birmingham Musicale Plans Two Dessert Bridge Parties For February 25

A special gift benefit to aid in making payments on the Community House piano, is the present social project for which the Birmingham Musicale is formulating plans. As an innovation, the benefit will be a dessert bridge divided into two parties to be held simultaneously at the homes of Mrs. George R. Averill of Rivenoak road and Mrs. Charles J. O'Connor of Avon Lane, Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 1 p. m.

Mrs. F. H. Mellinger is the general chairman in charge of arrangements. Mrs. D. L. Tate will be the assisting hostess at the home of Mrs. O'Connor, and Mrs. H. G. Wood will assist Mrs. Averill. In addition to bridge, there will be brief musical programs, of which Mrs. William Lloyd Kemp is in charge.

Mrs. Gerald J. McMechan and Mrs. M. R. Mead are in charge of the sale of tickets, with assisting committees.

In addition to a contribution to the Community House for the piano fund, proceeds will be used also for a scholarship to Interlochen, the national music camp near Traverse City.

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Birmingham Artist Offers Gift To Michigan Leagne

Painting By Mrs. Alice Thurber To Remain In Permanent Collention

The work of a Birmingham artist, Mrs. Alice H. Thurber of Oak street, will hang in the Michigan League Building in Ann Arbor, as a permanent tribute from a former student, when the gift offered by Mrs. Thurber is officially accepted by the League.

Mrs. Thurber, an alumna of the University, is widely known throughout the State as one of Michigan's most progressive women painters. As a member of the Birmingham unit of the League, Mrs. Thurber was one of a local delegation to attend a meeting of the Council of the League held Friday in Ann Arbor for the discussion of collegiate affairs.

The offer of the oil painting was announced at the luncheon, a feature of the event, by Mrs. F. F. McKinney, also of Birmingham who presented Mrs. Thurber as the artist and donor of the gift.

League executives will be given an opportunity to select the painting they consider most appropriate from a group of three offered by Mrs. Thurber, and which will remain as a temporary exhibit in the League Building, until a choice has been made.

The three oil paintings include "Pussywillows," which was hung in the recent show held by the Women Painters' Society at the Scarab Club in Detroit; another still-life, showing tulips, hung in the annual exhibit of the Michigan Artists', and one recently completed, "Tulips in a Blue Bowl." When a selection has been made, the one favored will be hung in the permanent collection of the League Building.

Mrs. Thurber is a member of the Women Painters' Society, the art department of the Birmingham Woman's Club, and in 1930 was elected to membership in the Academy of Science, Arts and Letters, a national honor society. She has been a life-long resident of Birmingham and is the wife of Thomas L. Thurber.

Besides Mrs. Thurber and Mrs. McKinney, other members of the Birmingham unit attending the Council meeting were, Mrs. H. F. Halladay, Mrs. Loren T. Robinson, Mrs. Rolfe C. Spinning, and Mrs. Cecil McCallum. Mrs. Halladay discussed proposed changes in rushing rules at the morning session of the Council.

Mrs. Thurber

SOCIETY NEWS

To facilitate the handling of society copy on Wednesday, reports of social and club news should be telephoned to the Eccentric office MONDAY or TUESDAY. The late rush of telephone calls on Wednesday makes the handling of copy increasingly difficult. Late news may be telephoned to the society editor up to 11 o'clock Wednesday morning.

MUSICALE HOST AT RECITAL AND TEA

Winifred Huntoon Heidt Heard In Italian And Old English Repertory

Modern Italian and English ballads of the 18th century were combined in a delightful song recital given by Winifred Huntoon Heidt, mezzo soprano, at a program and tea at which members of the Birmingham Musicale were hosts at the Community House Tuesday afternoon. Assisting Miss Heidt as both accompanist and soloist, was Miss Ruth Russell Sears, pianist.

The program opened with a modern Italian group including "Stornellata Marinara" by Cimara and "Ah, mai non Cessate" by Donaudy, sung by Mrs. Heidt. A group of piano solos, by Miss Sears, followed, including "Prelude from Carnival Suite" by Schutt, "Prelude in E minor" by Chasins, and "Prelude in E minor" by MacDowell.

Mrs. Heidt's next group included "The Sea" by MacDowell, "The Fisher's Widow" by Clara Edwards and "Tarantella" by Jean Boyd. Airs from the opera "Alceste" will be played as piano solos by Miss Sears.

The second part of the program was dedicated to 18th century ballads, and was sung by Mrs. Heidt in a quaint and picturesque costume typical of the period. It included the old ballad, "My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair" by Haydn, "Love Me or Not" by Secchi, "When Love is Kind" from the poem by Thomas Moore, and the "Second Minuet," arranged by A. F. Beasly.

The program was one of the most enjoyable presented by the Musicale, and the selections were light and in harmony with the mood of the occasion. Mrs. Heidt was formerly of Birmingham, and is a graduate of Baldwin High School.

For the tea that followed, the table was arranged with a unique centerpiece formed of paper dolls dressed in red and white, gathered round a large white taper. Red and white predominated in the decorations, with crystal candelabra and red and white tapers. Pouring were Mrs. Gerald J. McMechan, Mrs. D. L. Tate and Mrs. Frederick W. Boynton.

Male Chorus Pians Concert

Frederick A. Protheroe is director of the MacDowell Male Chorus of Pontiac, which will give a concert in Pontiac Feb. 28. Thelma von Eisenhauer, soprano soloist of the Metropolitan M. E. church of Detroit will be the soloist. Oscar Schmidt is accompanist for the club.

Club Notes

New officers for the year recently elected by the Coronet Club, are: Marjorie Adams, president; Frances Ann Morley, vice-president; Betty Sage, treasurer; Katherine Wygant, secretary and Harriet Babcock, parliamentarian. The club is planning as its next social event, a dance to be held Feb. 22.

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The Present Day Club will hold a patriotic meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Frank Macaskill on Chapin street. The leaders will be Mrs. Floyd Krause and Mrs. Percy Parkins.

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The Missionary B Group of the Woman's Union of the Presbyterian church will hold its annual meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. J. P. McConkie of Larchlea drive.

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The Friendly Group of the M. E. church will meet Thursday, Feb. 20, at the home of Mrs. Luther Heacock of Ann street for a silver tea.

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The Ladies Aid Society of the Embury M. E. church will meet today at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Victor Ogden of Smith street.

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The Birmingham Scots will hold a dance Friday evening, Feb. 21, at the Masonic Temple.

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The Birmingham Rebekahs will hold a yard party at the Pythian Hall this evening at 8 p. m. Mrs. S. H. Wilkinson and Mrs. Bert Fourniere will be in charge. The public is invited.

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Mrs. F. Morse Cooke of Poppleton avenue will entertain the Rotary Anns Monday at luncheon at 1 p. m. Assisting her as hostesses will be Mrs. Forbes S. Hascall and Mrs. Harry Bisaet. An interesting program has been planned.

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The Parent Teacher Association of Barnum School will give a dinner for parents at the school Thursday, Feb. 20 a 6:30 p. m. Walter T. Elliott will speak on "Retail Credit." Mrs. Norman Porter and Mrs. Herbert Roberts will be in charge of arrangements.

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The Birmingham League of Catholic Women will give an evening card party Wednesday in the Mary Griffith Lounge of the Community House. Thirty tables have been reserved so far. Each one taking a table will act as host in providing refreshments for the table. Both table and door prizes will be offered.

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The chorus group of the Birmingham Musicale will begin rehearsals at the Community House today.

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The monthly meeting of St. Margaret's Guild of St. James' Episcopal church will be held Tuesday in the Parish House beginning with luncheon at 1 p. m., and followed by a business session.

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The Birmingham Eastern Star will hold a school of instruction Wednesday at the Masonic Temple, to be given by Mrs. Grace Catterfelt of Flint at 8 p. m. It will be preceded by a pot-luck supper at 6:30 p. m.

HILLS CLUB HOLDS FORMAL AT BOOK

Orchard Lake Members To Dine And Dance At Winter Fete

Orchard Lake Country Club members and their guests will gather at the Book Cadillac Hotel Saturday for their fidwinter formal, which will be a dinner dance this year, beginning with cocktails in the Normandy room of the hotel at 7 o'clock.

Among those joining Birmingham groups for the dinner will be Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Strelinger, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Peters and Mr. and Mrs. Evan J. Parker, who will be in the same party. Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hitchcock and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Read. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McLean will have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Newcomb, III, have invited Mr. and Mrs. Ward Culver to be their guests. In another group will be Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Humbert, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Merris and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robbins.

Included in a party with Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Robbins will be Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Friedel, Mr. and Mrs. Harris S. Currier, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mercill. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hitchcock and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Boydell will join another group. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Torrence have also made reservations.

Dinner and dancing will be in the crystal ball room. Ray Gorrell's orchestra will provide music for the dancing and entertainers from the Mayfair Room will stage a floor show. Sheldon R. Noble is general chairman of arrangements.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Henderson of Southfield road will be hosts at a St. Valentine's dinner party Friday evening. Their guests will include Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Lay Belle, Mr. and Mrs. Newton F. Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Neerken, Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Parker, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davis of Detroit.

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Miss Betty Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde J. Myers of Yorkshire road, will leave Sunday for Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where she will be the guest of Mrs. Eugene Smith, Jr., and her daughter, Betty, and son, Eugene, III.

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Mrs. Harry R. Cooley of Glengary road and Mrs. Derwood B. Gamble of Tottenham drive will be joint hostesses at a pot-luck luncheon at Mrs. Cooley's home Tuesday before the bridge tea at the Community House, sponsored by Piety Hill Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Their guests will include Mrs. Hiram Perry Holmes, Mrs. T. W. Eustis, Mrs. N. T. Shaw, Mrs. Thomas Cobb, Mrs. Harry D. Wise, and Mrs. Leslie C. Allman.

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Mrs. Lester L. Colbert, and her son, Lester Jr., of Glenhurst drive left Wednesday for a sojourn at Miami Beach, Fla.

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Mrs. R. W. Thomas and her son, Bobby, of Suffield road will leave next Sunday for Oklahoma City, where they will be the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Housel, for a month's visit.

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Mrs. Donald T. Stanton of Moheegan drive was hostess at a dessert bridge Tuesday for the Birmingham alumnae group of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. Her guests included Mrs. Walter F. Herdrich, Mrs. Russell Barnes, Mrs. Rufus Jones, Mrs. David Walter Lee, Mrs. Charles E. Lewis, Mrs. Raymond G. Bower, Mrs. Clarence Vliet, Mrs. Arthur J. Underwood, Mrs. Atwood B. Ostmann, Mrs. C. G. Heinmiller, Mrs. H. B. Stubbs, Mrs. S. John Pyle, and Mrs. R. B. Gripman and Mrs. Percy Johnson of Pleasant Ridge.

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Mrs. D. S. Hastreiter of Abbey road was hostess to the Poppy Club at luncheon Monday.

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Mrs. H. S. Burlingame of Lake Park drive will entertain three tables at luncheon and bridge Friday at her home. Her guests will be Mrs. A. J. Genung, Mrs. W. H. Knowles, Mrs. Frank J. Denney, Mrs. Angus D. McLay, Mrs. Newton F. Hadley, Mrs. C. F. Dye, Mrs. H. A. Berry of Pleasant Ridge, and Mrs. Miles Ham and Mrs. Donald Heidt of Detroit, and Mrs. Roscoe Betz and Mrs. Jerome Thomas, both of Toledo.

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Mrs. L. B. Billings of Lakeview drive had as her guests for luncheon and bridge Wednesday, Mrs. D. W. Russell, Mrs. Walter T. Elliott, Mrs. Richard H. Kalbfus, Mrs. H. Stanley Ford, Mrs. William T. Cushing and Mrs. Leonard E. Brown.

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The birthday anniversaries of Mrs. George T. Hendrie of Willits street and Edward L. Bryant of Ann Arbor, formerly of Birmingham, were observed by a group of friends at a small gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hendrie, Wednesday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Bryant motored over to be their guests.

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Mrs. John F. Hollister of the Fox and Hounds will be hostess Friday at an informal tea, including as her guests, Mrs. Louis J. Giffels, Mrs. Edward Brehm, Mrs. Robert F. Tillotson, Mrs. Paul Neal Averill, Mrs. Sidney A. Wells, Mrs. S. James Duncan, and Mrs. J. P. Knissen of Shirley drive. Dr. and Mrs. Hollister will entertain a group of friends at a cocktail party before the Village Players' performance Feb. 29, later dining at the Kingston. In the party will be

Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Reid, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neal Averill, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pease, Jr., and Dr. J. B. Hassberger.

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Mrs. E. Reed Hunt and her small daughter, Mary Anne, of Hawthorne road left Wednesday for Lansing to attend the wedding of Mrs. Hunt's sister, Miss Allison Sloan to Allen Cleveland of Columbus, O. Mrs. Hunt and her daughter plan to remain in Lansing for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Sloan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Wheeler Baker of Detroit, formerly of Birmingham, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Angus D. McLay of Wimbleton drive.

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Mrs. P. B. Hoffman of Oxford drive entertained a group of friends at luncheon Monday, honoring Mrs. Alfred Hayes, who is a guest at the home of E. A. Schirmer of Oxford drive.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Laurance Shaffner of Wimbleton drive were hosts at a subscription dinner at their home before the Village Players' dance Saturday evening. Those in the group were besides Mr. and Mrs. Shaffner, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brandt, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford H. Ranney, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison J. Stringham, Mrs. W. A. P. John, Nicholas Hagerman, Mrs. Stowe D. Baldwin, C. Earle Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Myers.

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Mrs. Charles S. Kinnison of Hawthorne road entertained her bridge group for luncheon last Thursday at Devon Gables. Her guests were Mrs. Robert Allen, Mrs. Robert W. Chissus, Mrs. Guy Jensen, Mrs. Leo Billings, Mrs. H. F. Gahm, Mrs. Earl G. Potter, and Mrs. E. S. Barden. Charles G. Kinnison, who attends the University of Michigan, arrived home Tuesday to spend the mid-semester vacation with his parents.

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Mr. and Mrs. John F. Reeder formerly of Westwood drive moved last Thursday to their new home at 815 Puritan road.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Girard of Hawthorne road left last Thursday for a sojourn at Naples, Fla. They also plan to spend a week of their southern visit at Miami Beach.

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