Society and Personal Notes

PRESIDENT RESIGNS OFFICE IN LEAGUE

Mrs. Forbes Hascall Relinquishes Duties As Executive for Women Voters

Mrs. Forbes S. Hascall resigned as president of the Birmingham League of Women Voters at a meeting of the Board of Directors held Monday at the Community House. Mrs. Hascall gave ill health as the reason for her resignation.

No action was taken at the meeting, according to Mrs. William H. Jackson, second vice-president, who explained that as the resignation came as a "surprise" to the members, they were unprepared to act. It is probable that Mrs. Hascall's resignation will be accepted at the next meeting of the board on Feb. 10, and that the question of holding an election to name Mrs. Hascall's successor, will be considered at that time, Mrs. Jackson said.

In the interim the League will function under the direction of the two vice-presidents, Mrs. Angus D. McLay and Mrs. Jackson.

Mrs. Paul L. Penfield will be in charge of the meeting to be held Friday evening at the home of Mrs. McLay on Wimbleton drive, when Dr. Lent D. Upson of the Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research, will be the speaker. Dr. Upson will discuss the merits of the Civil Service System as applied to state offices.

Mrs. Penfield will be assisted by Mrs. L. A. Farquhar and Mrs. Draper Allen. Presiding at the tea table will be Mrs. Dorathy G. Roosevelt and Mrs. Forbes S. Hascall.

Gizi Szanto to Appear In Benefit Recital

Mme. Gizi Zzanto, Detroit pianist, who will be remembered by Birmingham music lovers for her appearance here a year ago under auspices of the Birmingham Musicale, will give a benefit recital Friday at 8:30 p. m. in the ballroom of the Hotel Statler. The program will include compositions by Bach, Brahms, Chopin, Mendelssohn, Debussy, Ernest Hutcheson and Ernesto Lecuona. Mme. Szanto will also play Isidor Phillipp's arrangement of Leonardo Vinci's Largo and a composition of her own, "The Mountain Brook."

The recital will be given under auspices of the Detroit Conservatory of Music, and proceeds will be used to establish a scholarship fund for talented students in need of financial aid.

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Mrs. Thomas L. Jaques of Hampton Bays, L. I., will leave Friday after an extended visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam M. Garber of Bloomfield Village. Mrs. W. S. Gilbreath, Jr., of Puritan road invited a few friends for tea for Mrs. Jaques Wednesday afternoon, and Mrs. Clyde Hagerman of Ravine road has also asked a small group of Mrs. Jaques' friends for tea this afternoon.

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Midwinter Institute Held By 17th District W.C.T.U.

Representatives from the 30 units which comprise the 17th District, W. C. T. U., met at the First Baptist church Tuesday to attend the Midwinter Institute, which convened at 10 a. m. and closed at 3 p. m. The Institute was conducted by Mrs. Elizabeth Irwin of Redford, president of the District. Mrs. John Vermeman of Pontiac led the devotions.

Constructive uses of alcohol in medical and commercial fields, as opposed to the destructive effects of alcohol on the human body, formed the subject of an interesting address by Mrs. Anna Surline, State Medical Director, and president of the Detroit Federation, W. C. T. U., at the morning session. Mrs. Surline illustrated her talk with charts showing both constructive and destructive results in the uses of alcohol.

Methods of giving temperance instruction to boys and girls were explained by Mrs. Sadie Patton, vice-president and director of scientific education and temperance instruction of the 17th District, and vice-president of the Pontiac Union. Mrs. Patton demonstrated how posters may be used to aid temperance instruction in an educational campaign.

The importance of definite instruction for total abstinence was stressed by Mrs. Mary Kenworthy of Leonard, Sunday School director of the 17th district. Mrs. Kenworthy outlined plans to be followed in the churches and by Sunday School superintendents.

Mrs. F. E. Stalter of Pontiac, motion picture director of the 17th district, opened the afternoon session urging support of legislative measures that oppose block booking of motion pictures. Mrs. Harriett Dickinson, director of citizenship, spoke on the Constitution, emphasizing the importance of its preservation.

Mrs. John Sargent of Troy, director of the Flower Mission, spoke informally of the work accomplished in her department. In the declamation contest conducted by Mrs. David Kilpatric of Troy, director of the medal contest, and Mrs. Florence Cole of Leonard, the medal was awarded to Eunice King of Leonard.

The Institute closed with a talk on publicity methods by Mrs. David Wells of Pontiac, chairman of the department of press and publicity. Members of the Institute voted to hold meetings semi-annually instead of annually as in the past.

Officers Installed At Recent Ceremony

Pride of Oakland, Rebekah Lodge No. 445 is beginning the new year with officers installed at a recent ceremony, when Mrs. Louis Nixon was the installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Ross Adams.

Mrs. H. B. Barrett was installed as Noble Grand, Mrs. Melissa Lawson, as Vice Grand; Mrs. T. C. Hoteling as recording secretary; Mrs. Carrie Harris, financial secretary; Mrs. William Groom, treasurer; Mrs. S. H. Wilkinson, warden; Mrs. Bert Foraker, conductor; Mrs. Nixon, right supporter to the Noble Grand; Mrs. D. R. Wilkinson, left supporter to the Noble Grand; Mrs. George Dawson, right supporter to the vice-grand; Miss Mattie Nixon, left supporter to the vice-grand.

Mrs. William Gilbert is the inside guardian, Miss Hazel Durant is the outside guardian, Mrs. E. C. McQuater is the chaplain and Mrs. Christopher Bailey is the musician.

St. James' League To Hold Games Party

Mrs. F. W. Boynton is chairman in charge of arrangements for a games party to be given by the League of St. James' Women at the Parish House Tuesday, Jan. 28. Bridge and bunco will be played during the evening, and will be followed by a buffet supper.

Mrs. D. S. Hastreiter is chairman of the ticket committee, and Mrs. Donald Bay will be in charge of the supper committee. St. Margaret's Guild of St. James' Church will hold its annual luncheon and election of officeres Tuesday at the home of Mrs. L. N. Pyle on Euclid avenue.

Club Notes

Mrs. Charles E. James of Kennesaw road will be hostess to the Rotary Anns at their luncheon meeting to be held Monday at 1 p. m. Assisting the hostess will be Mrs. John Maynard and Mrs. Edward H. Laird. Mrs. Royce L. Beers, director of the class in Intelligent Buying sponsored by the Birmingham Branch of the American Association of University Women, will be the speaker.

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Mrs. Victor Longfield, former missionary in the Belgian Congo, will speak at the Woman's Missionary Society Thank Offering Service Sunday at the First Methodist Church at 11 a. m. Mrs. Longfield's subject will be "Africa Needs Bullets or Brotherhood?"

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The January meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, was held Monday at the Hospital. Sewing meetings will be resumed each Monday at the Hospital beginning Jan. 20 with a cooperative luncheon at noon.

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The Woman's Society of the First Methodist church will sponsor a birthday luncheon to be held at the church Wednesday, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Queen Esther Circle of the National Woman's Home Missionary Society. All women and girls of the church are invited to attend the luncheon.

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The Poppleton Civic Club of the Poppleton School on the Big Beaver road will sponsor a jubilee bunco party and box social in the school at 8 p. m., Fridya. Prizes will be awarded. Invitation is extended to the public.

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The O. E. S. Sewing Circle will meet Wednesday at the Masonic Temple at 2 p. m. All O. E. S. members are invited.

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The Pythian Sisters will conduct a baked goods sale Saturday at the A. and P. grocery on East Maple avenue.

Calendar
OF COMING EVENTS

Today: Family dinner, Community House. Tea by Birmingham Musicale at home of Mrs. Louis B. Sappington of Arlington drive. Junior Red Cross meeting, Community House, 2 p. m. Meeting Saturday Night Dance Committee, Community House. Meeting Travel Club, Community House.

Friday, Jan. 17: Baptist Christian Endeavor Meeting, Community House. Lathrop Citizenship League, Community House, 8 p. m.

Saturday, Jan 18: Young Peoples' Dance, Community House.

Sunday, Jan. 19: Methodist Men's Forum, Community House, 10 a. m.

Monday, Jan. 20: Edna Barnes Sewing Group, Community House, 10 a. m. League Women Voters Study Groups, Community House 2 p. m. Starr Commonwealth Bridge Benefit, Community House. Meeting Veterans Foreign Wars, Community House 7:30, Y. M. C. A. board dinner, Community House.

Tuesday, Jan. 21: Meeting class in international relations, Community House, 10 a. m. Departmental meetings, Birmingham Woman's Clubs, homes of members.

Wednesday, Jan. 22: Girl Reserves, Community House 4 p. m. Meeting Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Community House, 7:30 p. m.

Thursday, Jan. 23: Family dinner, Community House. Meeting of the Birmingham Business Women's Club, Community House. Meeting of the Travel Club, Community House.

Social Briefs

Members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Valentine of Worth street gathered at their home last Thursday for an informal surprise party in honor of Mr. Valentine's 81st birthday. Those at the family dinner included Mr. and Mrs. William E. Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Eckley of Romeo, Mrs. Mabel Malosh of Detroit and Mrs. Julia Youngs of Toledo.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elis L. Larson of Madison avenue had as their guests at an informal supper party Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cushing, Mr. and Mrs. Y. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Westcott, and Mr and Mrs. A. J. Bruce of Milford. Mr. and Mrs. Larson and their family will leave Birmingham Feb. 1, to make their home in Wilmette, Ill.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Curtis and their sons, Charles Bradford and Edgar, Jr., of Lone Pine road and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wolfe and their children, Diana and Harold, Jr., of Orchard Ridge road will leave Saturday by motor for Lake Worth, Fla. Mr. Curtis and Mr. Wolfe will return March 1, but Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Wolfe will remain with the children until early in April or May.

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Mrs. Leslie C. Allman of Hupp Cross road will have as her guests at luncheon and bridge today, Mrs. Harold J. Thompson, Mrs. Benjamin H. Anibal, Mrs. C. B. Rumble, Mrs. H. D. Wise, Mrs. D. C. Van Pelt, Mrs. W. E. Brewster and Mrs. Harry Vaughn.

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Mrs. Webster H. Taylor of Pilgrim road was hostess at luncheon and bridge Wednesday for a group including Mrs. George Howard Fox, Mrs. Irving B. Babcock, Mrs. William C. Salisbury, Mrs. Donald Bay, Mrs. C. L. O'Rourke, Mrs. Carl Rupp and Mrs. Thomas R. Walton.

Something Fishy

Passer-by: What are you fishing for?

Boy: Sharks.

Passer-by: Sharks? You know there are no sharks here.

Boy: Sure. But there are no fish, either, so I'd just as soon not catch sharks as not catch fish.

MRS. ORMOND HOST TO MUSIC GROUP

New Board Named To Direct Oratorio Society For Coming Year

The Birmingham Oratorio Society will begin a year combining musical and social activities with an informal gathering Monday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. John K. Ormond of Waddington road. Mrs. Ormond is the new president of the Society, with Mrs. Raymond Peck as secretary, and William Spence, treasurer.

Other members of the new executive board are Y. C. Smith, Robert Whitlatch, and Mrs. Byron McNellis. Mr. Spence will head the finance committee, assisted by Mr. Whitlatch and Mrs. Charles W. Crandell.

Mrs. Howard D. Ritter is chairman of the music committee, which also includes Mrs. Frederick A. Proctorer and Victor L. Peck.

The first musical appearance of the Society in 1936, will be on Sunday, Feb. 16, when members will sing at a Union Service in the First Presbyterian church.

The Society has changed its former policy of giving an oratorio annually, and will be heard several times throughout the year. There will also be social gatherings for the members.

Teachers Are Hosts At Afternoon Mixer

An informal mixer to give teachers in the Birmingham schools an opportunity to become better acquainted was held at Baldwin High School Wednesday afternoon, under auspices of the education committee of the Birmingham Teachers Club.

Members of the board of education and their wives were guests of the club, and intitation was also extended to every Birmingham teacher. Mrs. Charles W. Crandell and Mrs. Earl G. Potter poured for the guests.

Members of the education committee, are Mrs. Wynn Easterday, Mrs. Della Wilson, Miss Merle Taylor, Miss Dorothy Allen, Miss Helen Swanson, Miss Magdoline Frederick and Mrs. Ethel Waterman.

Blowfish—So you want after that job, did you? I thought you believed that the office should seek the man.

Bluewater—I do. But this is an extra fat job and I was afraid it might get winded before it reached me.

MASTERING BRIDGE (40)

BEGINNERS complain most frequently of ignorance of making opening leads. Sooner or later a beginner stumbles across some writer's "Table of Opening Leads," learns it, and afterwards leads almost automatically. Unfortunately, that does not mean that all his opening leads are anywhere near as good as they should be, because most leads in use were devised by the wholly different game of Whist. Doubtless such eminent authorities as Dr. Pole and Professor Whitfeld calculated the best opening leads for Whist, as played in their generation, but that game was too unlike Bridge to ever have justified quoting their Whist advice for students of even Bridge Whist, let alone Auction Bridge, or worse yet, Contract Bridge.

In Whist the last card dealt determined the trump suit. There was no trump make. The dealer might have turned the only card he held of the trump suit. Nobody knew at first which player was strong in trumps. The modern game introduces quite a different situation. First there is a no trump call to consider. Next there is the factor of having the declaring side probably the more powerful in trumps—so the defenders usually cannot expect to exhaust trumps and run off an established suit. Instead, defenders must calculate upon having at best no more than two rounds of a suit before either declarer or dummy can ruff. All deals were played in the old game. Suits strong in the new game means a new deal.

Whist leads often were made with the two-fold purpose of winning high card tricks and establishment of the suit. Contract leads against suit calls are made with the idea of not losing high honors held, only at no trumps does the opening leader expect to establish his long suit against a strong call. There are many and convincing reasons why a great proportion of the old leads that are followed without question are not as good as others possible to discover.

Before taking up ways of improving leads in general use, we will recite a few general rules followed by all trained players. Senior sits at declarers' left and makes the opening lead. If he leads a suit bid by partner it is a "directed lead". If partner has bid and senior opens another suit he makes a "substitute lead". In case partner has not bid a "blind lead" is made. Ordinarily the top of fewer than 4 cards is led when making a directed lead, but against no trumps it is well to hold part of the strength of partner's suit at declarer's left, even if only K-X-X, Q-X-X or even J-X-X are held. Having 4 or more of partner's suit, senior may lead either Ace or K against a trump call, to show who holds such an important card, but otherwise the fourth-best card is led, to better inform partner of the number of the suit held by declarer.

Single Woman Happy With Adopted Children

By GARRY C. MYERS, PH. D.
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A WOMAN writes:

"My dear Dr. Myers: Your syndicated articles have interested me for some years. A year or so ago I was tempted to answer you on whether or not single persons should adopt children. At that time I, an old maid, had made application to an orphans' home for a child. Today I can answer much more intelligently, for I now have in my keeping a little girl who will soon be nine years old and her little brother, who is almost four years of age. I have had them since last December. I suppose the final answer cannot be given until the lapse of 15 or 20 years, but I do know that we are still very happy together.

Dr. Myers

Good Housekeeper Helps

"I have an excellent housekeeper, which fact, of course, makes my having the children possible. I try to care for most of their personal needs, such as helping them dress, bathe, etc. I feel it brings them closer to me by doing so. We have swings, a teeter, and a sandbox in the back yard, which usually is full of children. We have a little black Scottie dog, a yellow Persian cat, a little gray alley kitten, and four goldfish, including Popeye, a telescope fish. My work keeps me from the children during the day, but they are with me constantly when I am home, and I feel that I have a strong hold on them.

"My little folk go to Sunday School and church every Sunday, that colds or measles have not prevented. They are restless, it is true, but on the whole they do fairly well. They are taking the Sunday attendance at church for granted. I am anxious for my experiment to be a success, and I feel that the more contacts they can have with worthwhile things and with people who stand for worthwhile things, the greater the chance of success will be.

"I have also been interested in your articles on spanking. I heartily endorse your ideas of "selective" spanking. When I first got my little boy, he was fearfully disobedient. I presume the adjustment was hard for him. I tried reasoning and explaining, but to no purpose at all. Then I decided to spank. His older sister is held in check by sending her to her room when necessary. She, herself, has arrived at the conclusion that it pays to be good, and The better I am the better Aunt Margaret is to me." On the whole, I think I have a pretty good boy and girl. I am trying to give them all the wholesome good times I can, trying not to be fussy, but trying very hard to raise them to be kind, unselfish and good. So far I am very enthusiastic over my venture and couldn't be persuaded to give it up."

It looks as if my argument went amiss in this case. Of course, this writer undoubtedly is an unusual young woman.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A pamphlet by Dr. Myers may be obtained by sending 10 cents in coin, and a self-addressed envelope stamped with a three-cent stamp, to Dr. Garry C. Myers, in care of this paper. The pamphlet is: "Fear."

Boy (to navy recruiting officer): Do they feed you good in the Navy?

Officer: We have a thousand things to eat.

Boy: What are they?

Officer: Beans!

STAR DUST
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★★★By VIRGINIA VALE★★★

Buck Jones had a grand reunion with his wife and daughter when they arrived in New York from a round-the-world trip. Noah Beery, Jr., joined in; he made the trip east with Buck for the best of reasons—he and Buck's daughter, Maxine, are engaged, you know.

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Another man who'd like to have a reunion with his daughter is Pat O'Brien, who made the trip east for business reasons; his daughter, Maureen, is only eighteen months old, and the O'Briens felt that she was a bit young to go traveling, so she stayed home with her mother, who has a gown shop. O'Brien received a royal welcome, with newspaper photographers and reporters and all the trimmings, but he didn't want to talk about himself. His wife and daughter are his favorite topics of conversation. Or he'll talk about James Cagney—what a swell guy Cagney is, and how much he likes to work with him.

Pat O'Brien.

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Mary Rogers, daughter of the beloved Will, will probably be heard on the air in "Miss Pinkerton," by Mary Roberts Rinehart. A stage career is what she really wants just now, and as she's pretty and talented she'll probably make a success of it.

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Quotation from Charlie Chaplin: "I got most of the things I wanted, but I found out after I got them that I should never have wanted them in the first place." But it's so much easier to feel that way about a thing after you have it!

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"Mutiny on the Bounty" knocked over a lot of records recently; during its fourth week at the Capitol theater, in New York, there were still people standing in line for tickets. A swell picture—but I warn you girls that, if you don't like brutality, you're going to close your eyes through a good part of it.

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RKO is taking bows on the first Lily Pons picture, "I Dream Too Much"—and a grand picture it is. It would be notable, if only for showing an opera star who is young and pretty and has a lovely figure—the kind of opera star you're likely to see in the movies but not in real life, alas! Miss Pons, Grace Moore and Gladys Swarthout are making it pretty hard for the old-fashioned singers who ate everything in sight and then claimed that they had to do it because they needed strength in order to sing.

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There's a new kind of amateur hour on the air, every Tuesday night at 9:30 on WMCA. The amateurs are society folk and once they get started singing, reciting, or what-not, they go right on to the end—this being the only amateur hour that has no song.

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Sally Eilers and Jimmy Dunn are going to work together again, they'll do "Tomorrow Is the Better Day" (and that title's so long that it probably will be changed), and try to make it as successful as "Bad Girl."

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It's rather a shock, after being told for years that Jean Harlow's hair was really platinum blonde, to have everyone concerned come right out in the open and admit that the Harlow locks are really light brown, or "honey brown."

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It used to be fairly easy for a movie star (or near-star) to get an honorary fire badge. Then some of them went in for red lights and sirens on their cars—and now nobody can have an honorary fire badge any more!

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ODDS AND ENDS . . . James Cagney's contract has six months to run, but even now Warner Brothers are talking to him about a new one . . . Kay Francis got here three months early . . . "In Old Kentucky," Will Rogers' last picture, is his best one . . . The Polynesian girl who plays opposite Clark Gable in "Mutiny on the Bounty" is studying law at the University of Southern California . . . Charles Boyer will make one of those French Foreign Legion pictures . . . Since Brian Aherne did "I Live My Life" with Joan Crawford, he's been besieged by autograph seekers . . . Looks very much as if Sylvia Sidney and her bridegroom, who's a publisher, had parted for keeps . . . Pola Negri's still making pictures in England . . . It's being whispered about that some amateur hours are losing their drawing power so far as the listeners are concerned; they still draw amateurs who want to perform!

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