

Society and Clubs

NEW LEADERS FOR YEAR ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Warran Pratt Names Members of Committees At Luncheon

Eight new officers were installed at the annual meeting of the Birmingham Women's Club, held Tuesday afternoon at the Rotunda Inn. Spring flowers were used as the decorative motif and they were placed in low containers along the length of the one long table at which the board of directors were seated. Smaller bouquets centered the other tables about the dining room.

The outgoing president, Mrs. John S. Black was presented a corsage by the Board, in recognition of her services to the organization during two terms of office. Mrs. Black passed the president's gavel to the newly elected leader Mrs. Warran Pratt who later in the afternoon announced the members of the committees who would work with her during the ensuing year.

Installed with Mrs. Pratt as officers of the club were Mrs. Harry Allen, first vice-president; Mrs. J. K. Ormand, second vice-president; Mrs. P. J. Wood, recording secretary; Mrs. Ford Peabody, corresponding secretary; Mrs. D. L. Tate, treasurer; Mrs. H. D. Harris, parliamentarian and Mrs. F. S. Ross, custodian.

Mrs. J. K. Ormand will head the legislative committee for the year assisted by Mrs. H. T. Ellerby, while Mrs. Thomas Thurber will act as chairman of the committee for Fine Arts. Working with Mrs. Thurber are Miss Adeline Cooke and Mrs. William O. Merrill.

Mrs. Pratt selected Mrs. F. S. Ross as chairman of the Courtesy committee and Mrs. E. D. Shely to assist her. The publicity of the club will be handled by Mrs. W. C. Wright assisted by Mrs. Robert Fowler and Mrs. R. W. Decker was appointed chairman of the committee on revision. Mrs. W. S. Toothacker is also on this latter committee.

PYTHIAN SISTERS ATTEND SESSION

Twenty-five Members Go To Oxford For Convention

Approximately twenty-five members of the Birmingham Temple of Pythian Sisters attended the convention of District Eleven, at Oxford, Temple, on Tuesday. About 100 members and their guests from Birmingham, Oxford, Antioch, Lapeer, Romeo, Flint, Port Huron and Birmingham attended the convention, as did members of the Order from Sarnia, Ontario and Dexter, Maine. The Birmingham delegation was headed by Mrs. Lois Jones, Most Excellent Chief of the Birmingham Unit; Mrs. Hazel Lawler, whose position as Grand Guard is a state office; Mrs. Beulah Olin, Delegate; and Mrs. Lula Carter, Alternate.

Presiding over the convention was Mrs. Mildred Hayes, of Bay City. District Deputies for District Eleven, she was assisted by Mrs. Leta Saele, of Kalamazoo, Grand Chief of Michigan. Other prominent state officials in the order who attended were Mrs. Bertha Lynd and Mrs. Irene Whalley, both from Detroit.

The morning session was opened with an address of welcome by the Reverend H. A. Johnson, of Oxford. An incident occurred in connection with his talk which was considered amusing, in spite of its very serious nature. The Reverend Johnson stressed the fact that fraternal orders could reach out their greatest influence by helping to suppress crime and wickedness all sorts. As he concluded his address it was learned that a bank across from the Temple had been held up and robbed of a large amount.

The remainder of the morning session was devoted to the reading of reports by the various committees throughout the state. All showed fine relief work in the recent flood emergencies, as well as in local social service activities. An impressive memorial service honoring the deceased members of District Eleven, was conducted by the Pontiac Unit. After the business session, the convention adjourned to the Congregational Church for luncheon.

A portion of the afternoon was devoted to entertainment, which featured two vocal selections and a playlet by students at Oxford High School. Various exhibitions of forms of ritualistic work were presented by different local units. The Initiatory Work performed by the Birmingham Unit by a degree staff of twelve members, was presided by the Grand Officers who closed the convention with a school of instruction.

Detroit Violin Teacher Will Give Concert Here With Young Genius

Birmingham music lovers have a real treat in store for them as they look forward to the first personal appearance here of Charles Turner, gifted 15 year old violinist, who will appear on a program at the Community House, June 7, at 8 P. M.

On the program with Charles will be his instructor, William Graefing King, violinist of the Detroit Institute of Musical Arts, and Syver Thingstad, baritone, of Detroit. Because of the prominence of the three artists, the program sponsored by the Birmingham Musicale, will be open, without charge, to the public.

Mrs. Martha B. King, also of the Musical Institute, will appear as accompanist for Charles. A study of the life of this young musical genius reveals that he has been a lover of music since an early age. At five he was found capable of picking out tunes on the piano, and just a year later he was going through the motions of playing an imaginary violin. When seven he was presented with his first violin and he immediately began playing with a group at the school which he attended. Because he was afraid that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Turner, of Oakland avenue, would not allow him to carry on both violin and piano study, Charles formed the habit of assisting at five in the morning in his violin practice. He followed this habit faithfully and soon was accepted as a student by the famous Hugh McGiverny lead of the violin department of the Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Indianapolis. After four and one half years of study here he was enrolled with Mr. King, where he is still studying today.

Charles has proved himself to be an outstanding student in school as well, for he has maintained an all A average in his scholastic work in addition to participating in many of the school activities. He is in his sophomore year at Pontiac High this year but expects to enroll at Baldwin in the fall. Upon completion of high school work he will be entered in either the Curtis Institute of Philadelphia, the Juillard School of New York or the Eastman Conservatory of Rochester, New York.

Mr. Thingstad has had varied experience as soloist, having appeared with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall as well as with the General Motors Truck Male Chorus in Pontiac and the Detroit Orpheus Club.

An outstanding number of the program for the evening will be the dual violin selection by Mr. King and Charles. They will play the famous Bach "Concerto for Two Violins."



William Graefing King

MEETING PLANNED BY LEAGUE WOMEN

Constitutional Factors Will Be Discussed By Leaders

The May meeting of the Birmingham League of Women Voters will be held Monday at the Community House, when the members meet at one o'clock for luncheon. The afternoon will be devoted to the regular business meeting and program.

Mrs. Angus Melay, president of the local chapter, and vice-president of the Michigan League of Women Voters, has recently returned from Washington, D. C., where, as one of two delegates from this state, she attended the National Council Meeting.

Mrs. Melay reports that the council went on record as favoring a simpler ratification of the amendments to the constitution, ones that would be more responsive to the will of the people. In the line with this new item on its support program the members of the League of this city will study the constitution at the Monday meeting.

The historic background, the growth of the "living constitution" by the amendment route and the interpretation of the constitution by court decision, will be taken up in turn during the afternoon.

Mrs. Forbes Hasall is making the arrangements for this meeting, and it is expected that Mrs. R. Paton, Mrs. Lee White and Mrs. Paul Padilla will have a part in the program discussion.

DANCE IS FIRST FOR NEW COUNCIL

Seven Gold Crests Will Feature Novel Decorations

Guests at the first Interfraternity Council Dance, that will be held at the Community House Saturday evening, will find the ballroom decorated in the classic manner. Bob Harrington, chairman of the decorations committee, assisted by Dorothy Matthews, Bob Carson, Dave Thompson and Harvey Whalen Jr., is using gold as the predominate color. Seven big gold crests the seven contributing organizations which make up the Council, will be placed at intervals along the wall with a classical gold border of small crests, bearing small colored silhouettes.

The organizations are the most important purely social societies among the school set in town, and number three fraternities and four sororities. Six of them are strongest in Baldwin, and one, a sorority, began at Kingswood School. The fraternities include Town Club, M. S. C. P. and Alpha Omega, commonly known as O. The Baldwin sororities are Delta Beta Sigma, generally called D. B. S., Sigma Lambda and Coronet Club, and that at Kingswood is known as Beta Beta Gamma.

A record crowd, comparable only to that at the New Year's Eve dances, is expected to fill the Community House for the event, for this is the first dance of its kind. It will combine all the societies of the younger set, and is open to unaffiliated students as well. Many dinners are being planned beforehand, and several "after-the-ball-sover" affairs will take place also.

Local Children To Appear In Recital

The Borgo sisters, Frances and Virginia will present their second Junior Dance Parade, tomorrow evening at 8:15, in the Royal Oak High School auditorium. Many local children will appear during the evening.

From Bloomfield Village and the Hills will come Alfred Dabel, Patsy and Alys Chubbuck, Robin Ewen, Sally Smith, Billy Eustis, Ann Collins and Lois Burton.

Stephanie Buckenke, Barbara MacQueen and Donna Damon, all of Birmingham, will also participate in the recital.

Supper Will Honor Betrothed Couple

The second in a series of affairs honoring Mary Jeanne Weitzel, whose marriage to John Henry Woolfenden, of Detroit, will be an event of next month, will be given Sunday, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dale Weitzel, at their home on Lakeview drive. Mrs. Weitzel has invited the families of the bride groom and bride elect, to a buffet supper. Rose pink tulips and matching tapers will be used as the motif for decorations.

For the occasion, Miss Weitzel has chosen a white crepe gown, sprigged with powder blue and du-bonnet flowers, and her mother will wear a navy blue triple-sheer ensemble, trimmed in crisp white tulle.

Among the guests will be Mr. and Mrs. John J. Woolfenden, parents of the prospective bride groom, Dale Woolfenden, and Mrs. Woolfenden's mother, Mrs. Anna Bacon, all of Detroit. From Detroit also will come Mrs. Weitzel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bresler, and Miss Jeanne Bresler, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Dale Weitzel, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. L. Ford Merritt, of Birmingham, will complete the party.

Most of the pre-nuptial festivities are scheduled for next month, when more of the bride elect's friends will have returned to their homes from college.

Local Club Women Address Groups About State

Members of the Birmingham Branch of the American Association of University Women are leading even busier lives nowadays, in an effort to fulfill at least a part of the requests they receive to address various gatherings.

Mrs. Fred D. Farrar and Mrs. W. A. R. John were the guests of Mrs. T. H. Caldwell, at Midland, Tuesday, where they attended a formal banquet tendered by the A. A. U. W. of that city by Dr. Lillian Gilbreth. Mrs. Farrar delivered a short talk at this affair.

Last Saturday afternoon, both Mrs. Farrar and Mrs. Charles J. Shain spoke at Hillsdale College. Mrs. Shain's talk, "National Defense and Political Alignments," was absolutely brilliant. Mrs. Farrar was later heard by her own subject was "State Objectives in A. U. W."

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