Guild To Follow Annual Tradition in Writing and Staging March Performance

ST. DUNSTAN'S TO OFFER THREE ORIGINAL PLAYS

The evening of Friday, March 18, promises to be one of the most outstanding of an interesting season for members and friends of St. Dunstan's Guild. It is the date for the annual performance of original plays, when three one-act productions will be presented in Brookside auditorium.

"Please Do Not Disturb" is the name of the first play, which was written by Sheldon R. Noble. Mr. Noble will direct his play, assisted by Miss Romayne Thompson. The cast includes the names of Mrs. Zoltan Sepeshy, Mrs. John W. Blanchard, Mrs. Benjamin Brewster, Frederick C. Pew, John W. Blanchard, Hamilton C. Patterson and John W. Sanders.

Zoltan Sepeshy is the translator of the second offering, from the Hungarian play, "The Idea." He will direct it, and Mrs. Marc T. Patten will assist him. In the cast are Robert Hill, Mrs. Frederick C. Pew, David Lee and H. Kenneth Bingham.

Mrs. George D. Miller is the authoress of the third play, which is entitled "Stormy Weather." Her assistant director is Mrs. Hugh W. Hitchcock, and in the cast are Mrs. Harry D. Hoey, Mrs. Robert W. Woodroofe, Mrs. Jones B. Shannon, Mrs. Frank W. Reynolds, Mrs. John W. Knecht, Miss Pearl Peterson, Robert F. Grindley, Dr. Campbell Harvey, Eliel Saarinen and Hugh W. Hitchcock.

It will be a well-rounded program. Mrs. Robert F. Grindley has arranged a group of dances which she calls "Waltz Variations," and for which Mrs. Helen Wagner Neff will play the accompaniment. A group of Guild members will appear in the dances.

"A Minuet" will be the first one, danced by Mrs. Ferd M. Bronck and Henry S. Booth. Mrs. Linton Hart and Waldemar P. Adams will perform the second dance, which is called "A Merry Widow Waltz." In the third, which is "A Modern Ball-room Waltz," will be Mrs. Pat Eden and Templin Lichlider. "Bowery Waltz" is the next, to be danced by Mrs. Maurice W. Coeburn and Alan W. Wentz, the closing number will be "Waltz Solo," to be performed by Mrs. Grindley.

Program To Follow P. T. A. Elections

Miss Marian Reed of Royal Oak, supervisor of visiting nurses for this district, will appear on the program at the next meeting of the Pierce school Parent Teacher Association. She will tell the members something of the work of the visiting nurses.

A group of musicale selections will also be heard and there will be an informal tea served after the program.

At 3:15 immediately before the program, there will be a short business meeting, at which time officers for the coming season will be elected.

Mrs. E. S. Barden and her daughter, Virginia, of Oakland avenue, left last week on a six weeks' trip to Miami and Key West, Fla.

Percy Grainger Lauds American Music Before State Federation of Music Clubs

Declaring that he would rather "never play again" than bring only the music of war to youth, Percy Grainger praised "melodic" American music in contrast to the 'barking' strains of militant Europe in an address before the Birmingham Musicale and the Michigan State Federation of Music Clubs. The Birmingham Musicale acted as hostess to the world-renowned concert pianist and to State Federation members at the Community House Friday, for a luncheon and program, of which an address by Mr. Grainger was one of the principal features.

Choosing "The Relation of American Music to Peace" as his subject, Mr. Grainger declared that American music, whether classical or the latest thing in swing, is of a melodic nature which reflects a peaceful nation. Mrs. Earl G. Potter, president of The Birmingham Musicale, presided at the luncheon and introduced Mr. Grainger.

"I maintain that most American music is melodic—of the mind and heart," he said. "You will find melody in folk songs (whether or not they were derived from those of another country), rag time, jazz, swing and classical music, complicated or simple. Wistfulness is there too in American music, and pity.

"It is natural when a nation is ahead and can still see others suffering, to have pity. And I'm sure that when so much music is lavished on music in America; with radios, music clubs, concerts and lessons—that Americans must have a conviction of something more behind the music than just sound, no matter how beautiful.

Militarism Predominates

"European music on the other hand, particularly of the 18th and 19th centuries, is impregnated with the fanfares of militarism, even that of my favorite of all composers—Wagner.

> You can like swing music and still not revert to the apes, in the opinion of one of the world's greatest concert pianists. When Percy Grainger addressed the State Federation of Music Clubs at luncheon Friday, he whole-heartedly approved swing and those who like it.
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> "Swing is part of the gentleness and progress of the United States," he said. "Whether or not it is here to stay depends on the American people. If America recognizes its own greatness, which I don't think it will, then swing will stay. The trouble is that when foreign musicians say: 'We want you to shelve your music in favor of ours because we're right and you're wrong,' they can always find a host of Americans to agree with them.

"But it isn't right to steep our young people in this kind of music. I have found that most of them respond to nothing but militaristic music — is it because they know nothing else? I don't think they should in any way be prejudiced against such music, but it is out trust to see to it that a reasonable proportion of peace music is included in the programs over which we have control."

Peace, Mr. Grainger identified as a part of progress, although he added that progress in itself had no special importance, especially to artists. He believes, however, that progress is necessary to art.

"I've always been a great physical coward," he confided. "At times I'm glad, for it has saved me many unpleasant experiences even if I went through more unpleasant ones with the realization of cowardice. Progress makes it unnecessary for us to be so brave. And if a man's fighting qualities outrank his musical ones I think his artistic progress is halted.

Finds Music Differs

"Traveling all over the world with music has made me realize that it differs radically from country to country in spite of being called the international language. And the kind of country from which a man comes has a vast influence on his musical life.

"Musicians from democratic countries seem never to achieve as much as those from militaristic countries. We can determine the importance of a country's music only by our own tastes. All evidences of humanity in music are important, whether they are so progressively or not.

"The music of peaceful countries, like America, bears the hallmarks of peace, and the voice of man reflects his soul. If we compare the voice to the character, what distinguishes music is its melody, made up of tones sustained with terrific intensity and continuity. This is the noble song of man, expressing emotions and ideals. The more musical and physical energy, the more 'barking' there will be in it.

"I was raised strictly on the classics. I know little or no music of other sorts. So once when I was a little pig of six, I was at a party and they asked me to play a waltz. 'Thank you no,' I said, 'I'd prefer to stick to the classics if you don't mind.'

"I didn't know anything else and didn't want to. In fairness to those who will be our soldiers and musicians some day we can't give them solely peace music. But I'd rather never play again than bring youth only the music of war."

Hobby Show Will Be Open For Everyone

It is not too late to organize a hobby for entrance in the Hobby Show to be sponsored by the Parent Teacher Association of Barnum school. The show will be held at the school on the evening of Thursday, April 28, and is open to anyone who is interested, whether or not they belong to the organization.

It will be part of the program which will be held at the school that evening, and a committee of P. T. A. members is working on the selection of prizes for the most noteworthy exhibits.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wood will entertain at dinner and bridge on Friday evening, at their home on Wimbleton drive. Their guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Clinton E. Sears, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Cushing, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus B. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barlow of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson.

WOMEN'S CLUBS MAKE PLANS FOR COUNTY MEETING

The next meeting of the Oakland County Federation of Women's Clubs will open at the Community House at 10 o'clock on the morning of Friday, March 4, with a varied program. The day's activities will include education and literature as well as a musical program, to be given by members of various clubs in the Federation.

Mrs. W. I. Denman of Ferndale is chairman of the day, assisted by members of the Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge and Clawson Women's Clubs. Mrs. Denman is also chairman of the junior department of the Oakland County Federation.

Mrs. John K. Ormond will open the meeting, in charge of the International Relations study. The remainder of the morning session will be devoted to a book review, presented by Mrs. J. H. Tracy of Big Beaver. Luncheon, at 12:30 will bring the morning to a close.

The Madrigal Club, composed of members of the Ferndale Woman's Club under the direction of Mrs. Roy Parsons, will offer a group of songs to open the afternoon program. There will also be singing by members of the Clawson Woman's Club. Instrumental music will be played by members of the Pleasant Ridge Woman's Club.

Plans will be made during the Friday meeting for the State Federation of Women's Club convention, which will be held at the Book Cadillac hotel in Detroit, March 22-25. The theme of the convention is to be "Character Education Is Essential for Successful Living," according to Mrs. George H. Kimball, Jr., of Pontiac, president of the Oakland County Federation. All clubs within the Federation will be invited to send delegates to this convention.

A group of friends gathered for dinner Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell McBride on Fairview drive. The occasion marked Mr. McBride's birthday anniversary. Included in the party were Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kemp and Mr. and Mrs. Heber P. Galpin.

Notice, Ladies!

Due to increased costs of labor and materials, The Eccentric finds it necessary to make this announcement: Beginning April 1, 1938, the annual subscription in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, or any other section within Oakland County, will be increased from $1 to $1.50; outside of Oakland County from $1.50 to $2. Several years ago, in the depth of the depression, The Eccentric reduced its rates from $2.50 outside of Oakland County, and from $2 within Oakland County. Subscribers in Oakland County who may desire to save 50 cents for the coming year may, even though their subscription does not expire for several months, renew same at the dollar rate by remitting the dollar before April 1. (This extension is for a period of one year only.) 43-50

Puddings Will Make Many Friends If Served Regularly On Winter Menus

To have on hand a good selection of pudding recipes is a great help in making winter menus. These are not difficult to prepare and the results are invariably good.

Apricot Meringue Pudding

3-4 lb. dried apricots.
1 cup granulated sugar.
3 eggs.
1-2 cup powdered sugar.
1-2 teaspoon vanilla.

Wash the apricots, cover with water and cook until soft. Beat with a fork and add half the granulated sugar. Beat the yolks of the eggs slightly, add the rest of the sugar and beat into the apricot mixture. Bake 15 minutes in a moderate oven. Beat the whites of the eggs stiff, but not dry, add the powdered sugar and vanilla and pile on top of the pudding.

Bake in oven 325 degrees until light brown. Serve hot or cold.

Peach Pudding

1 cup sugar.
1-2 cup butter.
1 beaten egg.
2 1-4 cups of smashed cooked peaches and juice.
2 cups flour,
3 teaspoons baking powder.
1-2 teaspoon vanilla.
1-4 teaspoon salt.

Cream the sugar and butter together. Add the beaten egg and mix. Add the peach pulp, the flour sifted with the baking powder and salt. Mix until smooth. Flavor with vanilla and pour into a square shallow pan which has been greased and floured. Bake in an oven 350 degrees for 30 to 45 minutes. Cool the pudding slightly in the pan, then pour over it the following sauce:

1-2 cup sugar.
1 1-2 tablespoons cornstarch.
1 cup scalding milk.
2 beaten egg yolks.
1-8 teaspoon salt.
1-4 teaspoon vanilla.
1-4 teaspoon almond.

Mix the sugar and cornstarch, pour over the scalding milk, and cook over hot water until smooth and thick. Add the beaten egg yolks and the salt; continue cooking for 3 minutes. Remove from fire, add the flavoring and cool. Spread over the peach pudding and top with a meringue made from 2 egg whites and 4 tablespoons of sugar. Arrange thin slices of peaches over the meringue and bake in an oven 325 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes.

Cherry Cake Pudding

6 eggs.
1-2 cup sugar.
1-2 cup butter.
1-4 lb. almonds.
1-4 cup dry bread crumbs.
2 cups cherries.

Cream the butter and sugar; add the yolks of eggs, beaten creamy. Mix in the bread crumbs and the almonds chopped fine. Add the whites of the eggs beaten stiff. Place in a glass or earthen baking dish, cover with cherries, sprinkle with sugar. Bake in a moderate oven about 30 minutes. Serve in the baking dish with whipped cream.

Marmalade Pudding

1 1-2 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons sugar.
2 eggs.
1-2 cup flour.
1-2 teaspoons soda.
1-2 teaspoon salt.
Orange marmalade.

Cream the butter and add the sugar gradually, then the well beaten eggs. Stir in the flour, soda and salt all sifted together. Mix to a fairly stiff batter with about 3-8 cup of orange marmalade. (The exact amount will vary according to its consistency.) Pour into a covered mold for steaming. Steam 1 1-2 hours.

Lemon Puff

3 eggs.
3-4 cup sugar.
3 tablespoons water.
Grated rind of 1 lemon.
1 1-2 cups flour.
2 tablespoons lemon juice.
1 1-2 teaspoons baking powder.
1-2 teaspoon salt.

Beat eggs and sugar until light add water, lemon juice and rind, then flour, salt and baking powder sifted together. Steam in individual well greased cups about 40 minutes or in one large mold 1 1-2 hours. Serve with hard or lemon sauce.

Macaroon Pudding

This pudding may be served hot if a warm dessert is desired, but it is most delicious when cold.

Beat the yolks of 2 eggs to a fine froth, adding gradually 1-4 cup of sugar. Beat to a batter-like consistency, then pour over 1 1-2 cups of scalded milk and 1-8 teaspoon of salt. Whip in the whites of 2 eggs stiffly beaten and flavor with 1-4 teaspoon of vanilla and a few drops of almond extract. Pour the liquid while hot over 12 macaroons and set in a pan of hot water in the oven to bake until set and daintily browned.

Social Briefs

A group of Birmingham matrons, all mothers of Alpha Phi sorority members, journeyed to Detroit on Wednesday, to attend a luncheon given by Mrs. E. P. McMahon, of La Mothe avenue. In the party were Mrs. Lane Bishop, Mrs. N. Stanley Peatody, Mrs. George M. Dwelley, Mrs. Rolfe C. Spinning and Mrs. L. M. Baker. The Alpha Phi mothers hold monthly meetings and luncheons.

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Mrs. Vernon W. Griffith, with Mrs. Dorval D. Symons and Mrs. Lloyd Smith as co-hostesses, will have the monthly meeting and dessert-bridge of the Lyons club wives on Friday, at her home on Marilyn boulevard. Among those who have made reservations for the party so far are: Mrs. Donald S. Bell, Mrs. Paul N. Averill, Mrs. Milton H. Berz, Mrs. Emerson C. Brown, Mrs. Richard H. Fleming, Mrs. Earl Gaskill, Mrs. Heber P. Gahm, Mrs. Elizabeth Hassberger, Mrs. Frank Higby, Mrs. Hans G. Machus, Mrs. Claude Morrow, Mrs. Claude E. Mosher, Mrs. Russell McBride, Mrs. J. P. McConkie, Mrs. A. L. McNaughton, Mrs. L. E. Olmstead, Mrs. Lester Sells, Mrs. Joseph L. Stutte, Mrs. Percy G. Burnett, Mrs. William Svence, Mrs. Ralph Main, Mrs. D. A. Green, Mrs. Arthur N. Wingerden, and Mrs. Donald Perry.

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Mr. and Mrs. John B. Taylor, of Madison avenue, are domiciled in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for a late season sojourn.

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Mrs. Loren T. Robinson was hostess Wednesday, at the monthly meeting and luncheon of the Alumnae club of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, at her home on Wimbleton drive.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Yonker will return to their Pine Lake home the end of the week, from a stay of several weeks at an Arizona ranch.

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Bert Morley and Manly D. Davis, of Bloomfield Hills, have joined Mrs. Morley and Mrs. Davis at Naples, Fla., for a late season stay.

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Louis J. Giffels of Kenilworth road, left Tuesday for Washington, D. C., to be gone a few days.

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Word has been received from Wittenberg College in Springfield, O., of the initiation of Lloyd Taylor into Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Taylor of Westwood drive.

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Mrs. Carl Binkle entertained her bridge club at luncheon Tuesday, at Devon Gables, later bringing the group to her home on Pine road, for bridge. Included among the guests were Mrs. Russell H. Fisher, Mrs. Claude Morrow, Mrs. Emerson C. Brown, Mrs. Frederick Kemp, Mrs. Russell McBride, Mrs. Arthur N. Wingerden and Mrs. Forbes S. Hascall.

Scarf Front

If spring arrives early it will not catch snort on style the woman who wears this fashionable navy blue street dress with full-length scarf front of printed jersey in bold stripes of red, white and chartreuse. The gloves, shoes and bag are of matching navy.

DRURY-PORTER TROTH TOLD IN OREGON HOME

Word has been received of the engagement of Miss Laura Chandler Drury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Drury of Medford, Ore., to Norris Kent Porter, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Porter, also of Medford. The betrothal was made known at a party at the home of the parents of the bride-elect. The date of the wedding has been set for Saturday, June 11.

Miss Drury, who is the niece of Burton E. Drury of Pilgrim road, is a former resident of Birmingham. She is attending the University of Oregon, from which she will be graduated in June. She is affiliated with Kappa Alpha Theta serority and was recently honored by election to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honorary society.

Mr. Porter was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1936, and has since been teaching in Alaska. The young couple will make their home in Alaska following their marriage.

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