Alice Riekse Will Become Bride of Joseph Crotser On February 4th

MUSICALE WILL HEAR PROGRAM BY VARIED GROUP

A varied group of musicians, including a chorus group from Baldwin High School and vocal and instrumental soloists will perform for the next meeting of the Birmingham Musicale, to be held on Thursday, Jan. 12. Mrs. Lewis B. Sappington will open her home on Arlington drive for the occasion.

Mrs. Lett R. Els, chairman of the day, has announced that the subject will be "Absolute Music." Mrs. John F. Horton heads the tea committee. She will be assisted by Mrs. Frank H. Mellinger, Mrs. Bessie M. McMechan, Mrs. Latta W. Porter and Mrs. Maurice H. Smith. The tea table will be centered with disposals of pink carnations and ferns, illuminated by pink tapers.

Victor H. Ulrich, who will direct the chorus, will also sing two solos; "The Wanderer," by Schubert, and "Who Is Sylvia?" by Franz Schubert. Also on the program will be Mrs. Adolph A. Klautsch, who will play violin solos, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Arnold W. Berndt. Mrs. Klautsch has chosen Beethoven's "Minuet in G"; and "Scene de Ballet," by Beriot.

Mrs. Bert Bergishagen will play several selections on the piano, including the second "Scherzo in D Minor," by Chopin and his "Mazurkas," Op. 69, Numbers Two and Four. Gordon Eis will conclude the program with the rendition of Beethoven's "Sonata," Op. 49 Number Two, followed by an analysis of the selection.

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TELLS TROTH

Miss Beltramini

Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Beltramini of St. Petersburg, Fla., and former residents of Birmingham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Carolyn Louise, to Robert L. Caldwell Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Caldwell of Detroit. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Beltramini is a graduate of Baldwin High School and the University of Michigan. During her under-graduate career she was affiliated with Gamma Phi Beta sorority and was otherwise active in collegiate affairs.

Mr. Caldwell also received his degree from the University.

Miss Lucy Welch, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gale Welch, is returning to Smith college, Northampton, Mass. Charles Gale Welch, Jr., who also has been home for the Christmas season, will go back to Geneva, N. Y., next week to resume his studies at Hobart college.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TROTH MADE AT OPEN HOUSE

Guests at an open house honoring Miss Alice Riekse and given on Jan. 2, were the first to learn of her engagement to John Joseph Crotser of Mt. Pleasant. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mrs. Louis Andrew Dall of Abbey road and Martin Riekse of Grosse Pointe. The wedding will be an event of Saturday, Feb. 4, with further details to be announced later.

Miss Riekse attended the University of Michigan, where she was affiliated with Chi Omega sorority.

Mr. Crotser is a graduate of Culver Military academy and later attended Wayne University.

News of the betrothal was concealed within the hollowed shells of walnuts, tied with satin ribbons and placed on the tea table, in a ribbon-tied basket. The table was laid with a lace cloth. Disposals of narcissi and white tapers provided added adornment.

Miss Riekse chose a street-length frock of soft crepe for the occasion. The bodice was shirred and contrast was achieved through a thick rope of tiny beads, in a raspberry shade, which she wore as a necklace.

Mrs. Dall greeted her guests in a red crepe afternoon gown, fashioned with a flowing skirt and topped by a jacket in a matching shade of red.

Mrs. Anjenette Benaway, grandmother of the bride-elect, presided at the tea able. She wore an afternoon gown of mulberry crepe and her flowers were an old fashioned nosegay of sweetheart roses and sweet peas.

Assisting about the rooms were Miss Elizabeth Mullin of Ann Arbor and Miss Anne Cox of Detroit.

Social Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. David S. Nixon entertained 40 of their friends at an eggnog party Sunday evening at their home on Fairfax road.

Mrs. Harry F. Davis gave a dinner party Friday evening, at her home on East Maple road, for the pleasure of her young son, Jeff. Guests were Martha Helwig, Marjorie Ingram, Susan Hubbard, Carol Champney, Bill Kindley, Tommy Williams, Dickie Borchert, Peter Giffels, Keith McIntyre, David Knowlton, Jack Simpson and Jimmy Munger.

Mrs. John O. Yoeman, of Fairfax road, and Mrs. M. D. Archangeli, of Henley drive were co-hostesses to 20 guests at tea yesterday afternoon, at Botsford tavern.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Haimel, Jr., were hosts at a dance last Wednesday evening, at their home on Wellesley drive, in honor of their daughter, Barbara, and their son, Jack. Jack was home for the holidays from the Howe Military academy, Howe, Ind. There were 15 guests at the party.

Miss Virginia Hills, of Lone Pine road, entertained at luncheon and a personal shower at the Detroit club on Tuesday, complimenting Miss Anne Booth, whose marriage to Oscar Ernest Skinner, Jr., of Boston and Providence, will take place on Friday. Guests included members of the bridal party, Mrs. James S. Booth, mother of the honoree; Mrs. Herbert H. Hills, the hostess' mother and Mrs. Clement A. Penrose, Jr., sister of Miss Hills. They were seated at a long table, decorated at intervals with white pottery bowls holding Garcia pompons, pink roses, pink carnations and blue bachelor buttons.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scripps Booth, uncle and aunt of the bride-elect, will give the rehearsal dinner tonight, at "Thornlea," their home on Cranbrook road.

Juliet Seelye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Seelye, of Westwood drive, gave a dinner Saturday evening, for Shirley Spike, who was home for the holidays from St. Mary's academy, Monroe. Besides the guest of honor, those present were Marjorie Joslyn, Joy Woolson, Anne Harrell, Janice DaLee, Stephanie Buckridge and Elizabeth Bloomstrom.

Mrs. C. Howard Donnelly, of Hamilton road, is leaving today for California, where she will spend six weeks.

Gardner M. Cobb, of Linden road, left on Tuesday, for a sojourn of three weeks in California.

Miss Babs Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Watson, of Puritan road left Tuesday for Durham, N. C., where she will resume her studies at Duke university. She will entertain her suite mates today, the occasion being her 18th birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Maud Houghton left Sunday for her home in Chicago, after spending the holidays with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hal H. Houghton, of Birmingham boulevard.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dafoe (the former Miss Margaret Brooks) have returned to Birmingham to take up their residence on Purdy street, following their marriage, on Dec. 25.

From the Women's Angle

By Marjorie Elaine Porter

Of course, it was different then. In the old days between 1492 and 1917, nobody worried about complexes, or whether we had any. Life was simple. There were certain things we had to do as school children in good standing, and we did them—or else.

Miss Porter

We did them. Among other things imposed upon our juvenile minds, was the learning of a poem each week, or month, depending upon the teacher's time and energy in accumulating a poetic supply.

So we learned "Abou Ben Adhem," and may his tribe increase. We can say that now, with fervor and sincerity, but at the time we were compelled to commit the piece to memory; we didn't know quite what it was all about. We learned portions of Hiawatha, and all of "King Robert of Sicily," we learned Wordworth's "Daffodils," and Tennyson's "Bugle Song" and "Flower in the Cranied Wall." We could recite Longfellow by the yard, and on a moment's notice.

We were like small fountains spouting poetry. To be sure, the poetry had little significance to us then. We had no trouble in memorizing quantities of it, and reciting it with some emotional stir, that aided interpretation, but its meaning didn't reach the zone of appreciation through reason.

But once we had mastered the words, they were ours. Time passed, and the poems remained in the back of our minds, half forgotten, but not gone. Through youth, they still had little meaning in relation to life, because life itself was still without meaning.

Came maturity with its problems, with its conflicting hours of triumph and defeat, with its broader perspective and keener appreciation of the emotions that go into the molding of man. Then the poetry, learned parrot fashion years before, began to come back. It flew back like wings to lift the soul from moods of depression. It came back with meaning and beauty to interpret life for us even as the poets had made it their own interpretation.

And now, a day seldom passes, but when we face a task, involuntarily there comes to mind that passage from Longfellow, learned so mechanically years ago; Let us do our work as well, both the unseen and the seen, make the house where gods may dwell, beautiful, entire and clean."

Are the children of today learning poems as we did? We hope so, they'll need the inspiration, years hence.

By Nellie Hurley Minifie

We Americans owe an inestimable debt to that northern country which has given us Sonja Henie, for it is largely through the efforts of this fair-haired lady that young America has become out-door conscious.

Within the past three years there has been a tremendous increase in winter sports activities in this country which, local authorities point out, is due directly to the influence of the little Norwegian girl with the twinkling, silver skates.

This enthusiasm has taken our country by storm until now no young person would admit that he doesn't own a pair of skates even though they be the two runner type. On any day of the week one can visit our local skating rinks and find a fair representation of the younger group skimming over the ice, if not with the greatest of ease at least with the greatest of enthusiasm.

For many years now we have spent our summers swimming, golfing and in pursuit of an elusive tennis-ball, but with the first blast of cold wind most of us pulled in for a long, hard winter. The best part of the year was spent in front of a warm fireplace with a good book and a pan of fudge.

And so I say a toast to Sonja Henie who has made us aware of the vast possibilities of our out-doors and a salute to our young Americans who are profiting by their enthusiasm for winter sports activities.

By Carol Dwelley

Telling unpleasant truths may be "for the good of your soul" but it certainly doesn't raise you any in other people's estimation. For this reason and for others, therefore, I'm coming out flatfootedly in favor of the kindly white lie.

Miss Dwelley

I realize that there's nothing more sickening than flattery, ladled out with the obvious intention of furthering one's own ends. But there's a great difference too, between giving constructive criticism when it's asked for, and deliberately making a cutting remark because you FEEL like it, afterwards excusing yourself on the grounds that it's for the good of your victim's soul.

Your friend approaches you, radiating festivity and clad in a perfectly dreadful outfit. It doesn't fit right, and the color makes her skin look like a baked apple. "How do I look?" she asks. "This is the dress I bought with my Christmas check and I'm anxious to see how you like it."

Well, after all, she probably thinks it looks wonderful, or she wouldn't have bought it. And since she did buy it, what can be done about it now? Stretch a point, like a good creature, and tell her you LOVE it. If your conscience would prick at such a falsehood, you can always compromise with something noncommittal about how you love the color, or what nice material it is.

I know it sounds spineless but if you stop to think about it, you'll see that this kindness is exactly the reverse. For some reason, and I don't know why, it's much easier to say something nasty than it is to say something nice. Any stupid person can have the doubtful satisfaction of seeing others wince from his words, of cruelly pricking with the barbs of so-called "wit," the spirit of a friend. But how clever is he who can leave a glow of good-fellowship and affection wherever he goes.

THAT'S my New Year's platform: when bigger and better and better and KINDER white lies are told, I'll try to tell them!

Lectures On Art Attract Matrons

A number of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills matrons are interested in the series of lectures on "The Understanding of Painting," which Edgar P. Richardson, assistant director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, is presenting this winter for members of the Detroit Artists' Market.

Among those who are regular attendants at the lectures are Mrs. David R. Ballentine, Mrs. Richard G. English, Mrs. Robert C. Traub, Mrs. Harry L. Winston, Mrs. Edward E. Rothman, Mrs. Ralph Yonker and Mrs. Edgar R. Thom.

The second half of the series will begin at 11 o'clock on the morning of Monday, Jan. 9, in the lecture hall of the Art Institute. Other talks will follow on Jan. 23, Feb. 13 and Feb. 27.

A. A. U. W. TO MEET AT SCIENCE INSTITUTE

January meeting of the Birmingham branch, American Association of University Women, will be held next Wednesday, at 1:30 p. m., at the Institute of Science, Cranbrook school. Dr. Robert Hatt, director of the institute, will give a talk, after which the members will take a tour of the building. A tea will follow the meeting at the home of Mrs. George D. Miller on Fairfax road.

GIRL SCOUTS

Troop B7 has begun working on its Second Class requirements as a group this week, the Tenderfoot Scouts having all been invested. The girls who have completed their Second Class requirements are already at work on those for the First Class and on Merit Badges.

The Girls of Troop 3 have expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Craig H. Rickey, for entertaining them at a Christmas party, in her home on Arlington drive.

PROGRAM AND TEA TO START YEAR FOR DAR

A program, followed by tea, will occupy members of the Piety Hill chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, on the afternoon of Tuesday, Jan. 10. Mrs. R. P. Cole will open her home on Buckingham road to the event.

Mrs. William Robinson will be the speaker for the afternoon, with her topic still to be announced. Assisting Mrs. Cole during the afternoon will be Mrs. R. Y. Cutler and Miss Helen James.

CLUB OPENS RINK

A skating rink for members and guests of Pine Lake Country Club has been prepared, for participation in winter sports. There is a heated room at the club, where skaters may rest, as well as facilities for dressing and changing skates. The entertainment committee has issued an invitation to "boys and girls of all ages" to use the rink.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dickman of Pontiac, announce the birth of a daughter, Nancy Ann, on Jan. 3. Mrs. Dickman before her marriage was Miss Janice Rickley, of Birmingham.

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