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"Tea for Two"

By NELLIE HURLEY MINIFIE

THIS is the story of a family whose entire life revolves about one focal point, whose every thought and action concerns one thing—Music. At 1055 Yarmouth road every member of the family rises in the morning, goes about his tasks during the day and returns home at night with one thought uppermost in his mind—Music.

Stepping into Mrs. William Lloyd Kemp's lovely home this week from a warm spring sunshine and led immediately into her parlor, I knew instantly this was the one room where every member of that family met on a common ground. It contains two grand pianos, facing one another, a melodeon more than 100 years old, a gift of Frederick Alexander, head of the music department at Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti. In a far corner is a radio-phonograph combination setting beside a cabinet filled with record albums.

For the Musically-Minded

It is in this room that the late Ossip Gabrilowitch, Richard Crooks, Percy Grainger and Bartlett and Robertson have been entertained after concerts in Birmingham. It is a room that has been built around comfort and companionship. Here it is that good music is played and sung by the Kemps and their many friends who find their way to more precious than rubies. Nothing else is more essential to success—both from the competitive and financial viewpoints—in the sport of showing horses. The horses draw the applause. The riders draw the credit. And the trainer draws—well if he draws a substantial check from the owner at the end of each month he is an exceptional individual. For as a rule, he is the most worked and least appreciated factor in the organization.

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The Greatest Satisfaction

The highest leave of horse ownership is attained when after breeding, rearing and training his own stuff on his own land and without the guidance of anyone outside his own establishment, an owner has the all-out satisfaction of seeing one of his own horses go to a championship in a big show. They all aim for it, and one in a thousand makes the grade. It has happened but once in the hunter division at the Detroit Show—last year to W. D. McCullough and his horse, Reagh Lee.

And for that, Johnny Wallace should come out from hiding behind that stable blanket, and take a bow. He has been modest long enough. The story of what this young fellow has accomplished with the McCullough horses is almost an anticlimax to the real yarn about the rise and fall of John Wallace. Some years ago he was a "chase rider." He came a cropper and broke his back. After a term in a cast, he began to mend, and immediately returned to horses. Taking it slow at first because of the hurt to his body, he concentrated on show horses. With work, he became sound as ever. The last few years have found him winning "chases" again in McCullough silks, and adding polish to a stable of show hunters whose performance is the apple of any true horseman's eye.

Starting Assets

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Visits with Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills Women ...

that room and the noises that filter up from the basement are terrific.

And while she talked the strains of "Tuxedo Junction" came pouring through from another room where Billy had fixed himself.

Although music is the all-consuming thought of the Kemps they have never allowed it to dominate their lives to the exclusion of other hobbies. Although Dr. Kemp's family have been musicians for several generations, he has a thriving medical practice in Birmingham in addition to serving as health officer since October, 1930.

He was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1922 following which he served his intern-



Mrs. Kemp



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ship and residency in medicine at the Henry Ford Hospital, later transferring to the pediatrics department. In 1926 he became associated with Dr. Julius Hess in the department of pediatrics at the University of Illinois and subsequently returned to assume active charge of the pediatrics at Ford Hospital.

Also Like Gardening

Both Dr. and Mrs. Kemp take their gardening seriously and have a lovely apple garden to show for their many hours of work. Then, too, Dr. Kemp boasts an unusual collection of some 20 old hymnals of different denominations. Of these he is very proud, his wife said this week.

It is practically impossible to plan one's life with an degree of surety and yet had Dr. and Mrs. Kemp definitely sketched the lines of their lives, when they first lived in St. Clair, it is difficult to imagine that it could have been a more complete existence, a more full life than has fallen them—a life with four growing children, a lovely home and a bright future. What more can any of us ask?

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Unsung Heroes of Horse Competition, The Trainers, Are Praised for Efforts

By Sam Lyman Marshall (Reprinted from the D.A.C. News)

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more important, they had in their children, Jack and Virginia McCullough, two of the "cannon" young show riders in the Middle West.

You might say these four, Vesta Lee, Johnny and "Ginny" were the real beginning of the McCullough monopoly.

Two of Vesta's colts, Glenn Lee and Reagh Lee, along with their mother who had been testy for years, were sent to the hands of a trainer under Johnny's handling, gave the trio of riders something to work with. They served notice on the rest of Michigan that there were a bet for the future book about three years ago when they began knocking-off hunt, team events and pairs-of-hunter classes all through this area.

The climax came in the June, 1939, show when Reagh Lee, a somewhat finer formed horse than his brother Glenn won the championship with the most convincing series of performances of any hunter in the show's history. If memory serves, he won seven firsts—and how he won them! A cloud-burst hit the show one night. With water coming down in such sheets that spectators couldn't see the horses, he still fenced clean. Wet or dry, it made no difference. Ginny McCullough won with him in the latter class. Jack put his first in the lightweights. Johnny was up on him, in the team, and other events. It made no difference to the little horse who was up or how treacherous was the going. He jumped with machine-like precision.

Show Second Largest

Such highlights as these have built the Detroit Show. Fortune has favored it until it is now the second largest thing of its kind in the country, and it is aiming for even greater things. It is the enterprises that is calculated to enlarge its benefits to the community this year is an opening night for Michigan amateurs only.

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