Birmingham Artists Will Be Featured on Musicale Program Next Thursday

Barbara Jean Backus Plights Troth to Guy Harvey Pitts

As guests arrived at the H. D. Backus home in Bloomfield this last Saturday evening for the usual holiday open house, the first thing confronting them in the hallway was a small Christmas tree covered with small white roses and boutonnieres, tied with red and white ribbons. On closer inspection it was learned that attached to the ribbons were words telling of the engagement of Barbara Jane Backus to Guy Harvey Pitts, son of Mrs. J. G. H. Pitts of Painted Post, N. Y.

The news was revealed again in the dining room by the table centerpiece, a replica of a winter scene. The background of the scene was formed by branches of white pine, lighted by tall white candles. Two small figures, labeled "Guy" and "Bobbie", were standing back in the pines, watching little white figure skaters on the pond before them, who had just finished writing out the engagement news.

Decorations throughout the house were carried out in red and white, and Barbara followed this, wearing a dinner dress of red crepe and a corsage of white gardenias. Assisting Barbara and her mother were Mrs. Jack Stebbins, Margaret Ann Ayres, Barbara Lows and Mary Helen Gross.

Barbara is a graduate of the University of Michigan where she was affiliated with the Gamma Beta sorority. Guy also is a graduate of the University of Michigan and while there he is a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

Christmas Day dinner guests of the FRED GRAVES, jr., Pierce avenue, were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gillespie and their son, Dudley, and Mrs. Georgina Shearer and her daughter, Edna, all of Detroit.

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Miss Backus

Social Briefs

THE RAYMOND P. FOHEYS will have as their guests at the Bloomfield Hills Country Club New Year's Eve party, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buckwell and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Carse, of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carleton, of Lansing, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carleton, jr., of Los Angeles, Calif.

THE HOWARD M. SMITHS, of Kensington road, are planning to hold open house in their home on New Year's day.

CORPORAL JOSEPH A. EDMUNDS returned to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., last Saturday after spending his Christmas furlough with his mother, Mrs. Mary C. Edmunds at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. LEONARD FYFE on West Lincoln avenue.

STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County on the 22nd day of December A. D. 1941.

Present, Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of L. Leigh Smith, Deceased.

Myrna L. Smith having filed in said court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 19th day of January, A. D., 1942 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
FLORENCE DOTY,
Register of Probate.
CLARENCE L. BLUEMAN,
Attorney for Estate,
Birmingham, Michigan.
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Oakland Hills Club Plans Big Party On New Year's Eve

Oakland Hills Country Club is staging another of its famous parties this New Year's Eve, with a supper being served from 9:30 p.m. till 12:30, and dancing lasting from 10 p.m., on. Mel Curry's orchestra is to supply the music, and a gala floor show has been arranged.

The Jack Hendersons have made reservations for 12 for the evening. Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Mead are to be in a group of ten for the party, and the Dwight P. Allens are entertaining eight guests.

The Hubert J. Quinns are also making up a party as are Mr. and Mrs. Faro M. Thomas. Guests of the latter will be Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ford, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Dubois; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sheetz, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carlson.

Mr. and Mrs. Beecher W. Compton and the Harold M. Armstrongs are to be co-hosts for Dr. and Mrs. J. Clark Maloney. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Slack, of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walsh, of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bogart, of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Delmore Faber, of Grosse Pointe.

Miss B. E. Richardson And Rudy Schettling Betrothal Announced

B. N. Richardson announced the engagement of his daughter, Bernice Elizabeth, to Rudy Schettling, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Schettling, of Warren, Mich., at a family dinner on Christmas Day.

The dinner was given for Miss Richardson by her sister, Mrs. L. Beverly, at the latter's home on Bonnaville avenue. The bride-elect is a graduate of Baldwin High School and Mr. Schettling was graduated from high school in Kansas City, Mo. The wedding date will be announced later.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Koft, of 946 Mohegan avenue, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Peter Aldrich. He was born on Christmas day, at the Woman's Hospital, in Detroit.

Dr. and Mrs. George E. Marin, of West Maple avenue, announce the birth of a son, John Edward, on Friday, Dec. 26. Mrs. Marin is the former Marion Kaltwasser, of Westfield, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Donaldson, 1562 Birmingham boulevard, announce the birth of a baby girl, Diane Marie, on Dec. 19 at Harper Hospital. Mrs. Donaldson is the former Ruth Dynon, of Birmingham.

Phyllis Ahlers, Charles Turner, Ruth Lowe Laske to Appear

Two young Birmingham artists, Phyllis Ahlers, soprano, and Charles Turner, violinist, and a new member of the Birmingham Musicale, Ruth Lowe Laske, pianist, are to be featured next Thursday afternoon at the Musicale's January meeting in the Community House at 2 o'clock.

Miss Ahlers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ahlers and has been studying for the past year at the Juilliard School in New York City. She is a pupil of Lucy Gates Hackett, who is working with a small opera group, in preparation for a spring tour. Miss Ahlers will sing the following two groups: "L'extase" by Duparc; "Les Pons" by Deroux; "Le Nile" by Loeffler; "Si Que Je Crie" by Fourdrain; "Spring Song" by Mendelssohn; "Yellow," Charles Griffes; "The Crying of Water," Campbell Watson; "A Dream" by Grieg; and "Ritorno Vincitor" from Aida, by Verdi. Mrs. Fraser McDonald will accompany Miss Ahlers.

Charles Turner, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Turner, has studied music since he was 7 years old, and in addition to being an outstanding violinist, is an accomplished pianist. Mr. Turner has studied with William Gehrig King at the Detroit Institute of Musical Arts, until 1939, when he won a fellowship at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia. In 1940 he returned here, resuming his work, graduating from the Detroit Institute in 1941. During the past summer Mr. Turner was concert master of the popular Will O Way Youth Orchestra and also appeared as soloist with that organization. Martha Lee King will accompany Mr. Turner at Thursday afternoon's program, which will include "Sonata" by Tartini; "Allegro Ben Moderato" by Cesar Franck.

Miss Ahlers

A newcomer to Birmingham, Ruth Lowe Laske has been very active in Detroit's musical circles both as a performer and a teacher. She will play "Scherzo" from "Flat Minor" by Brahms; "The Girl with the Flaxen Hair" by Debussy, and "Garden in the Rain" by Debussy.

The musical program will be followed by tea, of which Mrs. John F. Herbst and her committee will be in charge. Presiding at the tea table will be Mrs. George C. Averill, and Mrs. Edgar Bailey. Hostesses for the day include Mrs. Kenneth Turner, Mrs. R. H. Ahlers, Mrs. Hovig Hagerman and Mrs. R. O. Mead.

Presbyterian Women's Divisions Begin Year With Luncheon Meetings

Members of all six divisions of the Presbyterian Women's Unions will start out the new year with luncheon meetings at the homes of various members next Wednesday, Jan. 7. Mrs. Bert E. Uebele, of Yarmouth road, is to be hostess to the first division, of which Mrs. Clyde Wood is the leader. Mrs. Matthew Cammaerere is leader of division two which will meet at the home of Mrs. F. H. Mellgard of Lincoln.

Mrs. Alan W. Thorsen's group, division three, will meet with Mrs. J. B. Hildebrand on Pleasant avenue. Mrs. Charles O. Lee will be hostess in her home on Dorchester road to division four which has Mrs. J. W. Robertson as leader.

Mrs. Frederick A. Protheroe, of Lorna Lane street, is to entertain division five, the group led by Mrs. George G. Steelman. Division six will have its meeting at the home of Mrs. R. J. Waterbury, on Williamsburg drive. Mrs. Paul L. Canfield is leader of the last group.

Birmingham Woman's Club Will Hear Two Book Reviews

The Birmingham Woman's Club will be guests of the club's literature department next Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 6, at a meeting being held in the auditorium of the Baldwin Public Library. Mrs. Howard N. Chapel, as chairman of the day, will present the featured speaker, Mrs. Fred K. Hall, who will review two books for the club.

The first book which Mrs. Hall will discuss is "They Came to A River," a pioneer story written by Ellis Meikas. The second volume, lighter in nature, is entitled "My Mother Was a Resident Woman." Tea will be served by the hostess committee immediately after the regular meeting.

Informal Reception to Follow John Jacob Niles Concert

An informal reception, sponsored by the Birmingham Musicale, is scheduled to follow the John Jacob Niles concert at the community House next Friday evening, Jan. 9. Mrs. Draper Allen and Mrs. D. L. Tate will pour, and hostesses assisting will be Mrs. Latta W. Porter, and Mrs. M. B. Medler.

Several people are entertaining guests for parties before the concert that evening. Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Chapman are planning to take a group to the concert after which they will give an informal supper party at their home on Quarton road. Dr. and Mrs. William Lloyd Kemp, of Yarmouth road, are having guests from Detroit for the concert.

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Candlelight Rites Unites Earl Taylor And Jane Oliver

Of interest in Birmingham this week is a marriage that took place last Saturday evening in Lakewood, Ohio, between Earl A. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ellsworth Taylor, of Westwood drive, Birmingham, and Jane Pauline Oliver, daughter of Mrs. Edward Thomas Oliver of Lakewood.

The young couple repeated their vows at 8 o'clock on Saturday in a candlelight ceremony at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, which was decorated in green and white. Miss Oliver was given in marriage by her brother, Robert Oliver, a student at the University of Pennsylvania.

The bridal gown, fashioned of white satin, made with a very full skirt ending in a long train, the bodice was distinguished by Brabanti lace epaulets and Brambanti medallions were used on the skirt. The bride's illusion face veil was attached to a circular halo of the same material, and her cascade bouquet was composed of bouvardia and gardenias.

Mrs. Robert Pascoe Carlson, of Columbus, was matron of honor, and bridesmaids included Miss Julia Turby, of Painesville, Ohio; Norma Mitchell and Barbara Peeples, both of Lakewood. The attendants were gowned alike in dresses of ivory faille and they carried arm bouquets of carnations. All wore tiny juliet caps of crimson ostrich tips, made with long streamers of red velvet.

Gordon Taylor, of Birmingham, and a student at Whittenberg College, was best man for his brother. Ushers included Gordon Staub, of Grosse Pointe, John Osebaugh, of Norwalk, Ohio; James Hirst, of Lakewood; and Robert Helwig, cousin of the bridegroom, of Detroit.

Mrs. Oliver gave a wedding reception in honor of her daughter and the contented immediately following the ceremony at the Cleveland Athletic Club. The previous evening, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor had entertained at rehearsal dinner at the Lakewood Hotel.

The bridal couple left on a wedding trip to New York City. Both Lloyd and Jane are graduates of Whittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio. Jane was affiliated with Chi Omega sorority there and Lloyd was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Junior Dance at D. A. C. Draws Local Young People

The Junior Dinner-Dance at the Detroit Athletic Club this Friday evening is causing a good bit of excitement among the local young fry. Some of the dates we know about so far are Jim Fox and Jean Beresford, John Botsford who is going with Nancy Neumann, Patricia Knowles is to be Dave Murfry's date, and Bill Kent will be with Joyce Watkins.

Mayfa Jean Gracey is Bride of Thomas Eliot Hilton

Mrs. Hilton

Mayfa Jean Gracey spoke her marriage vows with Thomas Eliot Hilton at a simple wedding service before the immediate families on Christmas day. The ceremony took place in the quaint old Botsford Tavern, just preceding the family Christmas dinner. Dr. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated.

Mayfa Jean is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Clayton H. Gracey, of Birmingham, and Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Hilton, of Highland Park.

The bridal gown, which was fashioned of deep ivory faille, was made with a full skirt, and long fitted sleeves. The Battenberg lace, inserted both at the neckline and at the wrist, was used formerly on the wedding gown worn by the bride's mother. Mayfa Jean's juliet cap held her finger-tip length veil of the same lace in place. Her flowers were pink roses and white sweet peas.

Mrs. George R. Frye (Dorothy Trump) was the bride's only attendant. She wore a gown of fuchia faille made on princess lines, with a three-quarter length fitted sleeve and a full skirt.

Mrs. Frye carried a bouquet of white roses and pink sweet peas. Attending the bridegroom was John H. Moon, of Leelanau Schools, Glen Arbor, Mich.

Following their wedding trip to New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton will be at home at Leelanau School, Glen Arbor, Mich.

Club Notes

Metropolitan Club Auxiliary

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Metropolitan Club will meet next Wednesday evening, Jan. 7, in the Community House at 8 o'clock. Serving on the entertainment committee for the evening are Mrs. Saco Shell, Mr. Earl Moody and Carrie E. Stoddard.

Past Noble Grands Club

The Past Noble Grands Club will meet at the home of Mrs. S. H. Wilkinson, 627 Stanley avenue, on Tuesday, Jan. 6. Capable friends will reveal their identity at the meeting.

Order of The Eastern Star

The Order of the Eastern Star will meet next Wednesday evening, Jan. 7, at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Temple.

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A former Birmingham girl, Mary Tracey Sdunek, now of Milford road, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sdunek, became the bride of William David Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Nelson, of Detroit, at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The ceremony was performed at Botsford Inn with the Rev. R. C. Williams officiating. Mrs. Sdunek is a graduate of Baldwin High School.

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