Village Players Choose 'Ladies in Retirement' for Final Project of Season

MOMS Club's Bond Purchases Will Be Recorded

The MOMS Club is asking that all members and anyother mothers of men or women in service to register their bond purchases with Mrs. Coral Plumstead, treasurer of the MOMS Club, in the Community House.

This new practice is being instituted so that the MOMC Club and mothers of service men in Birmingham can give concrete evidence of helping in this vital part of supporting the war.

At the end of each month, the totals of the bonds that have been registered with Mrs. Plumstead, will be given to Frank N. Isbey, chairman of Michigan's War Savings Program, and credited to the MOMS Club.

The club is especially requesting that this be done during the concentrated bond drive in April. All the MOMS and mothers of service men who may not be members but who would like to give the MOMS Club credit for bond purchases, may bring their bonds to the Community House where the amount will be recorded for the month-end totals.

Government war expenditures in February of this year were more than 4 1-2 times the United States Public Debt on March 31, 1917.

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Raseman Family Leave for Evanston

Last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the home of Florence Davies, in Detroit, Elizabeth Elsie Burgett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Burgett, of Evanston, Ill., and Richard P. Raseman, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, where he was secretary of the Art Academy at Cranbrook were married. The Rev. Merrill O. Bates officinted at the ceremony after which Mr. and Mrs. Raseman left for Evanston where they will live until Mr. Raseman reports for duty with the Navy.

Piano Students To Give Recital

Vera Hedges Tuggey will present her younger piano students in recital at the Community House, Sunday, April 18, at 3:30.

Those taking part are Billy and Alysanne Dove, Dorothy Seffmidt, John Hubert, Nancy and Bette Cornell, Joann Richardson, Shirley and Joan Bingley, Howie Green, Margaret Norris, Frances Dalton, Donnie Kalter, Jimmie Buchanan, and Fanny DeGroote.

Others are Janice Ross, Rita Wyatt, Mary Ann Wales, Tom Underwood, Nancy Gray, Mary Chritton, Barbara Averill, Patty Cray, Charles Thomas, Bob and Beverly Gibb, Conrad Burkman, Phil Plexico, Sue Tuggey, Barbara Gray, Patricia Morgan, Elizabeth Henshaw, Patsy Eslinger, Catherine Skelly, Sally Carrier.

Spring Review Date Changed to April 30

The spring review to be given by a group of young girls for the benefit of a young English friend, Annie Savill, will take place at Adams School on April 30 instead of in the Community House on April 23 as announced last week.

Joan Schaefer and Ellen Campbell have charge of the scenery; Helen Bradley will take care of the curtains; and Mary Halladay is supervising the singing and dancing.

A check-up on the whereabouts of 1,602 rural young men in an Ohio county showed that about 40 per cent were in the armed services and 32 per cent had moved to nearby industrial centers.

Helen Wagner Neff Becomes Bride In Lovely Rites

Clusters of tall lighted tapers in antique brass candelabra, branches of flowering cherry, and quantities of spring flowers in white, yellow and lavender, decorated the house and improvised altar the evening of April 10 when Helen Wagner Neff became the bride of Joseph Emile Marie de Bruyn.

The ceremony, performed at 8:30 In Mrs. Neff's home on Knox street by Dr. W. Glen Harris, was witnessed by 70 friends of the bride and groom from Detroit and Birmingham. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Theodore A. Wagner, of Cleveland.

Mrs. de Bruyn is the daughter of August T. Wagner, of Windsor, Conn., and the late Mrs. Wagner. Mr. de Bruyn is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph de Bruyn, of Nymegen, the Netherlands.

The bride wore a flowing bouffant gown of gray-blue marquisette with a necklace of antique Dutch silver and a corsage of garnet azaleas, both gifts of the bridegroom. The interesting and unusual ring used in the ceremony was of wrought gold, set with a cabochon topaz engraved with the ancient de Bruyn family coat of arms.

Raymond Reilly of Birmingham was best man.

Mrs. de Bruyn is well-known in Birmingham, having lived here since 1925. She is a graduate of Oberlin College, and has long been active in music circles here and in Detroit. Mr. de Bruyn was educated in France and Switzerland. Vergoignon, his delightful chateau near Pau in Southern France, which has been visited by a number of Birmingham people, is now in enemy territory. Mr. de Bruyn became an American citizen within the last year, and is engaged in war production for the maritime service. Mr. and Mrs. de Bruyn will make their home on Knox street.

Out of town guests at the wedding and the reception which followed, included August T. Wagner, the bride's father, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore A. Wagner, of Cleveland, Walter C. Wagner, of Flint, Mrs. Cordelia Smits, of Alconac, and her son, Jon Smits, a cousin of the bridegroom.

Marriage Licenses

William John McCallum, Ubley, and Marjorie A. Shier, 415 Walnut boulevard, Rochester.

Orla Bricen Mungan, Jr., 57 Hickory Grove road, Birmingham, and Theresa Jane Gaffin, 2180 Livernois, Birmingham.

John Irwin Church, 6937 Ellis avenue, Seattle, Wash., and Bette Elliott, 524 Oakland avenue, Birmingham.

Willard Thomas Barber, 767 Emmons street, Birmingham, and Arlene Marie Akkerman, 338 Sunnybrook, Royal Oak.

Time Turned Backward

Quack Medicine Vendor—Sir, I might mention as a slight testimonial to this world-famed "Rejuvenator," that a year ago, after taking one small dose at night, upon awakening in the morning I said to my wife: "Mother, give me my satchel—I shall be late for school."

Members To Be Privileged To Invite Their Friends

For their final play of the year, the Village Players will present "Ladies in Retirement," a three-act play. This will be their annual invitational presentation when members may invite their friends. It will be given on Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1.

The chairman of the ticket committee is Mrs. George Howard Fox and her assistants for the year have been Mrs. E. A. Schirmer and Mrs. William H. Knowles. Assistants for this performance will be Mrs. Hans Schjolin and Ruth Hull. George M. Dwelley is directing the play.

Women's Club to Meet Tuesday

The four departments of the Birmingham Women's Club are meeting on Tuesday, April 20, for their various programs.

American Home Department

The American Home Department under the chairmanship of Mrs. Russell McBride will meet for a salad luncheon at the home of Mrs. Ralph A. Main, on Fairview avenue, at 1:15. Mrs. Maurice Lawman will be chairman of the day, and assisting with the program are Mrs. Charles Staples, Mrs. Ward Parks, and Mrs. Glenn H. Whitney.

Mrs. Merle P. Bailey will give a book review of "Headhunting in the Solomons," by Caroline Mytinger.

Art Department

Due to the absence of Mrs. William O. Merrill, leader of this department, the Art Department will dispense with their usual sandwich luncheon and join the American Home Department at 2 o'clock to hear their program.

Literature Department

The Literature Department will meet at the home of Mrs. Earle D. Sheley of Riverside drive, for a social hour and tea. Mrs. Fred S. Ross and Mrs. W. H. Uptegraff are in charge. Suggestions for next year's programs will be discussed. Mrs. Harry Allen is chairman of this group.

Pan-American Department

The Pan-American group with Mrs. Warren C. Pratt as leader, will meet at the home of Mrs. William A. Da Lee, of Pilgrim road. Mrs. Edward S. Clark will review the life of "Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico" in another of the series about lives of great Latin American figures.

Tea will be served following the program by Mrs. A. Thomas Schooley and Mrs. A. B. Underwood.

Mrs. Avery Addresses Gardeners

Pointing out the victory garden as a vital necessity in 1943, Mrs. Clarence W. Avery, of Detroit, who spoke to members and guests of the Birmingham Branch of Women's National Farm and Garden Association Monday afternoon in the Community House, held up victory gardening as an opportunity for Americans to demonstrate that their fine pioneer spirit has not been lost.

Mrs. Avery, president of the Detroit Garden Center as well as national and state conservation chairman of the Federation of State Garden Clubs, said, "They tell us that we must settle down to war as a way of life and not something which will very soon pass. It is my earnest hope that through victory gardening we will have learned a way of life that is most satisfying to our souls; that the benefits gained in health and stamina and good fresh food from our gardens will be one of the most satisfying experiences of our lives."

Mrs. Avery continued, "Since the days of pioneer forefathers, we have traveled a long road from the principles which gave them the stamina and endurance to achieve what they were called upon to do. As the centuries passed, much has been lost by what we call the advancement of civilization. Leisure, or time away from the actual duties of living, has been our criterion of success. If there was left practically nothing which we must do, we were considered most successful and most fortunate."

"Ersatz Activities"

In pointing out how people have been permitted to substitute for these real, vital, and necessary activities, Mrs. Avery named many "time-killers" which people turned to in order to escape boredom. "Ersatz Activities," she put it and stressed the fact that these were no more satisfying to the soul than ersatz food is satisfying to the body." Nothing has been accomplished at the end of the day to earn our night's repose," she said, "but victory gardening has come to us as something vital. It's real work if we are to produce the food for our families."

Mrs. Avery briefly scanned the reasons for food shortages and then said, "Every family must have a garden in any way possible. And we must cultivate the feeling not alone of necessity but of pleasurable anticipation and pride of achievement. Those who are not experienced gardeners must gain from those who are and from the many books and pamphlets. Seed men will aid in the purchase of seed."

Protective Foods

Mrs. Avery recommended highly the raising of such protective foods as lettuce, parsley, carrots, broccoli, tomatoes and beans. "Swiss chard is a lusty and prolific and almost fool-proof vegetable to raise," Mrs. Avery stated. "New Zealand spinach is another. While this is not a true spinach, it is hardy and a hot weather variety. When the first tender shoots are picked for salads or greens, two shoots grow from the lateral buds which means constant picking." She then went into a discussion of planting and care of a garden.

She was introduced by Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of Birmingham schools, who gave a brief summary of the vast work being accomplished in junior victory gardening in schools of Birmingham.

The meeting closed with a tea in the Ruth Shain room with Mrs. Cassius L. Miller and Mrs. William Daeschner presiding at the tea table. Arrangements were in charge of Mrs. W. E. Moody, Mrs. R. J. Emmert, and Mrs. D. L. Tate.

Mrs. Donald Price and Mrs. Walter Ross were named as delegates to the Michigan State Convention of Garden Clubs at the Hotel Statler, Detroit, on May 5. Mrs. William C. Howe, president of the club, will also attend.

Alumnae Give Telephone Bridge

The Kingswood Alumnae Association gave a telephone bridge for the benefit of the Ellen Wallace Memorial Scholarship Fund on Wednesday afternoon. All Kingswood Alumnae were asked to make up a few tables of bridge in their homes, and the scores were telephoned into Mrs. Philip F. De Beaubien, of Lincoln avenue, general chairman of the affair.

Her committee chairmen in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills were Mrs. Thomas H. Wilson, Mrs. Charles C. Jones, Mrs. William L. Martin, Mrs. Clemson L. Page, Mrs. John L. Scolaro, Helen Smith, Mrs. Anthony O. Endres, and Constance John.

There were also committee chairmen for parties in Detroit and Royal Oak. Mrs. M. A. Belaire III, of Birmingham, was in charge of the prizes which were war savings stamps.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Watt (Claudine Craig), of Silver Springs, Md., announce the birth of a son, Alan Craig Watt, on March 28. Mr. and Mrs. Watt formerly lived in Birmingham until Mr. Watt was transferred to Washington, D. C., in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Hitchcock (Ann Mary Linton) announce the birth of a son, Michael Linton Hitchcock, on April 4.

Since the first of April, the following births have been registered at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac:

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Scott, 444 Frank street, are the parents of a girl born on April 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark, of 14-Mile road, announce the birth of a daughter on April 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyke Jackson, 271 Big Beaver road, are the parents of a boy born on April 7.

It's a boy to **Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Faust**, 135 Bloomfield drive, on April 11.

April 12, **Mr. and Mrs. Raymond** Erickson, 16268 Berkshire road, became the parents of a baby boy.

Lt. and Mrs. Frederick W. Henderson announce the birth of a son, Frederick, Jr., last Thursday at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital. Lt. Henderson is with the Fifth Service Command headquarters at Philadelphia. Mrs. Henderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Dalton, 245 Puritan road.

Wears Grandmother's Gown at Candlelight Nuptials

Wearing her paternal grandmother's wedding gown, Bette Elliott became the bride of Sgt. John I. Church at a candlelight ceremony in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. P. Elliott, of Oakland avenue, the bride's parents, Saturday evening at 3 o'clock. Dr. W. Glen Harris read the service in front of a screen of fern, white stock, and pink carnations, flanked by two tall candelabra.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Church, of Seattle, Wash.

Worn First in 1885

The bride's gown that had been worn by her grandmother in 1885, was of heavy ivory satin with fitted bodice and bouffant skirt that ended in a slight train. The collar and edging of the three-quarter length sleeves were of old rose pointe lace. Satin plaiting trimmed the edge of the skirt's hem. The crown of dainty orange blossoms and shower of ivory tulle were also her grandmother's. She carried a bouquet of white orchids and white bouvardia.

Lucille Wayman was maid of honor in a dusty rose taffeta dress of princess lines with short sleeves and a V neckline. She wore matching ribbons in her hair and carried golden tulips.

Cadet Robert Larson, of Chicago, was best man.

Mrs. Elliott wore a dinner dress of powder blue crepe trimmed in frothy white lace at the throat and on the sleeves. She wore a corsage of white carnations.

A reception for additional guests was held in the home following the ceremony with white flowers and decorations throughout the house.

Gray-Green Suit

As her going-away outfit, the bride chose a soft gray-green suit with matching hat and black accessories worn under a hounds tooth check gray topcoat. She wore an orchid on her shoulder.

The couple left by plane for Chicago and will return next week for a few days before going to Aberdeen, Md., where they will make their home. Sgt. Church is stationed at the Proving Grounds there with the Army.

Out of town guests present at the wedding were Margaret Gardener and Martha Mellinger who came down from the University of Michigan for the ceremony; Mrs. Zeta Kearney, of London, Ont., aunt of the bride; and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Todd, of Flint.

Summer Camp at Sherwood School

The Sherwood School, of Bloomfield Hills, will have summer camp this year beginning June 28 and continuing until Aug. 20. Dr. Katherine B. Greene is director.

A directed program for the summer includes swimming, outdoor sports, creative play, dancing, hobby shop, arts and crafts, gardening, nature study, camping facilities and a camp newspaper. Girls of nine and over have a choice of program in home activities.

For a child of nursery-school age there is out-door play, rest, music, simple games, sand, blocks and swings.

Ruth Lee Navin Will Wed Ensign

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Navin, of Southfield road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Lee, to Ensign William J. Taylor, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Taylor, of Lancaster, O.

Both attended Denison University where Ruth was affiliated with Delta Delta Delta and Bill with Phi Delta Theta. At present, Ruth is attending Wayne University. Bill has just received his commission at Abbott Hall in Chicago and is now in Miami, Fla., for further training.

Plans for the wedding will be announced later.

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Dinner for Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Gouldburg, of Santa Barbara drive, will be hosts at a dinner Sunday in honor of their daughters whose wedding anniversaries fall this week. Mr. and Mrs. Harmon W. Tanner, of Pleasant Ridge, and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Davison of the Townsite, will be the guests of honor. Other guests include Miss Florence Peabody, of Detroit, Cadet Frank Gouldburg, of Boca Raton Field, Fla., is now in training at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., where he will be stationed 19 weeks.

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Mr. and Mrs. James H. Cornell, of Quentin drive, are leaving Wednesday, to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Smith, of Cincinnati, Ohio. On their return trip they will attend exercises at Fort Knox, Ky., at which time Donald O. Cornell, a brother, will receive his commission as second lieutenant.

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Men's Bowling League of Lathrup Townsite will give a dinner Saturday, May 8, to mark the closing of the season. The dinner will take place at Kingsley Inn. R. A. Finnegan is president of the league. E. B. Snarey and James Cornell are in charge of arrangements.

Will Organize Bowling

Mrs. L. J. Golcar, who has been active in bowling matches throughout the state, is in charge of organizing a Lathrup Townsite bowling league for women which will start next October. Anyone interested in joining please contact Mrs. Golcar, as it is necessary to reserve a bowling alley months in advance.

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Party Planned

The second of a series of get-together parties for Townsiters is in the offing. Saturday, May 15, is the date, and Mrs. John Freese, of Lathrup boulevard, has appointed her committee who are working with her to make it as rousing a success as was the March event. All are urged to keep the date open. These social evenings are not sponsored by any particular group but are open to all townsiters.

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Mrs. Arthur Mitchell, of Quentin drive, a member of American Red Cross Motor Corps, was one of 20 women chosen to drive a convoy of amphibians to New York City, last weekend.

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Mrs. John R. Collette, of Red River drive, was called to Washington, D. C., Saturday because of the serious illness of her sister, who fell the full length of an apartment flight of stairs and suffered a brain injury.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Stevenson, of Rackham boulevard, were hosts last week-end to Mr. Stevenson's mother, Mrs. Elsie Stevenson, of Flint. She had recently visited her daughter and son-in-law at a camp at Greenwood, Miss., and attended exercises there at which time he received his commission as Major Charles Scavarda, of the Army Air Force.

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Cora-Joyce Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Odie Lane of California drive, will leave Friday to attend the 52nd Annual Congress of National Society of Daughters of American Revolution, which opens Saturday through Wednesday at Cincinnati, Ohio. Miss Lane will be a page at the various ceremonies.

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