Books—and Good Ones—Start to Arrive in Quantity for Victory Campaign

Doris G. Bricker Weds Army Man In Denver Nuptials

Doris Gertrude Bricker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Bricker, of Ridgedale avenue, became the bride of Pvt. Floyd C. Thomas, of California, on Saturday, Feb. 6, in Denver, Colo., where the bridegroom is stationed.

The candlelight service took place at 8 o'clock in the evening in the presence of 18 friends, with the reception following. The bride was attired in a street-length dress of pale blue crepe. Gardenias and pink rosebuds formed her corsage. Dorothy Okkerse, of Trinidad, Colo., was maid of honor. The couple will make their home in Denver.

The bride graduated two years ago from the University of Colorado and has taught in Denver since then.

Cadet John Moore Honored by Friends

John Moore, Naval Aviation Cadet, has returned to Columbus, Ohio, to take up his studies again after spending a sick leave at his home on East Maple avenue.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Young Moore, honored him at a farewell party given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy K. Lewis, of Cedar drive. The house was decorated in red, white and blue. A large V made of small airplanes centered the table and were later given to the guests as souvenirs.

Friends present were: Shirley Socail, fiancee of John Moore, Doris McKee, Martin Otto, Dollie Moore, Bill Becker, Conrad McGirr, Tom Hildebrandt, Barbara Sutton, Earl Long, Esther Schultz, James Bemister, Edith Pravel, Fred Samudson, Marian Ardussi, Charles Ardussi, Ethel Pravel, Mrs. Bud King, Jean Gibbs, Ruth Nurminger, the Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Wuggazer, Jr.

Technical Volumes As Well As Fiction Sought for Forces

Paging a Pied Piper! For what? For the V. B. C., of course. Those books are pouring into collection centers about the city and its environs as if in answer to a magic pipe. They come by twos and threes, by dozens, by fifties, from nearly every bookcase in Birmingham.

But perhaps you've been on a desert island for the last three weeks. In which case, we should explain that the V. B. C. is a national effort to collect books for the men of the armed forces. (Even to a desert islander, need we point out what a good book could do for a lonesome soldier, sailor or marine in one of his precious leisure hours?)

Emphasis on Good Books

This year the stress has been on GOOD books—books in good condition, meaty, or decreational. Novels, travel books, adventure stories (e-gad! Bloodied Knife? mystery stories, humorous stories, Jeeves and Bertie Wooster might save a man's reason after a session in the foxholes).

More serious books are in demand too. Geography and travel—so a man can hone up on the countries to which he might be sent. Biography, sociology, history, literature, if not too academic, are all in demand.

Or technical books. With the right one, a man may earn an advance in rank, or fit himself for life after the war. Mathematics, shop work, motor and aeronautical mechanics, photography, radio—these are only a few of the subjects for which there is almost unlimited demand.

So far, the books coming into Baldwin Public Library have been chiefly of the first category, according to Linda Moore. "We are hoping for more technical books," she said, "but, after all, our campaign has barely started and we are hoping for more."

Schools, Churches Cooperate

Birmingham and its suburbs have gone "all out" for this book effort, according to Mrs. Gardner Cobb, local chairman, and Mrs. H. Philip Pretz, suburban chairman. Members of the telephone committees have given time and energy in a determined effort to reach every home in Birmingham. Mrs. Cobb reports that schools and churches are cooperating 100 per cent.

Particularly notable is the Carton Committee, made up of junior V. W. V. S. girls who are scouring the town for cartons to be used for dropping the books. Under the chairmanship of Pat Boley, the following are doing yeoman service, covering and trading cartons to the Library: Carol Smith, Nan Gilbreath, Jane Dodds, Janet Visner, Rachel Kirn, Jean Eddy, Dotty Scott, Sally Moss, Beverly Grier, and Joyce Watkins.

Over at Cranbrook School for Boys, a sort of combined assembly and rally for the V. B. C. is planned for Thursday morning. Students are planning a series of skits—humorous or serious, according to Chairman Herbert Barkmeyer, who hopes that the rally will give the campaign a little extra "punch."

"Everything about it," he stated, "will have something to do with books. Most of the skits are funny; there is one about a man in an airplane . . . etc."

Outlying Districts Busy

Mrs. H. Philip Pretz reports unusual activity in the outlying districts. "There was a supper at Foxcroft, a church circle tea at Franklin—admission a book. "And, she chuckled happily, "I am sure that there have been dozens of other parties and teas that I haven't heard about where guests were required to donate a book."

Wing Lake is particularly well coordinated for the Wing Lake Junior Marines have the situation well in hand, we hear.

The Red Cross Motor Corps is standing by, with a complete schedule for picking up books from collection centers, according to Mrs. Leonard T. Lewis. Volunteers have taken upon themselves the task of picking up and delivering books to the Library. They are: Mrs. M. A. Clausen, Mrs. Robert Flint, Mrs. Hans Mändel, Mrs. Wellington Evan, Mrs. John Stewart, Mrs. George Brosch, Mrs. Joseph Newman, Mrs. Lewis B. Sappington, Mrs. Leon A. Chamindje, Mrs. Ralph H. Backus, Mrs. Howard Cousins, Mrs. Jack Leary, Mrs. Washburne Wright, Mrs. Seth Metzger, Mrs. H. B. Hoey.

Other Reports

They have plenty of hard work, as evidenced by Wing Lake, where Mrs. W. W. Drissen reports that her garage, an official collection point, is "overflowing already." The Rev. Charles Cadigan, rector of Christ Church, reports a similar flood of books. Lathrup Townsite has already sent in a goodly number of boxed books.

At Baldwin Library where the books are sorted and packed for shipping, "there are nearly 500 books, ready to ship," said Miss Adeline Cooke, Librarian, "nearly twice as many as yet unsorted," she went on enthusiastically. "Good books make the sorting so much easier and it is positively heartwarming to see the quality of the books this year. I believe," she went on, thoughtfully, "that this year less than five per cent of the total number of books are discards. If all the books coming in keep up that standard, we can be proud of ourselves."

Wrong Line

FALL RIVER—Getting into a line in order to buy a ticket to a movie, a man was surprised when the line led to a grocery store which had butter. He bought a half pound.

Imminence of Army Call Causes Advance of Matthews-Pease Nuptials

Madeleine Pease became the bride of Donnell Matthews yesterday afternoon three days ahead of the announced date, as Mr. Matthews expects to be called into the armed forces soon. The wedding took place in the St. James Church at 5 o'clock and Rev. Warner L. Forsyth read the ceremony, as had been planned for the Saturday wedding. The pair said their vows in front of an altar banked with white gladioli and snapdragons, flanked with tall tapers.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pease, Jr., of Buckingham road, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Matthews, of Brown street.

In Pearl Gray

The bride came down the aisle in a pearl gray street-length dress with a square neckline of batiste pleating, long sleeves also trimmed in batiste. Her hat was a white calot made with two points in the back and was trimmed in white flowers and light blue veiling. Her accessories were white and she carried a white prayer book with three large gardenias tied on to it. The prayer book had been carried by Mrs. Robert Vinton at her wedding.

Mrs. David E. White was her sister's only attendant in a delphinium blue dress with a satin bodice and long sleeves. She wore a small flower blue hat, navy accessories, and a corsage of American beauty roses.

Clark Matthews was his brother's best man and Curtis and Maxwell Matthews served as their brother's ushers.

Mrs. Pease wore a suit of rose beige with brown accessories and a corsage of blue iris. Her hat had a brown crown and was trimmed in peach ostrich tips and brown velvet ribbon. Mrs. Matthews wore a navy blue dress with pleating of white down the side and white flowers on a small navy hat. She wore a corsage of white shattered carnations.

Reception at Home

A reception was held at the bride's home which was decorated like the church in white gladioli and snapdragons. Only relatives and close friends of the couple were present.

The bride left with her husband on a short honeymoon in a teal blue suit with black accessories worn under a black coat with a silver fox collar.

The couple will live in Bloomfield Hills until Mr. Matthews is called by the Army Air Force.

Out of town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. John B. Freeman, of Rockford, Ill., grandparents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Everett Sheridan of Evanston, Ill., aunt and uncle of the bride, Mrs. Maxwell Matthews who came down with her husband from Buffalo, N. Y., and Virginia Matthews, sister of the bridegroom, who came from Northwestern University where she is a student.

Young Couple Wed On West Coast

St. Aloysius Church in Mayfield, Calif., was the scene of the wedding of Inez Lillian Boughner and Pfc. William Edgar Potter Jan. 24 at 8:30 in the morning. The service was read by the Rev. M. M. Redner.

Mrs. Potter

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Boughner, of Ruffner avenue, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Potter, of Royal Oak.

Marian Niekamp, of Detroit, and Pfc. Stanley Walter, of Pleasant Ridge, attended the young couple. Following the wedding, they were surprised by a wedding breakfast served in the home of Father Redner.

Pfc. and Mrs. Potter are making their home in Palo Alto, Calif., where Pfc. Potter is stationed with the Army.

Mrs. Hamilton Holds Meeting of Aides

Mrs. Harry G. Hamilton, chairman of publicity for the Birmingham branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association, held an informal luncheon meeting of her committee, Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in the Community House.

Plans for the Victory Garden "Harvest Baskets" were discussed. These "Harvest Baskets" will be displays of Victory Garden produce that will be a means of presenting the club activities to the public.

Members of the committee are Mrs. Lloyd S. Linton, who is co-chairman, Mrs. Harry Conley, Mrs. Harlan D. Harris, Mrs. L. A. Farquhar, Mrs. R. K. Evans, and Mrs. Claxton H. Maupiee. Mrs. William C. Howe, president of the club, and Mrs. Stanley R. Saunders, Mrs. William McCallum, and Mrs. Derwood B. Gamble also attended.

The next meeting of the club will take place March 8 in the Community House.

Social Briefs

MR. and MRS. IRVING B. BABCOCK, of Long Pine road, left last week to spend a couple of months in Tucson, Ariz.

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MR. and MRS. H. E. EDWARDS, of Aspen, road, left for Gulfport, Fla., Monday for a six weeks' stay.

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MRS. ASA D. COOLEY, of Bates street, went to New York City last week to visit her son, GERALD, who is stationed there with the Army Air Force.

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MRS. CARL F. HASSE, Devonshire road, gave a valentine tea Sunday in honor of her daughter Gertrude's 17th birthday anniversary. Thirty girls were guests.

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LT. JOHN ALLAN REID, 781 Glenhurst, home on furlough from the Merced, Calif., air base, is entertaining several friends tonight.

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The young people's Saturday night dance for Feb. 27 will be a "Tacky Party" with dancing to Herbie Hosner's orchestra. DR. AND MRS. JOHN H. GORDON have been chosen as chaperones.

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MR. and MRS. E. G. SZABO, of Hawthorne road, have as their guests Mrs. Szabo's sister, ROSE, and her cousin, GLENN CURTISS HAHN. They both arrived here from Houston, Tex., two weeks ago and have accepted positions in Detroit for the duration. Mr. Hahn is sending for his wife and two sons to make their home in Birmingham.

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CAPT. AND MRS. FRED K. WIETERSEN spent the past week visiting with Mrs. Wieterseu's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David E. Anderson, 275 Abbey road.

Dance Club Affair On Saturday Eve

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Knoblock, of Waddington road, are entertaining a few friends for a cocktail party before the Dance Club Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Skinner, of Glengary road, are also entertaining.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman T. Halverson, of Chesterfield road, are having Mr. and Mrs. Lancelot C. Milton, Sir, and Mrs. John Hammond, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Smith, Jr., of Pleasant Ridge, as their guests for a dinner party.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Chaffee are having in a few friends for cocktails.

Judith Ann Hanna Christened Sunday

Judith Ann Hanna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hanna, Jr., of Emmons street, was christened Sunday at a ceremony in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tromley, of Pleasant Ridge. Dr. Frederick Olert, of Detroit, officiated.

Godparents of the child were Howard J. Shaw of Detroit, Mrs. Elmer Wentworth, of Royal Oak, and Mrs. Buell Johnson, of Ypsilanti, sister of Mr. Hanna.

The ceremony was witnessed by 25 people and was followed by a buffet supper. Among those present from Birmingham were Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Bell, and their children Kitty and Tommy, and Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Wylie Bell, uncle and aunt of Mr. Hanna.

Five Methodist Women's Groups To Meet Feb. 24

Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 24, at 1:15, will be the time when the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will hold group meetings. Five groups will meet on Wednesday and one group is meeting Tuesday evening, Feb. 23.

The Susanna Wesley Group is meeting at the home of Mrs. Perrin B. Shattuck, 590 Henrietta street, for a luncheon. The Kate Waggoner group will be entertained by Mrs. E. L. Birthrong in her home at 1030 Rivenoak for a potluck luncheon. Mrs. Richard B. Sipod and Mrs. Victor F. Ulrich will assist the hostess.

A salad luncheon will be served to members of the Mary E. Utter Group which is meeting at the home of Mrs. Luther Hancock, 652 Ann street. Mrs. Robert Bouse, 532 Wallace street, will entertain the Sarah Allen Group at her home for a salad luncheon.

The Hattie Evans Group is meeting at the home of Mrs. Glen C. Waggoner, 539 Henley drive, for a luncheon.

Tuesday night, the Wesleyan Service Guild is meeting at the home of Mrs. Jack D. Carnahan, 415 Henrietta street, at 8 o'clock. Members are asked to bring their sewing materials with them.

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