U. of M. Alumnae Sponsor 20 Benefit Luncheons for Scholarship Fund

Will Be Held on Jan. 28 In Homes of Members

Birmingham's very active branch of University of Michigan Alumnae announces 20 benefit luncheons to be held next Thursday, Jan. 28, to raise money for the scholarship fund.

Each hostess will entertain eight paying guests in this project to benefit Birmingham students who secure alumni scholarships at the U. of M. Under the plan, the State provides the tuition for worthy students, while the local fund is used for supplemental aid whenever it is needed.

Among the hostesses will be Mrs. F. W. Sevin, Mrs. Clark C. Coutler, Mrs. D. L. Tate, Mrs. Robert Atkinson, Mrs. Robert F. Watt, Mrs. Charles E. Lewis, Mrs. Jay E. Hanna, Mrs. Hugh D. McLeese, Mrs. Charles J. Shain, Mrs. Max B. Tunnicliffe, Mrs. Harry Allen, Mrs. W. Clifton Randall, Mrs. T. W. Widenman, Mrs. J. E. Torrence, Mrs. Ralph H. Scheel, and Mrs. A. O. Blunt.

Village Variety

By CONSTANCE LEWIS

The other morning, while in a very uncertain mood, I was told that two people would like to talk to me. I saw two beaming faces gazing serenely at me, and I felt just like Pappy Yokum looked after the turnip termite bit him.

"We're Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Woods. You called us when we first moved here, and we wanted to come over and get acquainted," came a cheery voice from a sweet-faced woman with graying hair.

An Alert Man

"This is my husband, Mr. Woods," she went on. A man with an alert face with lean cheeks, white hair that sprang up like the ears of a frightened rabbit, and black-rimmed glasses over bright, humorous eyes, grasped my hand and began shaking it furiously.

Mrs. Woods said that she had to hurry out to an appointment, and if I wanted to know something about her, she was a concert singer and president of the San Francisco Music Club before coming to Michigan. She then tucked her fur coat around her and went on her merry way.

Mr. Woods promptly sat himself down on one of the office chairs and began to talk. For the first ten minutes my mind was wondering, and I kept jotting down purely incomprehensible words that I would catch now and then. However, I soon began to listen to what he was saying and soon found myself laughing out loud much to the consternation of my fellow workers.

Likes Large Groups

It seems Mr. Woods is a music teacher with the heart of a pixy. He does his teaching at Cranbrook, is a publisher of "a couple of books," a composer, and a conductor of choral groups—the larger the better. He says, "Give me a thousand voices and I'm happy." However, neither Mr. or Mrs. Woods is very happy now because they haven't a piano. (Anyone with a good piano to sell, please get in touch with the Woodses.—Adv.)

As for his mania for large choruses, he once carried it too far. He had 2,000-and-some voices in his choral group but unfortunately nobody but themselves heard them singing because there was no room for the audience.

He loves to train young boys in voice and piano. It doesn't matter if they are geniuses or if they want to play boogie-woogie. That's all right with him. But even a little training, he believes, sharpens the sensitivity and refinement of any boy.

Don't Shout!

For a good many years, Mr. Woods had an idea that he was unable to put into practice. Out in California, he used to listen to the R.O.T.C. leaders yell orders at their companies until they had a chronic sore throat. That gave him an idea. Why not teach these leaders how to make their voices without straining them.

Last Summer, while Mr. Woods was teaching at the University of Michigan, he decided to tell his idea to Col. Ganoe, head of officer candidate training at the University. As soon as Mr. Woods had finished explaining his plan, the Colonel gave him complete authority to do as he wanted to and said that he, himself, had cherished that idea for ten years.

Mr. Woods, who hops from one idea to another with the agility of a Marine after a Jap, plunged into a pet theory of his—namely, the education of the ear. He said, "We spend a great deal of time in training the voice to sing, the feet to dance, the brain to think, the hands to draw, but we don't train the ear to hear.

Training The Ear

"Training the ear would open up a whole new field of education in which we would be made to hear sounds that we were never conscious of before. Attuning the ear to the sensitivity and meaning of numerous sounds would also open up a new acuteness to life."

When Judge Homer Ferguson was campaigning for the Senate, he was to be guest speaker at a banquet in Flint, but was hurt in an accident while en route. Mr. Woods, who was present at the banquet, was asked if he would take Judge Ferguson's place. His audience was stuffed with a good dinner and was becoming squirmy from the usual gamut of speakers that lead up to the guest only to find that Judge Ferguson was not to be the speaker. Mr. Woods wisely decided not to arise their ire further by making a long speech.

For 12 minutes, he held forth on the fascinating subject of "Skylines of Your City" which is a highly pliable subject suited to two hours or two minutes. He pointed out that the skyline of all the schools and educational institutions was a fairly large one, and the skyline of all the businesses and factories was even larger, but the artistic skyline of all cultural activities and institutions was not very large.

Mr. Woods claims that the people were so mad at him that night, that they all went and had voted for Ferguson. "Maybe I could have received a job from him, at least a janitor's job," Mr. Woods reminisced whimsically.

Inspired by Mary Garden.

The first book he wrote was called "School Bands and Orchestras," one of the first on this subject. The second was called "Ensemble Intonation" which dealt with the training of choral groups. The story behind the last book is very interesting as it deals with the bright figure of Mary Garden who was the inspiration for writing the book. She visited a rehearsal of his chorus of 125 picked voices which he was training in California and was amazed at the intonation of the group. She suggested that he write his method down in a book for future singers to use, which he did.

Before coming to Cranbrook to teach, Mr. Woods was with the University of Michigan, and for 20 years, the director of music for all public schools in Oakland, Calif. Both Mr. and Mrs. Woods are very fond of Michigan and think Cranbrook is one of the finest and most beautiful schools they have ever seen in the United States.

AWVS, Nationally, Employs 325,000

Mrs. Alice T. McLean's announcement that the membership in the American Women's Voluntary Services has reached over 325,000 gives a highly encouraging picture of America's women at war.

Founded three years ago by Mrs. McLean in Cooperstown, New York, the progress of the organization may be gauged from the following partial report of work accomplished in 1942.

Mrs. McLean's report shows the expansion of AWVS into 470 cities and towns in 34 states. Among the varied services which this organization is rendering, Mrs. McLean lays particular emphasis upon the following:

The sale by the AWVS War Savings Staff of approximately $100,000,000 in the period since Pearl Harbor.

The 360 workshops, scattered throughout the United States and Alaska, which during 1942 turned out 10,000 knitted articles and new and renovated garments. This clothing has been distributed to armed forces or delivered to Army and Navy relief societies, welfare agencies, hospitals, settlements, air fields, army camps and naval depots.

The Motor Transport Corps reached a total of 62 units in 1942.

Victory Gardens became a prime interest with many rural units during the past year.

A junior Auxiliary, with a national membership of over 25,000, is open to girls of high-school age. Under adult supervision the juniors serve in day nurseries, hospitals, settlements and canteens for where they receive special training. Juniors maintain their own workshops and act as couriers for police, fire and air raid stations.

Back of these nation-wide services lies the comprehensive AWVS training program which includes courses in motor mechanics, home repairs, air raid precautions, photography, canteen, child care, motor transport and convoy driving, classes in nutrition, first aid and home nursing, are given under the auspices of The American Red Cross. A placement bureau to acquaint the women who "want to help" with the work opportunities in her community is maintained in many units.

Garden Club Re-Elects Mrs. Howe

New officers to start another successful year for the Birmingham Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association are Mrs. W. C. Howe, who was re-elected as president, Mrs. Carl Sanders, who was elected as first vice-president, Mrs. Cassius L. Miller as second vice-president, Mrs. Harold Chapel as recording secretary, Mrs. William Daeschner as corresponding secretary, Mrs. Henry Beam as treasurer.

The report of last year, shows that it was a year of achievement and success for the club. With Victory garden projects becoming more essential and more numerous, the club is holding its success as a pattern in encouraging members and the community to carry on their individual Victory gardens.

List Other Highlights

Other highlights of the year were the Community Garden in connection with conservation, the working with the Office of Civilian Defense, the sponsoring of the Community Fair which netted $470, sent to the Army and Navy Relief Fund, the sending of seven farm women to Farm Week held at Michigan State College.

They also gave Christmas greens orders to farm women that netted $126, contributed $50 to a 4H scholarship, set up a junior gardening program that functioned all summer, added to the planting of the grounds of the Community House and Library, sold a large number of flowering crab bushes to Birmingham citizens, gave two good gardening books to the library, and had two non-competitive shows.

Mrs. Howe has announced the following chairmen to assist her during 1943: program chairman, Mrs. Derwood B. Gamble; conservation chairman, Mrs. William E. McCallum; Community House planting, Mrs. James J. Ferris; roadside improvement, Mrs. Gordon Craven; marketing chairman, Mrs. Lewis C. Dibble; membership chairman, Mrs. Dale Miller; social chairman, Mrs. John D. Maynard; revision chairman, Mrs. Carleton Patterson; finance chairman, Mrs. Ralph L. Coryell; education, Mrs. Walter Ross; publicity, Mrs. Harry G. Hamilton, and co-chairman, Mrs. Lloyd S. Linton. Delegates include Mrs. Atwood B. Oatman for Garden Center, and Mrs. William Colt Allee for Community Institute.

The next meeting of the Association will be held Feb. 8 at the Community House.

Bloomfield Club Chooses Mrs. Jos. Hinshaw

The Bloomfield Branch of the Garden Club at their annual meeting held at Christ Church Cranbrook Monday night, elected new officers for the coming year.

Mrs. Joseph Hinshaw succeeds Mrs. Donald D. James as president; Mrs. Frederick G. Weed succeeds Mrs. George B. Storer as first vice-president; Mrs. West H. Gallogly was re-elected as second vice-president; Mrs. DeForest W. Candler succeeds Mrs. Jervis Webb as recording secretary; Mrs. Kingsley M. Brown succeeds Mrs. P. K. Loud as corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Earl A. Thompson succeeds Mrs. Frederick G. Weed as treasurer.

Following the business meeting, a potluck luncheon, planned by Mrs. A. T. Trow and Mrs. Lee E. Joselyn, Jr., was served. Mrs. Lynn McNaughton, president of the Michigan division of the Association, was the speaker.

Dr. Montgomery To Wed Jan. 30

Of interest to his Birmingham friends will be the coming marriage of Dr. John L. Montgomery, of Detroit, formerly of Birmingham, and Anna Grace Martin, of St. James, Beaver Island, Mich., on Jan. 30. Dr. Montgomery is the son of Mrs. Henry Watchpocket, of Detroit. Mrs. Martin is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Cecilia Martin, of St. James' Beaver Island, and the late Bernard Martin.

The ceremony will take place in the St. Cecilia Church, of Detroit. Miss Martin has chosen Phyllis McCauley, of Detroit, as her maid of honor, and Dr. Montgomery has chosen Robert Hammer as his best man with William Kennedy, Jr., as the usher. Eugene McCauley will act as altar boy.

A reception will follow the ceremony in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watchpocket in Detroit.

Quarton Teacher Weds in Virginia

Christmas eve, at the Army Post Chapel at Fort Monroe, Va., Hope DuBois of Birmingham, became the bride of Corp. Glenn E. Linstruth. The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Milford DuBois of Stambaugh, Mich., and the bridgroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Linstruth, of Oneida, N. Y.

The bride wore a pale blue botany flannel dress with a fur hat trimmed with blue feathers. Although she was unable to find any flowers for a bridal bouquet in the little town, the chapel was beautifully decorated with poinsettia and a huge Christmas tree.

Following the ceremony, the couple left for Newport News, Va., where a group of friends honored them at a reception.

Mrs. Linstruth teaches fourth grade at Quarton school and formerly taught at Farmington.

Frances B. Lytle Engagement Told

On Christmas Eve, James D. Lytle, of Detroit, announced the engagement of his daughter, Frances Brayton Lytle, of Park street, to Jesse Allen Prescott, Jr., son of Mrs. Jesse A. Prescott, of Holly. No plans have been made for the wedding.

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Club Notes

Business Women's Club

A theatre party will be the next feature for the Business Women's Club. The regular social meeting has been postponed to Jan. 27, at which time 30 members will attend a stage performance in Detroit, "Leaning on Letty." Miss Elizabeth Fillinger is chairman of arrangements.

Cass Town Hall

George Lewis Kreeck, distinguished American diplomat, former United States Minister to Paraguay, world traveler and student of world affairs, will speak for the Detroit Town Hall in the Cass Theatre, Friday morning, Jan. 29, at 11 o'clock.

Since Mr. Keeck served as ambassador to Paraguay he has been in constant touch with the 20 South American republics, living in them and with their peoples, studying the political, industrial, economical and religious aspects of the countries.

Fisher Town Hall

Hallett Abend, for 15 years foreign correspondent in the Far East will speak at Detroit Town Hall in the Fisher Theatre, Wednesday morning, Jan. 27.

"What Can We Do To Japan?" is the subject of Abend's lecture, and his analysis of the oriental aspect of the war is based on his thrilling experiences in the war zones, as correspondent for the New York Times and the North American Newspaper Alliance.

Supper Club of St. James Church

The Supper Club of St. James Church will meet next Tuesday at 7 o'clock in the church. Following the dinner, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Dixon, chairman of the meeting, have arranged for a showing of the RAF sound movie, "Target for Tonight."

Ladies Missionary Society of the Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Ladies Missionary Society is sponsoring a card party to be given on Thursday evening, Jan. 28, in the church hall in the basement, beginning at 8 o'clock. The card party is open to anyone wishing to attend. Door and table prizes will be presented and refreshments served.

Mrs. Lee Mohr is general chairman of the affair assisted by Mrs. William Bernier, Mrs. Herman Eiebig, Mrs. Adolf Kowinski, Mrs. Frederick Samuelson, Mrs. Clifford Hunt, and Martha Eggert.

St. Agnes Guild of the St. James Church

Monday, Jan. 25, Mrs. W. A. Scars will present an interesting book review of a recent release at the home of Mrs. Francis C. Bagby, 1151 Dorchester road, at 2 o'clock. Tea will be served following the speaker.

P.-T. A.

MEETING MONDAY

All parents are invited to the meeting at Baldwin High auditorium Monday evening at which problems of draft-age high school boys will be discussed. See story elsewhere in this issue.

Holy Name P.-T. A.

The Holy Name School P.-T. A. will meet at the alumni house, Thursday, Jan. 21, at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Giles Bartol, of Our Lady of Refuge parish of Orchard Lake, will speak on "The Role of Catholic Women in National Defense."

P.-T. A. Movie Comments

Beginning on Friday, the Birmingham Theatre will show "A Yank at Eton" and "Pacific Rendezvous." The first is a typical Mickey Rooney picture with his reactions to the formalities at Eton. He learns that English boys are as likable as his American classmates, and a new link is forged between the two countries. It is a good picture for children as well as adolescents. "Pacific Rendezvous" uses Naval Intelligence Headquarters in Washington as a background for an attempt to break an important Axis code which leads to an exciting spy chase. It is entertaining for adolescents.

This coming week at the Bloomfield "The Navy Comes Through" is being shown with a good listing of stars. It has a technical advisor of the Navy and an exciting battle at sea showing the bravery and resourcefulness of the men. Excellent for adolescents. The accompanying picture is "Daring Man."

BIRTHS

A daughter, April Lee, was born to Sgt. and Mrs. Grover E. DuVal (Gertrude Allen) Thursday, Jan. 14. Sgt. DuVal is now stationed somewhere in Alaska.

Junior Musicale Holds Its Election

Ruth Minks was named president at the semi-annual elections of the Junior Musicale held Monday evening, Jan. 11, at the home of Jack Mellinger on Suffield road.

Other officers elected were Ella Clark as vice-president, Jean Stoffregen as secretary, Mary Jane Smith as treasurer, Dorothy Olin and John Mathews as program co-chairmen, and Tom Fox as sergeant-at-arms.

Following the meeting, a musical program was presented featuring Doris Minks, Francis Buckeridge, and Lois Carruthers. Miss Carruthers, a new member, auditioned for the club with a clarinet solo. Tom Fox, another new member, is to audition at the next meeting to be held at Gordon Cole's home.

GIRL SCOUTS

Attention, Girl Scouts!

The slogan, "A Million or more by '44", sounds a little vague and very large to the individual Girl Scout as she reads it. For that reason, this column is going to make a slogan for the individual girl scout of Birmingham. This slogan will be "Our troop won't hold more in '44". Now, since we aren't a trained slogan-maker, this slogan will need a little explaining. In her report to the council at its last meeting, Mrs. Richey said that not all of our troops are full. There also may be vacancies come in some of the troops when some of their members go to junior high school in a few weeks. So this slogan means that each scout in Birmingham should make it her business to see that her troop is as full as the leader feels it can be. When all our troops are full and there are more girls wanting scouting, the leaders will somehow be found for new troops. If you belong to one of the troops with a waiting list, try to help your leader find an assistant so that she can have a better troop, for we want a full quota of leaders just as well as girls.

Miscellany

Some of the Mariners have been making posters for the school for Wartime Living.

Troop 2, Adams School is planning a roller skating party at the Birmingham rink followed by a dinner at the Scout Room in the Community House. The date for the party is Jan. 28.

Mrs. A. N. Wingerden is going to give these same girls work in First Aid in order that they may earn their scout first aid badge.

Troop 3, Quarton School, was entertained on Wednesday by several of its members who presented a marionette show—"Trip to South America" and the "Sick Car." The girls participating were Ann Rickenbaugh, Cynthia Hadley, Jo-Jo Spike, and Betsy Drake. Mrs. George Finch, public relations chairman of the Girl Scout Council, spoke to the girls and answered questions on badge requirements. During February, the troop will have instruction in first aid. The instructor will be Mrs. O. W. Schwenk.

Some of the girls in Troop 10, are also making posters for the school for War Time Living.

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burke, of 756 Abbey road, who have been residents of Birmingham for about three weeks? They moved here from a town called Flossmoor, Ill., when Mr. Burke was offered a position with radio station WJR in Detroit. Mrs. Burke hastily added that he does not perfrom or announce; he is just in the "commercial end of it." They have two girls who both attend Adams School. They are Rosemary, who is eight, and Lois who is eleven.

The new Birmingham fireman and his family, **D. H. Richardson,** now on 627 Purdy street? They have twin daughters, Nancy and Sharon, who will be four months old on Feb. 6. Mrs. Richardson bursts with pride when she talks about them. Before coming to Birmingham, the Richardsons lived in Royal Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer E. Whitlock, formerly of Arkansas and Detroit, now living at 947 Bennaville avenue? After coming to Michigan from Arkansas, the Whitlocks lived in Detroit for five years. Mr. Whitlock is a welder at Murray Corp., in Detroit. They have one son, Bobby, who is five and raring to start kindergarten.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth B. Slawson, 475 Park street, who consider themselves victims of the rent situation in Detroit, but are glad that they can live in Birmingham. They had planned to build a house here because they have so many relatives living in this vicinity. Their daughter, Nina Gray, will enter Adams in February. Mr. Slawson is branch manager of the Industrial National Bank of Detroit.

Dehydrated Soup

A new dehydrated soup made of pea meal, soy bean grit and dry skim milk has been tested by the Department of Agriculture and found to be an ideal war food because the protein content is about 35 per cent. It is being made available for civilian use.

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