

Invitational Group Will See Village Players' Production Friday and Saturday

Village Variety

By CONSTANCE LEWIS

A fat, jolly little man that looked as if he were convulsed with laughing, rubbing chubby hands on his rosy tummy, struck my eye as I entered the living-rooms of the V. G. Genn home on Lone Pine court. He was made of white alabaster and stood on a shelf under a window. His beaming oriental face smiled benevolently on all.

"He is the Japanese god of good luck, good fortune, prosperity," Mrs. Genn laughed.

children, she remarked with typical Confucian wisdom, "You do what you can and what you can't, you don't do. I believe in living one day at a time."

People Same Underneath

She says the traveling her sons have done has made them better people and better equipped to meet the problems of a post-war world. They have gone to school nearly every nation, and they have gained the pearl of wisdom—that after all, most people are the same underneath even if they may live differently or talk differently.

Oriental Objects d'Art

The captivating god of luck was not the only interesting thing in that room. There was a large delicately-painted fan covered with cherry blossoms and small red birds spread over the mantelpiece. A squat bronze statue looking darkly mysterious creeps you as you come in the foyer. Spidery pen and ink sketches hang on the walls, tiny, intricately carved figures of ivory lay on shelves defying the touch of a hand that might crumble them. One stands against the wall covered with inlaid designs of ivory in soft colors that make it more like a beautiful painting than a design on a shell.

All these things and the oriental designed rugs and chair covers speak of the years the Genns have spent in the Orient. They returned in 1937 from Japan where they spent ten years and where their youngest son (they have three) was born. They have traveled in Europe, India, China, and probably a lot of other places Mrs. Genn neglected to mention.

In 1917, shortly after they were married, the Genns took a trip to Alaska and have been traveling ever since. Mrs. Genn says she loves it, but like many another seasoned traveler, she must postpone seeing the rest of the world until after the war. When I asked her how she had traveled with the

Shows Honoring Bette Elliott Begin

Bette Elliott will be a busy bride until she becomes the Mrs. of Sgt. John I. Church on April 10. The parties and showers scheduled already are on the average of two a week.

The first shower to honor Bette was given by Lucille Wayman at her home on Yorkshire road, last Tuesday evening. It was a kitchen table affair with a high table around the house. Directions for finding them were written on slips of paper in balloons that were tied to the ribs of an umbrella. Bette had to punch the balloons and find her presents from the directions inside which afforded the guests a great deal of pleasure.

Wednesday night, Mrs. Wendell Lewellen, the former Jane Thomas, who is home for spring vacation from De Pauw University at Greencastle, Ind., honored Bette at a personal shower in her parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Thomas, of Pilgrim road.

Tomorrow night, Jane Gibbons is giving a dinner party and a miscellaneous shower for Bette at her home on Hanna street.

Piano Students in Recital on Sunday

The following pupils will perform: Gordon Rippey, Cynthia Rippey, Billy Mailender, Fred Mailender, Hildegarde Way, Carroll Way, Helen Woolson, Jim Woolson, John Larson, Palmer Wood, Robert Fowler, Nancy Fisher, Norma Lee Kass, Susan Cunningham, Jean Londergan, Kathryn Brown, Shirley Cousins, Suzanne Seiler, Dorothy Davis, Clara Louise White, Janet Walker, Martha Hostwick, and Pat Woolfenden.

James W. Bampton Heads Cast for Comedy-Fantasy

The Village Players are presenting as their second annual guest performance, "Heaven Can Wait," written by Henry Segall from which the movie, "Here Comes Mr. Jordan," was adapted. The three-act comedy-fantasy will be given in the Playhouse, Friday and Saturday nights and is an invitational affair with servicemen being admitted without tickets.

The play is being directed by Mrs. Harrison J. Stingham, assisted by Mrs. Charles H. McCall. James W. Bampton will play the part of Joe Peniston; Thomas H. Adams will be Mr. Jordan; Ned Shattuck is playing Messenger 0013; William L. Martin is Tony Abbott; Mrs. James A. Grier, Julia Farnsworth; Mrs. Blaine Eynon, Charles J. W. Pease, Jr., as Max Levine; Mrs. Cyril B. Lewis, as Mrs. Ames; Mrs. George Harriet Stauffer will play Susie, a maid; another maid, Ann, will be played by Mrs. Edward Adams. Berrien C. Ketchum plays an escort; C. G. Eden plays Williams; Charles J. W. Pease, Jr., as Dr. James A. Grier, a doctor; and L. C. Colgrove, a plain clothes man.

AWSS Sells Tickets

The Birmingham AWSS has received 50 tickets by The Village Players to their performance tomorrow evening of "Heaven Can Wait." The amount made on the sale of these tickets will be used for the maintenance of the local AWSS organization.

Mrs. Warren S. Sumner, who has been telephoning members regarding the AWSS's performance, reports that the following AWSS members are buying tickets at the Defense Club: Mrs. E. W. Allen, Mrs. Clarke F. Andrae, Mrs. Leo M. Butzel, Mrs. Richard L. Campbell, Mrs. Howard F. Coombs, Mrs. Wallace R. Evers, Mrs. William H. Jackson, Mrs. L. N. Pyle, Mrs. E. J. Rust, Mrs. Earl H. Smith, Mrs. Warren S. Sumner, Jr., Mrs. Carl W. Sundberg, and Mrs. Glen M. Davis.

MOMS Club Meets Tonight at Baldwin

The MOMS Club was unable to secure the announced films to be shown at their regular business meeting tonight in Baldwin High school.

A new set of interesting films has been arranged for with the Bureau of Visual Education at the University of Michigan. The first is entitled, "Campus on the March," which shows some of the 1,400 colleges and universities in the United States who are devoting their resources and facilities to the war effort. This film will help high school students to decide on the value of college education and will help parents who are making plans for their children.

The second film is about Alaska, entitled, "Reservoir of Resources," showing Alaska's industries such as salmon fishing, lumbering, etc. The third film, "The World We Want to Live In," shows the racial intolerances here and in other countries.

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott R. Burnham, 1088 Southfield road, who were married last week, because Mr. Burnham has been coming to Detroit on business so much during the past year that he decided to save himself the trouble of traveling back and forth; His family includes three daughters, all in a row, Ann, 16, Joan, 15, and Barbara, 14. Ann and Joan are attending Baldwin High School and Barbara is going to Barnum. Mr. Burnham is not a complete stranger to Birmingham as he visited a few times here with Mr. and Mrs. William K. Carter, of Dorchester road. Mr. Burnham is employed at Murray Corporation.

The new bride, Lt. and Mrs. R. L. ReFlor, 980 Henrietta? They were married just five weeks ago and came to Birmingham to make their home while Lt. ReFlor, of the U. S. Army, is stationed at the Tank-Automotive Center in Detroit. Mrs. ReFlor comes from Midland, Mich., and Lt. ReFlor comes from East Lansing. He has been stationed in Washington, Mrs. ReFlor is very enthusiastic about living in Birmingham. "It's such a friendly place," she says.

GIRL SCOUTS

ATTENTION GIRL SCOUTS!

It is "Happy Birthday" this week for more than 700,000 girl and adult members of the Girl Scout Organization of the United States. Girl Scouting was organized on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Ga., and ever since it has been dedicated to service to the girl, the community, and the country. Scout troops all over Birmingham are making some recognition of this birthday in their troop activities. We hope to be able to report some of these in next week's Eccentric.

At Chicago

Commissioner, Mrs. E. F. Brumbaugh, and her public relations chairman, Mrs. George B. Finch, spent a most profitable week at Chicago at a national training school for leadership training. In addition to the methods and philosophy of Scout leadership they have come home with the realization that all over the country "in Scouting you meet such nice people."

The annual meeting of the Girl Scout Council of Birmingham was held last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Craig H. Richey, of Arlington road. Besides the annual reports and the voting on a new constitution election of officers was held. The results of the elections will be given next week.

Troop 10

Troop 10 which is composed of Junior High School girls reports a list of 16 members. The officers are Jane Carter, president; Betty Lane, vice president; Natalie

Meeting March 17

Next Friday, March 17, is the regular monthly meeting of the leaders association at the Community House. The theme of the meeting will be "My Most Pressing Problem With My Troop." The leaders are asked to bring their handbooks and to be prepared to present their more troublesome problems. Mrs. Finch will be in charge of the discussion.

Broadcasts

The following are some of the National Girl Scout broadcasts for Birthday Week: March 9 at 10:30, Mrs. Roosevelt spoke at the National Girl Scout dinner. On March 12, at 7 p. m., the Blue Network carries a program and Mutual Broadcasting Company has one at 9:30. On Saturday noon, National Broadcasting Company, Columbia, and the Blue Network all carry the same program.

On Sunday, March 14, Mutual has two programs, one at 1:15 and one at 8 p. m. March 28, the "Wake Up America" program at 3:15 is entirely devoted to Girl Scouts. This is on the Blue Network.

In National Contest

The Girl Scout window in Mulholland's is entered in the national contest which is being sponsored by national headquarters. The photograph of our window will be sent to New York and judged with thousands, perhaps, other Girl Scout birthday windows. There are prizes for the store, the decorator and the council having the best window.

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"The Japanese people are in the grip of a military party, and I know that as in Germany, there are many people who do not support this party," Mrs. Genn added.

Mrs. Genn likes the Chinese people, especially the very poor farmer, who despite his poverty is generous, friendly, and intelligent. Although the Genns could not speak Chinese, their friendliness towards these people was understood mutually and needed no verbal expressions.

As to India, the polyglot, fitly confused India, Mrs. Genn firmly believes that the Indian people have not appreciated what British rule has done for them. "If they were given self-government now, there would be hundreds of different states resulting in revolts and upheavals that could never be unified," she says.

Mrs. Genn is small and dark with bright intelligent eyes whose corners are laugh wrinkled and whose quick mind is tempered by calmness and tolerance. She lives in a comfortable, lovely home but still remembers the discomfort, hunger, and privation she found wherever she traveled in foreign countries.

'Marriage Licenses

Rodney Ray Welch, Franklin Village, and Rose Gertrude Wagner, 2117 Clawson, Royal Oak.

Leo Edward Johnson, 6039 Helton, Detroit, and Doris Lidzey, 321 Pierce, Birmingham.

Robert Jackson d'Armond, 103 Tecumseh street, Clawson, and Charlotte Woods Weller, 193 Tecumseh street, Clawson.

Harold Levon Griffin, 504 16 Mile road, Birmingham, and Jeanette Dune Vreeland, 500 Pontiac road, Walled Lake.

Lois Virginia Gundersen, 500 Pontiac road, Walled Lake, and George Samuel Stordard, 406 Commerce road, Walled Lake, and Helen Lucille Warren, 406 Commerce road, Walled Lake.

In Chicago last year, 8,105 families shared the products of 47 community war gardens.

'Social Briefs'

MR. and MRS. ELLIOTT R. BURNHAM, of Southfield, road, and their daughters, ANN, JOAN, and BARBARA, entertained Dick LARGENTON, New Jersey, over the weekend. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Burnham and is attending Stanford.

MRS. HARRY A. MUDGE, JR., of Denver, Col., who is stationed with the Army Air Force at Buckley Field.

MRS. J. H. WALKER, of Arlington road, returned last week from Wilmette, Ill., where she attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Howard E. Moore who died there March 2.

ELISE PARTLAN, of Woodland avenue, has returned from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where she spent two months.

SALLY PARTLAN spent last weekend at Notre Dame University as the guest of JACK McSWENEY for the Senior Ball.

C. A. PACKARD, of Hazelwood, Fla., Tuesday for Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., to spend two weeks with his wife who has been down there for two months.

MR. and MRS. McBRILL, COOPER ADAMS, of Kenosaw avenue, honored their son and new daughter-in-law, MR. and MRS. WELDON ADAMS, at open-house held in their home for 100 guests Saturday night. Mrs. Adams is the former Luana Louise Carpenter, of Scarsdale, N.Y. They left Sunday for Ann Arbor where they are living.

MRS. H. H. GARDNER, of Dick road, on a trip to Battery and Columbus over the weekend. Mrs. Gardner will stop off at Granville to see her daughter, Mary, sing in the Denison University opera.

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ATTEND FUNERAL

Mrs. Beatrice M. Price, Forest avenue, and her children, Mrs. Jack Price, Pvt. James W. Price, of the Air Force, and Robert and Joan, returned Friday from Grand Rapids where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Price's father, E. F. Barber.

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