

Cranbrook Creek Theater Group Takes 'Letters to Lucerne' to Custer

A group of young Thespians who have been developing into talented actresses, took the long trek to Fort Custer last Saturday to bring some fun and entertainment to the Soldiers in the hospital at the camp. They were the girls and boys who have been working so ardently all summer in the Greek Theatre and Cranbrook under the direction of Carl and Annetta Wonnberger.

Hard Work
For six weeks the class met every morning at Cranbrook, here they learned to talk, and to walk, and at time went to and to walk, to act, and to act extraordinarily well, as anyone will agree, who saw the public performances of all the classes.

Then came the big surprise, for Mr. Wonnberger asked the senior

group to return for a week of strenuous "summer stock" training. This very successful result was seen in "Letters to Lucerne," which was given in the Greek Theatre two night performances before most appreciative audiences.

Perform for Soldiers
But the fun and excitement did not end there for those young actors. The wires between Cranbrook and Fort Custer were humming when an invitation came from the Fort to present the play at the hospital under the auspices of the Red Cross. The entire cast, laden with costumes, make-up and necessary equipment, drove to Fort Custer on Saturday. After a trip through the camp and a hasty rehearsal, the cast gave a most commendable performance, much to the delight of their soldier audience.

Leading Man Inducted
Renwick Knox, who had been inducted into the Army the previous Tuesday, played the leading male character. He was at Fort Custer and was given permission to join the cast for one evening, so there were many thrills when Renwick appeared in khaki.

The cast included Pat Newhall, Jane Sney, Jeanne Helgeson, Mary Quinn, Barbara Brock, Diane Strickland, Benny Knox, and Annetta Wonnberger, who did a wonderful job pinching-hit for Martin McKinn.

Marilyn Hanniken, of Detroit, Peggy Lind, and John Kice went along to take care of the music, props and lighting.

G. Murdoch Sets Date for Marriage

Grace Murdoch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gilbert Murdoch, of Greenwood avenue, has set the date for her marriage to Edward Elliott Russell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Elliott Russell, of Edgewood drive, as Sept. 11.

The wedding will take place at 8 p. m. at the First Methodist Church, with a reception at the home of her parents following the ceremony.

Both Grace and Edward are graduates of Baldwin High School. Grace is now employed with the Detroit Edison Co., Edward graduated from the University of Detroit with a degree in electrical engineering. He is now employed with the U. S. naval radio research laboratories in Washington, D. C. The couple plan to make their home in Washington after their marriage.

Shain Class Will Hold Picnic Sept. 7

A sandwich picnic at the home of Mrs. Hugh D. McLeese, 4975 Brookdale, Tuesday, Sept. 7, will be the setting for the final summer meeting of the Ruth Shain International Affairs Class.

The reports will be a review of Walter Lippman's Foreign Policy; "Shield of the Republic," and a report on our State Department and its personnel.

The summer meetings are social affairs and anyone interested may attend.

Drivers with extra space are urged to stop at Shain's Drug at 1245 to pick up extra passengers. To reach Brookdale turn right on Charing Cross, second road on right.

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Engaged Presbyterian Women's Union to Resume Activities

After a summer recess, The Women's Union of the First Presbyterian Church will start its fall and winter activities when the eight divisions meet on Wednesday, Sept. 8, for 1 o'clock luncheon in the homes of various members.

Division one, with Mrs. Frank E. Hogen, chairman, will meet with Mrs. Seymour D. Adams on North Adams road.

Division two, with Mrs. Manley E. Bailey, chairman, will be entertained by Mrs. T. A. Henshaw, of Ridgedale avenue.

Division three, led by Mrs. Thomas A. Scholey, will go to the home of Mrs. Thomas H. Macksey, on Longmeadow road.

Division four, with Mrs. John H. Rosso, leader, will be entertained by Mrs. Paul E. Heinhohn, of South Bates street.

Division five, of which Mrs. Caroline Utegraff is chairman, will be the guest of Mrs. Elmer C. Husberg, of Willsborough road.

Division six, Mrs. H. D. Mysing, chairman, will meet at the home of Mrs. John B. Gay, of Baltimore drive, Beverly Hills.

Division seven, has not announced its meeting place. Mrs. C. H. Sander is chairman.

Division eight, with Mrs. Norma W. Berry, will be the guests of Mrs. Wilmer E. Moody, at her home on Chesterfield road.

Miss McCallum Tells Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander McCallum, of Woodingham drive, Detroit, announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Agnes, to Lt. Frederick Bradford Smith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bradford Smith, of North Adams road.

Margaret attended Olivet College and is now completing nursing at the Henry Ford Hospital. Lt. Smith is a graduate of Kent School, Kent, Conn., and also of California.

During a recent furlough he and his fiancée spent a few days with his parents at their cottage on Whippoorwill Lake, after which he returned to his station with an armored field artillery battalion in Beale, Calif. The wedding is planned for next June.

Local Favorite Previews Works

Many Birmingham women will be particularly interested guests at the opening of an exhibition in Detroit, the evening of Sept. 10. They are members of an artists' club, who, for the past two years, have been studying painting with the well known Hungarian artist, Francis de Erdelyi. The popularity of this class has been so great that it has been necessary to have two sessions each Thursday at the Adams school.

Mr. de Erdelyi is to be honored with a one man show at the De Young Memorial Museum in San Francisco during November of this year.

To give his many friends in the Detroit area an opportunity of seeing his new works, a preview of the paintings for this exhibition has been arranged at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth avenue, Detroit, opening on Friday evening, Sept. 10, at 8 p. m. and continuing through Sept. 20.

An unusual feature of the preview opening will be a "Postscriptural" analysis of the art and its works, at 9:30, by Albert de Salle, of Manor road.

MOMS CLUB TO MEET

The MOMS club will hold its monthly meeting Sept. 9, 8 p. m., at the Community House.

Plans will be announced for the dinner meeting to be given for all the Mothers and Fathers of the men and women in service, from Birmingham.

Farewell Party for Martin Otto

A farewell party was given for Martin Otto, last Thursday evening, before his departure for the Naval Air Corps, this Tuesday.

The guests had a wieners roast and then went swimming at Walnut Lake.

Those attending were Doris McKee, Edith Pravel, Ethel Pravel, Tom Millbrandt, Nancy Burns, Ray Pravel, Don Moore, Connie McGirr, Charlotte Klein, and Joan Kowalski.

The group presented Martin with a duffle bag.

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by LILLIAN DIEDERICH

We realize that every housewife is in a sort of "picklemint," these spicy days, what with Victory gardens yielding abundantly, which leaves gossip columns devoid of new tidbits. Telephoning eight to ten Townsitters to get even one dear lady, remember I await your gracious co-operation in order to fill this space.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gouldburg, of Santa Barbara drive, have glad tidings to share. A new grand-

Social Whirl for Harriett Stauffer

Harriett Stauffer, oride-elite, is being carried away in a regular social whirl of final parties before her forthcoming marriage to Lt. (j.g.) Ralph M. Fox, USNR.

Mrs. Arthur Hugg and Mrs. Douglas Starkweather honored Harriett at a kitchen shower in Mrs. Hugg's home in Pleasant Ridge, on Tuesday. Wednesday she was entertained by the local Theta chapter at the home of Mrs. W. C. Spraul, on Shirley drive. Mrs. Don C. McLaughlin and Mrs. Angus D. McLaughlin will be co-hostesses at a tea in Mrs. Stanton's home, on Lathrup drive, Friday. Jane Hyde and Elizabeth Richey will entertain for Harriett Sunday afternoon in Elizabeth's home, on Arlington drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weyersmiller, of Lathrup boulevard, will give a dinner Sunday, in honor of Mrs. Weyersmiller's birthday, and to celebrate his small son's birthday, as Frederick, age 2, was born the same day. The great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Weyersmiller, will be present as will his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Weyersmiller, of Plymouth, Mich., and daughter, Elsie Mae.

Cadet Robert F. Diederich, our son, received his first wings as Army pilot, at Nashville, Tenn., last week. Over long distance Cadet Diederich said the exam took 7 hours and the temperature was 107°. Bob spent six hours following the ordeal.

Mrs. Anna Reed Howe and Mrs. Alice Reed, of Chicago, are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reed, of Eugene Boulevard, will leave their small son's birthday, as Frederick, age 2, was born the same day. The great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Weyersmiller, will be present as will his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Weyersmiller, of Plymouth, Mich., and daughter, Elsie Mae.

Candidate

Because she and her family reside in Birmingham for many years, local folks are interested in the candidacy of Mrs. Bryant for a place on the Detroit City Council. She is the only woman running for that position at the fall election.

Mrs. Bryant, active in various women's organizations, and well known throughout the State for her effort on behalf of underprivileged children, was born in Detroit 43 years ago. Her husband, Edward L. Bryant, is a Detroit lawyer. She has two children, Edward L., aged 16, and Martha C., 14.

Mrs. Bryant attended the Detroit public schools, and graduated from the University of Detroit in Michigan State Bar in 1923. She also is active in the Women's City Club of Detroit; assisted on the Michigan Advisory Committee on Education between 1932 and 1940; served on committees for the Michigan League of Women Voters from 1932 to 1942; she also belongs to other organizations for the improvement of society through political action.

"I hope to be elected to the Detroit Common Council because I know that children are important, and that we must plan and develop practical methods of caring for the underprivileged, both during and after this war," said Mrs. Bryant. "I believe that the City Fathers need the help of a City Mother."

Bride-Elect Honored At a Kitchen Shower

Mrs. Robert Chissus and Mrs. Guy Jensen entertained at a miscellaneous shower for Eleanor Moe, of Detroit, at the home of Mrs. Jensen, on Kneegaw, Monday. The party was a dessert luncheon.

Eleanor will become the bride of Lt. (j.g.) Fred W. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Johnson, of N. Adams road, on Sept. 4.

Harriett Stauffer Feted by Thetas

The Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae chapter honored Harriett Stauffer at a personal shower in the home of Mrs. W. C. Spraul, of Shirley drive, yesterday.

Mrs. Charles Lewis and Mrs. William R. Plate poured at the attractively decorated table with a white Italian cloth and large bowls of white gladioli.

Allshouses Honor Son at Picnic

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Allshouse, of Arlington drive, held a picnic in their garden last Saturday night. The occasion was in honor of their son's furlough and David Claxton's leave. Melvin Allshouse is a private in the Army and David is a seaman 3/e in the Navy. The boys have been friends for years but have been separated due to their military duties. Melvin is on furlough from Aberdeen, Md., and David is on leave from Iceland. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Claxton, of Long Lake road.

The Allshouses entertained for 28 guests.

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Robert H. Browns Hold Open House
Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Brown, of Valley Row, Bloomfield Hills, honored their daughter, Mrs. Frank Roderick Grosvenor, Jr., who has just returned from her honeymoon in St. Louis, at an open house on Tuesday night.

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Those attending were Mrs. Tom Rury, Jane Hansen, Marion Clark, Brookie Outman, Nancy Juhl, Ruth Randolph, Mrs. Ed Wacker, Miss Edith Bennett, Rose Vetranno, Connie Vetranno, Hel on Joyce, Marjorie Shepherd, Barbara Gray, Mary Grosvenor, Mrs. Frank Grosvenor, Grace Sheldon, Dori Hillman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keogh, and Roberta Brown.

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