

May 31 Set as Date of Turner-Merrill Rites

May 31 has been set for the wedding date of Colia Merrill, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William D. Merrill of Will-O-Way, and Kenneth E. Turner, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Turner of Birmingham.

The ceremony will be held at the home of the bride's parents in the gardens of Will-O-Way. The bride-elect has asked Mrs. Louis Phillips to be her matron of honor, and her two sisters, Mrs. Carl Rice and Mrs. Edward Sikorski of Birmingham, Norma Turner, a cousin of the groom, and Mrs. Robert Magor to be her bridesmaids. Arlene Rice will be a junior bridesmaid.

Kenneth has asked his brother, Charles, to be his best man, while William Way Merrill, Robinson Brownell, Walter E. Randall, and Lt. Col. R. F. Hansen will seat the guests.

Regular Meeting Of Garden Club Held Recently

Mrs. Truman Barhier, national president of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association, was the honor guest at the regular monthly meeting of the Birmingham group which met recently in the Community House.

Following the business meeting Mrs. Barhier spoke briefly on the aims and purposes of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association.

Among other interesting news items on what the National group were doing was one that is of especial interest at this time.

In memory of Henry Ford, who was always keenly interested in garden club work, they are sending two farm women to Michigan State College at East Lansing for two weeks.

Plans for Garden Week During the business meeting, some of the plans for the coming Birmingham Garden Week, beginning May 12, were brought out.

Following the meeting the members adjourned to the Ruth Clark room for the tea hour. The two tables, one on either side of the room, one with a pink, the other with a green cloth, with the folded branches used in the arrangements on the tables as well as the mantle, added a breath of Spring to the occasion.

"Dirt Gardeners' Meet" Mrs. D. L. Tate and Mrs. Frank D. Webb were co-chairmen for the tea. Assisting them were Mrs. Harry Vaughn, Mrs. R. J. Waterbury and Mrs. Arthur P. Wilkinson.

The first meeting of the "dirt gardeners," headed by Mrs. Webb, was held at the Community House Monday. A discussion on "Spraying and Fertilization" was given by the president, Mrs. Lewis C. Dibble, followed by a discussion on "Pruning" by Mrs. Webb.

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Engaged

Morrison's Win Two Prizes in Interior Decoration Contest

By Mary Anne Foster

"Imagine our astonishment when we found ourselves the proud but surprised winners of two prizes in an interior decoration contest," were the words of Mrs. Helen J. Morrison, 119 South Adams road, in referring to the honor of being awarded two of the seven \$100 prizes which were won by Michigan residents in the recent "Better Living" contest.

The contest, sponsored by the Chicago Tribune, is part of that paper's long-range program to stimulate widespread public interest in home furnishing and decorating.

Mrs. Morrison explained that this was the first joint attempt made by her and her husband, Mardo D. Morrison, newlyweds for four months, to establish themselves as a team in the decorating field, and they are naturally quite thrilled with their first try.

Both are employed in the Sarrin and Swanson architectural office in Bloomfield Hills. Mr. Morrison graduated from Lawrence Technical Institute in Detroit and has been with Sarrin and Swanson since his discharge from the Navy in October 1945.

His wife has worked under Mrs. Swanson of that office since January 1946, after having received her degree in interior design at the University of Michigan. Books on the subject of architecture are now piled high at their home, for Mr. Morrison takes his State board examinations in that subject this week.

"In working as a team," Mrs. Morrison stated, "my husband produced most of the ideas and I did the drawings for the plans of a juvenile or infant's bedroom and a dining room. Our plans included perspectives, technical institute in Detroit of the materials we would employ in the rooms, she commented, "and although I lost three days work preparing the entry, my husband and I both feel it was worth it."

The only stipulation mentioned in the contest rules were the size of the rooms; they could not exceed a certain measurement, but everything else was optional to promote originality.

The Morrises' bedroom plan, done in colors of brown, natural and tomato red, included beds and desks on hinges to provide the most possible play room for the two children for which it was intended.

The dining room, completed at one o'clock on the night of the contest deadline, remains a highlight in Mrs. Morrison's mind, for obvious reasons.

But she does know the plan was for the rather-difficult-to-decorate diningroom of the large old square type house, so common in the country. Beige and tomato red were the colors for this room.

Looking for More Contests "Now that our first venture has proved successful," said Mrs. Morrison, "we'll just keep on hunting for more contests and continuing on with our 'experiments'."

Residents of 25 states, the District of Columbia, and one foreign country are to share the 161 prizes totaling \$26,250, which drew entries exceeding 1,600.

There were seven \$1,000 first prizes, seven second prizes of \$500 each, the same number of third prizes, \$250 each, and twenty \$100 prizes for each of the seven divisions.

The contest closed March 17, after drawing inquiries from over 100 countries. The next step of the program will be an extended full color series of reproductions and adaptations of the winning designs.

Lt. C. W. Snyder to Speak Here Friday Lt. Charles W. Snyder, head of the censorship bureau of the Detroit Police Department, will be the speaker of the evening when the Men's Club of the First Baptist Church meets Friday, April 25, for the regular monthly meeting. Dinner will be served at 7 p. m. to those having made reservations.

Lt. Snyder's department censors all movies, plays and all other forms of public entertainment in Detroit.

Due to his popularity as a speaker, the Men's Club invited all men of Birmingham to hear Lt. Snyder's interesting stories of censorship at 7:45 p. m. in the church parlors.

Dunn-Savage Final Wedding Plans Completed

Anne Savage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Savage, has completed plans for her marriage to Paul G. Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Arthur D. Charter.

The ceremony will be read by the Rev. Ralph V. Barton at one o'clock Saturday, June 21, at Holy Name Church. A reception will follow in the bride's home.

She has asked her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ernest C. Mansfield, to be her matron of honor, with Mrs. Charles M. Savage, another sister-in-law, Mrs. G. William Osterman, Jane Holt and Jane Hansen of Los Angeles, Calif., formerly of Birmingham, as bridesmaids.

John Charter will be his brother's best man, and usher is Charles William Roberts of Franklin and Thomas Williams, Hugh Ross Meek, Jr., and Clark Pardee, all of Birmingham.

'Musical Cavalcade' Date Set for May 5

An energetic group of Royal Oak teenagers have recently organized the Theatre Workshop, an organization of theatrical-minded young people from that city and the surrounding vicinity.

Having made their own scenery and costumes, and after extensive rehearsals under the direction of Howard Lamare, the group will present "Musical Cavalcade," song and dance specialties featuring America's favorite songs from the glittering gay nineties and the days of the Bowery to the present time, at the Birmingham Community House on the evening of May 5.

The performance will begin at 8 o'clock.

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Roberta Ann Mill
Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Mill of Gordon's Court announce the engagement of their daughter, Roberta Ann, to Adrian L. Testerman. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Testerman of Rogersville, Tenn.

The bride-elect graduated from Duke University where she was affiliated with Kappa Alpha Theta. Her fiancé, who served as a lieutenant in the Marine Corps during the war, will graduate in June from Furman University in Greenville, S. C. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

The couple plan a summer wedding.

Community House Calendar
Thurs., Apr. 24
1:00 p.m.—Drive workers Luncheon
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.—Ranch Room
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.—High Crafts
4:00 p.m.—Family Dinner
5:00 p.m.—Marine Corps Dinner
8:00 p.m.—Club 1825
8:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts
8:00 p.m.—Beverly Hills Improvement Association
Fri., Apr. 25
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.—Ranch Room
3:30 p.m.—Senior High Crafts
7:30 to 12:30 a.m.—Ranch Room
Sat., Apr. 26
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.—High Crafts
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.—Ranch Room
4:00 p.m.—Methodist Men's Club Dinner
7:30 p.m.—Glee Club Rehearsal
Mon., Apr. 29
10:30 a.m.—National Honor Society Luncheon
12:00 noon—Exchange Club Luncheon
1:30 p.m.—Senior High Crafts
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.—Ranch Room
4:00 p.m.—Cremes Club
6:30 p.m.—Hi-12 Club Dinner
7:00 p.m.—Cremes Club
7:15 p.m.—Girl Scouts
8:00 p.m.—Cremes Club
8:00 p.m.—Junior Musical Program
10 a.m.—International Relations
12:00 noon—Exchange Club Luncheon
1:30 p.m.—Senior High Crafts
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.—Ranch Room
4:00 p.m.—Cremes Club
6:30 p.m.—Methodist Men's Club Dinner
7:30 p.m.—Cremes Club
8:00 p.m.—Red Cross Quarterly Meeting
8:00 p.m.—Cremes Club
Wed., Apr. 30
11:30 a.m.—National Honor Society Luncheon
12:00 noon—Exchange Club Luncheon
1:30 p.m.—Senior High Crafts
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.—Ranch Room
4:00 p.m.—Cremes Club
6:00 p.m.—Cremes Club
7:00 p.m.—Sea Scouts
8:00 p.m.—Diplomate Bridge
8:00 p.m.—Birmingham Cooperatives
8:30 p.m.—Birmingham Glee Club Concert

Have You Met...
The Kenneth W. Kinnees, who now live at 627 Woodland avenue? They came here with their two children from South Lyons, Mich., and Mr. Kinnee is the Detroit advertising manager for the New York Mirror.

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