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Christmas Eve

at **Civic Park**

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Christmas Eve at Civic Park On the stroke of 5:30 Mothers, fathers, children will meet to sing carols Under the Christmas tree. Neighbors of Birmingham you are invited to come for half an hour To see the lighted tree and sing Yuletide tidings of Peace on Earth!

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Mrs. W. W. Squier Reviews Book for AAUW Members

Mrs. W. W. Squier, popular book reviewer from Royal Oak, presented a dramatic book review of "Marta of Muscovy" for both the afternoon and evening sessions of the Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women at the Community House Dec. 10.

Wearing a Russian peasant costume, Mrs. Squier told humorous and romantic incidents of the life of Marta of Muscovy, the peasant girl who was to become Catherine I, wife of Peter the Great.

She described her heroine as having the temperament of an Iowa housewife who combined common sense and integrity with the glamor of a Hollywood actress, and who polished furniture and engaged in bloody warfare with equal enthusiasm. Drawing upon her study of Russian history, Mrs. Squier made a vivid and interesting picture of a little known character. The novel was written by Phil Stone.

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Junior Musicales to Have Yuletide Party

Mrs. John Abbott of 480 Glenhurst drive, and former counselor of the Junior Musicales, will entertain the members and former members at the annual Christmas party this (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock. She will be assisted by Mrs. D. L. Tate, counselor, Mrs. Edward Batty and Mrs. Arnold Berndt.

Members are asked to bring gifts for the Christmas tree and gift exchange, which will highlight the evening.

Musicales Concert to Raise Funds for Community House

A benefit concert will be sponsored by the Birmingham Musicales on Jan. 28 for the Community House. It has been announced that the entire proceeds will be turned over to the Community House fund.

The Musicales sponsors one benefit each year, selecting whatever worthy cause they wish to support. Since it plays such an important role in the community life, the Community House has been selected as the 1947 recipient.

Each such concert features young artists who are just starting the climb to fame and popularity. The featured soloists this year will be Charles Turner, violinist of Birmingham, and Stanley Lock, formerly of Royal Oak and Detroit.

Further plans for the concert will be announced at a later date.

Santa Schedules Two Visits to Oakland Hills Country Club

The good St. Nicholas will pay two visits to Oakland Hills Country Club this week end, the first being when the ladies hold their annual Christmas party on Friday. The affair will begin with a punch bowl at 11:30 m., followed by luncheon at 1 o'clock.

Then, amid the gay decorations of the holiday season, the members will enjoy the annual tree and gift exchange, along with carol and singing. The afternoon will also be spent playing bridge.

Mrs. Damon Gall is the social chairman, with Mrs. David Burleigh, chairman of the golfer's committee, and Mrs. R. B. Rolph from the bowler's committee.

On Sunday the big annual party for the children will be held from 2 o'clock on. Santa has promised to be there, and will have a gift for every girl and boy present. More than that, he will hand out the presents himself. A grand afternoon is planned with the tree, games, and a real Christmas party for all concerned.

Dinner will be served in the club from 4 to 5 o'clock, and all who are planning to attend are asked to make reservations in advance.

College Students Arriving Home for Christmas

With the Christmas holidays near, more and more college students are returning to their homes here for the vacation period. Many have already arrived, and many more are expected before the middle of next week.

Gregory H. Frederick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory H. Frederick, Sr., of Vinewood, and Edward Stenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Stenger of Pilgrimage road, will arrive this week. Both are students at Campion High School at Prairie du Chien, Wis.

Seven will come from Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, where the holiday recess will begin Friday, continuing through to January 6. Among those who will spend that time here are Kathryn Brumbaum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Brumbaum of Aspen road; Jean Craig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Craig of Dorchester road; Catherine Ollenheimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Ollenheimer of Baldwin avenue; Robin Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Pearson of Mohegan drive; Nancy Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Pierce of Arlington street; Anne Presley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Presley of Wing Lake road and Jean Van Busen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Van Busen of Waddington road.

Bill Brumbaum, a cadet at St. John's Military School in Wisconsin.

Stephens College Students

John M. Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Edwards; Pierce; Barbara Jayne Gans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Gans, Pilgrim road; Patricia Jeanne Hempstead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hempstead, Westwood drive; Nancy T. Keyes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Keyes, Hazelwood; Shirley E. Mainland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mainland, Glenhurst drive; Susan Elizabeth Mock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Mock, Puritan road.

Erma Lu Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Moore, Birmingham road; Sharon Ann Murphy, daughter of Mrs. Harold J. Murphy, Bonnie Briar; Virginia Jane McChesney, daughter of Mr.

Marionette Show to Be Given Dec. 29 at Children's Theatre

When the children of Birmingham gather in the Birmingham Theatre Monday, Dec. 29, for the Marionette show, they will be seeing a performance staged by an old Michigan family.

The Meredith Marionettes are owned by the Bisby family of Saline, Mich., who have long been interested in this work, and have staged many fine performances throughout the state.

This production is being sponsored by the Children's Theatre of the American Association of University Women. It will be a Russian folk story, telling of "Humpty, the Little Hump-backed Horse," and was written by Yershov. There are 16 Marionettes, each 30 inches tall in the "cast" of this story, which is especially suitable for children.

Season tickets for the four shows which the AAUW will sponsor this year may be obtained at Grinnell's. There are also a few single admission tickets available, for both the morning and afternoon performances.

Lucy M. Bennett to Wed E. W. Burke

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bennett of Westwood drive announce the engagement of their daughter, Lucy Marshall Bennett, to Edmund William Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Burke of Pleasant Ridge.

Miss Bennett is a graduate of Bradford Junior College. Mr. Burke attended Lehigh University and is a member of Alpha Tau Omega. He served with the U. S. Navy for three years during World War II.

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Christmas Card assortment—For those who were too late in choosing their cards, we have a number of assortments from which to choose at \$1.00 a box; add many other individual cards at varying prices for the box of 25 cards and envelopes.

Handkerchiefs—in linen and Swiss lawn, in colors or plain white—from 50c to \$5.00. An ideal gift for children to give teachers or mother.

Stationery—Again you can buy beautiful stationery, plain or in color, with hand-trimmed edges in Crane's famous line of papers; also Eaton's, in the more popular priced line... both lines in prices from 61c to \$6.70 a box.

Matches—that live up end tables and other spots can be had in practically all colors at \$1.25 or \$1.50 a drum of fifty.

Earrings (in sterling)—at prices from \$1.50 up. No gift will be more appreciated because a change of Earrings is the one thing a woman loves more than anything else.

Playing Cards—in many fancy backs... scenes, flowers and conventional designs, from \$1.19 a double deck to \$2.50.

Cocktail Napkins—Dozens of designs to choose from... an ideal gift at small cost. They sell for 25c a pack. Ask to have a package of four designs made up for \$1.00.

Cocktail Glasses—for the Holiday Season can be purchased—from \$6.00 a dozen up. Many hi-balls at prices ranging from \$5.50 a dozen to \$12.00 for eight... the latter are hand-decorated in many different designs.

Christmas Check-off List

Just a few Suggestions for those Last Minute Gifts

Place Mats 25c and 50c each and up. Many beautiful designs on cork-back mats, also straw mats, and woven and cellophane mats in colors.

Aluminum coasters—eight for \$1.00. Also, canape trays—four for \$1.00; or two duck-embossed ash trays for porch or recreation room use—two for \$1.00.

Wrappings make the gift—an unusual assortment of gift paper, ribbons, seals and tags for the final last touch to those gifts that you know will be appreciated all the more because of the wrapping.

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