

Second Children's Theatre Play is Stated for Dec. 23

Just two days before Christmas, Dec. 23, the Children's Theatre of Michigan State College, under the direction of Miss Eleanor Chase, brings "Grandmother Slyboots" to the Birmingham Theatre for performances at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The story is a new version of Little Red Ridinghood in which the wolf becomes a humorous character. This is the second in a series of four plays that the Children's Theatre group has produced under the sponsorship of AAUW, has planned for the current season. Tickets for all performances have been sold and there are no single tickets available. In order that as many children as possible may see these plays, it is suggested that those who may be away for the holidays or are for some reason unable to use their tickets for this play should pass the ticket to another child or send it to the school principal. Parents are urged not to send their children to the theatre without a ticket because they positively cannot be admitted. The Children's Theatre group

Miss Gnuu Selects Jan. 29 for Her Wedding Date

Miss Linda Ware Gnuu, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Gnuu, of Waltham road, has chosen Jan. 29 for the date of her marriage to James Donald Coulter. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Coulter of Lake Park Drive. The nuptials will be performed in St. Dunstan's Chapel at Christ Church Cranbrook. The bride-elect has asked her sister, Sally Gnuu to be her maid of honor and Donald Coulter is to act as her brother's best man. A reception for family and close friends of the couple will be held in the Gnuu home following the ceremony.

Have You Met . . .

Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Raab and their children Betty, Sally and Penelope who have moved from Royal Oak to 1936 Greenfield Dr. Raab is plant physician for the Chrysler Corporation. is striving in every way to make it pleasant and safe for all and not overworking and regrets that it is not possible to make more tickets available.

SOCIAL NEWS IN BRIEF

On Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Nimsley of Birmingham lane will be in Algonac visiting their families. Last Saturday a large cocktail party hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Ossie Olson in Gray Haven. Mr. and Mrs. William K. Martin were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Washburne Wright of Hickory Grove road last Thursday. The Wrights will be among the many localities who are planning to attend the Yale Glee Club concert this coming Saturday. On Christmas the Wright family will go into Groove Pointe to be with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson W. Mills. Miss Laura Lou Raymond of Willett street will be hostess at a brunch on Dec. 19 honoring bridge and elect Miss Sandra Britt of Groove Pointe and the wedding party. Miss Betty Coryell will come from Chicago, Ill., and Ralph Coryell, Jr., arriving soon, will spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Coryell of 3115 E. 12th St. Mr. and Mrs. John L. O'Gorman's baby room will be among those who plan to attend the Yale Glee club concert this Saturday. They will go with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. H. Graf. Miss Mary Booth was hostess to the first and second year varsity hockey teams of Kingwood school at a supper Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Coleman Booth of Bryn Mawr road. The group attended a hockey game after the supper. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wacker will be hosts to 30 guests at a breakfast in their Sheffield road home on Dec. 19. The affair is being given for Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Heister who have recently returned to live in Birmingham. Last Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Wacker entertained at a dinner for 15 in the Detroit Club. Miss Jane Sewell of Indianapolis was the Wacker's houseguest this last weekend. Tomorrow evening, Miss Beverly Wain and Miss Dorothy Coleman will entertain at a party shower in honor of Miss Sandra Booth. Miss Jeanne Gardiner and Miss Sue Bogie will be co-hostesses at a luncheon Saturday in the Groove Pointe Country Club for the bride-elect. Mrs. Leigh Lynch of Stanley street and Mrs. William Howland of Lakeview avenue are planning to leave on Dec. 29 by car for Saubell Island, Fla. Her daughter, Mrs. Franklin Hills and daughter, Katherine will join them on Jan. 9 for the rest of the month. Following a visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cushing of Bates street, Mrs. F. A. Trudale has returned to her home in Ottumwa, Iowa. Dick Cushing will be home from Swarthmore College on Dec. 19 to spend the holidays with his family. On Tuesday, Mrs. Clyde Ustick of N. Woodward avenue returned from a weekend in Chicago where she was visiting Mrs. Frederick L. Williams in Glencoe, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Neff, Jr., of Linden avenue will be hosts to Mrs. Neff's family at a family Christmas dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Ulrich, North Woodward, will entertain at a breakfast on Dec. 19 and on Dec. 29 will be hosts to two groups at cocktails in their home from 5 to 8 o'clock and from 8 to 10 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Glen R. Miller of Lake Park Drive will be hosts to Mrs. Miller's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Schiller and their three children of Groove Pointe at Christmas dinner. The Christmas holidays will find Mr. and Mrs. Melville B. Robb of Buford road visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Snyder in Saginaw, Mich. The Snyders will be giving a dinner party on Christmas day. Bruce Robb is expected home tomorrow from Indiana University for Christmas vacation. Clarke Stanley will arrive Dec. 15 from school in Houghton to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. A. C. Stanley of Madison avenue. Monday evening, Mrs. Duane Bibby of Chargin street opened her home to members of the Lambda chapter of Sigma Beta sorority for a pot-lick dinner. Ernest I. Chrision, Jr., and Jas. Chrision who are attending Duke University at Durham, N. C., are arriving Sunday, Dec. 19 to spend the holidays with their family, the E. F. Chrissions of Glenary road. A party last Friday evening was given by Mrs. Paul Kelley of Purdy street to her husband in celebration of his birthday. Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson of Oakland avenue are having their annual caroling party this Sunday. This will be the eighth such affair they've hosted. Mr. and Mrs. John Hobson of Quebec will spend the Christmas week with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Heffernan of Lakeview avenue. Mrs. Harry Allen of West Maple road opened her home to the Christmas meeting of the Piety Hill Birmingham branch of the DAR last Tuesday.

Betrothed



Barbara Kitchen

Penn's Mask and Wig Show Scheduled for Jan. 4 in Detroit

The Mask and Wig Club of the University of Pennsylvania will bring its sixty-first annual musical show to Detroit on Jan. 4. The single performance is to be staged in the Art Institute Theatre. This is the first time since 1925 that the organization has appeared in Detroit. Birmingham members of the University's Michigan Society of the Alumni Association include Arthur C. Buterbaugh, Ralph W. Chaffee, Jr., Louis G. Carmick, Jr., Philip H. Carlin, Edward I. Engler, Jr., Blaine Eynon, Bliss R. Finlay, Sereck H. Fox, Dr. W. Glen Harris, Charles E. Kass, J. W. Knecht, L. T. Lewis, William S. Logan, Edward E. Rothman, Russell C. Stabern, Urban E. Woodhouse, A. Atwood Woodruff, Robert N. Woodruff, Robert Ferguson and Joseph F. Page.

Have You Met . . .

Former Detroiters, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shannon, and their daughters, Barbara and Mary Lou who are residing at 444 W. Lincoln? Mr. Shannon is Michigan representative and sales manager for Line Material Company.

A MESSAGE to the WISE MEN . . .

On Christmas morning will your wife say something like this to you? "It's beautiful, but it doesn't fit." If she says that, you're not to be numbered among the wise men. And when you try to make an exchange for the right size—and can't get it—you'll come to the proper conclusion that the takers of national polls are geniuses by comparison. A word to wise men is sufficient. Your wife has sizes. Get them written down—and don't lose the paper—before you start out on that last minute, whirlwind shopping tour.

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Around The Cracker Barrel

As we approach Christmas it seems right that we should dispense with this column's usual light-hearted vein, and take a brief look into the condition of the world at the time Jesus was born.

Julius Caesar had been dead about forty years, having been treacherously stabbed by his friend, Brutus. The Roman Empire at this time stretched over most of what we now call the Near East, and its subjects numbered between a hundred million and a hundred and fifty million people. In population, it was about the size of the United States today. But it was a far-flung empire, whose subjects had to be kept in line by military force. Continuous uprisings of oppressed peoples were a constant headache to the emperors, and a reason for giving brutality among the military.

When Julius Caesar was murdered a triumvirate of three men seized control. They were Antony, Lepidus and Octavius. Antony was a colorful character, who first defeated Brutus at Philippi, and then fell for the wiles of one Cleopatra. Antony set himself up as lord of the eastern part of the Roman Empire and set out upon a life of ease and luxury. But Octavius didn't like that arrangement, and set out with an army to destroy Antony. The two armies met at Actium, and Antony was destroyed. Four years later, Octavius was proclaimed Emperor and Augustus. Lepidus, the other member of the triumvirate, was not a man of ambition, and was satisfied to rule over Carthaginian Africa as a local governor. Octavius seems to have been quite free of the divine aspirations of Caesar and Antony. He was a man of greater capacity than any other player in the last act of the Roman Drama. He resigned the extraordinary powers he held, and handed over the republic to the control of the senate and the people of Rome. The additional title, "Augustus" was more or less an honorary title, and from that title comes the description of his reign, The Augustan Age. It was a reign of peace. The arts were encouraged. Literature was in its golden age. Local rulers of the provinces were less brutal. Uprisings were fewer. Commerce with far-off nations, like India and Spain, grew. Life became luxurious, and a bit soft.

But within the Roman Empire there was one group of dissident people, the Jews. While much in the minority, they were actually a nation within a nation. At that time the Jews were a proselyting people, seeking converts to their beliefs among other Semitic, or near Semitic peoples. At earlier times some peoples had become Jews through force, after having been conquered. The Jews had a tradition of cohesion. Jew stood by Jew. Wherever a Jew went he found people of like belief and heritage. He could always get food, shelter, loans, and help from the Roman law. The Jews were mostly engaged in commerce, and as a close knit group—with common ideals and aims—they were a potent and dangerous force within the Roman Empire.

Only a small part of Jewry lived in Judaea, even though Jerusalem was the heart and soul of their nation and their belief. A Jew believed in only one god. He stood out manfully against the worship of any Caesar, or of Roman gods. The Romans indulged the Jews in their worship, but watched with suspicion their every move.

For more than 500 years the Jews had sought peace, but had silently tried to undermine every foreign government under which they lived. Many and varied were the prophecies made to the Jews concerning the coming of the One who should be their king. Each prophecy in turn had fizzled out, and many Jews were drifting away from the faith of their fathers. When John the Baptist, that unkempt and woolly man of the wilderness, began preaching that the Son of God would soon appear, who would be King of the Jews, many of that race scoffed. They had been fooled so often before, that a new fakir could not arouse much interest.

But there were still many orthodox believers in the prophecy, and unrest among them began to show itself. Herod, who had been King of Jerusalem for almost 40 years, became alarmed over the threat to his power. He began a careful watch over the Jews; his soldiers used force whenever possible. Mutterings and rumblings were beginning to frighten that weak king. Stories were brought to him by spies concerning the doings of the Jews. A great, seething unrest seemed to lay over Judaea. There was an ominous foreboding of great events to come, and Herod communicated his fears to Augustus. From this great man he received no solace. So Herod resolved to watch and to wait, to be prepared for anything.

In order that he might be able to keep track of all his subjects and to be sure taxes were collected, Augustus ordered that all within the kingdom must register at a designated place on a designated day. Death would be the reward for all who failed to register. And so Joseph and Mary set out from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where they were required to register. When they arrived, the town was already crowded with others on the same errand. There was no room at the inn, but a kindly innkeeper, having compassion upon Mary, allowed them to sleep in the manger on the straw. And there the infant Jesus was born, while a great star lighted the heavens, and a host of heavenly angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

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