

Speaks in Detroit

Mrs. Thomas R. Navin, a member of the Plety Hill chapter and chairman of the state of Michigan for the Daughters of the American Revolution schools talked to the Elizabeth Cass chapter at the Detroit Women's City Club last Monday afternoon. Mrs. Navin's topic was "The Schools Owned and Operated by the National Society of the D.A.R."

Society club news must be submitted by noon each Monday.

CLUB NOTES

Philemon Club
Members will meet Tuesday, Dec. 12 in the home of Lacey Prentice, 848 Ann, for an afternoon of sewing on cancer pads. On Saturday, Dec. 17, members will meet at the home of Mrs. William Miller on North Woodward avenue for their annual potluck Christmas dinner.

St. Dunstan's Play, "The Traitor," Has Balanced Cast, Suspenseful Drama

By Doris E. Kus

One might say that the appearance of the Geiger Counter commands the emotional tension of the audience in Herman Wouk's contemporary drama, "The Traitor" which will be presented for the first time on the stage Monday and Saturday evenings by St. Dunstan's Guild.

The radioactive seeking counter makes its initial appearance on the stage of the first act and immediately there is a sense of excitement which is intensified by the dismantling of the room. On this chaotic note, in the search for that which will point the finger at a traitor, the curtain falls. "The Traitor" is plainly a story of action packed drama and suspense. It's plot is founded upon a conflict between two loyalties to the United States and the oath of secrecy and a beloved loyalty to all mankind and my own reason," so speaks Allen Carr, played by Tim King. King makes his portrayal of a tense neurotic torn with conflicting concepts and a stubborn philosophy and belief of vivid conviction.

The role is of such depth that an actor would with facility, slip words of evecting. But the sharp and perceptive direction of Jervis McMechan has kept him to his restrained performance so much more effective under the suspenseful story.

Carr, as the traitor, is the reason for the use of the Geiger Counter. The second act opens with the search completed and the room a complete shambles. With but a few minutes left for the searchers to get it back in proper order before Carr returns, the dramatic sense reaches a memorable peak.

A highlight of the show is the first scene of the second act in which Carr is left alone in the room with Professor Tobias Emanuel (Temp Licklider). There is a telephone hidden in the room and it is an intense scene with

the professor a broken and disillusioned man with great grief and friend's guilt and with Carr arrogantly sure of his justification and defeat.

Twist to Plot
When Carr sets off to bring the head of the spy ring to the Navy intelligence officers, the action becomes electrified. Malcolm Denny as Captain Gallagher presents a portrait of a thoroughly sympathetic man who must do his duty and yet finds the decision he must make almost overpowering. It is a meaty role in his human pathos.

The denouement is reached with the arrival of the spy, Baker. The finale is, however, something to see rather than to read about. "Baker" handles a difficult, long speech with much finesse and dramatic sense and Carr redeems himself with a hero's death but with the words "I still think I was

An interesting twist to the plot is the loyalty questionnaire which is brought into the story. Professor Emanuel refuses, at first to sign but after discovering the truth about Carr's motives and changes his decision.

Others in the cast who handle their roles expertly are Milner Thom as Henderson and Mrs. John Parrott as Jane Bailey, the girl engaged to Carr. Their scenes together are stimulated and filled with warmth and their past romance adds to the atmosphere of the play. Mr. Parrott also does a fine role with "feminine hysteria."

Mrs. R. C. Cunningham, George Heidem, Mrs. George W. Smith, Carl Newman and Jervis McMechan all add to the presentation which is smooth, well balanced and professionally timed. The high voltage drama never lacks its grip on the suspenseful and has just the right subtle humor to relieve the high moments. McMechan's direction on this play is as finished as a diamond as it was in "O Mistress Mine."

Red Cross Worker



MRS. BRADLEE PRUDEN

Milo Cross, chairman of the Oakland County chapter of the American Red Cross, has announced that Mrs. Bradlee Pruden, 487 Hanna, has been appointed recruitment and referral chairman of the volunteer services for the Oakland County chapter.

Mrs. Pruden has a background of eight and a half years of volunteer service in various departments of the Red Cross. She has served on the Hoosier camp and hospital council; served as chairman of public information on Joseph County chapter, South Bend, Ind., and also was field consultant for the volunteer service of northern Indiana.

Cut "cooking" time these busy days with a ground meat casserole. With cole slaw and a fruit dessert, a casserole makes a quick, but complete meal.

Public Invited to Attend Annual Flower Show Monday

There are many Garden Club members thoughtfully striving to bring about in reality the feeling of warmth and hospitality indicated in the theme of the Flower Show, "Christmas All Through The House."

Mrs. Robert F. Watt and Mrs. Seth E. Slavovs, co-chairmen of the event, and all their working committees, wish to share this preview of holiday loveliness with any members, guests, neighbors and interested persons in the community who care to come.

Over 1000 visitors are expected at the 13th annual show of the Birmingham Garden Club on Dec. 12 from 2-3 p.m. Among the guests will be the state president of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association as well as members of branches in Battle Creek, Port Huron and other cities in the state.

The stage, which is always a focal point as one enters the exhibit room, is being handled by Mrs. Clyde Hagerman, Mrs. Thomas Chester and Mrs. Robert Atkinson.

Judges Named
Prior to the show, the judges will have had a busy two hours awarding ribbons. In charge of this group is Mrs. Hugh D. Beckus who has asked the following to judge the entries: Mrs. George Laming, Mrs. Lloyd Hughes and

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Acting as clerks will be: Mrs. Robert Grindley, Mrs. Thomas Chester, Mrs. Lawrence Hyland, Mrs. Frank Webb, Mrs. Walter Powers and Mrs. Robert Bell.

Mrs. E. S. Wellock, chairman of the conservation committee, is taking charge of the annual gift gathering for ex-service men in the hospitals. The Red Cross this year requests electrical extension cords, Christmas tree ornaments, and Christmas wrapped gifts.

Garden Club members have responded to this call each year and Mrs. Wellock is anticipating a good many packages before Dec. 13 to carry good cheer and a bit

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SOCIAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. J. Howard Muzzy of Laker road entertained last week at the rehearsal dinner for her son, Robert W. Muzzy and Miss Isabella Stirling. The couple were married Friday evening in St. James Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Whitt entertained a group of their friends at a dinner party in their Willis street residence last Friday evening.

Localites who attended the exhibit and tea held by the Birmingham Society of Women Painters last Thursday in the Community House were Mrs. Charles L. Beach, Mrs. Herbert H. Gardner and Mrs. R. P. Cole among others.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Davies of Chester street will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Foley of Pontiac at dinner and bridge coming Saturday evening. Houseguests of the Davies' over the weekend will be former Birmingham residents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Bannon who are now living in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mr. and Mrs. George Broesch have returned to their residence at Oakland avenue following a four-week trip abroad to San Francisco, Calif. and then were guests at the Yacht Club ranch in Arizona.

Back home again following a two-months trip abroad are Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Booth of Cranbrook road.

Mrs. Joseph M. Preese of Orchard Ridge road, accompanied by her sister, Miss Charlotte A. Smith of Detroit, left yesterday for Vero Beach, Fla., where she will join her son, Dubois who is at school there. Bob Preese will leave Ann Arbor and start out for Florida on Dec. 16, returning to the University of Michigan in January. Mr. Preese will join his family the holidays to join his family.

Mrs. June M. Preese will return to Birmingham.

Mrs. Ward Cruickshank and her son, W. Ward are now living in Marquette, Mass. He was called to Boston in August from Mexico City and is an artist on the staff of the new Boston Museum of Science. Mrs. Cruickshank, after visiting in Pennsylvania, New York and Maine joined her son in Marquette in November. They will reside there for an indefinite time.

Bill Halsted, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Halsted of Dochester road is expected home on Dec. 17 for the Christmas holidays from Pomfret School in Pomfret, Conn.

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