

Mrs. Stanley Cain to Represent State at UN Conference

Mrs. Stanley A. Cain will leave Sunday for New York, where she will represent the League of Women Voters of Michigan at a League conference on the UN to be held Jan. 25, 26, and 27.

During her three days there, the local delegate will participate in a discussion of the future problems of the United Nations with such leaders as Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, head of the UN commission on Human Rights; Clyde Eagleton of New York University and members of the United States delegation to the UN.

Mrs. Cain, with the delegates from other states will visit seasonal resorts of the United Nations at Lake Success. In the working periods of the conference she will discuss with experts and leaders from other states the techniques for building new and significant support for United Nations in all communities of Michigan.

"The conference in New York marks the beginning of the final stage of the 'no year United Nations' year, voted by the national convention of the League early in 1948," said Mrs. Cain. "For the past seven months members of the League have been learning about the United Nations. They will now try to build support for the UN among other citizens. On my return from this conference, I hope to be able to help these local leaders in conducting UN campaigns in their communities."

Mrs. Herbert Mason Named President of Bloomfield Branch

At the annual meeting and election of officers of the Bloomfield branch of the National Farm and Garden Association Monday, Jan. 17 in Guild Hall of Christ Church Cranbrook, Mrs. Herbert W. Mason was named president of the group.

Other new officers elected were Mrs. Walter D. Appel, first vice-president; Mrs. Curtis Newcomb, second vice-president; Mrs. Leroy G. Vandever, recording secretary; Mrs. George W. Smith, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Edward P. Turner, treasurer.

Following a pot-luck luncheon and the meeting, a program of travel pictures was shown by Mrs. A. H. Meyer and W. E. Beresford.

Ladies' Auxiliary Elects New Officers

Officers were elected last week at a meeting of the Christ Church Cranbrook Ladies Auxiliary. The new officers include: president, Mrs. W. Lloyd Kemp; first vice-president, Mrs. Howard B. Stegall; second vice-president, Mrs. Hugh Hitchcock; treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Welch; recording secretary, Mrs. Paul Wilson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. David E. Kallen and UTO treasurer, Mrs. Harry G. Corbett.

The annual parish meeting was held this last Monday night. After dinner, Guild presidents presented their reports.

Would Put Responsibility on Top Of Three R's List, Dr. Roach Says

"Children learn what they live," stated Dr. Edith Roach, principal of the Webster school in Pontiac, in a talk before the Pierce PTA Thursday, Jan. 13.

Dr. Roach explained the new elementary system which she was instrumental in setting up at Webster and which differs considerably from the traditional plan. According to Dr. Roach, people in education have long been aware that there are certain needs of children which are not being met and the Webster system was set up in an attempt to meet these needs more fully.

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"We are trying to build an environment in the classroom in which children will better learn to live with one another, will think for themselves and will have the opportunity to learn by exploration," she explained. Dr. Roach stressed the fact that each child is an individual and that, in order to assure a child's sense of achievement, we must develop a program in our schools that is geared to each individual child.

No Deadline "The same plan of education does not fit every child," she continued, "and children should progress as they can and not to meet a time deadline." Dr. Roach emphasized that readiness for learning is an individual thing and that a child should be taught to read when he is mature enough to achieve success. Then he will not experience the feeling of inadequacy and failure that often occurs when a child is limited by a time schedule.

"The sooner we can learn to recognize the signs of failure in a child, the better he will do," she asserted.

Dr. Roach then outlined the elementary plan which has been used at Webster School for almost three years now.

The child goes from kindergarten into the primary school where he remains for three years at grade levels and each child progresses at his own rate. The teacher knows the child and also works closely with his parents, according to Dr. Roach. Instead of sending home report cards, the teacher has personal interviews with the child's parents at frequent intervals in which progress is discussed and any problems are worked out together.

Well Above Average

"One of the most valuable things we have learned from the whole plan," Dr. Roach said, "is that when parents and teachers really get together and when parents know what the teacher is trying to do, things begin to happen." Bearing out this point, 120 children who have been learning under the new system were tested in reading and arithmetic and were found to average 100% above the national average for their grade level.

"Children take an active part each day in the planning of anything that concerns them," Dr. Roach went on, "and teachers have found that under this system the children's attitude makes for easier and better learning. We expect every child to work to capacity and, when he is permitted to take an active part in the planning, he has a sense of responsibility and an incentive that makes his learning more meaningful." She said that the three R's are found at a fourth and put it at the top of the list, and the fourth would be for responsibility.

Progress at Own Level

Dr. Roach concluded her talk with a review of some of the things that have been learned at Webster as results of the new elementary system. She said children progress at their own level, more happily, that they are more individual and that they have greater respect for one another when they work as individuals. One child may be superior at one thing, another child at something else. They have learned to take more interest in each other than ever before and that the frequent conferences between teacher and parent contribute to a more complete understanding of the child and his problems.

"The long term planning gives more continuity to school," Dr. Roach added, "and the time normality of these orientation periods of changing from one teacher to another and from one teacher to another can be utilized for learning."

After the meeting, refreshments were served in the cafeteria by the hostesses headed by Mrs. Phillip S. McNeil, who was assisted by Mrs. D. A. Gould, Mrs. W. W. Garrison, Mrs. E. N. Hewitt, Mrs. E. B. Palmer and Mrs. H. W. Riemann.

Mrs. B. Marshall to Open Home for Teas for League Members

Mrs. Brooks Marshall will open her home for a series of teas honoring members of the League of Women Voters who have joined the organization from September through December of this last year.

Mrs. Garrison will conduct an orientation meeting for new members at which they will learn the League background and policy. Mrs. Marshall reports that the League has more than doubled its membership in the last two years.

These teas will be held on Jan. 19, 20 and 27 at 1:30 p.m. and there will be about 20 members at each affair.

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The total now being 218. Her goal is for 300. The membership consists of women from all over the city.

Among the new members are Mrs. Dwight Allen, Mrs. Charles Gullford, Mrs. Herman Hivers, Mrs. Allen Orch and Mrs. Howard Willett.

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WITH THE Collegians

George Mullin, Son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mullin, 1420 Birmingham, has been selected to serve on the committee for the University of Detroit Junior Prom to be held Jan. 25 in the Masonic Temple. Mullin is a junior in the university dental school.

Barbara Jones of Birmingham has been named a member of the standing committee on Activities for Academy sorority of Western Michigan College for the coming year.

Jeremiah O. Jenkins of Big Beaver road has enrolled in chemistry at the Wayne University College of Liberal Arts. He attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor before coming to Wayne.

Miss Kathryn Frances Mead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Mead, 2216 Pine, will be a member of the cast of "The Antigone of Sophocles," to be presented by the Wellesley College Dramatic Club on the evenings of Jan. 21 and 22. Miss Mead, a member of the class of 1950, also participated in the recent production, "Engaged."

Miss Norcen Fraser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fraser, 80 Second Street, Big Beaver, has enrolled this term in the Christian education course at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. Her classmates representing 12 different denominations have come from 28 states and Canada.

The school trains young people for foreign and home missionary service, the pastorate, evangelism, and other phases of active Christian service.

Conway M. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Adams of Telegraph road, is one of the outstanding defenses on the Michigan College of Mining and Technology hockey squad. He won his varsity letter his first year out and is a sophomore specializing in mechanical engineering at Michigan Tech.

Roland Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watson of West Frank street was initiated into Delta Upsilon fraternity at Purdue University on Jan. 16.

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Noted Cellist Will Appear in Detroit

Gregor Piatigorsky, the greatest cellist of our day, will appear as soloist with the Baron Little Symphony, Sydney Baron, conductor, at Music Hall on Feb. 2, at 8:00 o'clock. This is Piatigorsky's only appearance in Detroit since he appeared with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra back in the days when the late Ossip Gabrilowitch was conductor.

Since it is to be one of the most important events of the season, much interest has been expressed in his appearance here. Born in Russia in 1903, he came to America in 1929 and Detroit was the city of his first American appearance. Since then he has played more concerts in the United States than in any other violinist. He has been a citizen of the United States since 1942.

Piatigorsky uses a fabulous 'cello made by Domenico Montagnini in 1739, one of the most valuable 'cello in the world.

The artist has been playing since he was six years old and, at the age of 15, was the first cellist in the Imperial Opera House in Moscow. During the Russian revolution, Piatigorsky appeared in icy, unheated halls, his hands covered with thick gloves from which the fingers had been cut off to make it possible for him to play. Leaving Moscow he went first to Warsaw and then to Berlin. From then on his rise was meteoric, engagements pouring in until all parts of the world were his. America heard him and he made his first spectacular tour here in 1925.

Recently he made his screen debut in "Carnegie Hall," playing the most beloved of 'cello pieces, "The Swan."

Ruth Shain Class Meets on Jan. 25

At the next meeting of the Ruth Shain International Affairs Class on Tuesday, Jan. 25, a study of the principles in the Western world will be made. In addition, there will be a review of the questions asked by class members of the U.S. representative from the State Department and his answers.

Participants in the class program will be Mrs. C. S. Pickett, Mrs. Allan Lutz, Mrs. Harry Markle, Mrs. John Ormond and Mrs. B. S. Plaxton. The questions include the position the United States is taking in reference to the numerous trouble spots in the world as a member of the United Nations.

This program is open to the public.

Moment Musicale

Moment Musicale met at the home of Eleanor Hamill on Tuesday, Jan. 11. The musical program featured piano solos by Alice Mohler, Sara Reed, Ellen Lewis, and Eleanor Hamill and Beverly Watkins.

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