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SOCIAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. John Adair of Ithaca, N. Y., is visiting with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Parrie of Madison avenue for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Hammond have returned to their Charing Cross road home after attending the races in Indianapolis.

The Misses Patricia and Alys Chubbuck of Lone Pine road are leaving the University of Colorado today by motor and are expected to arrive home this weekend. They plan to stop over in St. Louis en route back.

Miss Edna Robinson of Indianapolis was the recent houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Carlson of Westwood drive. Miss Robinson is Mrs. Carlson's aunt.

In honor of Miss Annette Woodruff, Miss Owen O'Rourke was hostess at a luncheon and personal shower Saturday at Mayans Tea Room.

Mr. and Mrs. Berney Sinner of St. Louis arrived Monday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. Carleton Scott of Red Maple lane. Yesterday they all took off in the Scott's plane for Buffalo, N. Y., where they will spend the remainder of the week. Next week, Mr. and Mrs. Scott will fly to Providence, R. I., to attend the 24th reunion of Mr. Scott's class at Brown University.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott S. Kinney of Chesterfield road and their son, Bruce are driving up to Troy, N. Y., to attend the graduation of Barbara Kinney from Emma Willard school on June 11.

Dr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Black

of Whittier, Calif., were the weekend houseguests of Mrs. Black's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stringer of Glenhurst drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wagner entertained a group of their friends at a dinner in their Abbey road home last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil A. Moore and their sons, Charles and Jim left Tuesday by car for Troy, N. Y., where they will attend the graduation of Miss Harriet Moore from Emma Willard school. The family will then go to New York for a brief visit and Mr. Moore and Jim will fly home Sunday while Mrs. Moore will drive back.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Otto have returned to their Lake Park drive residence. They spent six weeks of a European tour of England, Ireland, France and Belgium and caught the Queen Elizabeth home.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Mulock of Pierce street are expected to arrive in Birmingham on June 18 from Clearwater Beach, Fla., where they have spent the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Marshall will be hosts at a dinner in the Orchard Lake Country Club following the wedding reception of their niece, Miss Sally Coleman Rock on June 18 at Frank W. Sinks II.

Graduation parties among the Kingswood graduates are continuing in rapid succession. On June 11 at 7:30 o'clock, Miss Mary Ann Milbrand, Kingswood senior, and Guenther William Balz, Cranbrook senior, are to be co-hosts at a party at the Milbrand's Wash-

St. Dunstan's "The Barker" is Colorful Story of Carnival Life

By Thingstad, bass soloist at Christ Church Cranbrook, plays the role in the St. Dunstan's Guild production of "The Barker," a new musical play by Sheldon Hobbie. Music is by Wiley Hitch-

cock and Marlene Kohlman. "The Barker" will be presented for four nights, Thursday, June 16, through Sunday, June 19, in the Greek Theatre at Cranbrook.

Thingstad is cast as Nifty Miller, the Barker, for a sensational carnival troupe touring the middle west. Mrs. Donald Bell plays opposite him as Carrie, the Princess Kalima of the "Pearls of the Orient" showboat.

Mrs. David Walker Lee and Mrs. Benjamin Brewster are cast as the Knife Thrower's Assistant and the Hothead Lady; Mrs. Rogers I. Marquis, Morrison Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Thompson plays the snake char-

er, Saffra, opposite Jack Sanders as the tattooed man, Sailor West. Mrs. Edward C. Chapman plays the comedy role of the mind reader, Mawzia.

Other Principals

Other principal players in the cast of over fifty directed by Jervis McMechan include Donald Hutton and Harry Booth as carnival roustabouts; Pat Eden as Colonel Gowdy, the circus manager; Mrs. Philip C. Hart and Kly Ballantyne as Clare and Cleo, two of the showboat girls; and Weston Meyer as Doc, another Barker.

Mrs. David Walker Lee and Mrs. Benjamin Brewster are cast as the Knife Thrower's Assistant and the Hothead Lady; Mrs. Rogers I. Marquis, Morrison Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Thompson appear as farmers and

er, Saffra, opposite Jack Sanders as the tattooed man, Sailor West. Mrs. Edward C. Chapman plays the comedy role of the mind reader, Mawzia.

Complete Cast

Among the many others in the cast are Donald Bell, Dr. Carleton Poo, Mr. and Mrs. Allan T. Wentz, Mervin Wenz, Joy Woolson, Mary Corbett, Maxine Appel, Fozzy Codd, Matt Elicker, Mrs. Horace P. Shaw, Mrs. Thomas Le Mesurier, Mrs. Maribel Parker, Mrs. Roy Leitch and John Parrott.

Still others include Mr. and Mrs. Ford Brock, George Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. King, Lew Keenan, Jr., Rogers I. Marquis, Shirley Tramm, Elna Drewes, Mary Lou Stiffner, Mary Beresford, Cynthia Booth and Mervyn Anderson.

To Marry



Sally Warner

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Warner of North Glenhurst drive announced the betrothal of their daughter, Miss Sally Jean to Bruce James McIntock II, at a family dinner party recently. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Greenwall of Billings, Mont., are the bridegroom-to-be's parents.

The couple is planning an August wedding.

Around the Cracker Barrel . . .

Today, as I was trying to keep back the ever encroaching jungle with a lawn mower, a neighbor drove past in his new Cadillac. He blew the horn, smiled, nodded his head and waved—simultaneously. He was proud of that car, and was making sure that I—and all his other neighbors—took note of the fact that he was now driving the car which has come to be known as the "Standard of the World."

As the car moved out of sight I began to think of the men who developed that car, and how well that car typified them. To produce anything fine there must be teamwork. And on a good team there must be a good leader. Starting with that idealist and pioneer, Mr. Henry M. Leland, Cadillac produced a distinguished product. That early group must have had many outstanding men, men who could give and take, but who always agreed in the end. Otherwise the ideals and quality built into such a product would not have persisted through the years. And today, a great team of younger men carry on in producing a product which has never been compromised with substitutes or inferior quality.

It is now more than thirty years since I first met one of the members of that great team, Mr. Ernest W. Seaholm. He came to our home one Sunday afternoon to visit with my father about some plan for raising money for a new church which had been built—largely on faith. I remember well my father introducing me to the tall, young engineer. At that particular time I was expecting to become an engineer, and to meet a real live one was an event. I well remember the quiet dignity with which he spoke, and made a mental note to speak with similar dignity when I became a member of the profession.

A few years after this early meeting, Mr. Seaholm was appointed Chief engineer at Cadillac. In the automobile industry, as you probably have noted, engineers are changed about as often as sales managers. If a poor model is turned out, or if the sales force has a tough time selling a certain model, then the engineer is to blame. So the boss and cry goes up, and Mr. So and So becomes engineer someplace else. But this didn't happen at Cadillac. There were no poor models; they always sold. And for 22 years, until his retirement, Mr. Seaholm remained as Chief.

It was just two years ago this summer that I received a 'phone call from Mr. Seaholm. He said he wanted to come to see me. I suggested that I come to see him, as it seemed much more fitting to me that I do the traveling. But he wouldn't have it that way, and in a short time we were visiting in my home. He asked me if I would serve the unexpired term of Mr. Lee Joslyn on the Birmingham School Board. I was sure that I did not have any of the fine qualifications of Mr. Joslyn. So Mr. Seaholm talked of the work of the schools, the tremendous task of properly educating our children, the great responsibility of handling public funds. He spoke with the same quiet dignity which I had remembered for so long. What can you say to a man who asks for your help in so important a work?

For two years now I have been a member of your Board of Education. During this time Mr. Seaholm has been President of the Board, after having served eight years as Trustee. So, for ten years now this man has given this community of his time and ability. They have been hard years, and hard years remain ahead.

Your school board doesn't go in for publicity. They handle more money each year than does your city commission. You pay more taxes to the school board than you do to any other unit of local government. And you know less about administration of the schools than you do about any other governmental function. This must be so, because you don't attend meetings of your board. Months will pass with never a visitor at a meeting. Three or four visitors is a crowd.

This struck me as strange at first. But now I understand. Your absence is the finest testimonial that can be given to the integrity of a governmental group. You know certain things about your schools, and these give you confidence in the administration. You know, for instance, that with the collection of this December's school taxes, Birmingham will have no debts. Not a single penny. You know that your school district is one of the very few in the State in such condition. You have probably heard that the Birmingham schools are gaining a nation-wide reputation. You may even have read one of the annual reports of Dr. Ireland, which are being used in many schools of education for study in administrative methods.

You probably have also heard that your Board is considering a new high school—as a necessity. A very few of you have been taken in by wild rumors about it, its grandeur and its cost. Your board doesn't go in for grandeur, nor will they be rushed. When your Board presents its plan to you this next Fall it will be only after a year's hard and intensive work in its planning. You have nothing to fear. Instead, you will likely have a happy surprise.

Well, I'm not a politician, but I know a great man in public office when I see one. Mr. Seaholm's ten years of office is expiring. He didn't want to run again, but has been persuaded to because of the tremendous task ahead. I agree with Walter Lippman when he says that one of the greatest wastes in our democracy is turning men of experience out of office.

The school election will be held next Monday, June 13. If you want to retain Mr. Seaholm, with all of his experience and ability, then you have a task to perform. It's the simple task of voting. If you want continued efficiency and harmony in the administration of your schools, all without any trace of politics, then you know what to do.

Now the space is all used, and I've said nothing about the Village Store. But there are times when, other matters transcend the importance of our personal business. And I feel this is one of those times.

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