Minnesota Alums

University of Minnesota alumni are planning a dinner dance to be held at the Dearborn Inn following the Minnesota-Michigan football game. All alums and their friends are invited to attend and reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Richard Stites, 18432 Riverside, by Oct. 6.

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B of E Asks Clerks for Certified List of Registered Voters

Any person residing in the Birmingham school district, and who is certified to the local board of education as being a registered elector of the city or township, will be permitted to vote in the school district's special election November 7, on the $3,100,000 school expansion program, Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland explained this week.

This procedure results from a recent legislative amendment to school laws, which went into effect September 23.

"According to the law, the school board has requested the respective city and township clerks to prepare for us a list of registered city or township electors living in the Birmingham school district," Ireland said.

He said he had been assured by the respective clerks that the certified lists would be available in time for the November 7 election.

Regular Procedure Unchanged

"These certified names will be added to the school district voting registration list as soon as they arrive," he stated.

Affected are residents of Birmingham, and small portions of Bloomfield Hills, and Bloomfield, West Bloomfield, Southfield and Troy townships.

Ireland expects the certified lists to include the names of 8,000 to 10,000 potential voters. Present school district registration is slightly in excess of 2,000.

"It should be clearly understood that the regular procedure for school elections is not changed in any way," Ireland continued. "A registration period has been set up by the school board as usual, and will be announced through the press and posted in all precincts."

Any qualified elector of this school district may register at the offices of the board of education in the Hill school building from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, and at the office of the principal of any school in the school district from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 17-21, Oct. 24-28 (all days inclusive).

Adventure Series Topics Announced

Adventure-packed new color motion pictures of his just-finished 18-month "Fourth Round-the-World Cruise in the YANKEE" will be shown by Cmdr. Irving Johnson, renowned author and adventurer, to open the World Adventure Series 1949-50 season of public illustrated lectures at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Cmdr. Johnson speaks at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, Oct. 16.

Among other featured speakers will be Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., world-famous globe-trotting journalist, whose color pictures show his adventures touring Europe this summer. Col. John D. Craig, daredevil deep sea diver and author of the best seller "Danger Is My Business," presents his new "Adventures Across the World and Underseas."

Cmdr. Donald B. MacMillan, noted polar explorer, brings "Schooner Voyage North," the color movie story of his 1949 cruise to the land of whales, Eskimo, polar bear and walrus.

Free illustrated folders describing the entire program are available at the World Adventure Series office at the Institute, open every afternoon except Mondays, 1 to 5. The World Adventure Series is a non-profit educational lecture course. Any earned surplus is donated to the Museum and to the public schools.

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THE OPERA COMES TO TOWN

Let's ring the bells! The OPERA is coming to town! For a solid week, October 2nd to 8th, thanks to the Philadelphia La Scala Opera Company, thousands of people will again thrill to the beautiful and soulful melodies of Puccini's "La Boheme," or wonder at the raucous goings on in Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro."

Opera has always been a favorite art of mine. Here you get two for the price of one—the fusion of music and drama. You might even add a third—dancing, for many of the operas like "Aida" and "Carmen" include some wonderful ballets.

The plots of these stories are fairly melodramatic at times—the hero, the heroine and the villain are all present and easily recognized. But the plots aren't really the thing—but, then, neither were Shakespeare's!

Music Tells the Story

Emotions are clear-cut and highly inflammable—there are no psychological implications and subtleties to harass the audience. Love is love and hate is hate and the characters in opera usually run the full gamut of one or the other, sometimes both. But in opera it is the music that tells the story, creates the mood, and delineates the characters.

The music of Bizet's "Carmen" is as lusty and passionate as is Carmen herself and the heart-rending strains of Don José's arias tell so well of the tragedy of his love for the gypsy wench. The music of this opera is well known to everyone, the "Toreador Song" being perhaps the most popular, I remember singing it in my younger days, with different lyrics.

Verdi's "Aida" is another very popular opera. It was written on behalf of the Khedive of Egypt at the opening of the Suez Canal and was first performed in Cairo in 1871. The setting is in ancient Egypt and is as pleasing to the eye as it is to the ear—full of colorful processionals and magnificent court scenes. I don't think we'll ever get tired of "Aida," for it has just about everything you could want in an opera.

Dark and Tragic

Two other operas to be presented are also by Verdi—"Rigoletto" and "La Traviata," both of which are filled with the most wondrous melody. "Rigoletto" was written by Victor Hugo and was originally called "The Curse". It is dark and tragic and moves inexorably to its dramatic end.

"La Traviata" was adapted from the Dumas novel "Camille", a universally popular story of the girl who turned aside from her unsavory life of riches and voluptuous pleasure for the man who offered her marriage. But the fates were cruel and she died of consumption before this happiness was fulfilled.

Mozart is well represented here by "The Marriage of Figaro". From the first note of the charming overture to the last note of the last act, Mozart has turned the orchestra into a humorous commentary on the story.

Humor Remains

The original play was written by Beaumarchais, the Walter Winchell of the court of Louis IV and was a bold political drama—a forerunner of the French Revolution. All political significance has been removed from the opera, but the humor and intrigues remain. Figaro is as busy here as he was in "The Barber of Seville."

The three operas "Tosca," "Madame Butterfly," and "La Boheme," written by Puccini, are filled with moving, rapturous, and very singable music. You will carry the haunting strains of these operas with you when you leave.

Puccini's melodies are lighter and more lyrical than Verdi's and the delicate strains of his orchestrations are a most moving background for the activities of the lovers of these three operas. Puccini will be on the opera hit-parade for many years to come.

I am glad to be able to say that the leading roles of these operas with their demand for voices of brilliance, range, and power, will be interpreted and sung by the great singers of the Metropolitan Operas, thus assuring magnificent and colorful as well as sensitive performances.

Rummage Sale

The Women's Association of Kirk in the Hills Church is sponsoring a rummage sale to be held at the American Legion home on Oct. 6 and 7 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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City's Assessment for Clinton Drain Called 'Too High'

During the next 12 days, City Manager Donald C. Egbert will attempt to compile statistics to prove to Oakland County Drain Commissioner Earl L. Clark that three-quarters of Birmingham's population does not live on the east side of the city.

"Clark has figured that 9,775 Birmingham residents live on the east side, and on that basis has put us down for a $8,431.17 assessment for the Clinton River spillway drain," Egbert told city commissioners Monday night.

This estimate was based on a 1947 total city population of 12,700, the manager added.

"I don't believe more than half the residents live on the east side and we are attempting to get the figures on this to present to Clark," Egbert said.

The Clinton assessment is based on drainage area and population, with the latter carrying the most weight in figuring assessments.

Birmingham is one of a number of South Oakland county cities and townships in the assessment district which will be discussed at an October 12 meeting in Mt. Clemens.

The city will also participate in an October 17 hearing in Ferndale on proposed improvements to the Red Run drain.

Social Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Marc L. Parsons of Galesburg, Ill., were the weekend guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marc J. Parsons of Pierce street.

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Back in their Shalfonte road residence after a summer at Algoma Mills, Ont., are Mrs. E. G. Wettlaufer and her daughters, Ann and Joan. Mr. Wettlaufer joined them for the weekends.

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Miss Evelyn Patyk of Detroit was hostess Friday evening at a miscellaneous shower given in honor of Miss Dorothy Jackson, daughter of Mrs. Berton H. Jackson of Frank street, who will marry Edward W. Barnard on Oct. 29.

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. James, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Knecht, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. W. Whiting Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Mott, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Loud, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Klein, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bradt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weed all get together Saturday evening for a subscription dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Craig, Sr., of Orchard Ridge road.

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Among those planning to attend the Sailors' Dinner at the Orchard Lake Country Club Saturday evening are Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Honkins, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. Whiting Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Otis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strong, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Underwood.

Obituary Notices

Frank B. Mahon

Frank B. Mahon, 58, of 531 Westchester way, died early Friday morning at his home.

He had been associated with the Jam Handy organizations of Detroit for several years and was prominent in the industrial and commercial film field.

Mr. Mahon was born Nov. 15, 1890 at Kenton, Ohio, and attended Ohio Wesleyan college and the University of New York. On April 3, 1919, he married the former Lucille Agler at Van Wert, Ohio. Some time later he moved to Birmingham from Akron.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Birmingham and the Knights Templar of Kenton.

Surviving besides his widow are two daughters, Mrs. Robert Gould of San Francisco and Mary, at home, and a brother, Paul Mahon of Kenton.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon from the Bell funeral home. Burial was in Van Wert.

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Mrs. Earl M. Wakefield

Mrs. Earl M. Wakefield, 327 Southfield road, died suddenly Saturday morning. Services were held for her Tuesday morning from the Bell funeral home with burial in White Chapel Memorial cemetery.

Mrs. Wakefield was born on Dec. 28, 1890 in Proctor, Pa., and was married to Mr. Wakefield at Tomahawk, Wisc., in 1915. Prominent in the newspaper advertising field, Mr. Wakefield died in 1945.

A resident of Birmingham for the past 14 years, Mrs. Wakefield is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Charles Savage and Nell, both of Birmingham; two sons, Earl M. Jr. of Pond Ridge, Conn., and Lawrence M. of Traverse City; a sister, Mrs. A. G. Hepburn of Wilmette, Ill., and a brother, William J. Ball of Tomahawk.

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Rev. George L. Conley

The Rev. George L. Conley, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, died last Thursday morning at his home in Buffalo, N. Y. The body was brought to the Bell funeral home where services were held Monday, with burial in Greenwood cemetery. The Rev. Emil Kontz of the local Baptist church officiated.

Mr. Conley is survived by one daughter, Mrs. A. S. MacGregor of Buffalo.

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Mrs. Homer Harwood

Mrs. Henrietta Harwood, 81, widow of the late Homer Harwood, 165 N. Woodward, died Friday in Detroit, following a long illness.

She was born on July 31, 1868 at Guelph, Ont., and in 1896 was married to Mr. Harwood in Warren, where he owned a weekly newspaper.

Mrs. Hatwood came to make her home here eight years ago. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church, the Pythian Sisters and Rebekah lodge here.

The survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Mio Parks and Mrs. Fred Wilson, both of Birmingham.

Services were held Monday afternoon from the Manley Bailey funeral home, with the Rev. W. Glen Harris, D. D., officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Memorial cemetery.

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Rev. M. B. Maxwell

Word has been received here of the death of the Rev. Montrose B. Maxwell, former pastor of the Birmingham and Troy United Presbyterian churches. He died Sept. 12 at his home in Washington, Pa.

Mr. Maxwell began his pastorate here about 50 years ago and served the two churches for several years.

Survivors include his widow and one son, Homer Maxwell.

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Andrew Arvay

Andrew Arvay, 76, died early Wednesday morning at St. Elizabeth home, Bloomfield Hills, following a long illness.

He was born on Nov. 27, 1872 at Encs, Hungary, and on Feb. 5, 1897, he married Agnes Pirtzky in that country. He had been a resident of Bloomfield Hills for the past 10 years, moving there from Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Arvay was a retired cabinet maker.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Sister Mary Teresa, mother superior at St. Elizabeth home, and Mrs. Margaret Hornyak of Bridgeport.

The body will be taken from the Manley Bailey funeral home to St. Elizabeth church, of which Mr. Arvay was a member, for a 1:30 prayer service today after which it will be taken to Bridgeport for burial in St. Michael's cemetery.

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