

The Birmingham Eccentric

Local Youngster Gets "Sneak Preview" of Puppeteers Show



GRAHAM McDONALD, SON OF MR. AND MRS. HOWARD McDONALD OF Birmingham, gets acquainted with Bebebrain, hero of "The Circus Mystery", a marionette play to be given by the Birmingham Puppeteers at the Village Players' annual Christmas party.

which were purchased or borrowed, open to anyone interested in any phase of puppetry.

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL Puppeteers include Mrs. Merrill Anderson, Mrs. Charles Bigelow, Mrs. Thayer Cowman, Mrs. Rodkey Craighead, Mrs. Donald Howarth, Mrs. D. F. McCarthy, Mrs. Joseph Merrill, Mrs. Jack Moore, Mrs. C. D. Olmstead, Mrs. Morris Purdy, Mrs. Michael Remondino, Mrs. James Scriber, Mrs. Russell Stephens, Mrs. James Suddall, Mrs. Claude Ureyig and Mrs. M. B. Whittlesey, Jr.

THE BIRMINGHAM PUPPETEERS have a double objective. First, they satisfy their own creative urge by indulging in this ancient art, which actually dates back as far as Egyptian days.

The second objective is the actual presentation of shows. The group's policy is to give the majority of these before children in hospitals and institutions. To make this financially possible, the Puppeteers have appealed to other organizations for sponsorship.

The making of the group's marionettes involves the modeling and casting of the head, the jointing of the body, the costuming, stringing and each character is studied as an individual. No two are constructed alike.

THIS FALL, feeling that there was also a need for a small, easily transported stage for use in private homes, the Puppeteers built one. They call it their "Birth Day Party Stage" and with it, presented their first show, "Goldlocks and the Three Bears" at a party on December 2.

Co-leaders of the Puppeteers are Mrs. Calvin Demmon and Mrs. Robert vonMaur. Mrs. Demmon is a member of the Puppeteers of America, a not-profit organization of international scope. In June she attended the 1950 annual festival of this group which is composed not only of professionals but is

Four to Receive Degrees from MSC

Four localities are among the 587 Michigan State college students who have been announced as candidates for degrees at the end of the fall quarter, on December 15.

Gov. G. Mennen Williams spoke at the informal commencement exercises on December 12 in the Michigan State college union. These students will also be eligible to participate in the college's June commencement program.

THOSE FROM Birmingham who will receive bachelor's degrees include Donald A. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Fisher of Abbey road; Harold F. Gasser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Gasser of Safford road; Miss Nancy Helen Hines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Hines of Glenhurst drive and Donald P. Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Robinson of Lakeview avenue.

Birmingham Club Announces Plans For Holiday Season

The Birmingham Country club is announcing to its members, its newest plans and latest schedule of coming events.

This Saturday night, December 16, the club will have another of its grill dancing parties, with music for dancing from 9:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m., and a bountiful

buffet lunch will be served later.

ON SUNDAY, December 17, the annual Christmas party will be held at the club for members and their immediate families. The party will be in progress from 2 until 5 p.m. with gifts, refreshments and entertainment.

To replace the party on New Year's eve, which falls on a Sunday this year, members will instead be able to meet their friends at the club's open house on New Year's day, January first, 1951.

Doing, each hour of each day, the very best that one can to earn his livelihood, to make friends, to help others, that is the sure and certain road to a maximum of security and happiness. One really can shape most of his circumstances.

Couple To Reside Here Following Wedding Trip

In a nuptial ceremony read last Saturday before members of the immediate families and a few close friends of the couple, Miss Natalie Vona Knight became the bride of John Vincent Rogers.

Miss Knight is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Knight of West Lincoln road. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent G. Rogers of Windermere drive are parents of the bridegroom.

For the occasion, the bride selected a champagne colored wool jersey frock with gold metallic highlights and gold belt. She wore a small gold hat, black accessories and a corsage of white callias with stephanotis.

honoring Mae Knight, wore a navy crepe ensemble with navy velvet hat and American beauty rose corsage. A cousin of the bridegroom, Harvey Dumon of Chestnut street served as best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. For her daughter's wedding and reception, Mrs. Knight donned a royal blue crepe frock with matching feather hat and a corsage of shaded pink rose buds.

Mrs. Rogers selected a green crepe dress with matching hat and yellow rose corsage.

FOLLOWING A WEDDING trip to Atlantic City, N. J., the new Mr. and Mrs. Rogers will return to make their home at 462 Greenwood avenue in Birmingham.

Kappa Kappa Gamma Groups To Meet for Christmas Party

The evening and afternoon groups of the North Woodward alumnae association of Kappa Kappa Gamma will meet together next Tuesday evening, December 19, at 7:30 p.m., in the home of Mrs. J. W. Weaver, 533 1/2 Bryn Mawr drive, for their traditional flaming plum pudding and Christmas sing party.

Co-hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Norbert Hafner, Mrs. Robert Lovelace, Mrs. George F. Fisk, Jr., Mrs. John J. Russell, Mrs. Bruce Randall and Mrs. Richard C. Taylor.

MRS. JAMES D. ROGERS will conduct music and Mrs. E. J. Barney will present a group in a skit. As in the past, instead of exchanging Christmas gifts, the members will give to Kappa philanthropies.

It is the hope of the hostesses that any new Kappas in the area will attend.

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Christmas Concert To Be Presented by U of M Extension

Miss Louise Mann Johnston of Puritan road and Robert W. Kutscher of Greenwood avenue will take part in the annual Family Christmas Concert, given by the University of Michigan Extension orchestra.

The concert will be held at 8 p.m. this Friday evening, December 15, in the Rackham Memorial, the corner of Farnsworth and Woodward avenues. The program is complimentary to the public.

A GROUP OF SONGS by the Scherze club of Detroit will be a feature of this concert with Miss Gertrude Wood of Grosse Pointe conducting the vocal group.

The orchestra, directed by Professor David Mattern of the University of Michigan school of music, will open the program with a "Suite" by Purcell, arranged by Henry Wood.

OTHER SELECTIONS will include "Symphony No. 1" by Bizet, "Poet and Peasant Overture" by von Suppe, the Waltz from Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty Ballet," and "Pomp and Circumstance" (No. 1) by Elgar.

Indian Art Curator To Present Exhibit

Dr. Robert Hatt, curator of the Cranbrook Institute of Science, will present Frederic H. Douglas, curator of Indian art of the Denver Museum of Art, in an exhibition of authentic Indian costumes of thirty-two different tribes.

The costumes will be modeled by members of the Birmingham unit of the Junior League of Detroit.

Dr. Douglas has been a noted collector of Indian culture for twenty years. At present he is busy at reorganizing the Indian displays at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology at Harvard university.

This exhibition will be held tomorrow, December 16, at 8:15 p.m., in the Cranbrook gymnasium and is open to members of the museum of the institute of science.

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