

**SOCIAL NEWS IN BRIEF**

Mrs. Ralph Skinner, Jr., of Hennetta street has recently returned from a week's visit in Bloomington, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorr F. Lovett of Stanley street Saturday evening entertained for Mr. and Mrs. Warner L. Forsyth, Jr.

This past Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Breech of Birmingham lane left Birmingham for Nansan and Bellair, Fla. They plan to be gone about three weeks.

Mrs. Donald O'Connor of Webster street entertained members of her bridge club last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Jamison Williams of Yarmouth road have re-

turned from a trip to Sydney, Australia, where they visited with Mrs. Williams' family. En route home, they stopped off in Honolulu.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed of George street opened their home for the first in a series of card parties being planned by members of the Pethian Sisters' Liberty Temple 44 of Clawson. Among those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coburn, Mr. and Mrs. William Curry, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kocher, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Porteous, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Zornette, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kachadarian, Mr. and Mrs. David

Chogossian, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Parks, Mrs. Louise Dunst, Mrs. Phillip Shutes, Mrs. Wilfred Mastis and Miss Cora French. The next party will be held in March.

Mrs. Lloyd S. Linton of Oakland avenue was hostess at luncheon last Thursday in honor of Betty Graves Reynau of New York.

Sailing Feb. 2 for a 12-day Caribbean and South American cruise to the Netherlands West Indies, Venezuela and Colombia were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford H. Harrison of Franklin Park drive.

Last week, Mrs. Robert F. G. Copeland and Mrs. Edwin J. Anderson entertained jointly at a luncheon in the Copeland residence of Hugo Cross road in honor of Mrs. Henry G. Little.

Society club news must be submitted by each Monday.

**June Bride-to-Be**

Donna Olson

Mrs. Beatrice C. Olson of Townsend street has revealed the betrothal of her daughter, Donna Yvonne to William Dale Albright. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Albright of St. Clair Shores. The couple is planning a June wedding.

**WITH THE Collegians**

Two students from Birmingham received degrees from Hilldale College at the recent winter commencement. Arthur William Gilling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Gilling, Sr., 336 Glenhurst, and Ross Marvin Balow, son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Russell, 6701 Telegraph received bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees respectively. While in college Gilling was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Balow was a member of Omega social fraternity and the Hilldale's championship baseball team. Balow served as president of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity, and was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership fraternity. He majored in biology.

**THE Line Is Busy**

R. D. Burroughs, wild flower specialist from Michigan, State College conservation department, was guest speaker at the Birmingham Garden Club's last meeting. In his own words, "knowledge develops interest in individual wild flowers and when one flower walk one's pleasure increases as knowledge progresses."

Since the slides he showed were arranged in seasonal sequence, the first was the skunk cabbage, a marshland plant which our pioneer ancestors considered an acceptable broom. Soon after, in the woods, the trailing arbutus; the willows with their silver and yellow catkins; and the anemone and hepatica carpet the ground.

One of the most unusual spring flowers is the cardamine of the mustard family and one that is becoming scarce is the adder's tongue. Many fields have masses of buttercups and daisies but one the farmers do not like is the orange hawk weed, more commonly known as the Devil's Paint Brush.

The dog-wood tree is perhaps one of the favorites of spring but how many know there is a dwarf dog-wood plant which is equally beautiful even though less conspicuous? It is sometimes called bunch berry.

In the marsh lands and near rivers and lakes, the white water lily may be found along with the water lily and the iris. A legend in connection with the iris indicates that the Indians used it if they carried a root of the plant it would ward off snake bite. The Indians of the southeast use a root as a charm in their snake dances and have the scent of the root does have an effect on snakes.

The fire-weed which has rosy purple flowers grows on land that has been charred or scorched by fire. Its habit suggests the name, but its color is the southern Michigan colonies. The roadside lined with loose-strife which blooms in the early days in a county has genuine cardiac blooming abundance and quantities of soapweed, a plant of the family, so called because the root produces a lather and was used by the Indians in soap making.

Other rare wild flowers which should never be picked are the fringed gentian and the lobelia. On the other hand there are many places where the wild cardinals (thistles) are over abundant. The Indians used the Res-bane with its thistle-like flowers to make a smudge to attract deer to the hunting stands. They also rubbed their clothes and bodies with the juices but the effect of this procedure was probably to kill the human scent.

Some of the later flowers are the golden-rod and fall wild clematis and ranunc. The berries of the latter were used by our ancestors for lemonade. Mention should also be made of the Joe-pye weed, a rank grower given this name because it was believed the plant was used in the early days in Massachusetts by an Indian doctor called Joe Pye.

Miss Marjorie Votey, principle of Walnut Lake school and last summer scholarship student at the Conservation School at Higgins Lake, said in her report, "Conservation is an attitude and a philosophy of living." It affects all and does not mean we should just learn to save things but should learn the proper use of our resources.

As examples Miss Votey indicated there were many winters when deer had to be fed to keep them from starving; on the other hand, little can grow when there are too many deer for certain areas. Another instance is the planting of fish in lakes and streams.

In the winter many of these lakes are fertilized to stimulate the growth of more food for the fish. Conserve and enjoy what nature has provided, resources are plentiful but people must learn to use them wisely and protect what we have.

Have You Met . . . The newcomers from Chevy Chase, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Evans and sons, Billy and Danny, who have now settled in their new home at 1465 Henrietta, Mr. Evans is with the Red Jacket Sales Co. Club Company.

Thomas Daniels, 31885 Telegraph, and William Ewell, Eckerd road, have enrolled as freshmen at Kalamazoo College for the spring term. It is announced by Everett R. Shober, registrar. Both boys attended Baldwin high school.

John Brown III, son of John L. Brown, Jr. of Glenhurst road, was appointed program director of the Williams College Radio Station, WMS. He has been active in the station ever since he first came to Williams two years ago. He is also interested in the dramatics club at Williams.



BY DORIS E. KUS



DIANNE HELGESON

Mr. and Mrs. Angus G. Helgeson of South Broadway boulevard, Bloomfield Village, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dianne Grace to Jack Dean Seibold Saturday evening at a family dinner. Mr. Seibold is the son of Mr. and Mrs. August G. Seibold of Clark Lake, Mich.

The bride-elect attended Michigan State College when she was affiliated with Chi Omega sorority and her fiance will graduate from MSU this March and is a member of Porpoise fraternity.

The couple is planning a late spring wedding.

Have You Met . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore, Jr., former Detroiters, and their three sons, Jack, Michael and Robert who are residing at 1877 Grandfield Mr. Moore is with the Champion Paper and Pulp Company.

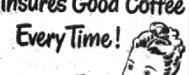


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