

Miss Corlett to Marry John Higgins

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig Corlett of River Forest, Ill., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Craig Corlett to John Burnett Higgins. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Higgins of Orchard Ridge road. The bride-elect attended Mt.

Holyoke and is now a student at the University of Michigan. Her fiancé, also studying at Michigan, will receive his diploma this June and is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

There are no immediate wedding plans. Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all new—all the society editor about them.

Mrs. Burlingame Addresses Garden Club on "New Trends in House Plants"

When members of the Birmingham Garden Club met for their meeting and tea last Monday at the Community House, one of their own members was the speaker. Mrs. Charles C. Wood, president of Alice Wessels Burlingame, whose home is in the new field of House Plants, Flowers and Planting Design. Her address is 1919 1/2th St. N.E. in a conversational manner which invited questions from the audience.

On a trip through the "New" Morse Seed factory, Mrs. Burlingame learned about the testing of every batch of seeds; the fact that much of our seed comes from the west because of the more ideal weather conditions prevail there; and that in the current year seed not sold in the current year was burned; that it takes 6 years to be sure of the "seed" of a new seed species to be certain of color and form and that coated seeds are here to stay because they are more easily planted.

Books For Visitors
For the traveler who enjoys visiting gardens, a book entitled "Gardener's Travel Book" by Farrington, tells of choice spots in each state as well as in Mexico and Canada. Included in the listings are the Hidden Lake Gardens in Adrian and the gardens at Cranbrook. An indispensable book for all enthusiasts is edited by Lockwell and entitled "10,000 Garden Questions" answered by 15 experts.

For the husbands of "Complete Book of Garden Magic" by Roy Biles should keep them busy. Another of interest is "The African Violet Book"—this one by Helen Van Pelt Wilson. And speaking of African Violets, Mrs. Burlingame puts about two inches of boiling water in a pan, sets the clay pot plant in the pan and lets it remain there until the water is cool, about three hours. This treatment, about every three days will convince you the plant loves moisture. A plant tab once a month is also recommended.

Conversation Piece
If one is interested in a "conversation piece" try one of the Bromeliads which come from Florida. They are watered only through the center of the plant and grow in fascinating shapes and varying colors. One exhibited was as rich green with each leaf tipped with red as though dabbled with nail polish.

Another suggestion for indoor gardening could be achieved with a package of morning-glory seeds. Plant them in three small pots—one for you and two for your neighbor—and as they develop transplant them into larger pots in your efforts with gay blooms in the early spring. Do not forget to soak the seed 36 hours before planting.

New Seeds Coming
New seeds from Europe which sound promising but are not yet ready for distribution include the ruffled pansy and the pansy with the pencil stripe. A thornless and seedless honey locust tree has been developed here.

Colorful shrubs suggested included the early flowering Cherry, the graceful Beauty Bush and the Higo Rose. Pansies in front of a Pinyon this shrub enhances its color.

Mrs. Clyde Haggan announced another Flower Arrangement Study class will be held on Jan. 19 from 1:30-4:00 in the Baldwin library. Members are to take a one hour arrangement for discussion and Mrs. Thomas Chester will talk on proportion and balance.

Village Players' Subscription Party Set for Saturday

The Village Players will open their house this Saturday evening to members and guests for their mid-season formal subscription dance from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Mrs. Robert Aldrich is in charge of the music arrangements. Mr. and Mrs. Marc Parsons are the house committee chairman.

The January social committee members, Mrs. P. A. Dalton, Mrs. Clifford Gould and Mrs. Harold E. Towne are in charge of the refreshments. Mrs. George Green is the ticket chairman with Mrs. Donovan Gray and Mrs. Vern Mackey assisting.

Earl reservations were sent in by the Elliott Kinners, the B. F. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Thordike Dweilley and the Williams Martins. Others planning to attend are Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Alexander, the Dean Coffins, the Anthony Daleys, the Russell Richardsons, the Sidney O'Learys and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Allen.

Gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wyatt before the dance for cocktails will be Mr. and Mrs. Dean Barnett; the Walter Skinners, the D. Pierson Smiths, Mrs. and Mrs. Wallace Ivers, the Gordon Bakers and the William Kegeles.

Guests of the Charles Blum at the dance will be the F. K. Ratcliffs and Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Cain who will have punch with several members including the William Howells, the Allan Lutz, Mr. and Mrs. Berrien Green and the Stanley Howells.

Mr. and Mrs. William Breech's home will be the meeting place for their weekend guests, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cox of Springfield, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Don Matthews who will bring their houseguests, the Dave Whites of Pasadena, Calif.

Refreshments for the Players' next production, "The Late Christopher Bean" are now being held under the direction of Mrs. Anthony Daley. Set construction is under the supervision of Stanley Hood.

Dance Club Party
The Dance Club will hold another party this Saturday evening, Jan. 14 at the Forest Hill Country Club. On the committee are Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sitta, Mr. and Mrs. Newell McGeen, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stollger, Mr. and Mrs. William Ragan and Mr. and Mrs. John Allman.

CLUB NOTES

St. Catherine's
St. Catherine's Guild, St. James Church, will have a working meeting on Jan. 18 at 8:00 p.m. Hostesses will be Mrs. Norman Prentice and Mrs. Donald Upward.

Past Noble Grand
Members of the Past Noble Grand Club will hold a pot-luck luncheon and election of officers at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17 in the home of Mrs. Shirley Simpson, 1351 East Humphrey.

MOMS Club
The January meeting of the local MOMS Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Johnston, 351 N. Woodward at 8:00 p.m. on the 19th. Mrs. Beverly Johnson Miller will speak on "The Hospitalized Veteran in the Mental Institution." Mrs. Miller is a trained social worker of considerable experience. Refreshment will be served after the program and all members and friends are invited to attend.

Present Day Club
There will be a business meeting on Jan. 17 at the home of Lillian Gill on Emmons street.

Business Women
There will be a social meeting of the Birmingham Business Women's Club on Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community House.

Adams PTA to Hear Talks on Health
Adams school PTA members will hold their first meeting of the new year on Monday, Jan. 16 at 8:00 p.m. with a program on "Better Health for Better Learning" presented by Miss Frances Curtin and Dr. Melvin A. Noonan.

This topic is a portion of the year's theme, "Freedom to Grow" in which different phases of child growth are discussed at the various PTA meetings.

Miss Curtin, health supervisor for the Birmingham public schools, will discuss the health program in the schools while Dr. Noonan, head of the Birmingham Dental Health Council, will speak on the school's dental program.

Miss Curtin obtained the help of Dr. Noonan to set up a dental survey at Adams school last fall and the program proved so satisfactory that it has been extended to all elementary schools in the district.

Mistletoe Ball Is Next Community House Dance

All Birmingham residents are invited to attend the dance being held on Jan. 21 in the Community House. This will be the third in a series of four such affairs which are co-sponsored by the Community House and the Arthur Murray Dance Studio.

Don Preston's orchestra will play from 9:30 to 1:30 and tickets are available through Mrs. Volma Isley or her committee. Mrs. Heber Hilar, Mrs. Lawton E. Taylor, Mr. Frank Long, Mrs. Harri Machus, Mr. Lowell Sutton, Mrs. William Milligan, Mrs. George Dixon, Mrs. Cleveland Walcutt, Mrs. Bethel B. Kelly and Mrs. James McCoy.

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WITH THE Collegians

Among the 12 Alma College debaters who will participate in the 18th annual invitational debate tournament of the Illinois State Normal University to be held at Normal, Ill. this Friday and Saturday is Ralph Appell of Birmingham.

In addition, the Alma Squad will stop enroute to debate Kalamazoo College and Western Michigan College of Education. Each debater will participate in five rounds of debate on the question: Resolved: that the U. S. should nationalize the basic non-agricultural industries. Teams from colleges and universities in the mid-west will participate.

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