

SOCIAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. Charles E. Buck of East Brown street left Monday for Wilmington, Delaware, where she will visit with relatives. She then plans to go to Sea Island, Georgia before returning to Birmingham in March.

On Feb. 10, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fulberg will be hosts at the wedding rehearsal dinner honoring their son and his fiancée, Miss Carolyn Jean Maynard. The party will be held in the Birmingham Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bathrick

Graham and their two daughters of Utica, N. Y., are here in Birmingham for a three-week visit with Mr. and Mrs. William L. Graham of Wimbleson drive and Mrs. George A. Beecher of Greenwood avenue.

Wendell Wilson, formerly athletic director at Cranbrook, was a guest of the Walter F. Careys of Middlebelt road recently. Sunday afternoon Mrs. Helen Richards and daughter, Suzanne, of Dearborn, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pomeroy and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Palmer, with their families, gathered at the

Carey's to see movies taken at Teton Valley ranch last season. Mr. Wilson is now owner and director of the Teton Valley ranch in Kelly, Wyo. Mrs. Richards was formerly counselor there and Joan and Sue Carey were guests during the girls' season in August.

Among those attending the Mistletoe Ball at the Community House Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. James McCoey, all of Bates street.

Miss Joanne Laumeier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Laumeier of Lake Park drive, president of the Michigan Club at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., attended the first state group council ball which was held at the college on Saturday, Jan. 14.

The Line Is Busy



BY DORIS E. KUS

Last week we got wind of a little item which seems to be worthy of more than the usual notice and some speculation as well. It was the fact that a most different kind of a shower. Now I've heard of such affairs for a bridegroom (and leave us alone, it, the poor guy rates a little attention for just one evening before the wedding), but never has anyone ever told me that showers are being held for a prospective father as well as for the future mother.

The idea of making the Dad the cause of a celebration appealing to me, even if this is a fairly feminine omen. Occasionally we must open the door and admit a man just for appearance's sake. For after all, they do lay claim to a certain amount of citizenship. And so we've been setting aside ideas for feting the papa-to-be, seeing as how the possibilities in such a party are loaded for the exposition of humor.

One way to clinch the "yaks" would be to dedicate each gift to the father for him to use on the cherub and most positively to be used. That way those three cornered things and wedges of accompanying safety pins would guarantee mother a respite evening and weekend. But good. And not only with the pledge but with the safety pins.

Cans of paints and transfers would make an excellent gift. Then the old man could get to work fixing up the nest. And if there isn't a nursery, a fine idea would be for all the fellows to pitch in and help him create one. Things like that happened in those pioneer days and it's one custom that of helping the neighbor, which we would do well to maintain and develop.

Then, too, gifts could include "the future" of the off-spring. Like a cowboy suit, baseball and bat, mitt, football. However, precautions should be taken for an exchange to frilly dresses, dolls and tea sets if it turns out to be a girl. Have the Joe Hingle outfit gifts—that is, have them devise rhymes and let the boss man guess what's wrapped inside from these "poems". Also let them use the "in the future" idea as surprises as to what the youngster will turn out to be—a piggy bank for a banker, a cash register for a cashier, a pencil for behind the ear for a newspaperman—and the facetious possibilities go far.

Try some children's albums—and if the boys can manage it, why not one of those miniature phonographs for the tot? All these things are definitely forward looking, but they'll be most appreciated by the parents who will be busy buying rompers, shoes, jeans and other necessary equipment. It's a catchy idea, isn't it? One which invariably promises a lot of fun and nonsense. But keep the affair strictly male, with the host preparing the refreshments, favors and decorations himself. And don't forget he can clean up afterwards, too.

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Next Production by St. Dunstan's to be "Excursion"

Victor Wolfson's unusual comedy, "Excursion," has been selected by St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook as its third production of the season. The play will be presented Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10-11 and 17-18 at the Guild's playhouse in the Cranbrook Pavilion.

Judged one of the "ten best" plays the year it was produced on Broadway, "Excursion's" humor is being tackled by amateur groups because of the large cast and complicated sets required.

The scenes in "Excursion" are the pilot house and the deck of the S. S. Happiness, an excursion boat plying between New York and Coney Island. The action takes place on the day of the boat's last run before it is to be converted into a garbage scow.

A cross-section of the passengers and crew aboard are involved, and the fantastic comedy chronicles what happens that day to the group who are so eager to find some measure of happiness and relief from their hum-drum lives in an excursion to Coney Island.

Sheldon R. Noble, president of St. Dunstan's Guild, is directing the play, assisted by Mrs. Rogers I. Marquis.

The special settings have been designed by Richard Hintermeister of the art department at Cranbrook School. Roman Thompson is production manager; Wayne Andrews, stage manager and Grace Fry is holding the lines.

Others on the technical staff include Mrs. Bruce C. Coulter, properties; Carl Moyer, lighting; Thomas Snelham, sound effects; Mrs. Clay Zinner, costumes and Mrs. Sheldon R. Noble, make-up.

The ticket committee is headed by Mrs. John C. Knecht and includes Mrs. Syver Thingstad, Mrs. Carl W. Moyer and Mrs. Muir D. Lind.

Elaine Newhall, Former Resident Becomes Bride

From California comes the news that Miss Elaine Newhall was married to John Richard McCarty son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis McCarty of Santa Barbara, Calif.



MRS. JOHN McCARTY

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge G. Newhall, formerly of Birmingham, now of Santa Barbara.

The couple exchanged vows in The Old Mission on Dec. 29.

Given in marriage by her father, Miss Newhall was in ivory satin designed with a fitted bodice and a long, full skirt with a sweeping train. The off-shoulder yoke was of illusion dotted with eggs.

pearls. Seed pearls also edged the deep yoke and formed a pattern on the front of the skirt. Her Brussels lace veil was of fingertip length and she carried a bouquet of white roses and stephanotis.

Miss Patricia Newhall was her sister's maid of honor in a long green silk brocade dress with a wreath of white flowers in her hair. In her bouquet were white roses. The bridesmaids, the Misses Alicia and Carol Newhall and Miss Patricia McCarty were dressed alike in green brocade with long, full skirts and portrait necklines. In their arms were red roses.

Mrs. Newhall wore a golden brown satin dress and a small hat of the same material with a white plume. To her shoulder she pinned cymbidium orchids while Mrs. McCarty wore a cymbidium orchid corsage on her taupe gown. Mrs. E. G. Newhall the bride's grandmother, wore gray green crepe.

Best man was David Mooring and the ushers were Richard Curtin, John McManara and Denis

Davis. A reception followed at the Montecito Country Club.

When the couple left for Palm Springs, the new Mrs. McCarty was wearing a navy blue gabardine suit with a white velvet hat. They will resume their studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Pro Musica Society Concert on Feb. 3

A reception and supper will follow Pro Musica Society's concert in the Detroit Institute of Arts on Friday evening, Feb. 3. The program will be given by the New Friends of Music Piano Quartet.

Mrs. J. Leslie Berry is chairman for the social hour and a Birmingham resident, Mrs. Graham J. Graham is a member of her committee. Among the hosts and hostesses for the evening is Mrs. David R. Ballentine also of this city.

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