

# Local Artists Featured On April 10 Musicales Program

Two active members of the Birmingham Musicales will be featured on the Musicales' April 10 program. Guest artists will be Harriett Toomey, soprano, and Helen Abbott, pianist.



HARRIETT TOOMEY



HELEN ABBOTT

Abbott, pianist, Elsbeth Ruffer will accompany Mrs. Toomey.

Mrs. Abbott has studied music with Helen Wagner deBruyn and Mischa Kottler, and has appeared on the programs of various groups in Birmingham, Detroit and Royal Oak, as well as on the air.

Mrs. Abbott has been a member of the Musicales for eleven years.

For the Thursday afternoon performance, Mrs. Abbott has selected four numbers by French composers; three by Gabriel Faure and one by Claude Debussy.

MRS. TOOMEY has appeared with orchestras, oratorio groups and opera. She received most of her training in Detroit and New York, and sang the leading role in the world premiere of the Dvorak opera "Rusalka".

A former member of the Ford Chorus, she is at present soloist for the Central Christian Church and Temple Beth El. She will appear on television with the Temple Beth El Quartet on April 8.

Mrs. Toomey has been a member of the Birmingham Musicales for ten years. Mrs. Ruffer studied at Wayne University and the Detroit Conservatory of Music. She has taught music in the Birmingham public schools for three years, and has been a member of the Musicales for several years.

THE PROGRAM WILL begin at two o'clock at the Community House. Mrs. Elliott S. Kinney is chairman of the day. Mrs. Earl Bartholomew heads the hostess committee and Mrs. George Souter has charge of the house and stage.

Tea chairman Mrs. Roger I. Marquis and Mrs. Elmore Wollering, social chairman, will decorate the tea table. Assisting with the tea will be Mrs. F. H. Melinger, Mrs. Walter Barkley, Mrs. Walter Skinner, Mrs. Kinney and M. S. Rosenberger.

## News About GIRL SCOUTS



The Birmingham District Association of Southern Oklahoma and Council will meet at the Community House on April 4 at 10:00 a.m. with Mrs. James Abbott presiding. All adults registered in Girl Scouting are urged to attend.

TROOP 67-ADAMS SCHOOL. The Brownies of Troop 67 have been working on a paper doll project. When thirty dolls are completed, they will be sent to the Oakland County Sanitarium. In conjunction with their study of community life, Troop 67 visited the Fire Department and the Baldwin Library. The tour of the Fire Department was conducted by Capt. Richardson and Fireman Harper.

Miss Fleming of the Public Library took the Brownies on an interesting half-hour tour of the library. This troop has begun the study of International Friendship. At their last meeting, each Brownie discussed the customs and dress of girls from another country.

TROOP 41 WING LAKE SCHOOL. Mrs. Donald T. Stanton, Presi-

dent of the Birmingham Musicales, attended the March 20 meeting of Troop 41 and helped the Girl Scouts with their music badge.

At the meeting of March 27, the troop divided into groups to work on their writers' and homemakers' badge. Their Easter plans include various trips, and the presentation of stuffed bunnies which they are making for children confined in hospitals.

Mrs. Philip O. Johnson, leader of Troop 41, has discussed the Girl Scout Fair, and the troop plans to have a display of articles they have made during the year. Jacqueline Irvine is the scribe for this troop.

TROOP 38-ADAMS. Recently this troop had a "Meet My Mother" party at the Squirrel Lake road home of Mr. and Mrs. William Rudell. The troop members planned and executed the

April 8, 1952 THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC Page 3 party as part of fulfilling Second Class rank requirements. At the party an investiture ceremony was held. Installed in the troop were Kara Apsay, Mary Lester, Judy Mood, Mary Jane O'Rourke, and Judy Ralph. Mr. Rudell showed movies, and there was dancing and singing. Refreshments were served.

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