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Local Singer Featured At Cranbrook Theatre

When Valter Poole raises his baton over the Detroit Pop orchestra at Jefferson Beach at 8:30 Wednesday evening, one of the featured soloists will be Marie Fox Wilson, mezzo-soprano from Lathrup Village.

Among her numbers will be the "Habernera" from Carmen, "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes" and "Annie Laurie." The concert will be broadcast over WJR from 9 until 9:30 p.m.

IN PRIVATE LIFE Mrs. Ben F. Wilson, the singer received her musical education at Mills College, Oakland, Cal., studying piano as well as voice. Further musical training followed in New York, where she appeared with the New Opera Company.

A former member of Phil Spitalny's all-girl aggregation, she was also featured in the road company of "Merry Widow" and has been heard in concert and on radio in New York and in the West. Mrs. Wilson also starred in opera with the National Orchestral Association at Carnegie Hall.

MRS. WILSON is contralto soloist at St. James Episcopal Church and a member of the Birmingham Musicals. She and her husband have been making their home on Lathrup boulevard for over a year.

Boys State Delegates Are Home Again After Nine-Day Meet at MSC

Birmingham's nine representatives to Boys State have returned home after having sampled the chimes of state, county and community government at Michigan State College.

Local boys held various "offices" there, ranging from street commissioner to that of University of Michigan board of regents member. Meetings and conventions were in order during each of the nine days at MSC.

Don Adam, one of the local representatives, reported that the boys also were provided plenty of time for the less serious side of life.

THE ATHLETIC facilities of Junction field house were made available to them along with athletic fields of the campus. Volley ball, softball, tennis, basketball, swimming and other sports helped fill their schedule.

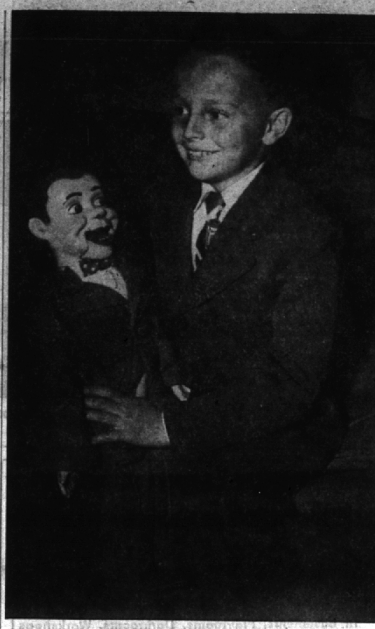
Law classes, band and glee club work and speech contests with daily broadcasts over East Lansing's WJAR were a part of the regular Boys State schedule.

Have You Met . . .

The new resident of 15421 Buckingham road? They are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Connolly, their two daughters, Mary Kay, 20, and Colleen Marie, 11; and Mr. Connolly's mother, Mrs. Eunice Connolly. They moved from Royal Oak in April. Mr. Connolly is a chef at Adrian Cotter's Tavern. Mrs. Connolly is employed by Nellie Davis Drug. Mary Kay's hobby is writing and painting, and the entire family is fond of gardening.

Potluck Supper Planned

Mrs. Russell Heinze will entertain members of the ladies auxiliary, no. 9, of the Metropolitan Club at a potluck supper Wednesday evening. The group will gather at her home on Paulsen drive, Williams lake.



MICHAEL KELLY AND "JERRY"
Nine-year-old ventiloquist becomes TV performer (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Fourth Grader Makes Bid For Coaxial Cable Acclaim

Edgar Beigen, Jerry Mahoney and other well-known ventiloquist had better look to their laurels for there is a rising young competitor in their midst. He is Michael Kelly, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly, 32250 Auburn, Beverly Hills.

Michael and his wooden friend, Jerry, are already veterans of two television performances, having appeared on WXYZ-TV's "Auntie Dee" show on June 4 and again on July 2.

So network performers, look out. There is a star rising in Beverly Hills.

MICHAEL IS entirely a self-

Couple Married June 21st Are Honeymooning in East

Honeymooning in the East are newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beardlee who were wed in a June 21 service in the Truth Lutheran Church of Detroit.

The bride, the former Betty Jean Simpson, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Simpson of Penitence road. The groom is the son of Cassius Beardlee of Milford, and the late Mrs. Beardlee.

The bride was given in marriage by her father at a seven o'clock candlelight service. The Rev. G. A. Schellhase read the double-ring ceremony.

The floor-length gown was fashioned from lace and tulle with a lace jacket over a strapless bodice. Her fingertip veil was held in place by a cap of lace edged with seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of carnations and ivy with a white orchid corsage center.

MATRON OF HONOR was the bride's sister, Mrs. Robert Grabbe. She wore a Nile green ballerina-length gown of tulle and lace with a high jacket.

The groom's sister, Betty Beardlee of Milford, wore a pink ballerina-length gown for her bridesmaid's duties. Both she and Mrs. Grabbe wore picture hats matching their gowns and carried cascade bouquets of contrasting roses.

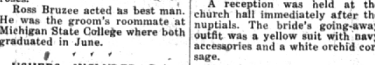
Ross Bruce acted as best man. He was the groom's roommate at Michigan State College where both graduated in June.

USHERS INCLUDED Robert Grabbe, and ten-year-old Loe Amesse Close. The bride's nephew, Bobbie Grabbe, performed the service of ring-bearer.

Mrs. Simpson wore a street-length dress of aqua crepe and lace with white accessories and an orchid corsage.

A reception was held at the church hall immediately after the nuptials. The bride's going-away outfit was a yellow suit with navy accessories and a white orchid corsage.

Mr. and Mrs. Beardlee will be at their Penitence road home after the middle of July.



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WITH THE Collegians

Gail Burlingame, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Burlingame of South Glenhurst drive, has enrolled for college classes at Bay View College, Petoskey, this summer. Gail is a recent graduate of Birmingham High School. Bay View is a branch of Albion college.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all news—all the society editor about them.

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