

The Birmingham Eccentric

SECTION 4

Suburban Seen

By KAY REED

BEING AN INVETERATE bridge addict our sympathy is readily extended to Mrs. William Milligan, a competitor in the recent telephone bridge sponsored by the local U. of M. clubs. Playing at the home of Mrs. Arthur Brookman, Mrs. Milligan navigated to a little slam at 2:05 p.m., exactly five minutes after the legal beginning of play, and happily "pushed in her score"—only to find herself snuffed out by the addition of Mrs. V. Deneen. The game, with the likes of Mrs. Hugh Buckley, came to a close with her little slam at 2:02 p.m. The ladies must have been dealing like threshing machines.

In any event the alums are contentedly counting a nice amount of money raised by the event which will put toward 'M' scholarships for local students. Oh yes, grand slam winner was Mrs. Robert Seller at 2:30 p.m.

WEVE GOTTA Birmingham reminiscing with requests for information on The Eccentric's forthcoming 75th anniversary edition.

Frantic club historians report that often early sources refer to founding dates as "the day Mary's was born" or "the year John was away at college" and remember charter members by first or nicknames only. We can sympathize for this will be forever fixed in our minds as the year of the Anniversary Edition, A.D.

NOSTALGIC MEMBERS of St. Dunstan's Guild recall with affection the Grand Trunk steam locomotive whistle which unintentionally provided very timely sound effects during an outdoor production of "Our Town". We wonder what it did for "Midsummer's Night Dream".

St. Dunstan's is currently staging "Idiot's Delight" at the Cranbrook Pavilion on Lone Pine road. Entertaining before Friday evening's opening curtain were the Robert H. Porters, Roy E. Stringers, John W. Anchors, Max H. Fruhoffs, and the R. Jamison Williams. Giving a joint party were the Sheldon R. Nobles and the H. Gray Muzzys.

Saturday evening hosts included theater-goers John W. Sanders, Benjamin Brewsters, Edward Proctors, Walter F. Skinner, Thomas Minors, and the Otis C. Thompsons.

EDUCATION WITH A Latin American flavor is being pursued by collegian Sally Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Collier of Colonial Court, Sally, a Birmingham High School graduate, attended MSC before heading for Mexico City College where she is speaking an idiomatic mastery of Spanish along with a familiarity with Latin American customs and culture.

SPRING IS just around the corner, on the calendar at least, for AAUW members who will hold their annual benefit tea and fashion show at the Cranbrook gym on March 19. Lining up the details is the job of Mrs. Emory DeNador and her committee heads; Mrs. A. M. Brown is counting pias as program chairman. Proceeds will go to AAUW educational fellowships, study grants and community projects. Mrs. Richard W. Brown is dispensing the tickets.

EASTER SATURDAY is again the goal towards which Birmingham Christ Child Society members are heading. This year as last they have scheduled a dance at Bloomfield Hills Country Club, switching from the tea dance to dinner and the evening.

Committees have lined up at Tuesday's meeting at the Economy Inn drive home of Mrs. Paul Voss. General chairman Mrs. J. K. Campbell will be assisted by Mrs. George A. Cavancha, Jr., and Mrs. George A. Lyons, Jr. Ticket sales to members and their friends will be handled by Mrs. Charles Burke, Mrs. Arthur DeRosies, Mrs. Charles Stewart and Mrs. Voss.

Mrs. F. M. Anderman and Mrs. Stanley Wollenberg will supervise the decorations, and Mrs. Richard Quen is chairman of the orchestra. Proceeds will go to the Sarah Fisher Home nursery.

FRANK BASFORD of Lake Park drive and Hugo Hesse of Yorkshire road eked out a week for an extended Caribbean vacation with visits scheduled to Havana, Caracas, and Jamaica. Deep sea fishing also figures in their plans.

LEAVING FOR the west coast Monday was Mrs. Albert H. deSalle of Manor road, who will spend three weeks with her mother, returning in time to leave for Europe on April 2.

MEADOWBROOK COUNTRY CLUB will be the setting of Saturday night's dance sponsored jointly by Sigma Kappa and Kappa Delta alumnae groups. Mrs. Charles Huntton and Mrs. Wayne Boyne are the co-chairmen.

EAGERLY AWAITING THE down of March 2 are the S. G. Boyntons and the H. L. Breitensteins, for that date marks the homecoming of Staff sergeant Stanley Boynton, Mrs. Boynton (the former Miss Breitenstein) and baby daughter Cathy who are flying from England for a month's visit.

Also expected at that time are Mrs. Boynton's sister, Mrs. E. M. Peacock and small daughter Julie of Cleveland, Texas, and Mr. Breitenstein's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breitenstein of Lander, Wyo.

THE WEST COAST was the destination of Mrs. Frank T. Burgess of Vinewood avenue when she eked out Monday, Mrs. Burgess will spend four weeks visiting friends in Santa Barbara and Long Beach, Calif.

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Thursday, February 26, 1953

Localite Adds New Facet To Many Theatrical Roles

On January 23 the curtain rose at the Players' Club on East Jefferson avenue, Detroit, on "Prosperine," a full-length play performed by the Theater Arts group which was noted and acclaimed by the metropolitan critics. The curtain was also rising on the fifth career of playwright Dean Warner in private life Mrs. John H. Warner of 365 Wallace street.

Mr. Warner's initial plunge into dramatic writing was warmly received—and not the least unexpected. No stranger to the theater, Mrs. Warner is already an accomplished actress, director, teacher, and writer, in addition to being wife, mother and housekeeper.

A graduate of Rockford College, Ill., where she was an English major, Mrs. Warner received her training in drama at the Wayne University Summer stock seasonings was acquired at the Priscilla Beach Theatre, Plymouth, Mich.

Diversified experience in the realm of creative arts came at Stephens College where, for two years, she taught acting, supervising one-act plays. At Wayne, Mrs. Warner taught theatrical education as part of the Community Recreational Leadership course, and directed "Madam's Wife" for the student program.

MRS. WARNER is a former director of the Theater Arts group of St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook, assisted Sheldon Noble in the group's recent presentation of "The Devil's Disciple."

The new playwright has appeared nonprofessionally in a heterogeneous assortment of plays with such stars as her mother-in-law, fairy queen, lady of dubious reputation, ingenues and heaves. She has also done a few movie and television commercials.

Before turning her pen to script writing, Mrs. Warner took up the study of "Early Restoration Acting" for the benefit of the students in reality. Hers was a study of women's entrance into the theater since previous to the seventeenth century the roles of women had been enacted by boys.

NOW THAT SHE HAS her hand in, Mrs. Warner is considering another full-length play, yet in the idea stage.

Mrs. Warner considers the future of American theater as a creature in the hands of the collectors, who are the ones who profit. The cost of Broadway productions, with union help and increasing expenses, is prohibitive—unless the producer is willing to take a loss. "As we all know," she added, "small hits are not always good plays."

WHEN NOT DIRECTING the board, Mrs. Warner is directing a cast of a 2½ year-old son, and Shirley, her mother-in-law, at the Wallace street address, native of Chicago, she and her husband moved to Birmingham from Detroit over a year ago.

H. L. R. CHAPMAN

MSC Botanist Will Speak At Hills Meeting

H. L. R. Chapman, horticultural extension specialist at Michigan State College, will be the guest speaker at the March 3 meeting of the Bloomfield Hills branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association.

Chapman is appointed to conduct programs with amateur and home garden groups throughout the state in 1953. He was director of Bell Botanical Garden, MI 4-6433 for 13 years. He received his early training under his father who was supervisor of one of the largest private gardens in the country and entered Kew Botanic Gardens for a four-year course in the school of horticulture and botany there.

From 1918 to 1924, Chapman served as horticulturist to the Egyptian government and has also traveled on special assignments for the Australian government.

FOLLOWING THE 1:30 p.m. meeting at Christ Church Cranbrook, tea will be served by Mrs. W. G. Ferguson and her hospitality committee.

News About GIRL SCOUTS

The past two Saturday evenings have been Father and Daughter night for the intermediate and senior classes of Birmingham. On February 14, the Intermediate Girl Scouts in fifth and sixth grade had their dads as their guests at a dinner and dance at the Community House. About 100 fathers and girls and their dads enjoyed a buffet supper and later romped through several square dances led by Dick Lewis, father of one of the scouts.

ON FEBRUARY 21, the Junior High Group had a similar celebration. The Junior High Planning group announced that they will have an affair with Troops 830 and 831 carrying out the decorations, and Troop 339 arranging the singing.

Carole Torry was mistress of ceremonies and the program was led by Jean Fox, spoke briefly on Juliette Low, the founder of Girl Scouting whose birthday will be celebrated the second week in March by Scouts throughout the country.

Linda Michelson told how the Junior High Planning Board functions. A 15-year-old sophomore on World War II duty was shown as a member of the group. The evening Dick Lewis led the group in square dancing.

Adult leaders and board members and their wives were Mrs. John H. Warner (President of Birmingham Girl Scouts), Mrs. Wilette McCartney, junior high leader and neighborhood girl scout, Mrs. Verne Schlesinger, Junior High leader and advisor on the planning board, Mrs. Polly Vanek led the group in singing.

Students Entertain Hospitalized Children With Musical Program

On Saturday afternoon, February 14, several members of junior music clubs sponsored by the Birmingham Girl Scouts entertained children afflicted with polio at the Detroit Orthopedic Clinic as part of a Valentine party given by the alumnae club of All Girls' Grade School.

Nan De Brugge and Donna Kneppers performed as a vocal

and piano team, and a trio consisting of Bob Hofmeyer, Mike Weller and Miss Shirley Skinner played the violin flute and piano respectively.

Have You Met . . .

The new residents of 108 Baldwin avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Erands and their two sons, Eric, 21 year-old student at Wayne University, and Donald, 17. The Erands moved from Highland Park, Mich., in November. Erands is a commercial artist with a studio in Monroe. He enjoys working in his home workshop, outdoor sports, and fishing.

C. L. Watkins? A former Detroiter, Watkins moved to 1480

East Maple road in November. He is secretary and treasurer of Stellar Engineering Inc., of Detroit.

Training For Living' Panel Discussion Topic At Monday PTA Session

A panel discussion is scheduled for the Monday evening meeting of the Bloomfield Village PTA which will convene at the Quarton School auditorium at 8 p.m.

Treating the subject "Are We Training Our Children For a Living" will be Joseph Sullivan, employment manager of the Detroit Edison Company; Mrs. Anna McCorney, junior high leader and neighborhood girl scout; Verne Schlesinger, Junior High leader and advisor on the planning board. Mrs. Polly Vanek led the group in singing.

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