

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

A CONDENSED version of DeHull Travis' report on the Oakland county Red Cross chapter's work in the Flint tornado appeared recently in the national publication for that organization. Travis wrote his account of the task while serving as fund chairman for the Birmingham area last year. It will be included in his book, "Down the Years."

"MARCH OF DIMES" seem to be magic words, no one guessing how far they go. An area woman finished her collecting stint last Thursday and hurried to Detroit to the hockey game. As a parking lot attendant watched her stow heavy boots in the car trunk where they could be locked up safely, she explained she had worn them earlier during the Mothers March on Polio. When she handed him her parking fee the young man returned it, asking that she turn it over to the 1954 campaign.

ONE SWALLOW doesn't make a summer, so they tell us. It's probably true, and equally true that two crows do not make a spring. However, this Wanderer wasn't at all sorry to hear and see a couple of these birds flying over the South Adams road section the other noon. Somehow, with all the snow and ice around it, their voices managed to sound quite pleasant and give us a mental lift while we stood there scraping sleet off the windshield.

MONDAY NIGHT'S Birmingham city commission meeting was the shortest session that has taken place in many months. It lasted only 48 minutes. No hearings, only a couple of communications which were disposed of quickly, a petition that was filed for later action, a couple of routine reports by the city manager were the "main" agenda items. (These are detailed in separate stories found elsewhere in this issue.)

ALTHOUGH THE CITY'S fiscal year doesn't end for another five months, budget items for the 1954-55 year already were reported. This week the Birmingham city employee retirement board submitted an item which City Manager D. C. Egbert said commissioners must appropriate—\$56,488 for the city's next contribution to the retirement system.

THE LAW-ABIDING WAYS of Lathrup residents were pointed out Monday night at the Lathrup city council meeting. Assistant Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney James G. Hartrick was sitting at the council table as a substitute for Lathrup City Attorney William A. Ewart. When introduced to the audience, Hartrick admitted that he didn't know many Lathrup folks. "You see, we don't have to prosecute many of your residents," Hartrick explained.

Congregational Youth Organize Fellowship; Second Unit Planned

"Pilgrim Fellowship" was the name selected by 25 high school age members of the Congregational Church of Birmingham who met for their organizational meeting Sunday evening at the parsonage. Officers for the first year are Kirk Flack, president; Thomas Beck, vice president; Carol Goodhue, corresponding secretary; Dorothy Ojala, recording secretary and James Taup, treasurer; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Watkinson, adult advisors.

Three members, Gerald Beck, William Watkinson and Richard Sheldon were named to direct activities in the fields of "Faith, Action and Fellowship", respectively.

A 7 p.m. meeting is scheduled for Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Flack, 18196 West 15 Mile.

Youngsters of junior high school age will meet for their organizational meeting Feb. 7, at 5 p.m., at the parsonage.

U of D Professor On PTA Program

The Rev. Fr. Walter J. Smith, professor of psychology at the University of Detroit, will be the principal speaker at the Holy Name PTA meeting Monday, Feb. 8. Rev. Smith will talk on "Child Psychology" and illustrate his speech with a film entitled, "Answering Children's Whys". The program will follow class conferences at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and a short business meeting.

Fifth grade room mothers Mrs. Gregory Frederick and Mrs. Donald McCaffrey will be in charge of refreshments.

Nevada Vacationers

Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Stillman, 215 Berwyn road, are vacationing at the Flamingo hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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

There is something very soothing and comforting to the mind in listening to good music. The availability today of good recorded music, played in the home, ought to be a tremendous uplift and influence for domestic tranquility.

The Birmingham Eccentric



MRS. BRUCE MAYNARD DON ANDERSON BUD CARRIGAN
Planning busy schedule for MSC's Oakland Alumni club

MSC Alumni Plans Two Events

Big plans are afoot for members of the Oakland County Alumni club of Michigan State college, with several Birmingham members assisting with details.

The first event will be the club's annual winter dance on Friday, Feb. 12, followed on Feb. 16 with the first showing in Oakland county of movies taken during the MSC triumph over UCLA at the '44 Rose Bowl game.

The dance, which is becoming a figure on the social calendar for Michigan State alumni, will be at the Donny Brook country club. Many from Birmingham will be among the 100 or more couples expected to attend.

The 1954 affair will have the Dave Farley orchestra on the band stand, with dancing from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

PRE-DANCE cocktail parties are already planned by Mr. and Mrs. Bud Carrigan, 1470 Washington boulevard; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Maynard, 1675 Shipman; Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson, 169 N. Glenhurst; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riordan, 1562 Bates and Lee Seymour of Franklin. Carrigan has charge of advance ticket sales.

The color films of the Rose Bowl game and Tournament of Roses will be shown in the auditorium of Pontiac high school, beginning at 8 p.m., Feb. 16. This program will be open to the general public as well as Spartan alumni.

The film will include a special commentary by Biggie Munn, coach of the victorious Spartan gridmen.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas On Eastern Honeymoon

Patricia Ann Young became the bride of George Lee Thomas Jan. 22 in the Community United Presbyterian church in Dayton Plains. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice E. Young of Dayton Plains. George's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Luther Thomas, 976 Chestnut.

Crowned by a ballerina-length dress of Chantilly lace and net, her cloche headdress was embroidered with seed pearls and held her waist-length veil. She wore the bridegroom's gift of pearls and carried a bouquet of roses and hyacinth.

MRS. VINCENT Trony, sister of the bridegroom, was her honor attendant in a dress of sand beige taffeta. She wore a cocoa-colored hat and carried shattered yellow carnations.

Donald Good was best man and seating the guests were Robert

Clark, Vincent Trony and William Brim. Both mothers wore navy ensembles and corsages of rubrum lilies. Mrs. Young wore a turquoise hat and Mrs. Thomas chose pink accessories.

Following the reception in the church parlors, the new Mrs. Thomas as changed to a beige suit with brown accessories and a coral coat for the wedding trip to the eastern states. Her corsage was from her bridal bouquet. The couple will make their home in Birmingham.

Fund Auction Is Planned by MOMS

A "Chinese Auction" will be the highlight of the program planned by the Birmingham MOMS, Unit 3, for Feb. 8 at the home of Mrs. Earl Sheley, 18510 Riverside drive.

The fund-raising program is scheduled to follow the business session at 1:30 p.m. Members will also have an opportunity to play canasta of their favorite card game. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. G. H. Hillman and her committee.

The work of the MOMS is conferred to boys in service, their families and the family needs.

Players To Celebrate Anniversary

Mrs. Wallace R. Ivers and Mrs. Alec Parnie have written a short variety show which they will also direct for the celebration of the Village Players' 30th anniversary on Feb. 13 at the Playhouse.

The first play ever produced by the Village players was "The Maker of Dreams" by Oliphant Downs, which was presented on Feb. 13, 1924.

Thirty years ago there were not nearly as many three act plays presented by Players there have been in recent years, but there was more opportunity for original talent, especially in writing, because of the large number of so-called "nifties" used and the predominance of "closed" performances. A "closed" performance is one for members of Players only.

THE ANNIVERSARY celebration will be a party and a closed performance. Mrs. Ivers and Mrs. Parnie are using material from some scripts used in the early twenties, with songs and dances of those years, contrasting these with similar efforts from the fifties.

Reminiscent of the intimate atmosphere of the Playhouse when it was first built 28 years ago will be the seating arrangement of the audience. For this performance the floor arrangement will be cabaret style with small tables and refreshments served although the stage will be used for the actors.

Armine Arzoumanian To Attend College J-Prom

Among the students attending Margrove college's annual J-Prom on Feb. 5 is Armine Arzoumanian, 17368 Buckingham.

A social event of the junior class, the prom will feature Ralph Marterie and his 15-piece orchestra. Blue sequined curtains against a silver backdrop and silver sparkle dust will be the decoration motif.

Dramatics Specialist Speaks, Tea Honors Past Presidents' Wives

Rev. James P. Caine, a specialist in dramatics, will address the University of Detroit Women's Guild at 2 p.m., Feb. 9, in the University of Detroit Memorial building.

Moderator of the University of Detroit Players, Father Caine, also chairman of the Theater division of the Communion Arts department, will talk on "Trends in the Catholic Theatre".

After the talk, Mrs. Frank C. Basford, 205 Lake Park drive, Edmond J. Dilworth and Mrs. J. Elliott Murphy will hostess for the tea honoring past presidents of the guild and wives of the University faculty.

Named President Of Organ Society

Dr. Maurice Garabrant, vice president, and Mrs. F. C. Mori-Cranbrook will be guest organist for the Hammond Organ Society of Birmingham at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10, at Grinnell Brothers.

At the January meeting Mrs. A. Orloff who played the chord organ, Martha Hopkins presenting piano solos and Fred Warrick, Jr., at the organ.

Plan Banquet, Lincoln Day Tea

Republican Women's Federation of Oakland is sponsoring the Lincoln Day tea preceding the 60th Lincoln Day banquet at Northwood Inn.

The tea and reception is planned from 2 to 4 p.m., Feb. 10, at the Waldron hotel in Pontiac. Honored guests will be Senator Frank Carlson from Kansas and all state officers. Mayor Howard K. Kelly of Royal Oak will be toastmaster.

Invited to pour are Mrs. Edward E. Wilson and Mrs. John Susin, both of Bloomfield Hills; Mrs. Raymond Adis; Mrs. George M. Higgins, Mrs. William S. Broomfield, Mrs. Claire Fuller, Mrs. Roy Annett, Mrs. Frank McGregor and Mrs. Ernest Hathwaite.

MRS. BERT Norton and Mrs. Paul Jans will be in charge of the program and Mrs. Albert Kohn and Mrs. William Sewarick, the music. Mrs. Harry H. Henderson of Franklin will act as chairman of the hospital committee assisted by Mrs. Orrin McQuaid of Bloomfield Hills, Mrs. Grace Shulz and Mrs. Claude McRoberts.

Honorary chairman of the reception will be Mrs. George A. Dunders. Helping her will be Mrs. Hernan Luba of Southfield, Mrs. Ralph Cook, Mrs. John Schock, Mrs. Everett Reese, Mrs. Floyd Andrews and Mrs. Sadie Williams.

MRS. KENNETH Nichols of Franklin will have charge of the guest book; Mrs. George Brown and Mrs. Fred Zieme, invitations; and Mrs. Robert Sutton, press.

A committee headed by Mrs. Bruce Annett and Mrs. Harry Horton will help with final arrangements. Working with them will be Mrs. Charles Bunta of Southfield, Mrs. Arthur Vernon, Mrs. Duncan McVean, Mrs. Richard I. Moore, Mrs. Frances Covett, Mrs. Charles Barrett, Mrs. Bruce Garbutt, Mrs. H. Rodriguez and Mrs. Bernard Girard of Bloomfield Hills. Mrs. William Kennedy of Pontiac is president of the organization.

Have You Met . . .

The Robert A. Ethiers of 1242 Bird street? They have two children, Patricia Ann, age 11, and Robert A., Jr., 15 months. Mrs. Ethier's mother, Mrs. Eva Kacmarok, is also making her home with them. Ethier is a chemist for the Goodie Brewing company and is a member of the American Society of Brewing Chemists. He enjoys photography and fishing.

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ELECTION LAW, REVISION OF 1943

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