

Cold Weather Tests Mother's Ingenuity To Amuse Small Fry

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Cold weather is shut-in time for a mother with children underfoot, so she might as well assume that the house will be upset most of the time, and concentrate on trying to keep the Small Fry busy.

Lucky she is indeed if she has a big kitchen or a room adjacent to her kitchen where she can keep the Little Ones. Let them make messes, and play to their hearts' content under her watchful eye—fording them the rest of the house. That way she can keep the rest of the place cleaned up pretty well. Or she might fix up a play-room in the basement.

If she doesn't have such an arrangement, she'll just have to let the children play and grow up the house, planning to straighten it up late each afternoon just before father arrives home.

BY THIS time, Christmas toys have either disintegrated or lost their appeal, so it's up to mother to invent things to do. She can save all sizes of boxes—match boxes, cracker boxes, shoe boxes, round oatmeal boxes. Large corrugated boxes are fun. Let each youngster have his own box, and he'll play that it's a car—or a boat, "rowing" it with a stick or ruler. He and the others will line up their boxes to make a train or a traffic jam, or just play rough and tumble with them. The giant size corrugated carton is wonderful for tumbling if mother can stand the looks of ice around the house.

Put a few buttons in an oatmeal tin, tape on the cover and let the youngsters roll it or kick it around the room. (This one's hard on the nerves, mama.) Using different sized boxes, Junior can make a "nest" of boxes, beginning with a match box, putting this inside the next bigger box, etc. This is a good activity for the end of a play-time. It also gets all the boxes picked up—ready to store away.

Shoe boxes are good playthings, so don't throw them away. Help little daughter attach three or four together with string to make a train and pull them around the room by a string handle.

Shy can load them up with blocks or put a doll or Teddy in each one. When this falls, take the small ends out of three shoe boxes and fasten them together with scotch tape to make a chute. Lean one end on a chair and let the youngsters slide their stuffed toys down it or roll a ball down.

Get the kids away from filling them up with toys, discarded and they'll have fun going away "zipper-bags" you've discarded and playing they're "re-issuing." Toddlers like old zipper-purses too. Give your four-year-old eight feet of the clothesline and he'll use it as a lariat or make stirrups to play horse with.

Obviously the playthings are far from decorative, but mother is now willing to put up with almost anything to keep the Small Ones busy.

Is there evidence of inner peace upon your countenance this very moment? If not, why not? You've probably shouldn't—immediately begin that mental adjustment that relaxes one's face. It's a simple matter. Now... right NOW is when to adjust!

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SECTION 4

Off Stage Crew Has Extra Heavy Program In 'Little Scandal'

"The Little Scandal", latest theatrical production of The Village Players, is one of those scripts which gives the off-stage personnel as much or more to do than members of the cast.

In this particular instance it is Miss Louise Hersey and Warren Hersey, a brother-sister duo, who take the brunt of the burden.

Cued by G. T. Dweley from a vantage point in the wings, the two will be required to supply the "Little Scandal" with the mechanical noises necessary for the arrival and departure of trucks and a crashing chair.

Timing, in this particular comedy script, is most important, giving Dweley a job which demands constant attention as well as sure-fire and quick transmission of signs and signals to the off-stage noise-makers.

DWELEY, in addition to his cueing job, has been busy with the construction of the set. Assisting in this, and serving as stage crew through the Jan. 29-30 production, are Horton S. Allen, Charles N. Blunt, Edward E. Codrington, S. Greiner, Robert Keller and Walter F. Skinner.

Mrs. John E. Hall has had a double task to perform directing the efforts of scenery and make-up committees. This was designed by Mrs. Frederick W. Wagner and painted under Mrs. Hall's supervision by Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. Robert Anderson, Mrs. Douglas A. Brown, Mrs. Raymond F. Giffels, the Justice Shirley, Mrs. Helen Hersey, Warren Hersey and Mrs. C. V. Williams.

MRS. J. R. ALEXANDER, Mrs. Paul N. Averill, Mrs. L. M. Ball, Mrs. Douglas A. Brown, Mrs. Elliot W. Burgess, Mrs. G. A. Parks Jr., and Mrs. Edward S. Reid, Jr., will spend two busy nights getting the set ready for the stage and repairing make-up damages whenever needed.

Mrs. N. N. Averill has had the job of preparing the lighting for the Ryerson-Miller three act comedy, "The Merry Widow" by Sigmund McCull, Jr., and Edward J. Potter will handle the spots and special lighting effects for the show.

OFFICIAL door-bell-pusher will be Mrs. Lane Bishop who also has the responsibility of changing lines and prompting any who memory

'Detective' Cast Still Has Openings

A large cast is being put through its paces for the double weekend schedules of St. Dunstan's Guild Players production of "Detective Story" under the direction of Jerry McMechan, the play will be given Feb. 12-13 and Feb. 19-20 at the Pavilion on Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills.

McMechan will be assisted by Mrs. Harry Fox, Mrs. Harry Meyer, Mary Kay Haynes, Mrs. Otis Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bennett, Mrs. John Klee, Miss Wentz and George Shephard.

The cast will include Mrs. Walden Adams, Fredrick Penz, Robert Field, Mrs. C. Anthony Ransdell, Mrs. Richard Hintermeister, Mrs. J. Averill, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. William Crawford, George W. Smith, Dr. Dwight Ensign, Sidney Oltberg, Robert Gal, and Mrs. George Heidemann.

Mrs. Robert Harris, Robert Snyder, James Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neal, Hugh C. Mappery, Guest, Otis Thompson, Mark Harper, Steven Manhard, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook, William Comstock, James Manders and Mr. and Mrs. George Heidemann.

IN SPITE of this impressive listing, a few parts are still unassigned, McMechan reported. With the entire action taking place in a detective squad office of a New York City precinct, the Players cast has been busily absorbing police characteristics from the Birmingham department.

Here, through the courtesy of Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley and the Birmingham department, is a proficient in taking fingerprints, conducting investigations and other technical phases of crime detection.

THE SET, being constructed under the guidance of Allan Wentz, was designed by George Shephard. The lighting effects crew is under the direction of John Klee, with Ted Bennett in charge of sound. Mrs. Harris is in charge of the make-up department, Mrs. Thompson and Mary Kay Haynes, costumes.

Reservations for tickets are being handled by Mrs. Muir Lind, 590 Moberg.

Have You Met . . .

The residents of 6824 North Clunbury road? They are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert William Marx and Mrs. Margaret M. Marx, age 34, and William, age 14, a sales engineer for Wagner Brothers, Inc. of Detroit. He is a member of the American Electrolators Society. His wife is a registered nurse and a member of the Birmingham and photography his hobbies.

may play them false while on the stage. Mrs. G. S. Gove and Mrs. Stanley J. Gillen have the most nerve wracking of the off stage jobs. They are worrying whether or not the flower horseshoe extending a "Welcome Home" to Angela in the opening scene will hold up until Saturday's performance.

They also admit a few worries about what will happen to the supply of home made sandwiches and cake during the dress rehearsal Thursday evening.

A part of the production but assigned tasks designed to cause the least number of grey hairs are Mrs. Basil E. Brown and William H. Breach, who have busied themselves with publicity and photography for the show.

Village School Board Approves Memorial For Former Teacher

A memorial to Margaret Weinstein, former Bloomfield Village school teacher, was approved by the board of the Bloomfield Village school PTA in the form of books to be purchased for the school library in the amount of \$300.

Miss Miller, reading consultant of the Birmingham schools, will select books from an approved reading list. Each book will also contain a memorial booklet dedicated to Mrs. Weinstein.

In addition, the board approved an expenditure of \$100 to cover the purchase of two radios for the use of the Bloomfield Village school.

Lathrup Residents List Many Affairs

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LATHRUP VILLAGE—Newcomers to the Village are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Luding and daughter Pamela of 18500 Bungalow Drive, Lading, formerly of Hartford, Conn., is self-employed and associated with Stellar Engineering Co.

Mrs. Leonard Pykas of Golden-gate drive, entertained on Jan. 18, a luncheon and cards. Guests were Mrs. J. Lee Hackett, Mrs. George Sills and Mrs. Forest Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Riteau and daughter Barbara of Eldorado drive have returned from a three week vacation at Treasure Island near St. Petersburg, Fla.

Circles I, II and III of the Towns-ite Women's association held a business meeting and luncheon in Fellowship Hall Jan. 27. Circle III was hostess for the luncheon with Mrs. Harry Dale as chairman.

Circle III will be hostess at the luncheon and card party to be held in the church, Feb. 12. Mrs. Leonard Pykas for tickets. Contact Mrs. Paul Nash for tickets.

Mrs. Viva Eikel of Santa Barbara, Calif., a former resident of Lathrup Village, spent two weeks as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton



MRS. JAMES W. MANNING

Empress Eugenie Gown For Saturday Nuptials

Antique ivory satin and net in Empress Eugenie style with panner and trim edged in alencon lace was worn by Harriet Elizabeth Moore for her marriage to James Waddell Manning. The same lace jeweled with sequins and pearls bordered the neckline and marked the cap to which the fingertip illusion veil was attached. Two white orchids with staphenotus and ivy formed the semi-cascade bouquet.

Wives were exchanged at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, at Kirk-in-the-Hills, Rev. Harold DeWind officiated before 250 guests. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil A. Moore of Suffolk road. James is the son of Mrs. William H. Manning, 1646 Parkway and the late Mr. Manning.

HONOR attendants were Mrs. D. T. Towns, cousin of the bride, and Barbara Anderson, both of North Buckeye. Acting as bridesmaids were Priscilla B. Jameson, town, N. Y., Mary Hough of Boston, Mass., Margaret W. Manning, sister of the groom, and Charles Ammerman of Dearborn. All attendants wore identical waiting accessories in elegant aqua shantung with midriff sash and skirt panel of peacock blue. They veils were attached to the matching headbands. They carried semi-cascade bouquets of rapture roses, white hyacinth florets and ivy.

WILLIAM W. Manning was his brother's best man. Acting as ushers were Charles S. Moore and James R. Moore, brothers of the bride, C. Hugh Whitlaw, Jr., of Birmingham, Peter J. Van Boven of Detroit and Harry E. Miles, Jr. of Saginaw.

Mrs. Moore attended her daughter's wedding and the reception at the Birmingham Country Club in an Italian brocade cocktail length gown of dawn blue with scattered rhinestone trim. The neck was edged with silver blue mink. She carried a white orchid on her purse. The bridegroom's mother wore an embroidered satin tapersy blue cocktail length dress with matching accessories. Her bouquet consisted of three eucharis lilies.

Red and white checked table cloths will set the theme for a "Rathskeller" party planned by the Junior League of Birmingham for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Mrs. James Nordie of Stanley Ridge, Birmingham, is chairman. It will be held Jan. 30 at the city hall school annual association building on Woodward avenue in Royal Oak.

On Mrs. Nordie's committee are Mrs. Waldron W. Templemyer, Mrs. J. H. Hays, Mrs. W. W. Yeager, Mrs. Richard Leasing, Mrs. A. M. Gomb, Mrs. Robert H. Lickold, Mrs. Richard D. Wirtz, Mrs. Nell W. Hill and Mrs. Robert Burton, all of the Birmingham area.

The informal get-together will benefit the maintenance fund of the Symphony.

Dr. Elzard Glover of the University of Michigan will speak to members of the Southeastern chapter of the Michigan Botanical club at 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 29 at WWJ auditorium.

Internationally known for her work in field work, Glover will give an illustrated lecture on "Desert Wild Flowers."

Dr. C. M. Rogers of Royal Oak is president of the organization. Local members attending will be Paul W. Thompson, Clark Forrester, Elmer Staley, Northbrook road, Franklin, went to Alpha Tau Omega.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Haines and two daughters, Sally and Polly, age 13, former residents of Alexandria, Va., they moved to 921 Lake Park drive on Dec. 14. Haines is on the manufacturing staff of Ford Motor company. He attended Ohio State and Harvard and was a Sigma Chi. Mrs. Haines attended Dennison and is affiliated with Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Have You Met . . . Mrs. Robert Saltzman To Hostess Alumnae

The Katherine Glines Alumnae association will meet on Saturday, Jan. 30, for dessert and coffee at the home of Mrs. Robert Saltzman, 1186 Stanley. A business session will follow. All graduates in the area are invited to attend the meeting starting at 1:30 p.m.

Birmingham alumnae who are pleased to attend are Ann Bennett, Mrs. M. B. Townsend, Mrs. Allen Brum, Mrs. W. M. Bullock and Miss Margaret Marr.

Have You Met . . . The James R. Morrison and 3 1/2 year old son, Kenneth and 17 month old son, Alan. Since Dec. 17 they have been at the University of California, coming from Edgerton, Wis. A bank examiner for the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Morrison attended Wayne University. Mrs. Morrison is a graduate of Wartburg college, Waverly, Iowa.

Have You Met . . . Marie B. Redmond April 24 Announced as Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Redmond of Royal Oak announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marie Barbara Redmond, a graduate of Birmingham, to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin N. Funk of Westfield, N. J.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the Shrine of the Little Flower and attended Highland Park Junior college. She is a graduate of Westfield high school and Virginia Polytechnic Institute where she was affiliated with Alpha Phi Mu and Tau Beta Pi.

The wedding date has been set for April 24 at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak.

Graduate as Volunteer Assistants

Two local residents were graduated Thursday from the third occupational therapy course for volunteer assistants, conducted by Wayne University and the Central Volunteer Bureau of United Community Services.

They are Mrs. Pearl Knight, 790 West Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills, and Mrs. Margaret Stanton, 1075 Oxford drive.

Speaker at the graduation ceremonies at Detroit Memorial Hospital was Dr. Frank J. Sladen, medical consultant, Henry Ford Hospital. Service stripes were awarded by Samuel H. Rubiner, UCS vice president.

Volunteers taking the course conducted at Detroit Memorial Hospital pledged to give a minimum of 150 hours service to various agencies during the coming year. They will work under the direction of retired occupational therapists.

The forty-hour course was divided into eight hours of lecture on development and value of occupational therapy, institutions using the service, types of activity, hospital ethics and the role of the volunteer assistant in occupational therapy.

Thirty-two hours are devoted to craft training in weaving, leather work, needlework, puppetry, ceramics, knots and braids, block-printing, stenciling, use of salvaged material, and other crafts.

Graduate volunteers will work with the physically handicapped and ill in Detroit's hospitals and institutions.

Mrs. Noble Heads House Committee For Friendly Society

Heading the Holiday House Committee of the Friendly Society for the coming year will be Mrs. Sheldon R. Noble of Thirteen Mile road. She was elected chairman at the committee's annual meeting held Wednesday at the Women's City Club in Detroit. The Holiday House committee administers the Friendly Society's vacation camp located at Pine Lake.

Other local members who attended were Mrs. William E. Rice, outgoing chairman; Mrs. John W. Gillis, Jr., Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Mrs. Edward E. Wilson, Mrs. Richard B. Wallace and Mrs. Rogers I. Marquis.



BARBARA L. KELLEY

Cocktail Party Reveals Troth of Barbara Kelley

The engagement of Barbara L. Kelley to Edwin L. Crowell, Jr., was announced at a cocktail party at the New York Athletic club on Jan. 23 by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Oliver K. Kelley of Baldwin avenue. Her fiancé is the president of the Wells College clubs of Margate, N. J.

Miss Kelley, of Birmingham and New York City, is a graduate of the school of speech, Syracuse university, where she was affiliated with the Phi Kappa Phi honor society and is currently associated with the New York Telephone company.

Edwin attended Williamsport Dickinson college and is a graduate of Syracuse university where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Assistant circulation manager for the Town Journal and editor of the Farm Journal publications in Philadelphia, he is a member of the New York Athletic club, Philadelphia Direct Mail club and the Atlantic City Country club.

Wells College Clubs Meet for Luncheon in Bloomfield Hills Home

Mrs. M. R. Liles will open her Bloomfield Hills home on Saturday, Jan. 29, for a joint luncheon meeting of the Wells College clubs of the group, and Mrs. George Freeman of Detroit, president of the local group, of the Ohio club, will be in charge of reservations for the affair.

The gathering will be primarily for the benefit of the college, but a social event, however nominal, for alumnae trustee from this area will be discussed.