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Brooks School Pupils In Original Program

By BETTY BROAD Staff Correspondent FL 1-2663

(Editor's Note: The Birmingham Eccentric this week introduces Betty M. Broad, 24574 Edgemont, newest member of its correspondent staff. Miss Broad, a resident of the area 12 years, has been a teacher in the John Grace school for six years. She is a graduate of Michigan State College and has taken post-graduate work at Wayne University. She will report the happenings from that section of Southfield township bounded by 12 Mile road, Inkster, Evergreen and 8 Mile roads.)

SOUTHWEST SOUTHFIELD.—The entire student body of Brooks school participated in an open house and program presented at the school Thursday evening, March 11. The students of instrumental music, led by their instructor, Mr. Richard Brown, played several selections followed by an original play, "Pete's Dream," written, produced and acted by the students.

Under the direction of Mrs. Jo Brubaker, the chorus sang five numbers and to complete the program, two groups of students presented a square dance demonstration. Student hosts and hostesses greeted the guests and student chaperons assisted programs. The students were directed by their teachers, Mrs. Edgewood Sargent, Delbert Reid, and the principal, Miss Kathryn Bondurant.

The members of Southfield 10 school PTA are planning a style show for Thursday, March 25 at 8:15 p.m., in the Southfield high school cafeteria. PTA members will model fashions from the Janette Smart shop and refreshments will be served by the room mothers. Mrs. Frank Klester will play the piano.

The Southfield Kiwanis club's annual square dance festival will be held this Friday, March 19, in the Southfield high school gymnasium. Marjorie Van Dyke will call for the dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Proceeds will go toward completing the youth shelter the club has erected at the Southfield park.

William Adeock, director of audiovisual education for the Southfield township schools, was the speaker at the March 10 meeting of Kiwanis. Speaking on the use of motion pictures in the classroom he showed the movie "New Tools for Learning." He also showed the new vocational guidance film recently presented to the high school by the club.

The Kiwanis queens monthly meeting was held March 11 at the home of Mrs. Will Oliver on Beech road. Mrs. Margaret Elliot of Moll's drapery shop spoke on interior decoration. Mrs. Harry Anderson and Mrs. Wes Muir were co-hostesses.

Mrs. Helene Cherry, a former Southfield resident and Kiwanis queen, was a guest at the meeting. Mrs. Cherry, now living in Decatur, Ill., is visiting friends in Southfield for several days.

The Optimism club met Monday evening, March 15, at the home of Mrs. Fred Wagner on Lakeside drive. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Matt Berres, Mrs. Reina Peterson, Mrs. Fred Rolph and Mrs. Jack Van 't Gosenwout.

A panel discussion on television was the program for the March meeting of the John Grace PTA. Panel participants included two teachers, Mrs. Marie Dawson and Mrs. George Younglove; two par-

ents, Mrs. John Jenkins and Ted Clark, and two sixth grade students, Lynn Galbraith and Robert Oak. General discussion completed the program.

Officers elected for the coming year are president, Mrs. Lester Symons; vice president, Mrs. Verne Pickford; secretary, Mrs. John Mosell; treasurer, Walo Salminen; and council delegate, Mrs. James Fraider.

Jack Walton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Walton of Berg road, has entered the Air Force. At present he is stationed at Sampson Air Base, Geneva, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morris of Edgemont drive have returned from a month's stay at Vero Beach, Fla. Highlights of this year's vacation were visits to the new Stephen Foster memorial at White Springs and to the Passion Play given in an outdoor amphitheater at Lake Wales by the Black Hills company.

Also returning recently from two weeks in Florida are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Foote of 11 Mile road. Mr. and Mrs. Foote visited Mr. Josephine Nelson formerly of 11 Mile road who now makes her home in Bradenton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Topper of Samoset drive have returned from their sixth child and second girl, Lynn Marie, born March 4.

Peter Perkins celebrated his sixth birthday with his first birthday party March 13. Twelve of his friends were present to share in the festivities. Peter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perkins of Edgemont road.



MRS. ROLFE SPINNING AND COSTUMER Will wear two Jessie Bonstelle gowns

'Queen of Spring' Will Be Selected Saturday

The "Queen of Spring" will be chosen when a group of girls meet for an "Awakening to Spring Party" on March 20, from 2-4 p.m., with a program of games and refreshments.

In charge of the affair are Messrs. A. M. Browne, H. W. Muehlhinger, Donald Rundle, L. Laurimore, A. P. Brookman, L. C. Burshett and Scott Purvis. Judges to select the Queen will be Ed Kirbert, George E. Coombe, the Rev. Robert Gibson and Scott Purvis.

The affair will be held in the high school room of the First Presbyterian church on West Lake.

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Get Special Gowns For Players' Cast

If an inanimate object is capable of furnishing inspiration, Mrs. Rolfe C. Spinning will be one of the most inspired actresses ever to take part in a Village Players production when "The Heiress" is presented March 26, 27.

As "Lavinia Penniman," Mrs. Spinning will wear two gowns, originally designed for Jessie Bonstelle, who came to Detroit around 1910 and resided there until her death in 1922.

The costume in Detroit, providing most of the costumes for the Players' best production, recalled many of Miss Bonstelle's triumphs as she fitted the gowns, adding that "These costumes may even have been worn by Katherine Cornell."

Many other residents in the area remember the period of the Bonstelle Playhouse and the productions which made it famous.

MISS BONSTELLE was the moving force behind the playhouse and the players who "trod the boards" there. She acted in all capacities, from financial manager of the enterprise, to its leading lady.

Persons, now famous, who started with the Bonstelle stock company, include Katherine Cornell, Ann Harding, Melvin Douglas and Frank Morgan.

Mrs. Spinning admits a feeling of awe as she dons the gowns of yesterday, adding, "It's a real thrill to wear a Bonstelle gown. Jessie Bonstelle came to Birmingham and was most helpful to the Village Players in its early days, when it was a young and struggling organization."

Another interesting costume, according to Mrs. Raymond F. Giffels, publicity director for this production, is the elaborate red satin gown, trimmed with gold, which will be worn by Mrs. Edward Potter, as "Catherine," the heiress.

"This shy, ill poised girl selected this incongruous costume to try and gain favor with her father," Mrs. Giffels said. "She apparently felt it would aid him in her favor since this certain

shade of red was a favorite of her mother."

All costumes for "The Heiress," Mrs. Giffels explained, are being selected for the best portrayal of the fashions of the mid-19th century.

SURROUNDED by Dr. Sloper's family portraits, Victorian furniture and elaborate furnishings, the cast of "The Heiress" should be able to give Village Players and their guests a glimpse of home life before the age of mechanical gadgets," Mrs. Giffels commented.

She said the costume committee, headed by Mrs. Hans Schollin, found the Players wardrobe lacking in the number of hoop skirts, waist cinchers and accessories needed to properly dress six ladies in the 1850 vintage.

"In their search for authentic garb, they located a Detroit costumer who will supply most of their needs, including the two Bonstelle gowns which Mrs. Spinning will wear," Mrs. Giffels concluded.



LUISE HOERZEL became the bride of Almas first class William J. McIntosh at 2 p.m., Mar. 13 in St. Walburga Catholic church at Gross German, Germany. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoerzel of Germany. Her husband's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McIntosh, 1592 Henrietta. Luise is a military designer. William has been in service since 1950 and in Germany since May 1951. They are honeymooning in Austria and Rome and will return to the states in the summer.

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