

Education, Economy Of Holland Is Topic

By ALICE E. MORGAN

In Holland you do not learn gymnastics in the gymnasium—you learn languages and other things strictly in the "book learning" field.

This was one of the facts brought out by Miss Margot Cramer when she spoke before the Birmingham Altruists club Monday evening.

Miss Cramer, studying the history of art at Cranbrook, is in this country as an exchange for a year. She shared the program with W. K. Von Weiler, consul to the Netherlands stationed in Detroit.

She spoke of Holland's educational system and how it differs from ours.

Children there must start school at about five or six years and must continue for eight years. Their secondary schools, corresponding roughly to our high schools, have a year terms and universities have terms depending on the subject taken.

Training for trades has great emphasis there, even to a school for fishermen.

English, French and German are compulsory languages, with school schedules running much heavier than in the States. Von Weiler interrupted Miss Cramer long enough to say that he had 22 subjects, six of them language, during his early education.

IN HIS TALK, Von Weiler said that Holland was making a great recovery from the war years and the devastating flood which hit in January, 1953. He said the last of over 500 miles of ruined dikes were put in repair by mid-July of Nov. 6, 1953, with Queen Juliana remaining at the scene until the job was done.

He again expressed Holland's thanks for American help, especially that which was given so promptly after the flood, the war since 1918.

"It is an even trade," Von Weiler commented, "for Holland is the first country ever to loan money to the United States, this during the presidency of John Quincy Adams. Later loans made possible the Louisiana purchase and helped build some of this country's biggest railroads."

He spoke of the economic conditions there, saying Holland was in excellent shape.

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Bloomfield PTA Lists Officers

Newly elected president of Bloomfield PTA, Mrs. A. Howard Maedel, entertained officers at her Overhill drive home May 20, when plans for the year were discussed.

Official slate for the year is mother vice president, Mrs. Robert Taggart; father vice president, Peter Russ; teacher vice president, Mrs. Dorothy M. Egner; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Harold McPike; recording secretary, Mrs. Martin Kosters.

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HEADING GIRL SCOUT ACTIVITIES in the Franklin area this coming season are Mrs. Robert Baxley (left), new Girl Scout leader; Mrs. Herbert Taracks, neighborhood chairman, and Mrs. Frank Taylor, new Brownie leader.

Slate June 2 Meet

Mrs. Walter Leopold will be chairman of the entertainment committee when Ladies auxiliary of the Metropolitan club meets at 8 p.m. June 2, at her Cranbrook road home. She will be assisted by Mrs. Milford Fuller, Mrs. Stuart MacLean and Miss Virginia Richardson.

Other officers are treasurer, Carter Bowen; program chairman, Mrs. Morris Purdy; hospitality, Mrs. Herbert Woolson; historian and publicist, Mrs. Carl Demrick; ways and means, Mrs. Robert Taggart; PTA Council delegate, Mrs. Carl Abbott; board of education representative, Austen Brown; room mother, chairman, Mrs. Austen Brown.

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Mrs. Leroy Vandever, president, presented the award on behalf of the Michigan division of National Farm and Garden association to Mrs. Howard H. Robinson, branch scholarship chairman.

Pouring tea at the Monday afternoon party were Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson, Mrs. James Q. Goudie, Mrs. Robert Traub and Mrs. Cyrenus Newcomb.

Barry Comedy Is June Production For St. Dunstan

Philip Barry's "The Philadelphia Story" is currently rehearsal by St. Dunstan's guild for presentation June 11 and 12, 18 and 19, in the Greek theater, Lone Pine road.

The comedy which had successful professional showings, is concerned with the humbling of a prissy divorcee of a "Main Line" family. With Set, thought director and Mrs. William Crawford, production manager, the St. Dunstan cast includes Mrs. Wen

Others are Thomas King as C. K. Dexter Haven; Weston Meyer as Miles; Mrs. Charles Glee as Liz; Dick Minter as Sandy; E. A. Schirmer as Seth Lord; Gordon Saunders as Fred; Jolly Kellogg as the role of Dinah; Al Remington, George; Mrs. Fenderson; Margaret; Johnny Knetel, Mac; George Heideman, the butler; Lis Smith, the maid and Harry Booth, the minister.

Director Danbury, a native of Philadelphia, has played the part of Miles.

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