

Workshop Demonstration to Aid In Christmas Show Preparations

Future meetings will give members of the Birmingham Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association added inspiration and enthusiasm for their annual Christmas show to be held Dec. 15.

On Monday, Nov. 29, from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Mrs. Fred Lines is acting as chairman of a "Workshop" to be held at the Baldwin Library. The meeting is planned as a demonstration of methods and mechanical aids in preparing green and plant material for home decoration and also as a discussion of general principles of flower arrangement.

Members participating will bring their own containers and plant material. Mrs. George Lima, ways and means chairman, will have various wires and holders on hand for sale.

MRS. LEWIS Dibble, Mrs. S. Slawson, Mrs. George Chesley and Mrs. Frank Webb will experiment the demonstration sharing the knowledge gained from experience in the field.

The practice session will be followed on Wednesday, Dec. 1, with a benefit lecture at the Community House sponsored by the Detroit Garden Center. Mrs. Chester Cook, an expert who delights in showing all over the country with her talks on flower arrangement, will speak in Birmingham at 2 p.m.

With two preliminary instruction sessions for encouragement, Garden club members should be prepared to bring some outstanding displays to the Christmas Show for the enjoyment of the whole community, stated Mrs. I. W. Roberts, publicity chairman.

Triplets Entertain Singapore Friend

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Triplett are entertaining Mrs. Frank D. Thompson, en route to her home in Australia, at their Colonial Court home.

Mrs. Thompson, whom the Triplett met when they were living in Singapore, has been in England since June and has been traveling for a year since leaving her Melbourne, Australia, home.

Her friends for 25 years, the Triplett last saw Mrs. Thompson when she visited at their Akron, O., home just after World War II.

During her several months' visit here, they will be taking her on tours of the Detroit area, since she has never visited here before.

COMMUTER'S WIFE

Use VIP Names To Bolster Ego, Annoy Friends

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Each of us has met the "name dropper." This is the woman who wants us to know that she knows a lot of Very Important People. If she's interested in society, her VIPs are invariably persons with money and position:

If she's fascinated by the arts, she's a hanger-on in various paint-clubs and she knows Ernest Hemingway or the McGuire Sisters. But she wouldn't dream of doing the laundry necessary to succeed in any artistic field.



Mrs. Brunson

She'll maneuver the conversation around to where she can slip in the name of some big wheel. She actually can and does make contact occasionally with some of the local ones, by getting herself on the same committee or seeking out friends of friends of theirs.

OR SHE READS the papers, even as you are. By keeping close watch on the society columns, art news and financial pages, she can pick up enough detail to that of the name of some Big Time Operator is brought up (she may do this herself), she'll toss in a few facts that prove she's in the know.

These may include who's related to who—in the top-layer, who owns what companies, the present whereabouts of the BTOs, or even what they had on at the latest social event.

She may be a short-tail relation of some such family or even have a cleaning woman who knows their cleaning woman. One Name Dropper I know calls up a cousin of her's who is an Upper-Cruster, and pumps her for news. This, the N.D. distributes, free, to her friends, most of whom aren't interested.

NOW WHY, you wonder does the Name Dropper bother with all this? It's a lot of work for her to keep up on all the current news.

Often it's because she's a person with a deep sense of inferiority, with great ambition, but with less to back it than it takes to get there. Or a woman whose husband isn't very important, and she wishes he were.

You also wonder, "Why does she bother to drop an important name in my direction? I'm not important."

But she does think your opinion important, or she wouldn't try to impress you. If she really traveled in top circles, her references to them would be few, and so casual

'Sip, Chat Party' Mapped by Hostess Club for Dec. 4

Beverly Hills Hostess club was entertained Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Wayne Irvine, 18488 Hillcrest, with 24 of the 30 members present. Coffee and rolls were served.

Plans for the forthcoming "Sip and Chat Cocktail Party" to be held Dec. 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Birmingham Country club, were discussed. The party is a little different in the way of entertainment and offers an opportunity for husbands and wives in the West Beverly area to become better acquainted with their neighbors. Tickets are available from the block hostesses.

Plans were also discussed for the Dec. 7th meeting which will be held at the home of Mrs. Ernest George, 18831 Hillcrest. It will be in the form of a Christmas party and each block hostess is to bring a gift and five Christmas cards which will be used to help bring cheer to those less fortunate in two charitable institutions.

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