

Curtain Time Chaos By-passes Star

By ALICE E. MORGAN

From the auditorium came the hum and buzz of an arriving audience. Behind the curtain stage hands moved chairs and tables nervously, changing position only a hair's breadth, but following an urge to be "doing something".

In the wings members of St. Ann's guild, supporting group of Birmingham's Town Hall, moved nervously, peering out at the audience, looking at each other, and swallowing constantly trying to keep the butterflies that had invaded their stomachs from quaking.

At the foot of the stairs a woman went softly about her job of hanging gowns on a rack, each in the order in which quick hands would snatch it for fast changes. Just outside the door stood reporters and photographers, looking at their watches and glancing anxiously at the stairs down which Cornelia Otis Skinner must come to reach the stage for her performance of "Mansion on the Hudson".

WITH BUT 15 minutes remaining before curtain time, we started up those stairs. The committee

women were not the only ones with butterflies in their stomachs. A reporter and photographer left the dressing room, three other teams crowded at our heels. There were 13 minutes left.

We stepped into the doorway, anxiously remarking that we had met Miss Skinner twice before this, at benefit affairs in New York, saying we had enjoyed her work very much and adding we'd make this as brief as possible.

DARK EYES lit up and white teeth flashed in a broad smile. Miss Skinner, pearls at her throat, a black gown accenting the whiteness of her shoulders, sat at her dressing table putting on the last of the jewelry she would wear.

Calm, unhurried, she seemed to be the only spot of serenity in the theater. With no sign of nervous-

ness or excitement, she'd reach across the cluttered dressing table for a ring or bracelet and put it on. Whenever she turned her head toward the assortment of jewelry, boxes and jars her eyes met those of a very warm but perky little teddy bear that sat there. Most of his "fur" was gone from many packings and unpackings and countless quick pats for good luck.

HER VOICE was low with no trace of the nervousness everyone around her felt.

While we knelt before her to take her picture, Miss Skinner remarked, "My those shoes look comfortable".

We gasped a bit, amazed that one in her position would and could be aware of things like a piece of well-worn favorite footwear of ours.

He slid the filmholder out of the camera, removed the tired flash-bulb, thanked the artist and backed out of the dressing room.

There were 10 more minutes before curtain time—and three more reporter-photographer teams waiting to talk to Cornelia Otis Skinner.



CORNELIA OTIS SKINNER (Eccentric Photo)

GEISHA DOLL FROM JAPAN. TRAY FROM CAIRO

The John Kinseys and foreign trade items in new home



CHOOSING IMPORTS TO SERVE THE EXPORTERS
Debar from Orient, Europe give table decor.
(Eccentric Photos)

John Kinseys Bringing Imports to Hylane Home

Foreign trade is a close subject to the hearts of the John Kinseys who live in a brand new home at 2782 Hylane drive. Gathering Saturday night at their home were six other couples, all as used to long trips to export goods for their firms as are the Kinseys.

John Kinsey returned a week earlier from Europe where he attended the Fourth European Machine tool exhibition at Milano, Italy, for his firm, the Mercantile Home corporation of Detroit.

Just before he left, they had moved into their new home, and now he's just starting to find the ties, shirts and other things that were placed as Mrs. Kinsey settled their belongings. Their home is in a new subdivision for a national woman's magazine, go to write novels.

Dozens of maps are a phase of "foreign traders." The former Kinsey home had a wall solid with maps—this one has plain green walls that provide background for their Geisha doll, sent by a Japanese family they met last year while on a trip around the world, a four-foot Egyptian tray brought by Richard Hanna from Cairo, and other decorative items from around the world. Hanna was among the guests at Saturday's party.

Time Turns Back For St. Dunstan 'College' Party

St. Dunstan's guild is "going collegiate" at a party on Nov. 5, at the Cranbrook Pavilion. In carrying out the "back to college" theme, members will dress according to the fashion of their own college era.

Enthusiastic Eastern Star Starts As Local Chapter's Worthy Matron

With only five years membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. David Masterton is looking forward eagerly to her year's service as worthy matron of the local chapter.

She is shown above as she admired the single bloom and one of two large bouquets of red roses, all given her at her installation to the top office of the Birmingham chapter No. 220 last week. The Mastertons live at 1091 Madison.

"I worked a little in this and some in that, but finally I found this," says Mrs. Masterton of the OES as she looked at the single bloom, tagged "To Maude from Anonymous." When some two years ago, she initiated with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Martz, who lives at 1745 Col.

THE MASTERTONS' OTHER children are Helen Jean, in her first year of Michigan Normal, and a son, David, Jr. in Birmingham High school.

One of her first duties, which will include visiting other Star groups all over the country, will be leading plans for the Bazaar and Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 17. The annual event is open to the public and features "lots of home-baked turkey," she says.

CHINA PAINTING has been one of her hobbies, but her artistic talents are going into design for the OES now. She belongs also to the White Shrine of Jerusalem which Normal, and Ohio, but has members from all this area.

She and her husband belong to the First Methodist church and have lived here ten years. Earlier, they lived at Walnut Lake. They met when both worked at Crosley, where Masterton works now as assistant superintendent of the Highland Park plant.

Keeping up her office work, Mrs. Masterton works two days a week at Jacobson's.



MRS. DAVID MASTERTON

Friendly Leaguers Plan Rummage Sale

Mrs. John Dunkel, 2403 Dorchester, entertained members of the Junior Friendly League at her home for the October meeting. Assisting as co-hostesses were Mrs. George Watts and Mrs. Gordon McMillen.

The girls hemmed diapers to be used in the Florence Crittenton hospital and aprons were distributed for members to sew on for the Christmas party on Nov. 17. The sale was also held to swell the club funds.

Plans were also discussed for the rummage sale to be held Nov. 20 at the Farmers Market in Royal Oak.

Kappa Alpha Theta Planning State Day

Several Birmingham women are planning to attend the Sunday observance of State Day for Kappa Alpha Theta.

The affair will open with a luncheon at the Naves hotel in Jackson, with brief remarks by the state chairman, Mary Ellen Reid; second grand vice president, Mrs. Max Tunncliffe of Birmingham, and district president, Mrs. William G. Martin, East Lansing.

Following the luncheon the group will go to Abitur, where an open house will be held. Kappa Alpha Theta has been reinstated there for the first time in 46 years.

Local attendants besides Mrs. Tunncliffe will be Mesdames F. E. Doherty, Henry Schmidt, Romane Hogan, L. Stauffer, T. L. Christholm, John Roehm and Miss Dorothy Porritt.

Vacation at Lodge

Spending a few days at Del Monte Lodge, Pebble Beach, Calif. are Mrs. and W. H. Gallagher of Woodclaw court, Bloomfield Village.

Pledging Climaxes Fall Rush Weeks

Birmingham area students have pledged fraternities and sororities in formal pledging ceremonies climaxing annual fall rush weeks on various campuses.

Cynthia McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn McDonald, 3802 Oakhill drive, has been pledged to Alpha Phi at Rollins college, Winter Park, Fla.

Pledges from Albion were Barbara Brophy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brophy, 18639 Warwick, Zeta Tau Alpha; Jean Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, 27530 Lathrup, Delta Zeta; and Joan Tieman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tieman, 27791 Lathrup, Alpha Xi Delta.

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Dads Visit College

William T. Gossett of Goodhue road, Bloomfield Hills, father of Antoinette C. Gossett, class of 1956 at Pembroke college, attended the first father-daughter weekend at Pembroke in Brown University, Providence, R. I., last weekend.

Altrusa Club Follows Custom

Following the annual October custom of Altrusa International, the Birmingham Altrusa Club featured a program drawing attention to the United Nations. At a dinner meeting held at the Community House Monday, Altrusans were joined by the Soroptimist Club of Birmingham in the viewing of the UNESCO film, "World Without End."

The film dealt with a story about the United Nations and the theme of that organization. The people was medicine, agriculture, and education in the service of human needs. The action took place in Mexico and Siam. Both Altrusa International and the Soroptimist clubs are members of the committee for the United Nations.

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Change Meet Date For Organ Society

Meeting of the Birmingham Hammond Organ Society for the month of November will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 2, instead of the regular meeting day, Wednesday, as previously planned.

Program is scheduled for 8 p.m. in Christ Church Cranbrook. Dr. Maurice Garabrant, church organist and music director, will give the concert. Two pipe organ and the carillon and demonstrate its workings.

LWC Hear Torch Agency Speaker

Miss Lou Babcock of the International Institute was guest speaker for the Lathrup Woman's club on Monday at the House in the Woods. Her topic was the International Institute, which is a torch duty agency offering supervised service to the foreign born in metropolitan Detroit.

Alpha Xi Delta Bazaar-Tea To Support Philanthropies

Birmingham Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta will entertain friends and fellow alumnae at a Bazaar-Tea Saturday, Nov. 6, from 2 to 5 p.m. Center of festivities will be the home of Mrs. Donald McGinnis, 1315 Vinetta Blvd., Royal Oak.

Serving as general chairman of the affair is Mrs. Thomas Jensen of Birmingham. Assisting her as committee chairman are Mrs. Fred Cook Burge and Mrs. J. J. Hogan of Birmingham. Mrs. Robert Chase, Mrs. Robert Moore and Mrs. Frank West of Royal Oak; Mrs. George Reynolds and Mrs. Joan Porritt of Pontiac; and Mrs. Henry Fitch of Oak Park.

The display and for sale will be handmade merchandise contributed by the members of the chapter including knit goods, home made pies and jams, aprons, blouses, tea sets, candles and Christmas stockings, and some commercial items.

Shallberg Attends School in Arizona

William L. Shallberg, son of Leslie E. Shallberg, 809 Henrietta, has enrolled as a member of the June 1955 class of the American Institute of Foreign Trade at Thunderbird Field, Phoenix, Ariz.

Shallberg is a graduate of five college chapter assistance. On Baldwin high school and attended the national Alpha Xi Delta Michigan State college where he supports rural schools in ten states as a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He served with the army during layettes for needy babies. Also, funds are allocated for her 1953.

Forest Lake Clubhouse Dresses Up

FURNISHED IN STYLE NOW, the Forest Lake Country club house has become the perfect setting for buffet dinners and relaxed gatherings. Families gather at the new lake-side clubhouse and even youngsters like little Joan Dietrich, at left, like the delicate little sandwiches from the polished wood coffee tables. Mrs. Fred C. Handren, left, and Mrs. Arthur C. Foltz, Jr., share her pleasure. At right, the Sam L. Marshall, Jr. family admire the dessert selection. Marshall holds "Spike" who is S. L. A. Marshall III, and Mrs. Marshall restrains their older son, John.



Hear Mrs. Wilson on Life in DC

Mrs. Charles Erwin Wilson, wife of secretary of defense, will be the guest of honor at an "Open House" for Republican women from 2 to 4 p.m. tomorrow, at Northwood Inn. She will address the large gathering on the experiences of a businesswoman's wife who finds herself transplanted to the international atmosphere of Washington.

The affair, which is open to the public without charge or special invitation, will also be attended by Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Leonard, Senator and Mrs. Homer Ferguson, as well as the candidates for many state and county offices and their wives.

Those who will pour are Mrs. Roger Emmert, Mrs. O. E. Hunt, Mrs. William Hargreaves, Mrs. E. C. Matthews, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Mrs. Thomas E. Wilson and Mrs. Gordon F. Hess, all of Birmingham. Mrs. Jay Brace of Pontiac and Mrs. Henry Axford of Rochester.

Arrangements for the open house were planned by Mrs. Brooks Maxwell and Mrs. Edward E. Wilson, both of Birmingham, Mrs. William Kennedy of Pontiac, Mrs. B. E. Norton of Rochester and Mrs. Chad Richie of Bloomfield township.

Autumn Tea Honors Students, Mothers

Jerine Stark will serve as a member of the reception committee for the annual Autumn Tea honoring students of the Detroit Commercial College and their mothers, Friday, at the Women's City Club. The hostess for the affair is Lida Maclean, director of education for the college.

Candles will be lighted at four o'clock at the tea table decorated with fall flowers and bronze appointments.

Jerine will accompany her mother, Mrs. Jared Warner Stark, 1321 Puritan, to the tea.