

Most of this world's material or spiritual wealth has been labored for by those who stored it up. One has to make his choice between materialism and things of the spirit; doesn't the Bible say something about "worshipping God and mammon"?

Suburban Scene

'Reunion' Held In Far Places

By FRAN MAIER

Like the man said, "It's a small world," and as he said later, "It isn't getting any larger."

The comments came from Ernest H. Fletcher in his recent book, "Africa, the Trip of a Lifetime."

Fletcher, known to his friends as "Pet", at one time lived at 2215 Tottenham, although he now lists Santa Barbara, Calif., as his home town.

His book recounts the experiences of himself and his son Paul, a former Cranbrook student, during their 30-day safari and trophy hunting trip to Africa.

While the hunting trip seemed to follow the usual pattern, close calls, thrills, tension and a certain success, odd incidents of the trip were more outstanding.

While stopping at the Maracas beach on the Caribbean, the party met Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fry, whom they again saw in a Johannesburg gold mine, 6,000 feet below the earth's surface.

Not long after, they were enjoying a snack in a hotel in Johannesburg, when they were approached by a young lady who identified herself as Jane McDonald, now Mrs. Anthony Enders, and a former close neighbor of the Fletchers.

The third incident to convince Fletcher of the world's smallness, was the meeting in Durbin with Mr. and Mrs. Roy T. Bramson of Bloomfield Hills. The Bramson's son, and Mrs. Enders' brother had been classmates of Paul Fletcher at Cranbrook.

Centennial Style Show

Combining historic costumes which go back 100 years, with contemporary styles of dresses made by Michigan State college girls in their home economics classes, the Centennial Farmers' Week style show was one of the biggest attractions of the celebration.

Among the 50 MSC coeds who took part are Jane Randall, left, of East Lansing and Paula McDonald, 1055 Lake Park, showing the contrast of styles through the years.

Jane wears an evening dress from the Jennison collection dating back to the 1890's and Paula represents the era of the flapper.

The appearance of a lovely bride is usually a fitting climax for a style show, but the Centennial show boasted five bridal ensembles.

Four of the brides were gowned in lovely historic costumes dating back to 1870, 1895, 1905 and 1920.

The five brides made an interesting panorama of style change throughout the century. One featured a battle under a sheer white silk skirt decorated with self-biased ruffles, while another was outstanding in ivory silk satin with a low off-the-shoulder neckline.

More elaborate white lace, tight sleeves, and a fish tail, creating back interest, were the descriptive points of the 1905 gown. A short, just-below-the-knee-length, well-defined gown brought back memories of the 1920's.



Jane and Paula

Adding to the modern touch of the style show was the modern bride in an ankle length silk taffeta shantung gown.

All through the show a flare of modern costumes was seasoned with the appearance of historic gowns which depicted a way of life from the era they represented.

Mardi Gras Bound?

Although their 16-day Caribbean cruise ended Monday, in Mobile, Ala., the travel plans of the Robert Johnstons of Golfview are hinging on the Mardi Gras. The couple may return home tomorrow, but since their car was left in New Orleans, where pre-Lent festivities are due soon, they may pause for the celebration.

The Johnstons visited, aboard the 15,000-ton luxury (See SUBURBAN SCENE, Page 2, Section 2)



GOOD CITIZENSHIP award presentations highlighted last week's meeting of Piety Hill chapter, DAR, when Mrs. Robert F. Kohr, chairman, presided at the ceremony. Cited for their work as good citizens were Betty Quillian (right) a Birmingham high school student, and Beverly Baker of Clawson high school. (Eccentric Photo)

'Country Girl' Rated Tops at St. Dunstan



JERRY MEMECHAN CHARLOTTE ADAMS

"Country Girl" principals

Bloomfield Village

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Cocktails and Buffet Planned for 70 Couples

The home of the Robert H. Bookmyers, Jr., 740 Woodale road, will be the scene of much festivity next Sunday, Feb. 20. The Bookmyers have invited about 70 couples to a cocktail party and buffet supper, which is becoming an annual affair with them. After cocktails the guests are looking forward to enjoying a supper prepared by Al Green of Grosse Pointe.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paulus, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buryea, Jr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor, and the Frederick Goggers will be among the guests.

A few of the other guests are Mr. and Mrs. John Scholer, Jr. and Mrs. Howard T. Keating, Jr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Cavanaugh, Jr., and the Frank Murphy, Jr.

About 25 couples carried dishes, bowls and boxes of various shapes and sizes, full of interesting things to eat into the John Laha home on Ardmore road last Saturday evening. The occasion was a cocktail party and potluck supper sponsored by the St. Mary's Guild of Holy Name church, included Mr. and Mrs. Leo McTigue, Mr. and Mrs. John P. O'Hara, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schlachter, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gonsky, Mr. and Mrs. James K. Lewis, and the William J. Riley.

Also joining in the fun were Mr. and Mrs. John H. H. and Mrs. Carl Horner, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil LaMarre, the Reid Hallas, the John Carls, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Helde, and Mr. and Mrs. Farley.

Among the guests who enjoyed dancing after supper were Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. and Mrs. Jeanne Robert Sager, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Luria, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cronin, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hanning, Mr. and Mrs. Bartram, and the Robert A. Taggart.

WELCOME NEIGHBORS

New residents at 2425 Hradway boulevard are Mr. and Mrs. Miles Welter. They are returning to the area after living in West Orange, N. J. While Welter was connected with the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. He is now division traffic superintendent of the Woodward division for the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. Gall, 16, is attending the Birmingham High school, and Miles Jr. is a student at Ohio State university.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Welter are looking forward to spring and warm weather as they are enthusiastic gardeners and have a whole big yard to start from scratch with. Mr. Welter is also very interested in music.

The children on south Glenziary gained many new playmates when the W. S. Busch and their eight children moved here recently from Cumberland road in St. Johns Woods. The children are Jeanne, 14, Tom, 13, Mary Ann, 12, Johnny, 10, Billy, 8, Jimmy, 5, Bobby, 3, and Michael, 2 months. Busch is with Quality Steel Treating and active in the St. Johns Woods Boy Scout Troop.

Glad to be returning to the Birmingham area are Mr. and Mrs. John Lamb who moved to 188 Waddington road in January. They

Play Fans Comparing It to Film

Comments in the lobby at the St. Dunstan's Guild Playhouse Friday and Saturday evenings were heavy with praise for the current production, "Country Girl", which closes this weekend.

The play is being produced almost in conjunction with the release of the Bing Crosby movie of the same name, and is creating increased interest among St. Dunstan fans for that reason.

"It's one of the best they've ever done," was a frequently heard remark, while one gentleman who admits frankly that his taste runs entirely to musicals, said "It's great if you like that kind of a show."

"Country Girl" shifts from New York to Boston and back to New York for its locale, sharing theater stages, dressing rooms and a furnished room as sets.

THE STORY weaves around Bernice Dodd (Jerry Memechan) a Broadway has-been who is on the kids heading toward oblivion, and the desperate battle of his wife, George (Charlotte Adams) and friend Frank Elgin (Nat Dougherty) whose faith and confidence steer him safely onto a come-back trail.

McMechan, who has directed many St. Dunstan shows, changes but little as a member of the cast, for he plays the part of a director. An excellent supporting cast is made up of Walter Skinner, Jim Fox, Mary Kay Hain, Wendell Clough and Ned Schneider.

"Country Girl" for St. Dunstan will go into its final production this Friday and Saturday evenings at the Playhouse on E. Long Lake road.

Barnum Plan Aims to Help In Guidance

New programming plans are told by Fred Meyer, president of Barnum Parent-Teacher association. The parents of Barnum Junior High school students are being offered "learnshops" aimed to aid them in working with young people.

An orientation meeting for parents of eighth graders will be Feb. 24, and Meyer says it will feature discussion of high school curricula and answering of questions about the Birmingham high school program.

A MARCH 22 "learnshop" will be for all parents of the school's students. "It will explore the means by which parents and teachers can work more successfully with junior high young people," the announcement says.

In discussion groups, parents will discuss with leaders who are skilled workers in the field.

In April another "learnshop" is planned, and election of officers for next year will be conducted.

FLYS TO EUROPE

Mrs. Lyle R. Whipple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Carlson, 3625 Sunnydale road, has been in a frenzy of packing and farewells the last couple of weeks. Today (See BLOOMFIELD, Pg. 2, Sec. 2)

RECENTLY NAMED president of the Detroit branch, Woman's National Farm and Garden association, is Mrs. H. Earl Hanson, 18475 Coral Gables. A resident of this area for eight months, Mrs. Hanson commented on the fact that a number of women from the Detroit branch are now living in this section and taking an active part in the affairs of their new places of residence. (Eccentric Photo)



MIKE KELLY SHOWS CO-CHAIRMEN HOW PAT, HIS DUMMY, WORKS Mrs. Robert Wyatt, left, at Mrs. Jean Greene's home. (Eccentric Photo)

Quarton Animal Fair To Have Apes, Dummy

Parents and teachers of Quarton school are busily arranging things like ventriloquist shows, magicians' features, and ape performances for their Animal Fair.

The Animal Fair chairman says that the ape has been arranged for, and although it is a small one, it is expected to be one of the most interesting things at the fair.

Everyone working at booths will be dressed as animals for the Quarton event set for Feb. 25 from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the school.

Music, animals and clowns will give a variety of entertainment.

MIKE KELLY, who is shown as he demonstrates his dummy, made by movie-closet woodworker in Hollywood, has been doing ventriloquism for about three years. In a series of activities, he has recently done a birthday party and a performance at a Detroit News boys banquet, but has done numerous other banquet events.

"He's supposed to look like me," Mike says as he waggles "Pat", a chin and makes it whisper affectionate things in his ear.

MIKE, A HOLY NAME school sixth-grader, has a four-year-old brother, Billy, whom Mike says "loves the dummy". But his two sisters, 7 and 10 are, not so enthused.

Southfield's Growth Eyed by Housewife

Growth of the Southfield area and Lathrup village is a concern for a Lathrup village housewife, who keeps aware of local and national politics while managing a busy home.

Mrs. Herman F. Luhrs, whose home hums with music of three daughters hi-fi, T-V and radio sets, balances her homemaking with active clubwork and interest in Republican party activities and area civics.

She'll be among members of the Southfield Republican Women's Club attending the state convention tomorrow in Detroit, and will be making her vice-president's report then.

"I think we have such an influx of people moving out to the Southfield and Lathrup area that it presents a problem, especially in schools," she says.

BESIDES HER school interest, kept alive with two daughters in school now, she also shows concern in having socialism being promoted by rivals to her Republican party.

Active in the Republican party for 25 years, including the years she and her husband lived in Flint, she feels that her party "should've made mistakes," that let voters renege from the 1952 to 1954 election totals.

HER LOCAL INTERESTS have taken her through two presidencies.

SHE POINTS PROUDLY at shots taken of her husband on two European trips, when he toured in 1950 and 1951 as public relations chairman of the legion. He is now a vice-chairman, so that he has more time to campaign for Ad Wagner, of Battle Creek for national commander of the legion.

They are looking forward to convention-time, in October in Miami.

Travel is easy for this housewife who says she has had her five children on schedule for years.

ONCE EACH MONTH she drives to Lansing for the meeting of the Federation, and frequently travels in the Thumb or in this area to organize new EW hubs.

Recently she returned from Memphis, Tenn., after going with her son, a Memphis resident, to New Orleans, where she sold her husband's car. She flew home. In two days she was on the road again, for Lansing board duties.

Memories for the Luhrs are of wartime air raid organizations, for Luhrs was a director of the state Civic Defense board, making trips into all 83 counties to set up organizations, while Mrs. Luhrs did telephone work at home. She aided in registration of all the state's wardens for their training session at Michigan State college.

SHE HAS BEEN active in PTA units, the auxiliary to a Flint legion post, and chapeau heading the 40 there.

Her husband, who works for General Motors, has been state commander twice, and is president of the Republican Veterans of Michigan.



FOLLOWS FAMILY AND CIVIC INTERESTS Mrs. Herman Luhrs in photo-gen. (Eccentric Photo)