

Time never hangs so heavy on your hands as when you have to be in the company of a bear, a gorilla, or some one of like ilk. Yet even under such circumstances you are given the privilege of developing the attribute of patient tolerance.



"PYEWACKET" PARSONS
Worker of "spells." (Eccentric Photo)

Cat Has Heavy Role In Players' Drama

"What's in a name?" you ask. Everything, if one could interview the cats in Birmingham. When it came to casting the part of Pyewacket for the Village Players' next show, "Hell, Book and Candle," an immediate survey was started of Birmingham cats to select one for the role. As soon as it was known that the Marc Parsons, 731 Pierce, have a cat actually named "Pyewacket," the search stopped, even though the original Pyewacket was a Siamese. Now, according to owners of other cats, there's a feeling of ill will toward this big black Persian, and many and many a nose out of joint.

"PYEWACKET" Parsons is really the hardest-working member of the cast, in that he appears in two acts, while all human players are in one act, only. For this closed show, the Players are using three entirely different casts, each under the direction of a different director. Act one, by Mrs. John the setting.

Woman's Club Reaches 65



MRS. CHARLES BUTTERS PLAYS MELODEON FOR COSTUMED WOMEN
Listening are, left to right, Mrs. Carl Rice, Mrs. Fred Crawford, Mrs. Charles Shain and Mrs. Forbes Hascall. (Eccentric Photo)

Suburban Scene George Romneys Join in Touring With Europeans

By FRANK MAIER

The George Romneys began a European trip last week, with an agenda that calls for visits with English, Parisian and Swiss friends. Their hosts are of industrial families of those three countries that the Romneys have known for many years. They'll be hearing news of Romney's new chairmanship of the Olympic fund, seeking to bring the international sports competition to Detroit for 1960. And they'll be taking the Romneys on side trips of several days each to Rome, Venice and Florence. Business trips in England and Italy are planned by Romney, president of American Motors. Though the Romneys flew over, leaving here last Thursday and New York on Friday afternoon, they will return aboard the Queen Mary. Their sailing is for March 24 from Cherbourg.

Schallers Have New Home, News

Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Schaller, former Pelham Manor, N.Y., residents, have settled in their new home at 1315 Lyonhurst road. Schaller, who has been associated with General Motors for many years and is assistant general sales manager of the United Motors division, and Mrs. Schaller are proudly telling friends of their granddaughter, born Feb. 10 at Newport, E.I., where their son, Lt. (j.g.) Robert A., is stationed. The Schallers' daughter attends the Principia school in St. Louis, Mo.

Christmas, Late but Jolly

It was a belated Christmas, etc., at the Henry McQueen home on Henley last weekend, when the man of the house returned home after six months in Denmark with the General Motors plant expansion program. A tree, carefully saved for the event, was decorated with Christmas cards but, according to Mrs. McQueen, failed to live up to expectations. "When it was real quiet in the room," she said, "The needles dropping had the sound of a gentle rainfall." The weekend had a really festive air when Cathy arrived from MSC to greet her father and help him celebrate Christmas, his birthday (Dec. 28 is the day) and New Year's. Mrs. McQueen said the holiday dinner had all the trimmings, turkey and birthday cake. Friends phoned or dropped by to greet the traveler and extend "season's" greetings. A New Year celebration was planned, but the family found themselves not up to three celebrations in one, and dropped the third event from their calendar.

Mother-Daughter Tea

Detroit Alumnae of Western college for Women is having a Mother-Daughter tea for prospective students from three to five on Sunday, Feb. 27. A committee consisting of the younger alumnae is responsible for organizing the party, including Mrs. Robert Brandon of Birmingham. Among the alumnae of long standing who are invited (See SUBURBAN SCENE, Page 3, Section 2)

Local Women Star in Starting Active Thetas at Albion Again

Mrs. F. M. Broock Leads Three-Day Installation



MRS. FLOYD R. DOHERTY
MRS. HENRY S. SCHMIDT
MRS. FERD M. BROOCK
Plan for new Theta chapter. (Eccentric Photo)

Presidents of three colleges and sorority girls by the hundreds will be attending an event in Albion being planned by Mrs. Ferdinand M. Broock, of Lone Pine court, and a committee of Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae.

The event is the installation of the Pi chapter of the Theta national group on the Albion campus, after an absence of almost half a century.

Broock, a professor, will be among the classes being taken on to the chapter during the three-day installation weekend on March 1, 2 and 3.

They will be the women who were pledged in 1910, the year the national Theta withdrew the chapter, because Albion's scholastic standing was then low.

Now with the college the only other class A scholastically rated college in the state, the five will take their pledge at the Friday installation, which will run to 10 o'clock on the morning of Saturday.

THAT SAME AFTERNOON the new chapter will be installed in a ceremony in which Mrs. Max Tunstall of Birmingham will take a major part. Mrs. Tunstall is grand secretary and president of the Theta, and will preside over the installation, which will be in the gymnasium.

Arriving at the Birmingham Alumnae club at the Theta will be Mrs. F. R. Doherty, who will introduce speakers at the banquet that follows the evening of Saturday.

Other speakers at the event will be Dr. Alexander G. Rathven, former president of U of M, whose wife is a Theta and who will talk at the banquet, and Dr. John A. Hannah, president of Michigan State college, whose wife is also a Theta.

Dr. William W. Whitehouse, president of Albion college, will be main speaker at the banquet, and others will be the national officers, Dean Andrew Wilder, and Mrs. Rathven.

COLLEGIANS BEING INTRODUCED include Sharyn Zerkke, of Pontiac; Susan Gertz, of Pleasant Ridge; and Virginia Beemer, of Royal Oak, but none from the immediate Birmingham area.

Broock will bring entire membership of Eta chapter at U of M and Beta Pi chapter of Michigan State will be delegates from Indiana, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio universities all in Indiana.

There will be some 500 faculty and student guests at a tea which Mrs. Broock's committee has arranged for Sunday afternoon, after dinner and the chapter's first meeting.

Folk Music Concert Is Scheduled

That's Singing folks, students from Birmingham are taking part in the Rally Day shows, written and produced by members of three upper classes.

Barbara Neal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Neal, 1115 Brookwood, is chairman of make-up for the Rally show. Margaret 1950, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reed, 241 W. Washington, is in the Senior show chorus, and Patricia Hoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Hoy, Brookwood, will direct in the Junior show.

The folk music of the negroes of New Orleans and other Southern states has led a group of Birmingham women to produce a concert of the songs.

Cecelia Carter, a woman whose hair is slightly graying but whose voice is "warm and gentle" according to a group of women who attended an audition last weekend at Mrs. Thomas Parker's home in Euclid, will sing the concert.

THE GROUP HAVE arranged for a March 20 afternoon program at the First Baptist church, and Mrs. Parker will work out programming details with the Negro program.

"I sing this song as my mother taught me when I was a child in New Orleans," Mrs. Carter said in the informal song session she presented some of her concert numbers, each with an informal introduction.

Among them were "Old Time Ragtime," "I Shall Not Be Moved," "Climbing Jacob's Ladder," and "Sorry to Leave You."

MRS. WILLIAM ESSERY, who is heading up plans for the concert, said she is "deeply moved" and "superior folk artist."

Mrs. Carter, who lives in Mt. Clemens, originally arranged the concert through the people of the home, the University of Michigan, has been a concert at Indiana University, after which the university's entertainment staff "We were all moved to tears," she says, "and so is in her hands."

Newcomers Told Color Important In Today's Homes

Today's emphasis is on color from fabric to wallpaper, to earth tones, Mrs. E. G. Hensley, home economist from the Hudson-Spokane bureau, told her audience at the Birmingham Branch of the National Home Economics Council last week.

"Color today is necessary in the home, it is a part of the program as well as decorative and it is even better than when selected in lovely dyes."

Comparing the theory of color with the practical advice near the event, Hensley suggested that one tried out in red, white and blue dresses, small replicas of the American flag and silhouettes of Washington and Lincoln.

VICE PRESIDENT M. E. Bush and Hensley, also general chairman with McAdams, James Stewart, John Green, Harry Wilson, Verne Kilby, J. F. Broock, E. W. Shanklin, William W. Rose and Allen O. Hodges.

New board members were presented by Mrs. Lon King, president, who reminded members that their support is needed for the Community House Roll Call.

Future club plans include the March 3 dessert bridge at the Community House, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Arranging the program are Mesdames J. J. Phillips, Frank Gilbreath, George Mease, C. R. Burch, Frank Fenell and John Miller.

Win Veep's Post in State

Mrs. Herman H. Luhrs, has been chosen for a second term as vice president of the Michigan Federation of Republican Women's clubs.

Mrs. Luhrs, who lives on Meadbrook way in Lathrup Village, is a member of the Southfield Republican Women's club.

She attended last weekend's federation meeting in Detroit, and submitted her vice president's report at the luncheon meeting at the Veterans' Memorial building.

Candy Eating Tops in Cold Says Berkshire Fudge-Master

IT WAS THEIR SONS being in the Navy that led to Mrs. Skinner seeking a third hobby in gardening. She spent a collection of years, but this hobby has been going into the background for her.

She had thought of going into a business, but her eyes to home-making new home, with Mr. Skinner on the front, working with engineering paper about the location for Boston Skinner corporation, she turned to the hobby again.

OF HER CRISP, thin peanut butter, she says "it's not fat, being as most people think you use only two cups of sugar for each two pounds of it. And the nut isn't greasy like salted nuts."

"I think everyone with children grown up should have hobbies to fill their free time. It's important. There are so many interesting things in the world to do now in peanut butter that I've found today."

HER BIRTHDAY is celebrated on Feb. 24, and she has a pink, silk, in-scarlet, shawl boxes with neat printed design.

"I was just going to organize the peanut butter that I've found today."



CANDY, A MORNING TASK
Beating into white foam.
DIPPING DIVINITY IN BERSKIRE HOME
Mrs. James Skinner at hobby. (Eccentric Photo)