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SECTION 2

HOSTESS TO SORORITY IN HER HOME
Mrs. Vendeveer uses many flowers. (Eccentric Photo)

AOPi Hostess Has Finishing Fondness

A fondness for lightly waxed wood grain will be one of the hostess's obvious traits, members of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority will find when they gather for bridge at the LeRoy Vandeveer home tomorrow night.

Mrs. Vandeveer has newly refinished—with—eight processes—her kitchen walls, and the wall in her daughter Connie's weaving room have been retoned in subtle grays of driftwood.

All are waxed over steelwool rubbed shellac, so that the wood grain is the thing that is noticed at once.

CARD TABLES will fill the living room, where two side tables have been cut down from old fashioned, hand-carved tables by the gracious grayhaired woman, who is as active in clubs as she is in housekeeping.

There'll be three tables set up in the weaving room, near Connie's loom.

Connie, who learned weaving during four years at Kingswood, Cranbrook, has had little time for that since she's been studying physical therapy at University of Michigan. But following her mother whose interest in helping people led her to the Red Cross chairmanship in Oakland county for several years, she turned one year at U-M to voluntarily setting up looms for therapy in the University hospital, and teaching the craft.

CONNIE AND 18 other members of her U-M sorority, AOPi, of course, will be singing at her mother's home for the bridge players.

And if all goes well, the funds gleaned will be added to those raised at recent similar parties to double the size of the Ann Arbor AOPi house.

Singing with Connie will be Margaret Davis, whose mother, Mrs. F. Gordon Davis is one of the committee to aid Mrs. Vandeveer, Donna Hammill, of Bloomfield Hills, and Marilyn Morrison of Pleasant Ridge.

BESIDES MRS. DAVIS, aides are Mrs. James Bain, Mrs. Glen Sawyer and Mrs. Eugene Bychinsky.

Among those with reservations for tables are Mrs. Hollister T. Mably, who is having a dinner for her own regular bridge playing club at her home before the 8 p.m. party. She has invited Mrs. Walter Paxtons, Mrs. Howard Canfield, Mrs. William Bird, Mrs. Lawrence Van Tuyl and Mrs. Marston Hubbard.

Others to have tables at the Vandeveers will be Mrs. Frank Howlett, Mrs. Milton Barrett, Mrs. John Maddox, Mrs. Fred Stussy, Mrs. George Snyder, Mrs. Carl Keller, Mrs. William Buckingame, Mrs. Theodore Mordaunt, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence McGuire, of Grosse Pointe and Mrs. H. H. Barnard and Mrs. Merle Underwood, both of Ann Arbor.

READYING FOR THE party has had to wait while Mrs. Vandeveer shared duties for the Bloomfield Hills Garden club's flower show last week.

And in midst of activites, lightning struck and burned out a light line in their traditional home on Sussex.

She, her husband and their younger daughter, Lindsay, will be leaving shortly after Lindsay's classes at Bloomfield High school is out, to open the cottage at Lexington where they spend many weekends and summer months. One month of the summer they'll be spending in the East, at a resort on Cape Cod.

COINCIDENTAL IS the fact that the Cape is scene where in the 1600's Trimstram Coffin, an ancester of the Vandeveers as well as the Dean Coffins who lived here until recently, owned property.

Delving into family histories is a pet project of Mrs. Vandeveer's—begun in bank holiday times when she was no more teaching at Northern High school in Detroit, and had "time on her hands." band, and she chose genealogy band, and she chose geneology from a list she compiled. Now she has a drawer full of notes, books in her bookcases around the simple, light green fireplace, and many friends who are as avid fans of the research.

STUDIES IN SUCH spots as the Burton collection in the Detroit public library, which she ranks as one of three top spots for such research in the United States, reveal stories that don't come down in family records.

One of her ancesters came here to open a mill, and understanding there was a shortage of wood, brought his own cedar logs for the building.

MARILYN CHRYSLER

Dale Chryslers Tell Engagement

The engagement of Marilyn Chrysler to Robert Hartwig is announced by Miss Chrysler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Chrysler, 3132 Greenfield.

Hartwig is son of the Carl Hartwigs of 16010 W. 12 Mile road.

Miss Chrysler will graduate from Birmingham High school this June. Her fiance is employed with Sealtest company.

Colbert Home Is Tour Climax

Sunday afternoon sponsors of the recent "Arts for Leisure" tour will gather at the Lester L. Colberts' home on Martell drive as climax to the Bennington College alumnae-sponsored tour.

View of the Colbert gardens is bonus for sellers of five tour tickets or donors of $25. The list includes 88 names. Speaker will be the president of Bennington, Dr. Frederick Burkhardt, whose subject will be integrating the arts into daily living.

On the eve of the Colbert event, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon T. Getsinger and Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Leitch, Jr., will entertain for Pres. Burkhardt at the Getsinger home in Bloomfield Hills, inviting some of their friends. Mrs. Getsinger and Mrs. Leitch were active on tour committee work.

Conductor Visits At Mathews Home

Dr. Hans Gruber, conductor of the Victoria Symphony Orchestra, visited here from Victoria, British Columbia, for three days as guest of John Mathews and Fenton R. Mathews at their home, 5900 North Adams last weekend.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

If you find these little paragraphs helpful it is only because, within your deeper nature, the thoughts have always been a part of your real YOU! Remember: one doesn't need so much to be taught as to be reminded.

S. Strengell Opens Studio To Hostellers

"Sara Strengell, active in dramatic teaching in this and the Detroit area, is tying her talents in with hostelling activities.

Last night she opened her studio at 18029 Wyoming for an evening open house for American Youth Hostel members to meet a Swedish hosteler, Carl Ewerthz.

Ewerthz spent several days this week, touring a school, the Ford plant, and last weekend on a canoe trip as hostellers of Detroit repaid Swedish hospitality they had received abroad. His expenses of the US trip are being paid by the AYH.

MISS STRENGELL was to lead a trip to Scandinavia a year ago, but at last minute found visits to her parents in Finland would not agree with hostel routing.

She will be leading a trip soon, however, to Stratford, Ontario, where the hostellers will view a Shakespearean performance. It will be the first of four such Shakespearean hostel trips this summer, starting June 9 to 10.

After her summer teaching dramatics at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Miss Strengell will be joining other hostellers in a trip to Isle Royale.

ANOTHER HOSTEL trip, among many planned through the AYH office, 4864 Woodward, will take bikers out to Cranbrook for an evening ride June 16.

The ride starts at 7 Mile and Woodward at 8 p.m., calls for lighted bikes.

AAUW Makes Gifts To Several Groups

Birmingham AAUW's retiring board closed their season by voting several gifts to area groups.

Cash will be given the Baptist Children's Home for playground equipment and to the Oakland County Children's Home to furnish an "honorary room".

The third donation was made to Girls' Town, Inc., a project backed by the Michigan State Federation of Women's clubs. The first Town unit will be opened shortly in Ann Arbor.

Miss Louise Hersey and Mrs. Anthony Daley recently entertained members of the new and old boards. Present were Mesdames Jack Kleene, W. K. Ginman, R. C. Wyatt, Edwin Pipp, Elliott Kinney, Betty Schweppe, F. N. Mosher, Citty Love, C. H. Rice, Claude Urevig, Granville Ryan and John Whitehouse.

The Children's theater will end an active season June 14 with a picnic at Orchard Lake.

Robots Take Over St. Dunstan's

Modernize 1921 Hit For Greek Theater Set

By ALICE E. MORGAN

St. Dunstan's Guild is not worried about hot weather June 10, 14, 17 and 18 because the chills are built right into the script of their Greek Theater production, "R. U. R."

There are plenty of blood chilling incidents as the story of Rossom, the mad scientist who created robots in human form, is unfolded.

"Rossom's Universal Robots" and the mad scientist, are the 1921 creation of Karel Capek, Czechoslovakian playwriter who is said to have coined the word "robot".

Jervis McMechan, St. Dunstan playwright and director, has brought the script up to date and suited the action and settings to Greek theater facilities.

MUCH OF THE dramatic impact is developed by Paul N. Averill, scientist, who concentrates on making efficient robots of high intelligence but no soul, and Weston Meyer. Meyer, as Domin, seeks to "liberate man from the degradation of labor" through the sale of robots.

Excellent jobs by props and makeup committees is adding a touch to the production that greatly increases the weirdness of the setting and robot characters.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Grinnells, with other sales at the Pavilion gate, Lone Pine road, performance nights. In the event of rain, "make up" shows will be staged the following Sunday.

MAURICE SMITH FRED HENDRICK NED SCHNEIDER
WESTON MEYER HARRY WISE, JR.
Tense moment as robots stage revolt (Eccentric Photos)

PHYLLIS HARRIS JOY BERNO WESTON MEYER
Will things be better now?

Parties Fete Bride-to-Be

Before her graduation on June 5, Margaret Jo Ireland of 964 Pierce street is being entertained at a prenuptial lupcheon and personal shower given by Ann Sterling of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Joe Joseph Terrell of Vassar. They are sorority sisters in Alpha Chi Omega, who will be bridesmaids at the wedding on June 17.

Mrs. Ross A. Wagner will entertain on Monday, June 6, with a dessert and miscellaneous shower in her home on Webster street.

Eva Stone of Birmingham, who is Margaret's maid of honor, is hostessing a miscellaneous shower in her honor on June 11 in her home on West Maple road.

The Ernest Smiths of Saginaw, parents of the bridegroom-elect, Wendell Eugene Smith, will give the rehearsal dinner on June 16 at Devon Gables.

Margaret Jo is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dwight B. Ireland.

After June 24, the couple plan to reside in Plymouth.

Music Major Plans Recital

Graduating June 16 from the University of Detroit music school, Catherine Skelley will present her first solo recital at 8:15 p.m., June 4 in the Detroit Institute of Musical Arts.

Miss Skelley

Miss Skelley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Skelley, 1175 Shipman, has majored in piano. She will receive a bachelor degree in music.

Included in her program will be the MacDowell concerto in A Minor, a work not frequently heard.

Other numbers will be selected from the works of Scarlatti, Bach-Samaroff, Beethoven, Schumann, Brams, Rachmaninoff, Poulenc, Ravel and Khachaturian. The program is given in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the bachelor degree.

A student of Dr. Alle D. Zuidema, Miss Skelley is a member of Beta chapter, Delta Omicron, national professional music fraternity.

Mrs. Hart Is New Kenny Unit Trustee

Mrs. Philip Hart, wife of Michigan's lieutenant governor and former Birmingham resident, has been elected a trustee of the Sister Elizabeth Kenny foundation.

It was the Hart's daughter, Ann, 7, who was stricken last summer with polio and was hospitalized in the Sister Kenny hospital in Farmington, that first interested Mrs. Hart in the foundation's work.

JOY BERNO PAUL N. AVERILL MARY JACKSON
UN reporter visits factory

DICK MINER MARJORIE HENDRICKS
Experience human emotions

Suburban Scene

June Highlighted By Graduations, Weddings, Travel

By FRAN MAIER

Many families have arrived or are on their way to Maryland to attend graduation exercises of their sons at Annapolis.

Leaving Birmingham last Friday were the Delbert V. Keeners of Holland avenue to see their son Midn. 1 c Delbert V. Keener receive a bachelor of science degree and be commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Navy.

He entered the Naval Academy on Congressional appointment from Michigan in July 1951, after graduating from Baldwin high school in 1950.

The graduation ceremony will take place June 3 in historic Dahlgren Hall, culminating traditionally colorful "June Week."

The Keeners have rented a cottage in Sherwood Forest for the week and joining them for the event are Delbert's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Berger, also of Birmingham. Another son, Dearl Keener, arrived from the Mediterranean and joined his wife, Beverly, who came from Lanham, Md.

In the afternoon of the same day, the new Ensign will claim Jane Romig as his bride in an impressive formal military wedding.

Home-Gone Again

Although she just returned home, she will soon be off again.

Paulette Wauters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wauters, 528 Covington, arrived home Tuesday from Wheaton college in Massachusetts and will sail June 8 for England.

There she will join a bicycle group and tour the southern coast of Holland and Belgium and visit relatives in England and Belgium. She will finish her summer activities by taking some summer courses at Grenoble university in France.

Party Chatter

Members and tourney players who gathered for the pregames dinner and cocktail party at Forest Lake Country club last Wednesday night found many meeting grounds in conversation.

Mr. Raymond Cahill and Fay Crocker chattered in Span-

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MRS. FUHRMAN, LEFT, SHOWS 'OUR LADY'
She and Mrs. Brook in garden. (Eccentric Photo)

Plan Seton Guild Tea

With plans afoot for the Seton Guild's tea, Mrs. A. G. Fuhrman and Mrs. J. W. Brook of Lathrup village tackled writing of invitations at Mrs. Fuhrman's home on Old Mill road in the Berkshires last week.

The guild's event is the newest benefit for St. Vincent Sarah Fisher home—a tea at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Heintz.

Taking time out from their writing tasks, Mrs. Fuhrman and Mrs. Brook went out to the garden beyond the Fuhrman's modern two story home.

There, the Fuhrmans have a terraced garden in an arc, centered by an imported marble statue of "Our Lady of Grace." The white stone figure came from Italy two years ago, an anniversary present for Mrs. Fuhrman from her husband.

FOR THE TEA, Mrs. Heintz, 932 Pilgrim road, has opened her home and will be aided by Mrs. Harold Taylor and Mrs. Frank Battle with refreshment arrangements. Teatime is from 2 to 6 on June 7.

Funds will go to buying another bus to transport children to school, playgrounds and various outings on up off the sprawling grounds of the St. Vincent home. One route it will be taking is for the summer camping trips to Brighton.

Chairman for the event is Mrs. Jerry T. Flanigan of Detroit, and Mrs. Edward H. Kelley and Mrs. J. Clarence Grix, both of Royal Oak, are co-chairmen.

Among Birmingham committewomen are Mrs. Richard Morzyezaski, Mrs. Bernard O'Meara and Mrs. Edward Sharon, all of Beverly Hills, and Mrs. Albert Boening, of Birmingham.