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BONNIE THROCKMORTON DOUGHERTY
All ages given subject matter. (Eccentric Photo).

Cosmetics are never going to "save anyody's face". At best they are manufactured ingredients to cover superficially, the manner in which we have treated the lovely baby face God gave us. "Face saving" is best done through right thinking.

Mix Moods into One For Portraits in Oil

A portrait, says a young Eastern painter who has recently begun to be established in Birmingham art circles, should express five or six moods, at least, in one picture.

Bonnie Throckmorton Dougherty's paintings do just that. A quirk of a smile is more apt to appear in a child's portrait than the fleeting, gleeful grin.

"Fine art has it over photographs in that way," the blonde woman says as she showed a few paintings and sketches explaining how several expressions combine to show a personality.

Use of photographs in preliminary steps of her oil paintings does not indicate she copies, she says. She often used six to eight photos of a person. And such use of photos is usually for children's portraits, when the restlessness of long sittings for children can be avoided, and when loved ones have died and family members want a picture done in oils.

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SUCH A PICTURE is the one of the distinguished gentleman shown at the left in the photo. Done from several 8 by 10 photo-studies, and from two tiny snapshots, the expressions, the tilt of the head, the coloring, are a composite of detailing.

She'd rather paint from life, she says.

Mrs. Dougherty, who is Mrs. David Carson Dougherty in non-professional life, uses the Dougherty home in Graefield terraces as a studio. Their children, Peggy, 7, and David, 6, arrive home from Pembroke school sugar to see new painting projects.

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THEY HAVE REAL interest in drawing, their proud mother says.

The family will be moving this summer to a home in the Rose development in Troy township near Pembroke school. There, Mrs. Dougherty will have a large studio, and by then will have a start on classes.

This April she begins teaching classes, having already placed her artworks in several shops in the area, and receiving orders from the display.

"BIRMINGHAM HASN'T quite the art interest that the east has," she says, recalling the galleries in New York and Washington D. C., where she studied and worked before her marriage.

Until last July the couple lived in New York, and Venezuela, where Dougherty was with Standard Oil. Here, he is in the organization department of Chrysler in Highland Park.

"Residents here are finding that there is more and more time to devote to the arts. So many just haven't had time to learn fine arts."

ARTISTIC EXPRESSION is being sought by many localities, she points out. She cited Bill Williams for his photo studio's fine arts portraiture, and Scott Shuptrine, Gareleck's Gallery, the Boulevard Shop and the Little Gallery, for their display of local artworks.

A display of her paintings will begin at Scott-Shuptrine in the near future, and another display is slated for a one-man showing at Ward-Eggleston gallery in New York City. The latter will be of her impressionistic figure studies rather than portraits.

Cinerama Holiday

Birmingham Business Women are leaving at 7:10 p.m. tonight in a chartered bus to attend Cinerama Holiday at Detroit's Music Hall. Arrangements have been made by Mrs. Forest Fox, Mrs. J. H. Sheridan, Marie Stauffer, Harriette Pearson, Margaret Tewilliger, Mrs. C. E. Kellogg and Mrs. K. A. Burnside.

Holy Name PTA Hears Mrs. Hart

Mrs. Philip Hart, wife of Michigan's lieutenant governor and a former member of Holy Name parish, talked to 100 Holy Name Parent-Teacher association members Monday night at the school.

Talking on the state's educational needs and solutions to the problem, she referred frequently to what she called her "two-by-four."

She meant that in voting on higher pay for teachers, more classrooms, and minimum sanitation needs for public schools, the state house members voted along party lines. She indicated a feeling that is was a non-partisan issue.

On the bill now facing the state Senate, having passed the House, she said that it includes minimum standards for school sanitation. She said that there are 30,000 children attending schools in Michigan where there is no indoor plumbing. She gave the bill little chance for survival in the senate following an all-Democrat and 7-Republican vote in the house.

Mrs. Hart, who was active in Birmingham's Democratic Women's club when she and her family lived here, quoted Governor Williams on parochial school problems.

He referred to the tax support given by both private and parochial schools, such as Holy Name's, which yet have to support their own institutions, according to Mrs. Hart. There would be much more money needed if private and parochial schools did not exist, she quoted him as saying.

"Increase of pay to bring teachers into the field where they are needed" was one of the desires Mrs. Hart expressed in her talk in the corridor which parish members use pending completion of a new building.

Classroom need was pointed up by her with "If the state wants to keep up with new enrollments for the coming year, a classroom must be built every ten minutes, day and night."

Mrs. Hart was introduced by Mrs. Robert L. Bodor, program chairman. The meeting was conducted by the PTA's president, Harry McGowan.

Roland Reese spoke to the group, advocating approval on the April 4 ballot of the skating rink plan.

Previous to the 8:30 talk by Mrs. Hart and then ensuing business meeting, parents met in classroom conferences with their children's teachers.

Newcomers Honor President; Delay Next Meeting Date

Mrs. Lon King was guest of honor at a surprise farewell party last week when members of the Newcomers club board met at the home of Mrs. Oliver Rodgers.

Mrs. King is the first president in the club's seven years to be unable to finish her term of office. This, through the group's charter arrangement, represents 14 presidents. She received a corsage and gift from the group, and after March 31 will make her home in New York.

Other club activities during the week included the evening bridge group which met in the midst of a St. Patrick's Day air. Green shamrocks for name tags and tallies with a golden harp as a centerpiece set the theme.

Prizes were won by Mrs. William Wyatt, Robert Miller and Richard Haviland.

The next regular monthly meeting has been postponed one week to avoid the Good Friday date and will be held April 1, at 8 p.m. in the Community House.

St. Dunstan Plans Old-Time Movie, 'Three Musketeers'

Through the medium of the "silver screen", Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., returns to St. Dunstan's Playhouse March 19 when the group has its "oldtime movie" party. Fairbanks will be seen in "The Three Musketeers", thriller of the early twenties.

Second feature of the evening will be "Chasing Rainbows in Chile", filmed and narrated by Mort Neff and featuring North America's bait and fly casting champion, Ben Hardesty. This film will be shown at 8:30, with the Fairbanks production at 9 p.m.

Program arrangements have been in charge of John W. Sanders and Jervis McMechan. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Taylor are the committee in charge of refreshments.

Rehearsals are underway for St. Dunstan's production of "Goodbye, My Fancy", scheduled for two weekends, April 15, 16; 22 and 23.

Group See Dedication At U of M

University of Michigan alumnae from this area will be represented at a dedication in Ann Arbor of a new therapy center.

Date is March 26 for the Alumnae council's program honoring Alice Crocker Lloyd, late dean of women, who served in that capacity from 1930 to 1950.

In her name, the Radiation Therapy center is being dedicated in 2 p.m. ceremonies.

Localites attending include Mrs. Russell S. Strickland, of Bloomfield Hills.

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SHE, AS COUNCIL vice-chairman, has been active recently in acting as general chairman for a presentation of the U of M Junior Girls' Play, "Cock-A-Hoop," at the Rackham auditorium, in Detroit under council sponsorship, that same night.

Proceeds of the show, go into the Daisy Murfin scholarship fund for Henderson house, a co-operative home for women who work their way by sharing household duties therein, and a library wing for the home.

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OTHERS ATTENDING the dedication and the show that night will be Mr. and Mrs. A. M. BeGole, Mrs. Marcus Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin George and Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Watt.

Others on the patron-ticket list are the F. Gordon Davises, the Leroy Vandeveers, the Edson K. Pooles, the Benjamin Brewsters, and the Lewis Sappingtons.

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FILLING THE interval between dedication and the evening performance, a curtain-raiser dinner has been slated at the private rooms of the Rackham building.

Being invested in the therapy center is $75,000 raised largely by alumnae under the direction of Hilda Kirby of New York City and Mrs. John S. Tennant of Summit, N. J. They will be honored at the dinner, as will officials of the university.

'Grass Roots Opera' Makes Local Appearance March 25

SING TITLE ROLES IN FORTHCOMING OPERA
Virginia Zapf Person — Marie Wilson Fox

Program to Benefit Scholarship Funds

"Grass Roots Opera", an entertainment medium sweeping the country, will make its bow in Birmingham March 25, under the sponsorship of the Birmingham Musicale.

The group brings Menotti's famous "Old Maid and the Thief" to the Birmingham Community House for a one-night performance starting at 8 p.m. This will be the Musicale's annual fund-raising project to provide financial assistance for high school music students from the area desiring further study at summer music camps.

Marie Fox Wilson, contralto, known to most Birmingham audiences, will sing the title role. The role of the Old Maid will be sung by Virginia Person, soprano, with Charlotte McCray, soprano, as the servant and William Aindle, baritone, singing the role of Bob.

Marie Fox Wilson received her musical training at Mills college and New York, working with Eric Leinsdorf, George Szell and Astore Verna.

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SHE HAS SUNG in operas, concerts and oratorios in New York and has been with Phil Spitalny's all-girl orchestra. She has appeared with the Detroit symphony orchestra and currently is soloist at St. James Episcopal church.

Madame Elsa Harthan-Arendt, handled the early training of Virginia Zapf Person in Chicago, who later earned her master's degree in music at the University of Michigan. She, too, has appeared with the Detroit symphony and has had four programs with the Little Symphony.

Miss McCray studied voice in New York after graduation from the University of Michigan. She sang and studied at Plymouth, Mass., for several summers and toured as Suzanne in "The Secret of Suzanne"; "Naughty Marietta"; "The Student Prince" and other operettas have seen her in major roles.

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AINSLIE IS another University of Michigan graduate and is continuing his studies with Frederick Protheroe of Birmingham.

Presently attending Michigan State college and a member of the Centennial opera, "Michigan Dream", he has appeared in many musical productions throughout the Detroit area.

The production is under the direction of Ida Kitching Cordes, an active member of the Detroit Tuesday Musicale and board member of the Michigan Federation of Music clubs.

She has named Elizabeth Humphrey, accompanist for the group, a piano major at McCurry college and a fellowship student at the Juilliard school of music in New York City.

The composer, Gian-Carlo Menotti, has been rated by critics as a "real genius-type genius, who are as scarce as hens' teeth."

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THE MUSICALE choral ensemble will open the program.

Program arrangements are being supervised by Mrs. Clifford Nelson and her committee of Mrs. E. H. Scott, Mrs. Claude Whipple, Mrs. G. A. Caldwell, Mrs. Robert Gray and Mrs. John H. Abbott.

Properties are in charge of Mrs. Edwin G. Pipp, with Mrs. Lewis Sappington and Mrs. John V. Whitehouse, assisting. Mrs. Delbert Tate and Mrs. H. G. Gaesaway, co-counselors for the Birmingham Musicale Junior League, have chosen six members of the group to usher.

Ticket sales are under the direction of Mrs. William J. Crist, assisted by Mrs. Robert Hutchison, Mrs. Donald T. Stanton, Mrs. Fred S. Cole, Mrs. Frank Mellinger, Mrs. James K. Van Hooks, Mrs. M. J. Patterson, Mrs. Howard Liverance, Mrs. Orren Mohler, Mrs. John C. Benning, Mrs. Clifford M. Dunn, Mrs. Russell F. Manney, Mrs. Edgar Ebersole, Mrs. A. H. Knorr, Mrs. Newell Allen and Mrs. Delbert Tate.

Village Players Rehearse 'Laura' For March 25-26

A modern murder-my-sexy is next on the schedule for the Village Players when they stage "Laura" on March 25-26.

Taken from Vera Caspary's book of the same name and developed for stage presentation by the author and George Sklar, "Laura", the Players promise, will rival the best of the thrillers seen on today's TV shows.

The three act play is being directed by Mrs. Gilbert Gove assisted by Mrs. W. F. Herdrich.

"The murder," they reveal, "takes place in Laura's inner east-side apartment in New York on a hot afternoon in August. What follows keeps Detective Mark McPherson (Tom Sheehan) busy as he tries sleep and, incidentally, his heart.

Mrs. G. T. Dwelley has the title role supported by Robert Hills, Carl Reynolds, Robert T. Wyatt, Alex Parnie, Mrs. Rolfe C. Spinning and Mrs. S. J. Maniaci.

B'ham Pen Women Join Detroiters For Lunch Meet

Members of the Birmingham section of the National League of American Pen Women will attend a luncheon meeting on March 19 at the Women's City club to hear Detroit author Howard T. Snyder talk on "The Perils and Pleasures of Playwriting".

The local group is joining the Detroit branch of NLAPW and the Detroit Writers' Guild, co-sponsors of the affair. The state league's president, Mrs. Mary Roberts, 480 Yarmouth road in Bloomfield township is in charge of arrangements.

Instructions Given For Torry Dances

The Torry PTA Square Dance club will hold its regular monthly session in the school gymnasium tomorrow night, Friday, according to Mrs. J. Fred Harris, president of the association.

She emphasizes that all are welcome and that no square dancing experience is necessary since beginners receive instruction before the regular dance gets under way.

MRS. FRANKLIN E. BENS
MRS. CHARLES E. CHILDS
MRS. HERBERT ROYAL, JR.
Three board members preview touring of school

MRS. LA RELDA FOREST
KAREN JOHNSON — DENNIS HANINK
Students do medieval castle. (Eccentric Photos)

Young Mother Writes While Husband Builds in Franklin

BY DOROTHY BENJAMIN

Writing children's books, building houses, and boosting for the hosteling groups keep the Charles Petersons, soon to be of Franklin, a busy household.

Chuck and Margaret Peterson are ski fans, having met in the Laurentian mountains, where Chuck, then a young helper in his father's sub-contracting firm in Highland Park, and a scoutmaster in an HP church, were spending two weeks skiing.

Margaret was skiing often in those Canadian mountains, since they were within 40 to 60 miles drive from her home in Montreal. "I broke my leg, and maybe it made him notice me more," she says.

Chuck is retired Tuesday after completing his third year as president of the Detroit unit of the American Youth Hostels.

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"WE FEEL THE HOSTELS are good especially for those who are rather timid about doing things for themselves, and especially for those wanting to cut down on expenses, the young couple say.

But besides frequent meetings in the administrative angle of the Hostelers, the Petersons have taken the time this year and last to build their own home on Irving road in Franklin.

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NO WALLS INSIDE is a feature made possible by a product Chuck has sold for years but never until now used himself. Storage walls, ordered to fit from a factory for which he is distributor, will block off rooms.

"Dad shipped up a carload of lumber last summer after we started building and then ran into strike-bound lumber supplies around here," says Margaret. The lumber came from northern Ontario.

Last weekend they started putting primer coats on interior walls, preparatory to painting and the arrival next month of their storage walls.

And while Chuck works days at his father's business, Margaret tends their three-year-old daughter, Ann, and writes books. She is on her third, all part of a series being published by a New York firm.

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"I'M ALWAYS TUSSLING with myself whether to say it or draw it," she says as she explains how the books seek to answer in part artwork and part words such youthful queries as "why does a bug have six legs?"

Research in libraries provide much material for her books. Her first was "First Book of Bugs," her second, "First Book of Birds," and now she is working on "First Book of Mammals." The books are for the 8 to 12-year-olds.

Travel for these young people, one who seeks to answer youthful questions, the other who seeks to guide travel-minded young adults, is mainly just for the two of them.

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THEIR TRIPS in the winter are frequently ski angled, as the one three years ago to Europe, and others to the Laurentians, and out West. Summer weekends find them at Chuck's parents' cottage at Mullet Lake in Northern Michigan, or with Margaret's parents near Montreal.

Of their home, which they expect to have finished in May so they can move in from their city home, Margaret says many of the rooms will have little except sitting space and tables, and the bedroom will have just its bed, because so much is built into the storage walls.

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"I LOVE CLUTTER, but I don't want other people to see it," she says, explaining that her work spots are being built into the master bedroom walls.

Paints, papers, and other materials will be out, ready to use, and "only the family will know."

Kiwaniqueens Name Mrs. Swarts Honorary Member

For outstanding service to Kiwaniqueens and Kiwanians during the past years, Mrs. Eva Swarts was made an honorary member of the Southfield Kiwaniqueens at the March meeting. Mrs. Swarts is the mother of Mrs. J. Wesley Muir, a past president.

Mrs. E. T. Hearne of the Royal Oak branch of the Oakland County Cancer Society presented a film and introduced Dr. Robert A. Byberg, who was speaker of the evening.

Two new members, Mrs. Grace Haeger, 21535 Hiawatha, and Mrs. Betsy Minke, 25079 Ravine, were inducted to membership by Mrs. Virginia Oliver, membership chairman.

Cancer pads were sewed by the group. Next meeting of the Cut and Pin club will be at the home of Marge Geernaert on Tuesday, April 5, at 7 p.m.

Refreshments were served by the co-hostesses, Alice Boudreau and Loree Larson, together with the program committee, Bessie Broad, Leeta Muir and Margaret Snyder.

Baldwin Story Hour

"The Sleeping Beauty in the Woods" and "Snow White and Rose Red" are scheduled for the 10:30 a.m. story hour at Baldwin public library Saturday, Kathleen Piket, children's librarian announced today.

Pembroke Parents See City's Newest School

The colored panels and modern lines of new Pembroke school will be background for special displays of classroom work when the parents of school children gather at open house next Monday.

Brilliant paintings in chalk and poster paints are already up in rooms where the 459 students are guided by 14 teachers. Newness of the building is shown in the newly finished surfaces, the yet-unfilled library shelves, and the-unsodded lawn seen beyond the windows.

The library and other rooms now not used for classes may have to be converted next year, pending increase of enrollment. Students in the four kindergarten classes will be advancing into first grades, which currently have two and a half classes. Homes now being built in the area will mean new children moving in by fall.

AMONG CLASS displays for the open house will be the medieval scenes and castles, as shown in the photo, done by the two sixth grade classes.

Still another is the window-mural in a sixth grade room, of Biblical figures and Easter lilies.

Parents and teachers will gather in the auditorium at 8 p.m. before touring the building.

Officers for next year will be elected during a business meeting conducted by president Robert Kennedy, and principal Charles L. Palmer will talk briefly to welcome parents.