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Thanksgiving Gatherings Grasp Social Spotlight

234 Pounds Of Turkey Used by OES

By DOROTHY JEAN ZACK

With 234 pounds of turkey and four dozen pies among the statistics, Mrs. David Masterton of the Birmingham chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and her committee served over 300 people last Wednesday night.

For most diners it was a preview of the traditional Thanksgiving feast that will be spread before reuniting families at festive tables tomorrow.

But to all, it was a sturdy, well-cooked meal that bespoke the fact that many tried and true cooks had spent the day in the old fashioned kitchen in the Victorian building that is Birmingham's Masonic temple.

IN THE MORNING, Mrs. Masterton was busily coming and going, with her first task being the purchasing and bringing into the kitchen of 48 frozen pies. Her daughter, Mrs. Charles Martz took over, having the oven of the two-oven gas range already heated to receive the cherry and apple pastries.

Near the range, a potato peeling contest was going on. Mrs. Otto Oestreich, Mrs. James Ketter and Mrs. Roy Garbide were peeling with paring knives while seated at a card table laden with "spuds." Standing beside them at the room-long work table was Mrs. Alex Busby, who contended that her potato peeler was faster. The Busbys are caretakers at the temple, and Mrs. Busby is a longtime OES member.

IN THE DINING room, bazaar items were being arranged, and the ticket committee was totaling receipts from their reservations and ticket sales—they were 25 people expected to arrive for the 5 to 7 dinner.

Later, Mrs. Masterton returned from another shopping tour, and others of the 10 kitchen committee women arrived.

The first turkey arrived at 12:30, having been cooked, as they all are, in a member's home. There were nine turkeys served, all over 20 pounds. Four came out carved, but husbands arrived in late afternoon in time to cut into slices, wings and drumsticks of the other golden-roasted fowl.

THE BAZAAR opened at 1 p.m., and lasted until 9, when the last diners were departing.

It was around 9 p.m. that ticket committee announced that the reservations were still coming and now reached 300. Mrs. Masterton busily replenished, bought some of the bazaar's goods and hastened out for a few more supplies.

"It's the biggest crowd we've ever served," she said later. "It's the fourth year we've done it, and each year the list of people coming to eat grows larger."

CANDLES AND yellow mums were decorated on tables in the dining room. And more decorative yet was the apron tree that featured handiwork by the 20-foot peak on the bazaar table. It was Mrs. Douglas Giles' idea and provided gay support for the room adjoining the dining room.

Mrs. William Forman as ways and means chairman was the bazaar details done by general members except the aprons by past patrons, and Mrs. Randolph York, president, busied around, coordinating the efforts of cookery, table arranging and service, and the bazaar room workers.

"It's our main money-making event of the year," Mrs. York explained, "and about \$600 is expected amount it will earn for the OES."

Bridal Shower Stresses Clocks

Mrs. William Rosso of Dunblaine and her mother, Mrs. Walter Rosso, gave a bridal shower on November 12 for Miss Carol Peterson whose wedding will take place December 10. It was an "around the clock" shower, which was carried out in this way.

A large simulated clock dial was used and as the hands were moved around, a gift appropriate to each hour in the day was presented to Miss Peterson.

There were 14 present, most of them from this area, but included two aunts, who were out of town guests; Mrs. Harold Reiter and Mrs. Emery Reeder, both from Toledo.

Tapped for Honors

A group of girls singing "In and Out the Halls We Wander" were tapped by a University of Michigan student from Birmingham to Senior Society, Independent women's honor society. Honored for leadership and service to the University is Ellen Anne Macdonald, 370 Pleasant, a senior in the School of Nursing.

TURKEYS GALORE, much like this will be seen on tables in homes across the area and nation tomorrow, are meeting the approval of Mrs. David Masterton here as she checked last minute details for the Eastern Star's turkey dinner last Wednesday. There were 300 fed by 234 pounds of turkey, many dozens of pies and buckets of mashed potatoes at the Masonic Temple. Tomorrow, American families will be giving thanks that such meals may be served in this world where statistics show that a third of the world's people go to bed hungry.



INTO THE BIG gas oven in Masonic temple's old-fashioned spacious kitchen go eight frozen turkeys. Mrs. Charles Martz took charge of the baking detail for the mass dozens of cherry and apple pies that fed some 300 people last Wednesday evening at traditional pre-Thanksgiving turkey dinner.

Suburban Scene Family Reunions Lead In Holiday Festivities

By FRAN MAIER

Club activities went out the window this week with the continuance of Thanksgiving being a time when families gather to celebrate in acknowledgment of divine goodness, in homes where there are large families, quite members will congregate, while in others, couples will join for the festive occasion.

A Treat for Grandpa

Thanksgiving Day will be doubly important for Michael Vettrino when all his children and grandchildren come to celebrate his 71st birthday anniversary.

"There'll be turkey and all the trimmings, plus a cake, whether there's room or not," states grandpa.

Members of the Vettrino family include Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Vettrino, Mary Anne and Nicky; Mr. and Mrs. John Vettrino and Cecilia; Miss Annette Vettrino, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vettrino, Jim and David; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Riccielli, Michela, Lee and baby Michael.

Cousins Galore in Lathrup

It will be a many-cousined gathering when the F. Gordon Davises of Buckingham go to Mrs. Davis's sister's home in Lathrup. Mrs. Lyle R. Brown and her family. Also, there will be the Brown's son, home from Michigan State University with his wife and daughter, a daughter in Lathrup high, and son in grade school. The Davis youngsters are Margaret, home from University of Michigan with Bruce Campbell, of Plymouth, as her guest, and daughter Marilyn, a BHS junior.

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Father-Daughter Celebrate

Susan Cole, a freshman at Hillsdale, will arrive home tonight to celebrate at a combined birthday and family Thanksgiving dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cole of Worlington road, Wing Lake. Susan and her father, whose birthdays are on the 25th, both arrived on a Thanksgiving day. Six-year-old Paula will also be present. Mr. and Mrs. Cole will attend the Lions game while the turkey is roasting.

Out of Towners

Here from Hanover, New Hampshire, are Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Ellsworth along with their children, Deborah, Ronald and Nancy, visiting Mrs. Ellsworth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Prothrope of Hama.

Entertaining in their honor at a Friday night dinner party were Mr. and Mrs. William Todd, with the William Hoddes, the Clinton Clarks and the John Garys as guests. They'll spend Thursday with the family and on Saturday go to the Outer drive home of the George Buffingtons for the evening.

Dinner at Daughters

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Capling, with Mrs. Capling's mother, Mrs. Alice Harris of Watkins, Birmingham, will be spending Thanksgiving Day at their daughter's Mrs. Robert C. Brown, and her family's home in Royal Oak.

Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, of Cherry Creek, Birmingham, will also be guests at the dinner gathering.

Last weekend the Caplings planned a trip north to their cottage and for a little hunting for Capling at Wildfowl Bay, near Bayport and Casewille.

Hunting and Visiting

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Giffels of Glengarry road, Bloomfield township, are going to spend Thanksgiving and several days more in Springdale, Ark., where Giffels plans to do several days of quail hunting as well as visiting Mrs. Giffels' relatives there. They will combine business with pleasure, with him making business calls in Indianapolis, St. Louis and Paducah, where his firm is working on an atomic plant.

Dinner Guests

Two local families joining for Thanksgiving are the Edwin G. Pippas and daughters, Nikki and Dianna, who will be dinner guests of the Donald Jensons on Oakland Avenue.

With Son at Great Lakes

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Murray of Tilbury road will spend Thanksgiving holiday with their son, Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. Charles Murray at Great Lakes Naval base. Dr. Murray is coaching the Great Lakes basketball team.

Jack Van Coevering Talks To Bloomfield Garden Club

Highlights of a dozen vacation trips will be brought to the December 5 supper meeting of the Bloomfield club when Jack Van Coevering, writer, author, and lecturer, shows his new motion picture "Outdoor in America" in the new Bloomfield Hills high school.

The Board members of the club met Monday in the home of Mrs. Leroy G. Vandever. At this meeting Mrs. Edgar B. Flint, program chairman, reported that Van Coevering's picture is the result of years of traveling and representing the creation of his work with the motion picture camera.

Parker-Squiers Wedding Today First in New Holy Name Church

The first couple to be married in the new Holy Name church, Nancy Lou Squiers and Lincoln Clark Parker exchanged rings and vows at 10 a.m. today.

Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Squiers, of Normandy road, Franklin. Her husband's parents are the Lincoln H. Parkers of Fourteen-Mile road in Franklin.

The bride's gown of champagne lace over silk was ballerina length with a matching satin cocktail hat. She carried tulle train roses.

FROM Poughkeepsie, N. Y., came Mrs. William to act as matron of honor. She is a Michigan State student, was bridesmaid. Both attendants were champagne-colored gowns of Italian fabric, augmented with gold threads. They wore gold shoes and carried tulle train roses.

Michael Roscoe served as best man and Robert Squiers was usher. Mrs. Squiers attended her daughter's wedding and breakfast, following at Devon Gables, in a powder blue faille. The groom's mother chose a navy blue ensemble with lace collar. Both mothers had corsages of yellow roses.

TO START their trip to Chicago, the new Mrs. Parker donned a two-piece gray frock of Italian silk. When they return they will make their home in Berkeley. Nancy is a teacher in the Lathrup schools and Lincoln, a Michigan State student, will graduate in December.

On Friday evening, Nancy's classmates at Balaivis and Michigan State alumnae, were guests at a miscellaneous shower given by Rose and Vera Seymour.

Other pre-nuptial parties included a miscellaneous shower hosted by the bride's aunt, Mrs. Walter Squiers of Grosse Pointe Woods and a tea by her grandmother, Mrs. F. C. Squiers of Chicago boulevard, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bugbee had as house guests in their home on Overhill road during the wedding weekend Mrs. Orva Bugbee-Lapham of Chanute, Kansas, and Dr. and Mrs. Robert William Myers, with sons, Kendall and Martin, of Newton, Kansas.

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AO Pi Alumnae Ready Packages To Aid in Frontier Nursing

Alpha Omicron Pi members are busy with a Christmas project which assists a service established 30 years ago. The group collects and packs boxes to send to the Kentucky Mountain Region where AO Pi participates in the maintenance of the Frontier Nursing service.

Large quantities of clothing are shipped to the mountain each year by the active and alumnae chapters for distribution by the social service secretary.

The Birmingham Alumnae of AO Pi began this year's project at their luncheon meeting this month at Mrs. Theodore Mordant, with Mrs. James Hain assisting. Work will be completed at the Dec. 7 meeting at the home of Mrs. Leroy G. Vandever on Sussex in Bloomfield Hills. Assisting as co-hostess will be Mrs. Joseph Skomski.

NEW and used clothing, children, boys and men, particularly, is always in great demand. Many chapters hold sewing meetings to make layettes and other garments. Toys, books and magazines are also collected for shipment to Kentucky to be given out at big Christmas parties arranged for the mountain children by the AO Pi secretary and the frontier nursing staff.

With 5,000 children in the area, demands are for large orders but the workers are proud that no child ever goes without. The books and magazines are sent upon eagerly by the mountain folks. Because the number of schools is increasing, a continuous need for books exists.

The frontier nursing service was established in 1925 in the most remote inaccessible mountain region of Kentucky where roads for motor vehicles were not in existence and no medical or nursing care was available.

DISTRICT nurses have had to follow poorly defined trails over creeks and mountains to reach the homes of patients. AO Pi has supplied jeeps, but the nurses still travel primarily by horseback carrying their supplies and equipment in saddlebags.

The couple will be receiving about 300 (foods and relatives) and will care with team feeding, water. Among the guests will be the couple's 13 grandchildren. A dinner for the children and grandchildren will be held later that evening.

Clark, a retired contract mason, is 75 and his wife, 71.



CLOTHING, toys, books and magazines go into the boxes being packed for Kentucky Mountain families by AO Pi alumnae, Mrs. John C. Maddox, Mrs. Henry G. Nothoff and Mrs. Theodore Mordant.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time to be Thankful for a land that's free, For the bounty of the earth, For the friends of sterling worth, Thankful for our family ties, For devotion it supplies, Making life a worth-while thing, Thanks for happy hearts that sing, Thankful for our work and play, For our living day by day, Health and strength to carry on, Resignation, when they're gone, All these things and many more, We are ever grateful for, Let us not forget, we pray, To be thankful every day,

—CORA D. HOLMES