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SECTION TWO

The art of thinking optimistically is open to all normal persons for development. Perhaps pessimism springs largely from an uncontrolled selfishness; learning to be grateful for all blessings is a good way to chase away pessimism.

Junior League Offers Fun for Funds

LT. AND MRS. ROBERT F. LAWSON

'Bride-of-the-Month' Honeymoons in Nassau

Chosen "Bride-of-the-Month" for September, Alexandra Elizabeth Moncrieff exchanged vows with Lt. Robert Frederic Lawson at a military wedding Saturday at Kirk-in-the-Hills. For the candlelight service the couple passed through arched sabers formed by uniformed ushers.

A wedding trip to New York and an appearance on the "Big Pay Off" TV program, along with a cruise of the city, is being postponed until the couple return from their planned honeymoon in Nassau.

Alexandra, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex G. Moncrieff of Redford township, wore a traditional gown of white satin and pointe de lyon lace with small jewel scatterings on the skirt. The fingertip illusion veil was held by a jeweled headband to match those on the skirt. She carried a white orchid, stephanotis and trailing ivy on top of her prayerbook, given her by the bridegroom.

MATRON of honor was Mrs. Denny Booth of Birmingham, and bride's roommate at the University of Michigan. Wearing a coral cocktail gown of celanese and a headpiece of gold leaves, she carried bronze mums with trailing yellow fox mums and ivy.

Shirley Ann Lawson, sister of the groom was maid of honor in a celanese cocktail dress of autumn gold brown. She carried yellow mums with trailing red and brown baby mums.

Bridesmaids were Donna Hoffman and Mrs. Ron Charles, sorority sister and cousin of the bride, respectively. Their dresses and flowers were patterned after the honor maid's.

THE GROOM, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald F. Lawson of Eastlawn, had 2/Lt. James Edward McGuire of Buffalo, as his best man. Ushers were Pvt. Ross Elmer Watt, 1/Lt. Ronald F. Horst, 2/Lt. William H. Bechtel, 2/Lt. Edward H. Mitchell and 2/Lt. David H. Wood.

Mrs. Moncrieff wore cocktail length silk taffeta with a lace top and Mrs. Lawson chose a royal blue velvet cocktail dress with powder blue accessories. Both mothers had white orchids.

To start her wedding trip the new Mrs. Lawson chose a charcoal gray ensemble with off white accessories and a sequined hat and bag. The couple will live in North Carolina where Lt. Lawson is stationed with the airborne division at Fort Bragg.

Pizza Party Scores High with Teenagers

By DOROTHY JEAN ZACK

Informality in entertaining, calls for such easy and different-tasting dishes as the new, oh-so-popular, pizza.

"Pizza pie" is the term that America has adopted for the raised-dough crust and its cheese, tomato and flavor-added topping.

Highschoolers, like Clare Jacobs have taken it as their own, though its ancestry goes back to old-country Italian. New and easy is the package mix that is available, but equally easy is the pizza sauce that comes in individual cans.

OF COURSE, a cook with time and respect for old-time tradition will start with raw materials. Package roll mix here is another short-cut.

Clare, who lives at 7290 Parkhurst, Bloomfield township, solves her after-movie entertainment problems with packaged pizza.

Using a brand developed by a famed Italian chef, Clare just follows directions until she comes to the point where the dough is spread out on the cookie tray she substitutes for a pizza tray.

SHE AND DICK Perry have worked out their own spicy recipe from here on. To the can of sauce that comes in the "package" they add a few drops of Worcestershire sauce or a drop of tobasco sauce.

After the sauce is poured atop the pizza, they add ham or bacon, and possibly Italian bologna. Garlic salt sprinkled on it adds to

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Children and Club Is My Limit, Says This Young Woman

By DOROTHY JEAN ZACK

With three "live wires" around the house and a husband whose hobbies range from photography to building porches, Mrs. W. L. Fry, Jr., feels she's lucky to have time to be president of the North Suburban chapter of Alpha Phi alumnae.

She foregoes other outside group activities, though she and her husband have friends formed through their own lifetimes in Birmingham. Both have parents living here, and look back to the time when "you knew everyone on main street."

Mrs. Fry, who's known as Casper, is especially busy these days with the fund drive for cardiac and that her sorority group is promoting.

BECAUSE HER FATHER and brother are doctors—she is daughter of the Dr. Norman E. Clarkes of Bloomfield Hills—she appreciates more the value of the over-half million dollars the alumnae and collegiate Alpha Phis have raised.

Though the local group helps FAR, Friends and Relatives of Handicapped Children of South Oakland county, major funds from the groups go for three works—medical research, training fellowships for doctors and nurses, and maintaining two convalescant homes for cardiac children recovering from operations.

ON TUESDAY, she and presidents of other three Alpha Phi groups in the Detroit area met, with members of the units, at Aunt Fanny's to plan the 1956 July convention at Mackinac Island.

An international meet, it is being planned by the local groups. A film of the 1954 British Columbia convo was shown.

Since they grew up across the street from each other in Bloomfield Hills and both attended Vaughan High school, both of the Frys have common interests.

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FAMILY INTEREST is held by canary as Jan, 7, Jimmy, 5, and Nancy, 3, gather around their mother, Mrs. W. L. Fry, Jr., at home.

SPOTLIGHT ON STAGE is theme of the program art for Junior League's Follies in November. Mrs. Robert Craig holds the sketch.

Follies on Stage 2 November Nites

A Follies has been chosen by Junior Leagues as an easy and fun way to earn money for the child guidance clinic Leaguers will open in January in Birmingham.

The Follies, for which Mrs. Robert Craig is chairman, are slated for Nov. 9 and 10 at the Birmingham Theatre and will feature local talent in a lively revue of songs and dances, all directed by a professional.

Goal of $18,000 is set by the Junior League so that the clinic, a new project to help with problems of children in the area, can proceed.

LOCAL AGENCIES have endorsed our project enthusiastically," says Mrs. Craig. "A follies seemed quickest and easiest way to raise the funds it requires and besides, it's going to be lots of fun."

Mrs. Craig, whose phone rang on a five minute average with committee calls while she previued the program design done by Morgan D. Douglas, Jr., a commercial artist at MacManus, John and Adams, Inc., whose wife is a league member, has a busy committee already. First activity will be a talent party at Bloomfield Hills Country club Oct. 18, to get cast and plans for rehearsals underway.

THEN, it's on stage every afternoon and evening for the league members, their husbands and perhaps other talent. "If the president of one of the largest corporations in the area has a beautiful baritone, he'll be there, too," says Mrs. Craig.

Lyrics of the Follies are all original and the dances will be professionally staged.

TORREY McKENNY, known throughout the country for ability to mold amateurs into a finished cast, has made frequent trips to Birmingham and is already popular with cast members for casual, but effective directions.

"Birmingham hasn't ever had a follies before," Mrs. Craig points out, "and neither does it have a legitimate stage. But the people here like good stage performances. And they're folks that like to see friends up on stage, too. That's why the league picked a follies for fund-raising."

Her committee includes Mrs. Robert Taylor and Mrs. Harvey Keverie, advertising; Mrs. Averil Mason, costumes, and Mr. W. H. Kienke, Jr., and Mrs. Harry Swan, cabaret.

MRS. ROBERT FIFE has flowers, Mrs. Richard Hinterneister, make-up, Mrs. John Bailey, production, and Mrs. Uri Gramm, Jr., program.

Publicity is in hands of Mrs. Maxwell Matthews, while Mrs. Marvin Scott and Mrs. Thomas Yarrell will be searching for properties, Mrs. Earl Underhill, sales.

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Mrs. Saarinen Talks on Art

Mrs. Eero Saarinen, of Vaughan road, Bloomfield Hills, who makes frequent trips to New York for duties as associate art critic of the New York Times, has been placed on the lecture series list for Detroit Institute of Arts.

Her talk, second in the series that begins Oct. 11 with Lloyd Goodrich's talk on Homer, Eakins and Ryder, is slated for Nov. 22.

She will discuss "If Old Masters Had Had One Man Shows." Writing under her given name, Aline B., she stresses the art field. She returned last weekend from a week in New York.

THE SERIES features five internationally known art authorities. Goodrich, of Whitney Museum of New York, will speak on Homer, Eakins and Ryder. Other speakers will be A. Hyatt Mayor, Metropolitan Museum Jan. 10; Dr. Wolfgang Stechow, Oberlin college, Feb. 7; Dr. Ernst Hans Gobrich, University of London, April 17.

On committee for the series are Mr. Hervey G. Dore, Mr. Harry L. Winston, Murray Douglas, and 12 other art patrons.

Closing Luncheon For Women Golfers

The formal closing day meeting of the women golfers of the Birmingham Newcomers club was held last Thursday at Forest Hills Country club, under the sponsorship of Mrs. J. H. Warnick.

Luncheon was served to the 34 neighbors attending, after which prizes were awarded to the season's winners, Mrs. Charles West, Mrs. Richard Bird and Mrs. Carl Qualmann. The presentation of awards was made by Mrs. J. S. Schuman, golf chairman, and co-chairmen Mrs. Raymond Herzich and Mrs. Richard Bird.

For the last three years the Newcomers golfers have played all their matches at Stonycroft Golf club and Bloomfield Hills.

Son's Wife Enters, Wins at Kirk

By DOROTHY JEAN ZACK

Thrill of winning Kirk-in-the-Hills art festival top award was probably no greater for Nancy Thompson Genn of Berkeley, Calif., than it was for her mother-in-law, Mrs. Vernon Genn of Lone Pine court, Bloomfield Hills.

Mrs. Genn, who had hurried an entry blank into the Kirk and wired Nancy to rush a painting to the church for its show last weekend, didn't know whether a painting had even reached the show.

Before last Wednesday's patron dinner, when patrons gathered in the sunny grounds on the lake's bank to see the preview of the art works, Mrs. Genn looked about for one by her daughter-in-law.

"I'D GONE ALL the way around the entire exhibit and just as I came to the pavilion I noticed the big one and told myself, 'Now, Nancy could have done that.' Sure enough it was Nancy's and in the place of honor."

Following the preview, guests dined in a specially erected pavilion by the Kirk's lakehouse, where programs announced the winning paintings and craft pieces.

Be-bee Mrs. Genn's piece of $250 named "White Goblet" and which won an honorable mention in the Miami International exhibit last year, other works came from afar, but three Birmingham area artists took honors.

LOCAL WINNERS were Frederick Simper, 3075 Spring road, West Bloomfield township near Walnut Lake, Dorothy Siddall, 31165 Sheridan, Southfield township, and Jerobee Kirk, 3059 North Adams, Birmingham.

Simper's trail to water color was of sunflowers "in a field" and was judged top watercolor by the judge, Dr. Sherman Lee of Cleveland, O. Prize was the McManus, John and Adams award.

Mrs. Siddall, who last week won the Michigan State Fair exhibit third prize for watercolor, took the first prize in modern painting, given by Bevon Gables, with "Construction in Ochre and Black."

KIRK'S PRIZE, rated second to Nancy Genn's, was $150 from the Fineband Company, and was for a mobile of magnesium and steel in ultra modern. To display it, the festival committee had arranged a pedestal to hold its own triangular pedestal that holds it discs and wires.

"It's the most interesting thing in the whole show," says Peter J. Robotti, general chairman of the show as he discussed the mobile, called "La Ronde No. 6."

A Cranbrook Academy of Art student took one prize, the $100 Norman Brady award. George Bayless, whose home is in Silver Spring, Md., was notified of his award by Robotti as he registered at Cranbrook.

HIS OIL PAINTING portrays a knight and his horse, is entitled "Dismounted Figure, Combatant."

With five of the 13 selections by artists who took awards in last year's festival, the awards also included paintings from Youngstown, O., Wichita, Kans., and Ann Arbor. The Ann Arbor winner was Zabel Kurnadorian, who took top prize last year, but who took the New Center Studio award of $50 this year.

"Money was of no concern but the recognition was so appreciated," said Robotti after talking with local winners. Mrs. Siddall was as thrilled as if it had been five million dollars," he said.

ROBERT THOM, noted historical painter, will be on hand all day Saturday to assist with sales of paintings, and to give advice on art points to those attending the festival.

Tea, sandwiches, and cakes will be served, under direction of Mrs. Cecil Davis of the Rotunda lounge.

Of the crafts entried, which were 90 per cent from Ohio, where crafts are of prime interest, four of the five winners were Indiana, Fifth was from Ann Arbor.

A COLUMBUS, O., resident won the two frames given by Green Artists' Supplies award with her oil painting.

At the patrons dinner, 114 patrons families, some individuals and some couples, were tallied for the $25 donations. All funds from the show, including entry fees, go towards church funds. There were 191 at the dinner.

European Talk Planned for Today

Mrs. Howard Estes will give a talk and show pictures of her trip to Europe at the dinner meeting of the Birmingham Business Women's club at 6:30 p.m., today, in the Community house.

Committee in charge will consist of Mrs. J. Brennan, Miss Martha Casto, Miss Carrie Bassett, Mrs. H. Ead, Miss Betty Graves, Mrs. G. E. Mints, Mrs. F. Kemp, Mrs. R. M. Heinze, Mrs. J. Olson and Mrs. R. B. Brown.

Off for College

Off to college are many of the area's youth. Jane Wallace daughter of the Donald Wallaces of Fairfax, was co-chairman for a get-together when students went back to Mount Union college campus last week. She's vice-president of her sophomore class.

Jeanne Pedder and Mary Proctor are freshmen at Bradford Junior college, Bradford, Mass. Their parents are the James F. Pedders of Berwyn and the Edward A. Proctors of Wing Lake road.

Douglas Malcolm Stuart, son of the Donald Stuarts of Waddington, has been admitted to Admiral Farragut academy, Pine Beach, N. J., a preparatory school.

Localites Subscribe To Carnegie Show

With chairmanship of hands of Mrs. George T. Trombley of Dunston road, Bloomfield Hills, a fashion show featuring Hattie Carnegie's clothing collection has 20 localities among subscribers.

The show, benefiting the Sister Kenny hospital and the Aro Hospital Parents association for Epilepsy, is on Wednesday at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Among subscribers are Mrs. Paul M. McKenney, Mrs. John F. Gordon, Mrs. Richard Wagner, Mrs. Christopher Holzworth, Mrs. Raymond T. Perring, Mrs. Jess D. Chamberlin and Mrs. Luther

Suburban Scene

Tones of Red Accent Originals

By FRAN MAIER

A parade of flowers, denoting gowns and costumes, one of the loveliest "showings" of the season was seen by Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills residents as they gathered to view the Ruth Joyce 1955 fall collection Tuesday.

The theme "Fleurs en Bouquet" was developed from the thought of a collection of very choice flowers and stemmed from the flower colors chosen for the fabrics from which the costumes were executed.

A flower name, French or Italian, was given each outfit, the name applying mainly to the hue. The colors were flower tones from very pastel to deepest shades of all the hues having some degree of red in the color composition.

RUTH JOYCE, creator of Women's fashion originals, has as her chief designer, Don Nagel.

One of their newest creations, is the dropped waistline, lower in the back than in the front. The whole effect is gained by seaming and shaping.

Seaming is a dominant part in the design of a dress. In some costumes the seams are decorative trim; in all, they shape and mold the garment to give the desired effect and distribute fullness.

SIGNIFICANT highlights of the Ruth Joyce designs were more construction in bodices for very shapely lines, natural bust (no minimizing or restricting), set-in sleeves, more manipulating of skirts to less fullness, fur trim and beveled seams for decorative trim.

A much more covered-up look is designed for "after five o'clock" wear. In suits, jackets are hip length, long box jacket coats, knee length and the tunic-jacket coat.

The trend is for the softer fabrics in the Ruth Joyce couture this fall. Light weight wools for daytime and the crisp silks from five o'clock on—a whole lighter-weight type of thing in fabrics this year.

Among Her Belongings

When Betsy McQueen left for Alma college she took with her the big koala bear her dad brought back from Australia.

Betsy is the daughter of the Henry McQueens of Henly drive. The McQueen family returned two weeks ago from an interesting vacation which included a few days in Quebec and Boston and a month at West Brewster, Cape Cod.

Mr. McQueen returned from a six-week trip to Australia in time to join them the middle of August.

Defends Title

The Orchard Lake Ladies golf crown has become a familiar part of the wardrobe of Mrs. R. E. Leahy this year. Last month she defended her 1954 title to annex the crown for the third time in four years. Mrs. Vernon B. Myers is this year's runner up.

Travelers Are Home

The William Burlingames are back home after a month of traveling and vacationing. Their visit to the Carl Thirsted's 10,000-acre cattle ranch in Great Falls, Mont., was followed by travels to the Tetons, Glacier National Park, Portland, Ore., and Seattle.

They spent several days at the Empress hotel in Victoria, Vancouver, B. C., and Banff Springs, where the world-wide meeting of the Sun Life Insurance Co. was held.

WINNING PAINTING, done by daughter-in-law of Mrs. Vernon Genn, "grows on you" according to Peter J. Robotti, general chairman of the Kirk-in-the-Hills art show, shown here with Mrs. Robotti.