

Nature allows human beings to change their facial appearance, according to the thoughts of the moment. Various emotions can be read on one's face, of course, including that emotion which causes smiling wrinkles to show, each of us can smile a million times during a couple of years . . . or from that many times.

Suburban Scene

by BARBARA GANSCHOW

Susan Doherty Completes Wedding Plans

Tapers in shades ranging from palest pink to deep purple surrounded bunches of artificial grapes in the same hues to form an unusual centerpiece at a buffet dinner party for bride-elect Susan Doherty recently. A pink cloth added to the lovely arrangement.

Hosts for the dinner and pantry shower were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Altick, at whose home the party was given, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cummings. Thirty-four neighborhood friends of Susan's parents, the Floyd R. Dohertys of Kennesaw road, gathered for the occasion.

Gifts were placed on shelves of an open cupboard labeled "Susie's Pantry."

A December 29 marriage at First Presbyterian church is planned by Susan and Robert Lee Isaacson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil A. Isaacson of Detroit.

NANCY AND MARY Kate Doherty will serve as their sister's maid of honor and junior bridesmaid, respectively. Susan has asked Joan Fairbairn, Cherry Harris, Jane McDaniel, Martha Redner and Betty Sykes to be bridesmaids.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Redner and daughter, Martha, of Battle Creek, will entertain at a brunch and kitchen shower Sunday for the engaged couple.

Also on the agenda for the popular bride-to-be are a personal shower Dec. 1 at the Kimberly road home of Mrs. Henry Schmidt, and a tea and shower Dec. 8 to be given by Mrs. William J. Reilly of Kennesaw avenue.

KAPPA ALPHA Theta sorority sisters will be guests at the shower and luncheon planned by Betty Sykes in Ann Arbor and Mrs. James Brazag of Kennesaw avenue has spoken for the spinster dinner Dec. 27.

Emil has asked a boyhood friend and Navy buddy, Donald Rippert, to be best man. He'll travel here for the wedding from Hawaii, where he is stationed with the Navy.

Also on the escort side of the wedding party will be John Hessel of Summit, N. J., John Joffine of Canton, Ohio, John McConnell of Birmingham, James Parker of Dayton, Ohio, and Thomas and William Johnson of Detroit.

Hammonds Announce Daughter's Engagement

The 65 guests arriving for cocktails Sunday at the home of the Frederick M. Hammonds on Charing Cross road, Bloomfield Hills, were greeted by a scene done in water colors on a picture window, announcing the engagement of Fredericka Ann Hammonds to John Barclay Mager.

The newly engaged couple, both ski enthusiasts, were depicted skiing down opposite mountain slopes to a church in the valley . . . and jotted under the scene was . . .

Jack and Jill Went Up the Hill
To Fetch a Pail of Water
Fritzie and John Came Skiing Down
To Find Their Way to the Altar



An April wedding at St. Hugo-of-the-Hills is planned. Fritzie is a graduate of Sacred Heart academy, Grosse Pointe, and the University of Detroit. She is affiliated with Kappa Beta Gamma sorority, Gamma Pi Epsilon honorary society and Sigma Gamma association.

John, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Mager of Detroit, is a student at U of D where he is a member of Kappa Sigma Epsilon. He operates the newly opened Mager Mountain ski resort, north of Clare.

FRITZIE HAMMOND

December 27 Altar Date Set by Miss Abbott

Among attendants for Phyllis Abbott's marriage to Louis P. Truesdell will be the bride-elect's three sisters. Her twin, Shirley, will serve as maid of honor and Barbara Abbott and Mrs. John Jacobs of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, will be bridesmaids, along with Louis' sister, Mrs. Robert Evans of Ann Arbor.

Phyllis and Lou, an Army private, stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky., originally had planned (See SUBURBAN SCENE, Page 2, Sec. 2)



Hunting—The 'Gadgetiest' Sport

By FRAN MAIER

Women have the reputation of carrying everything but the kitchen sink in their purses when they go out for a day . . . but have you ever viewed a sportsman, especially a duck hunter?

Why, he's the gadgetiest thing I've ever seen—and yet has a flair for fashion.

He's probably picked out the most expensive outfit he can find . . . a pair of leather faced brushed pants or alpaca lined trousers in tan or green, matching cap, insulated padded undershirt, a Masland coat which is suitable for hunting any of the upland game, and six-inch moosekin boots, higher leather boot or waders. Of course a model 21 Winchester double barreled shotgun is a must.

MORE paraphernalia?—you bet!—a revolving seat and shell box, a duck strap, two compartment flask (filled with hot coffee), duck calls, hand warmer, Vagabond kit with water repellent case, an oversized hand painted sheet-cork decoy, a regular decoy, cork quacking-duck decoy with 50-foot rubber tube and call concealed in head, and, a twelve-foot Alumina craft ducker.

THE HUNTER in the red jacket is not far behind with today's gear. Like the duck hunter—he has a sportsman's tool. They include a

hunting knife, rope, compass, cart-ridge matches in a waterproof case (if you get lost you may need to build a fire), metal tag, license and a red hanky . . . no white hanky, it may be mistaken for a deer tail.

Talk about women if you like, BUT—men like the snazziest in clothing and the best of accessories for a day out too!



ERWIN WILSON

garbed for the call of the wild . . .



LEO RENAULT

the "red jacket" hunter . . .

Wellesley Club Organizes Group In Birmingham

The Detroit Wellesley club has sprouted a full grown offshoot. The Birmingham Wellesley club has just been formed, comprised of members from north suburban Detroit, including Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Franklin, Milford, Pleasant Ridge, Pontiac, Rochester, Royal Oak, South Lyons and Walled Lake.

Officers of the new club are Miss Jeanne B. Lloyd, president; Mrs. William C. Norvell, vice president; Mrs. Robert A. Johnson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Robert W. Richardson, recording secretary; Mrs. James P. Barnard, treasurer.

SERVING as committee chairmen are Mrs. Norvell, acquaintanceship; Mrs. Glen M. Davis, development; Mrs. Eric T. Gouland, membership; Mrs. E. V. Moore, program; Mrs. J. David Benedict, ways and means; Mrs. Robert B. Knight, seven college; and Mrs. William H. Gatenby, publicity.

The first meeting was held Friday at the Clifton road home of Mrs. Edward S. Reid, Jr., with Mrs. Alan W. Joslyn, Mrs. James R. Mock and Mrs. George S. Wiley as co-hostesses.

The new club is desirous of contacting girls from this area who may be interested in attending Wellesley. Mrs. Norvell of Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills, will welcome inquiries about the college from prospective students.

Thanksgiving Day

Will be observed next week

So The Birmingham Eccentric will publish next week's issue on Wednesday, Nov. 21. This requires moving up one full day all deadlines on news, advertising and want ads. Final society deadline will be 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19.

You can help us considerably by getting your copy in just as soon as possible.

LWV to Hear of County's Water Resources

City Manager Harold K. Schone will speak to the Birmingham League of Women Voters on the topic of Oakland County's storm drains and sewers at a general meeting of the League Monday, November 19 at 1 p.m. in the Community House. The meeting will be concerned with Oakland

County water resources and storm and sewage disposal facilities.

MR. SCHONE will tell the group what has been accomplished in the county and what needs remain. Mr. Schone is a member of the Board of the North Evergreen Interceptor Authority and of the County Board of Supervisors.

In his job as former city manager of Oak Park he dealt with drainage problems in that fast-growing city.

After Mr. Schone's talk, a county committee of the League of Women Voters will describe the situation being considered for the county's water shortage.

The League of Oakland County has been cooperating in a study of water resources and pollution caused by faulty drainage in the belt. In these problems are area wide and not limited to any one community.

RAPID growth of population and industrial expansion in the county are making the related problems of drainage and water resources more acute each year. League members are attempting to understand what can be done about flooded basements, polluted rivers and lakes, and empty faucets.

Leading the discussion of water resources will be Mrs. C. B. Tolle of 1461 Pilegrim, Mrs. A. J. Weinrich of Bloomfield Village, Mrs. W. P. Wagner of Franklin Village and Mrs. E. E. Locke of Huntington Woods.

Nurses Association Meets November 20

Marcus L. Plante will be guest speaker for the Tuesday meeting of the Oakland County District of the Michigan State Nurses' association at 8 p.m. in Birmingham Community House.

Professor of law at the University of Michigan, Plante will talk on "Legal Aspects of Nursing."

A membership drive is starting and all registered nurses in the county are invited.

Men To Do the Work

Pyads at First Presbyterian church have tagged their spaghetti dinner slated for tomorrow 7 p.m. a "ladies night" event. The men will do the cooking, serving and clean-up work. Election of officers is slated after the dinner at the church.

Husband and Wife Team Shares Lapidary Hobby

By FRAN MAIER

A work known to the ancient Greeks and Romans has become the hobby of H. G. Wilkins, 870 Pine Hill drive, and is shared by his wife.

Mr. Wilkins became interested in the skilled cutting, polishing and engraving of precious stones about five years ago while vacationing in Scottsdale, Arizona.

THE INVENTION of lapidary work dates back far beyond the days of civilization, in fact to the time when the mind of the savage

found that hard stones cut softer ones.

As to the lapidary's technique in early days we know little, but not much. The close examination of the surfaces of extant ancient examples affords fair evidence that sharp splinters of stone or chisels of metal were the tools used.

RECENT discoveries in the production of metals for cutting tools and inventions in lathes and other machines for lapidary have aided our artisans to quicker production.

Mr. Wilkins couldn't find machinery to meet his demands so he designed and made most of those which occupy his workshop—a small room adjoining the living room of their collection style home furnished for comfortable modern day living.

The workshop was planned with a central location so he could work on his hobby and yet be included in the home activities. Most men hibernate in the basement.

Being a tool and die engineering supervisor at Fisher body, his work with machinery, metal and stones is a natural for Mr. Wilkins.

ONE OF his most widely known pieces of equipment is his precision trim saw, for which he has the patent. So far they have been sold in Japan, Hong Kong, China, in the Canal Zone and to the U.S. government.

"This saw is used for cutting the precious stones such as opal and sapphire . . . which one can't afford to waste," remarked the lapidary.

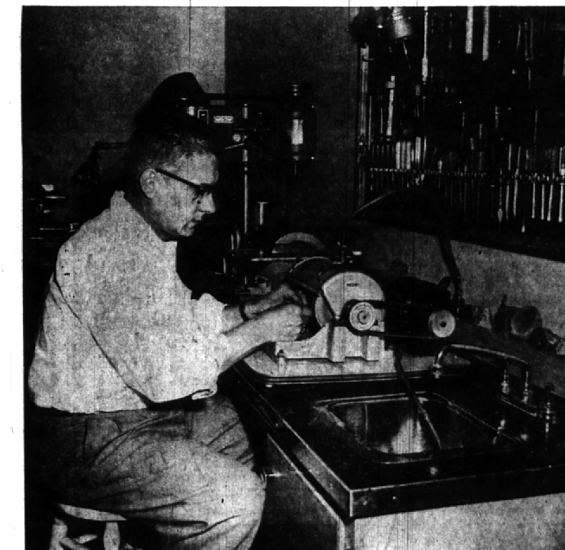
Half the fun of the hobby is hunting the material," say the Wilkins, "and we've had several trips out west for that purpose.

In their collection they have jade, lake superior agate, Montana agate, petrified wood, Jasper and also a petrified dinosaur bone.

Many of the stones have miniature scenes, such as red and black (See HOBBY, Page 2, Sec. 2)



SCIENTIFIC PHOTOS



ABOVE: Like a skilled surgeon the lapidary performs the delicate operation . . . just the right amount . . . no more or no less must be ground away. The intent expression on Mr. Wilkins' face bears witness to the momentous effect.

AT RIGHT: Checking the polish to see if she has finished the stone is Mrs. Wilkins, who shares in her husband's hobby, and comes out ahead . . . She gets the jewelry.

Homemaker Commutes To New York Career

A young Birminghamite has found the perfect way to combine the roles of homemaker and career woman.

As Mrs. Sam H. Williams of 1364 Southfield road, she devotes most of her time and energy to the job of housewife and mother to her four months old daughter, Margo.

But as Barbara Gibson, she is known throughout the music world as one of the stars on the Telephone and Firestone Hours. Her next appearance as a coloratura soprano will be on Monday, Nov. 19, on the Firestone Hour at 8:30 p.m., Channel 7.

TO ADD to her charm and poise, Mrs. Williams is currently enrolled in the Women's YMCA activities.

She is shown in one of her Wagner Dance Workshop classes in "creative dance" taught by Norma Carter. The course is held every Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m. at the Pierce school gymnasium. A bridge course is also available and a Christmas decorating course will get underway this week.

A NATIVE New Yorker, born on Staten Island, Mrs. Williams studied under Maestro Sturualdi of New York. She has performed under the direction of Toscanini with the NBC Symphony, and the Chicago Symphony under Fritz Reiner. She has sung leading roles with the San Francisco Opera company and has made recordings for Columbia.

A first prize in the "Concorso Di Verelli," an Italian musical contest, was awarded to Mrs. Williams in 1955. It was the first time

a singer had won this distinguished honor and the first time it has gone to an American. Mrs. Williams has also sung at the world-famous La Scala Opera House in Milan.

Mrs. Williams' husband, a mechanical engineer, is president of the Williams Research corporation.



MRS. S. B. WILLIAMS