

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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SECTION TWO

## Original Ideas to Keynote Christmas Show

By FRAN MAIER

Original decorations are being readied by members of the Birmingham Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association for its 19th annual Christmas show "Christmas Splendor."

Mrs. Norman Berry is chairman of the show scheduled for Dec. 13, from 2:30 to 9 p.m. at the Community House.

Using the theme "Under the Wings of the Dove of Peace" Mrs. J. V. Birch designed the program cover . . . white doves on a background of blue.

ARRANGEMENTS for this holiday program will be divided into 13 classifications with a chairman for each.

Mrs. George Limp will have charge of fireplace and or mantel decorations. Holiday Tables will have two themes—"Party Time", with one color predominating, headed by Mrs. Carman Adams and "When Friends Get Together" with Mrs. Lett Eis as chairman.

Wreaths for indoor and out, outdoor swags depicting a hobby, and kitchen door arrangements in a basket will come under the heading of "Christmas Sharing" in charge of Mrs. H. G. Wood.

MRS. HAROLD CHAPEL will chair the "Heavenly Blue" section . . . composition using a Madonna and Mrs. George Cutter, "White Christmas" . . . an all white arrangement or composition with green foliage.

Mrs. A. G. Nancarrow and Mrs. Seth Slawson have charge of arrangements with gold and pink predominating.

"As I Think of Christmas" is to depict a favorite Christmas scene and is open to exhibitors who have never won a blue ribbon. Mrs. Donald Wallace is chairman.

Pedestals will keynote "Christmas Splendor" under the chairmanship of Mrs. Robert VanderPyl.

TWO OTHER sections will include jewelry exhibits—a shadowbox depicting a Christmas scene and horticultural therapy, the hospital 4-H club boys' exhibit. Mrs. Carl Abbott and Mrs. Sheldon Marston head these groups.

Another horticulture display will include foliage and flowering plants with Mrs. Lloyd Lake and Mrs. J. R. Alexander as chairmen, and conservation—"Land Our Basic Resource" will be chairmanned by Mrs. Charles Davison.

There will also be an exhibit of Madonnas through the courtesy of Mrs. W. A. P. John assisted by Mrs. R. Plexico.

MRS. F. GORDON DAVIS, president of the organization, has announced that punch will be served from 4 to 5 in the afternoon and 8 to 9 o'clock in the evening.

Other committee chairmen playing a major role include Mrs. C. R. Obermeyer, schedule; Mrs. Walter Anderson, staging; Mrs. Mark Kraus, properties; Mrs. Robert Chissus, entries; Mrs. William McCallum, judges and clerks; Mrs. Dale Miller, judges luncheon, and Mrs. Aaron Webster, passing.

The list continues with Mrs. Robert Fowler, hospitality; Mrs. George Dixon, publicity; Mrs. Carl Abbott, education; Mrs. Ralph Scheel, social; and Mrs. William Ross, stage.



"UNDER THE WINGS OF THE DOVE OF PEACE" is the theme of the WNF&G's holiday decorations show. Mrs. William Ross (left) chairman of the stage, designed the doves, and helping her decorate the tree are Mrs. C. R. Obermeyer, schedules, and Mrs. Norman Berry (right), general chairman.



MRS. DON E. AHRENS displays the card especially designed to benefit the Tribute Fund.

### Does Your Card Say— Merry Christmas Twice?

"The card which says Merry Christmas twice is the one which benefits the Tribute Fund of United Community Services. The greeting you send your friends is beautifully done, on heavy paper, in stained glass colors. It was especially designed as a gift of a Tribute Fund committee member," remarked Mrs. Don Ahrens, who was responsible for having the card designed.

And when the contribution carries cheer of a lasting sort to one of the needy persons whom the Tribute Fund benefits . . . Mrs. Ahrens, who has a college scholarship but no bus fare to get there.

IN SPITE of the wonderful work of our social agencies, certain cases are not covered by any of them. The Tribute fund provides special help when no other source is available. Each case must

### Musicales Presents Choral Ensemble In Traditional Christmas Program

Plans are complete for the traditional Christmas program to be given at Christ Church Cranbrook, Thursday, Dec. 13, at two o'clock, when The Birmingham Musicales will present its Choral Ensemble, together with organ, violin, and vocal music.

This is the 14th year that music of the chorale, under the direction of Gertrude Heine Greer, is being presented for the enjoyment of friends and members of their friends.

Mrs. Greer has prepared a varied program which will range from Bossi's majestic "Hymn of Glory" to a group of light songs which tell of "The Joy of Christmas."

THE CHORALE Ensemble director, Mrs. Elwin C. Greer is actively identified in music circles as a choral director and accompanist. She directs the choir of First Methodist church, Dearborn, and is a life member of Tuesday Musicales of Detroit. She is founder and general chairman of the Dearborn Hymn Festival now in its third year. A former chairman of Choral Music of The Michigan Federation of Music Clubs, she also directed its massed choruses. She accompanied the General Motors choruses of Detroit and Flint.

MRS. WENDELL L. Holmes, 3650 Tuckahoe, Bloomfield Hills, is accompanist for the choral group. She received her musical training at the University of Michigan where she was a graduate of the Music School. For several years she was accompanist for the Detroit Madrigal Club.

Mrs. J. Austin Kroomeyer, 18765 San Jose Blvd., organist, will begin Thursday's program with Johannes Brahms' "Hebels" Rose Breaks Into Bloom," and "Prelude on the Coventry Carol" by Kenneth Walton. Mrs. Kroomeyer is currently one of the associate organists at the First Presbyterian church, Birmingham. She has a Bachelor of Music degree from Olivet college.

### Party for the Unmarried!

Want to know your neighbor? Then plan to attend the "get acquainted" party for unmarried men and women who are residents of any of the terrace apartments East of Woodward avenue which is planned for Sunday, Dec. 2, starting at 4 p.m. and lasting until . . . This party was the brain child of two Graefield Terrace bachelor residents, Carl Widney and Milton A. Manley, Jr.

They will co-host the affair jointly in their apartments, 1667 Graefield and 1671 Graefield. So far about 30 guests have been contacted—but the hosts will welcome others, eligible under the circumstances, who have not yet been contacted.

A phone call to Widney at MI 4-9423 or Manley at MI 6-4363 would aid the hosts in knowing how many to expect.

Men are bringing the liquid refreshments for the gala affair and trays of hors d'oeuvres will be prepared with feminine touches.

### Carney-Baker Rites Read at Holy Name

Holy Name church was the scene of Patricia Irene Baker's marriage Saturday morning to Gerard S. Carney, son of the James Carneys of South Amboy, N. J. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Baker of Haverford drive.

Patricia's wedding gown was designed with a chantly lace long sleeved bodice embellished in Irdescent sequins and seed pearls at the Sabrina neckline. The ballerin skirt was fashioned of pleated tulle featuring insets of lace.

Completing her ensemble was a pleated tulle cloche trimmed in sequins and pearls securing her fingertip veil.

JOAN MARIE Garland of St. Louis, Mo., was gowned in periwinkle blue silk taffeta, to be made of honor. Styled with a square neckline and three quarter length sleeves, her frock was complemented, by matching shoes, a headpiece of tiny velvet leaves with a

short veil and a bouquet of Bird of Paradise flowers. Gerard Hoban came from Newark, N. J., to be best man and guests were ushered by Donald R. Baker of St. Louis, Mo., and Joseph Seminars of South Amboy, N. J.

A deep lavender satin hat complemented Mrs. Baker's grey wool suit dress and the mother of the groom selected a brown taffeta gown with pink accessories. Their corsages were of orchids.

Following a dinner-dance reception Saturday evening at Rotunda Inn, the newlyweds left for a honeymoon trip, and will make their home on Haverford drive upon their return.

"I WAS promised all the proper visas and everything was set for me to cover Asiatic Russia on my way home, says Mr. Raymond. "Suddenly, and with no explanation, permission was denied. But this is where the quixotic pattern of Russian officials comes in—it was allowed to enter the Mongolian republic."

Mr. Raymond in company with Lisa Larsen, the famous life photographer, were the first American news correspondents ever permitted to enter Mongolia.

Mrs. T. M. Eustis and Mrs. Paul Wilson are luncheon chairmen with their guests being handled by Mrs. Jack P. Cummings and flowers by Mrs. Herbert Mauter. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Carl Brandt and Mrs. Elmer Sulzoner.

Bradford Alumnæe Honor President

Miss Dorothy Bell, president of Bradford junior college, Bradford, Mass., was honored at a luncheon Tuesday in Devon Gables by members of the Detroit Bradford club.

White in town, Miss Bell was the house guest of Mrs. Fred Sanders of Bloomfield Hills. Mrs. Sanders was present at the luncheon were others of several students at Bradford, including Mrs. C. P. Barker of Bloomfield Hills, Mrs. Edward Proctor of Wing Lake, Mrs. J. F. Pedder of Berwyn road and Mrs. Richard L. Bernhard of Surfside avenue.

Pledges Sorority

Mary Welsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Welsh, 955 on my lake drive, Bloomfield Hills, pledged Kappa Alpha Theta at Williamsburg, Va. She is also a member of the Mermettes, synchronized swimming, who will put on a show in March.

HATTIE TODD, oldest living member of Birmingham Chapter 220, O.E.S., was entertained at a tea last Tuesday in honor of her 90th birthday anniversary. Mrs. Todd was initiated into the Eastern Star Aug. 23, 1899, and became the fourth worthy matron of the chapter in 1904. She became a life member in 1934 and was presented with a gold certificate of 50 years membership in 1949. She has been an active member of the chapter for 57 years.

### Suburban Scene

by BARBARA GANSCHOW

#### Impromptu Floor Show Highlights Party

Bloomfield Hills country club was turned into "Santa's Candy House" for the dinner party hosted Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Ahrens of Haverhill road. Some 200 guests dined under a pink and silver canopy supported by candy cane poles. Centering the pink covered dinner tables were arrangements of pink carnations and silver tinsel.

Mrs. Ahrens selected for the occasion a floor length gown fashioned of tulle printed white chiffon accented by a white satin cummerbund. Among guests were the hosts' daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Byrnes, Jr., of Bloomfield Village.

Music was by the Fenby-Carr orchestra . . . but highlights in music were also provided by several guests who put on an impromptu variety show . . . vocal selections were rendered by Jack Cronin . . . L. L. Colbert presented a song and dance number, "Bullin' the Jack" . . . Mrs. Howard O'Leary performed a solo dance . . . and Mrs. Stuart Smith offered piano and vocal selections.

#### Dinner-Dance at Oakland Hills CC

Oakland Hills country club was the scene of a dinner dance honoring Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Breech, Jr., of Pacific Palisades, Calif., Friday evening.

Hosts for the event were Mr. and Mrs. William E. Slaughter of Birmingham lane and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Breech of Franklin road.

Over 70 friends of the honored guests enjoyed the festivities. Arrangements of yellow and white chrysanthemums decorated the club and a myriad of balloons added to the gaiety.

#### Bride-elect Jill Johnson Feted

Jill Mary Johnson has arrived here from San Francisco for her Dec. 8 marriage to Robert H. Kohr, and is being feted at several parties.

Mrs. James F. Mitchell of Lahser road entertained at a luncheon and shower and Mrs. Alex L. Haynes of Ann Arbor also hosted a luncheon-shower for the bride-elect.

Jill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bevis Johnson of Witley, Surrey, England. She and her fiancé, the son of the Robert F. Kohrs of Wembleton drive, will wed in First Presbyterian church with a reception following at Oakland Hills country club.

A "his and hers" shower is planned for the couple Dec. 6 at the Tottenham road home of Mrs. Irene H. Neumann and the R. F. Kohrs will host the rehearsal dinner at Kingsley Inn.

#### Kingswood-Cranbrook Alums Plan Dance

The 13th annual semi-formal dance for alumni of Kingswood and Cranbrook is set for 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 21 at Birmingham country club. Mrs. G. Bretnell Williams is chairman of the event with Morley Walker as co-chairman.

Proceeds will benefit a scholarship fund set up by the two alumni associations. Jack Rosevar's orchestra will play for dancing and the Grunoyans, a local singing group, are to entertain during the evening.

Committee members are Mrs. Henry Whiting, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Higbie, Mrs. Nelson Noland, Mrs. Nicholas Martin II, Mrs. Paul Connolly, William D. Crim, Jr., John W. Eden, Francis C. McMath and W. Edwin Mosher, Jr.

#### Engagement Told in Fishing Column

The engagement of Bud Carrick of Birmingham and Georgianna Rundle of Albuquerque, N. M., was made known in a Fort Lauderdale newspaper's fishing column called Bait Box Banter . . . the couple went out fishing in a charter boat, each catching a fair-sized sailfish . . . when they returned from their deep sea fishing trip, they announced their engagement . . . and the fishing editor was on hand to record the event.

The bridegroom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Carrick of 1001 Fairfax. He was discharged from the

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