

The Birmingham Eccentric

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There are folks who perform their day's work with little or no concern for the morrow, and many of these appear happy. There are others who do look beyond tomorrow and, if they do not borrow trouble, they achieve larger goals, with their attendant added responsibilities... and rewards.

Cranbrook Music Guild Schedules Concert At Greek Theatre June 23

The last concert of the 1956-57 season of Cranbrook Music Guild series will be at the Greek Theatre of Cranbrook on Sunday evening, June 23 at 8 o'clock.



MARILYN COTLOW

Mrs. W. K. Payne Presented Award By Woman's Club

In recognition of her outstanding community service, Mrs. Wilford Payne was presented with a special award by Birmingham Junior Woman's club last week.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Louis Randall, past president of the club, at the group's annual dinner and installation of officers at Rotunda Inn.

Mrs. Payne has served as chairman of the March of Dimes and Cancer drives in Birmingham, a United Foundation solicitor, member of the Red Cross motor corp and a Recovery Group leader. She has also taught therapy ceramics at Pontiac State hospital and entertains patients from the hospital at luncheons and outings. The mother of four children, she also writes poetry.

INSTALLATION of officers was conducted by Mrs. Melbourne Ap...

Young Writers Express Variety of Interests

"Teaching creative writing is like playing by ear. You try to feel what the student is interested in and what he wants to write, then help him to do it."

So says gentle-voiced Miss Elisabeth Bennett, chairman of Kingswood school's English department, who will be "playing by ear" again this summer when she teaches a Kingswood summer school class in creative writing.

She struck some varied notes of interest when she coached teenage boys and girls in composition and creative writing at Kingswood's first summer school last year.

"SOME YOUNG PEOPLE like to write fantasy. Many of them love Thurber, Kings like 'Fables for Our Time.'"

Others want to write poetry. They write the traditional poetry forms like the sonnet, but they also like to experiment. E. E. Cummings is a favorite of many of them.

Many of the students want to write psychological narratives. "Some want to say something very deep to the world," said Miss Bennett.

"But when they speak for themselves they write better. No good writing is forced or imitative," she stressed.

"I don't want them to emulate anybody else."

SOME OF HER novice writers attempt to write material that sounds like the Saturday Evening Post or a movie. But when it's not coming out of their own experience, "it's awfully superficial."

Asked what she likes to write herself, Miss Bennett replied she

once wrote poetry for the fun of it, but never submitted any for publication.

Now, in her 21st year at Kingswood, she's too busy to write herself.

WHAT SHE REALLY likes is teaching. She even says she enjoys reading the student's writing she brings nightly to her apartment at Hedgegate on Cranbrook road.

And, she adds, she especially enjoys "playing by ear" with a small, informal group such as the one she'll be instructing when Kingswood's summer school starts its six-week session of morning classes next Monday.

Suburban club of Birmingham presented their last dance of the season Saturday evening at Lakelands country club. It was their third annual dance.

Cocktails were served in the Terrace Room for the 40 couples attending the dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Page, chairman, were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. James Peabody, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson. Wedding bells and balls and chains served as decorations.

Greene-Hicks Vows Spoken at Ascension

Marsha Dianne Hicks became the bride of Harry Edgar Greene June 7, in the Church of the Ascension. The 7 o'clock rites were read by the Rev. Paul Shippert before 150 guests.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. G. H. Hicks of Lakewood, Bloomfield Hills and Mrs. Anthony Alois of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Her husband is the son of Mr. Fred Greene of Fernalda and Mrs. C. Dorey of Southlaw, Birmingham.

THE BRIDE chose a ballerina length gown fashioned of white lace and net. A pearl headpiece held in place her fingertip veil of illusion. She carried a cascade of white roses and lilies of the valley.

Yvonne Marie Hansen of Oak Park, was bridesmaid. She wore a Nile green gown identical to the maid of honor.

David Allen of Birmingham, was best man and Jim Binder was usher.

THE BRIDE'S mother chose a beige lace dress with beige accessories. Mrs. C. Dorey wore a pink lace dress with pink and white accessories. Both mothers had corsages of red roses.

The new Mrs. Greene changed to a beige cotton, full skirt, with white lily flowers across the top and three quarter length sleeves, for her honeymoon to the Northern Peninsula.



MRS. HARRY E. GREENE

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