

Yule Party Set for Children

Each year the Seton Guild plans and prepares a Christmas party for the children of St. Vincent - Sarah Fisher home to help the daughters of charity of St. Vincent de Paul, who conduct the haven for homeless and dependent children.

Chairman for this year's party and tea to be given from 2 to 6 p. m., Dec. 8, in Labour lounge is Mrs. J. Fred Selman, assisting as co-chairmen are Mrs. Edward H. Kelley and Mrs. J. Clarence Grix.

OTHER COMMITTEE heads are Mrs. Philip J. Monaghan, financial chairman; Mrs. James Tomlinson, special gifts; Mrs. Hugh Dean, reception; Mrs. F. J. Baldwin; Mrs. J. Barnett; Mrs. Margaret; Mrs. Laurence S. Heintz refreshments; Mrs. Jerry T. Flanagan, chairman of small toys; Mrs. Jack Collins, president of Seton Guild; Mrs. Harry Rendell, chairman of directors and chairman of large toys; Mrs. Bernard O'Meara; Mrs. Paul J. Bergstrom, tea hostess; Mrs. G. R. Widger, assistant tea hostess; Mrs. J. Merriam Barnes, publicity.

SETON GUILD is an organization of Catholic lay women dedicated to the work of providing "extras" for the children of Sarah Fisher home which was made possible through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Fisher.

The children's party is an event eagerly anticipated by the children and the home each year for the Seton Guild tries to fill every child's individual needs; to satisfy each child's desire expressed. All requests to "Santa" are filled if at all possible under the circumstances.

ON THE DAY of the party each Sister brings the children under her personal supervision in her cottage. There are ten cottages, one of which is a nursery with a capacity of 45.

At Labour hall, the party is held on two floors, with the tea for the members of the Seton Guild, the patrons and the guests on the main floor. Here the large toys are previewed. They are given to the children on Christmas morning.

AT THE CHILDREN'S party, Santa holds the center of the stage. He holds the children's attention for the entire afternoon. When he calls out each child's name, the child is taken to a small personal gift with his or her name on it. The children range in age from four days, through grade school, and up to 15 years maximum.

Theme for this year's Christmas party is "How many children have names through the door of St. Vincent-Sarah Fisher home for shelter and loving care?"

Member of Council

Margaret Ann Gardner of Madison, Birmingham, a sophomore at the university, has been selected as one of 23 members of the sophomore class council. Major projects for this year's sophomore class include a dance and the all-campus field day which is sponsored yearly by the second year students.

Birthday Party

Seven children will help Hilary Gorman celebrate her sixth birthday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gorman of South Gilegory road, Birmingham. A birthday luncheon will be the event for the day.

'Anybody's Home' Is Stage Theme

Mrs. Dale O. Miller will decorate the stage for this year's 20th annual show presented by the Birmingham Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association.

Her theme will be "Christmas Eve in Birmingham" . . . and according to the stage chairman "it can be just anybody's home . . . a typical living room with a tree and packages awaiting the excitement of that "opening gift" hour." Focal point of the decor will be a shining star at the tree top.

AN UNUSUAL display this year by the younger set will be mobiles made by Girl Scouts under the supervision of Mrs. William Whitney.

Mrs. Whitney used mobiles from her own gallery to illustrate how they work and how the play of light works on them.

Children brought along dried plant materials such as milk weed pods, burrs, goldenrod, queen ann's lace, thistle, cat tails, wild asters, berries, pine cones and weed heads.

Branches were used for long forms with the other plant materials attached to strings. Touches of gold paint were used



Tour Harlan School

Parents, including PTA officers, toured the new Harlan school at the November open house. Among the sixth graders leading the tours, Chuck Ester and Karen Bed-

down point out a display in Miss Beverly Runciman's fourth grade room to (from left) Norman James, PTA treasurer, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace.

Scholarship Winners To Appear in Concert

Young Artists' concert, which has become a tradition with Cranbrook Music Guild, takes place Dec. 3 at 8:30 p. m. at Cranbrook House.

Ruth Meckler, winner of the 1957 Grinnell piano scholarship award, and Robert Douglas Kerns, winner of the Grinnell Detroit Grand Opera association scholarship, which audition took place last week, will divide the program for the evening.

Miss Meckler has won numerous scholarships and has been a student of Detroit's distinguished Mischa Kottler and the renowned pianist, Rudolf Serkin.

KERNS was graduated from Cranbrook in 1950 and from the University of Michigan in 1954. While at Cranbrook and at the University he took principal parts in their opera productions. Two years ago he sang for the guild at their annual meeting.

Having appeared on the Ed Sullivan program, presently he is a technical sergeant in the Air Force and soloist with the U.S. Air Force band.

FOLLOWING the concert tea will be served and assisting at the table will be Mrs. Henry S. Booth, Mrs. Walter F. Skinner, Mrs. Benjamin Brewster and Mrs. Arthur B. Tilton.

Among the hostesses are Mrs. Lloyd W. Kemp, Mrs. Whiting W. Raymond, Mrs. Charles Shain and Mrs. Elmore F. Walling.

Leaving for East To Visit Grandson

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Zimner, Jr. of Millburn, N. J., announce the birth of a son, Harry Charles III, on November 23. Maternal grandparents are the L. A. Bentlines of Ardmore drive.

Jane Bentling will be home for Thanksgiving from the Mary A. Burnham school in Northampton, Mass., and the L. A. Bentlines, Jr. and daughter, Terry will come in from Ann Arbor for the holiday and weekend.

Mrs. Bentling, Sr., is leaving Friday for the east to see her new grandson and will stay with the Bentlines several weeks.

Elected Secretary

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Suzanne Hindle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hindle of Colonial Way was recently elected secretary of the pledge class of Delta Gamma sorority at Beloit college. A graduate of Birmingham high, she is a freshman at Beloit.

Troth Reveals December Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Dorval Symons, 1214 Villa, Birmingham, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Janet, to Richard D. Bertrams, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bergenson of Arlington drive, Birmingham.

The bride-elect attended Hillsdale college, where she was affiliated with Kappa Kappa Gamma. Her fiancé graduated from Michigan State university and he was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

The couple plan a December 27 wedding.

Opening Hour of Show

Wreath-clock on the Community House door designates the opening time of "The Shining Hours of Christmas" . . . Birmingham Branch WNFGA's 20th annual show on Dec. 4. Made by Mrs. Clyde Hagerman (center), materials which went into the making are gilded magnolia leaves, ever-

Parents Contribute To PTA Fund

Generous parents got Harlan PTA off to a good start at the November open house by contributing \$215.51 to help underwrite the year's program. This amount the \$200 donated by Pembroke PTA.

Enough trading stamps were collected at the meeting to supply Mrs. Rowland E. Starr's hospital-ity committee with two 50-cup coffee makers. Additional equipment will be acquired as stamps are received throughout the year.

Major project of the PTA will be increasing the files of the library with "A Book A Child A Year." This is the group's goal.

Mrs. Richard A. Spaulding is chairman of the library committee.

Next PTA meeting will be Jan. 8 at which time there will be a panel of doctors presenting the program.

Bridal Parties Dot the Calendar For Bride-Elect

Jean Elisabeth, daughter of Mr. Harold Douglas MacGregor of Birmingham and the late Dr. MacGregor, will become the bride of Richard Merritt Weir, son of Mrs. Marguerite Mayne of Birmingham, in Christ Church, Cranbrook, on Dec. 14 with reception at the Oakland Hills Country club.

The bride-elect was feted recently at several parties and showers. Mrs. Frederick Harley and daughter, Mrs. Samuel Campbell III, entertained at a linen shower. An electrical shower was given by Mrs. Ray Stringer and daughter, Mrs. Wallace Mitchell.

JEAN WAS HONORED at two cocktail and supper parties given by the Clyde Craines and the Charles Flyntas. Mrs. Horace Brengle was hostess at a tea on Nov. 16.

A cocktail and dinner party was given by the Robert O'Connors on Nov. 16. Mrs. Morgan Lawton entertained at a kitchen shower and luncheon Nov. 23. Jean was feted at a cocktail party Nov. 23 at the home of the Robert Weirs.

Cocktail dinner and record shower will be Friday with Marynell Anderson entertaining. Mrs. Arthur Moore and daughter, Mrs. Walter Denison will entertain at a tea at their home on Dec. 6.

THE BRIDE-ELECT will be feted at a cocktail party Dec. 8 at the home of the Robert MacGregors. A bridesmaid luncheon will be given Dec. 13 by Mrs. Robert Williams. Mrs. Eugene Barney will hostess a coffee on Dec. 19 at the home of the bride's mother.

Mrs. Marguerite Mayne, mother of the groom, will hostess the rehearsal dinner on Friday preceding the wedding for bride and groom and out of town guests at Orchard Lake Country Club. The Howard Warners will entertain at a branch on Saturday, the day of the wedding, at their home on Herndonwood drive.

Freshman President

Carol Drinkard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Drinkard of Irwood, Birmingham, was recently elected president of the pledge class of Delta Gamma sorority at Beloit college.

Announce Adoption

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Fahringer of Kirkshire road, Birmingham, announce the adoption of a two month old girl, Margot Gretchen.

14 Garden Clubs Combine For Meeting in January

Representatives from 14 suburban branches of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association met to discuss plans for a joint meeting of these groups to take place in January. Special guest was Mrs. Arthur K. Hyde, state extension chairman.

Mrs. Carman Adams of the North Woods branch opened her home on Fairfax road for dessert and coffee preceding the discussion. Mrs. Frank J. Swindell assisted as co-hostess.

MRS. WILLIAM S. Dehn and Mrs. Henry Mika of Beverly Hills branch are co-chairmen of the January meeting to be held in the Birmingham Community House and featuring a nationally known expert on table setting and flower arranging. Her topic will be "Table Toppers That Please."

Much of the credit for this group goes to Mrs. J. C. Calhoun of the Oak Hills branch, who is acting in the capacity of secretary-treasurer of the group meetings.

PARTICIPATING branches have named chairmen of committees for which they will be responsible.

They are Oakland branch, stage arrangements, Mrs. Stanley Webster and Mrs. Ralph F. Franklin; Wing Lake, tea, Mrs. Martin Potts and Mrs. Douglas Russ; West Beverly, branch identification, Mrs. Maynard Beukema and Mrs. James W. Shank; Valley Woods, hostessing, Mrs. Robert Beasley and Mrs. Harry P. Wilbur, Jr.

The list continues with Foxcroft, motel arrangements, Mrs. Mark H. Martin and Mrs. H. W. Calvert; Riverwoods, table decorations, Mrs. Eugene F. Hill; Franklin, refreshments, Mrs. Paul J. Ziegelbauer and Mrs. Roy M. Nelson; Bloomfield Farms, assistance on stage, Mrs. Reginald Rice and Mrs. Donald E. Button.

Still others are Walnut Lake, advisory, Mrs. Parker Rockwell and Mrs. Floyd Vine; Berkshires of Beverly Hills, planning committee, Mrs. Henry Mika, Mrs. William S. Dehn, Mrs. J. C. Calhoun and Mrs. Oscar Oldberg; and Osage, publicity, Mrs. Oscar Oldberg.

Members of the Birmingham Hammond Organ society will meet for their regular meeting Dec. 4 at 8:30 p. m. at Grinnell's in Birmingham.

Members are planning Christmas Carols and other season selections to play. Among those participating are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Beresford, violin and organ duet; Carl Stringer, chord organ; and other organ models will be played by Floyd Bunt, the C. Edwards, the Leslie Jones, Mr. Flor and Mrs. Lucille McMurtry.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Facer will lead members in a Christmas Carol Sing.

Committee Chairmen

Co-chairmen for a joint meeting of 14 branches of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association to take place in January are Beverly Hills members, Mrs. Henry Mika (left) and Mrs. William S. Dehn (right) with Mrs. Oscar Oldberg of the Osage branch, who will handle publicity.

Suburban Scene

by Fran Maier
Society Editor

Thanksgiving is the day set apart annually for the giving of thanks to God for the blessings of the year. Originally, it was a harvest thanksgiving, and while the purpose has become less specific, the festival still takes place late in the autumn . . . after the crops have been gathered.

For Birmingham area families it will be a weekend home for college students, families gathering for the traditional turkey dinners . . . and a weekend for showers and weddings.

To Grandmother's House We Go

"Grandma and Grandpa" are preparing a real old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner for the Wessels family's 53rd turkey day gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Wessels will be host and hostess to the clan at their home on Devonshire, Beverly Hills.

Looking forward to the visit to "grandmas" are the four children of Dr. and Mrs. Robert R. Wessels, of Tottenham road, who'll be feasting with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burlingame, (she's the former Alice Wessels and a cousin of Dr. Wessels) will also join in the Thanksgiving celebration, along with their daughter, Gail, and her husband, Hans Weimer, of Ann Arbor.

Fiance's Parents Are Guests

Thanksgiving weekend will be remembered by Karen Gavic as gaiety and laughter at bridal showers leading up to that important date in December.

Besides Karen arriving from Purdue, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roberts of Indianapolis will be weekend guests of her parents, the Carl Gavics of Franklin.

The Roberts are parents of Karen's fiance, Philip J. Roberts . . . they'll be exchanging wedding vows Dec. 28 in the Lutheran church of the Redeemer.

On Friday evening a personal shower will be given at the home of Linda Hunt with Dorothy Ojala as co-hostess.

The following evening, Karen's aunt, Mrs. Oliver Kirk is planning a luncheon and kitchen shower at her Orchard Lake home.

Two previous showers honored the bride-elect in Indianapolis . . . a linen shower by Mrs. Harold Roberts and a "round-the-clock" shower by Mrs. Carl McLeary.

Quite a Weekend

Thanksgiving . . . guests arriving . . . cocktail parties, luncheons and dinners . . . all this and more too in the bustle and bustle of the Joseph F. Flaherty household on Pon Valley road, Bloomfield Hills . . . wedding bells are ringing.

Daughter Kathy came home Friday from Duchesne Junior college in New York City for the holiday and to play the role of maid of honor for her sister Mary Patricia, when she becomes the bride of Norris James McNeerney at 11:30 a. m. Saturday at St. Hugo of the Hills.

Pat's roommate at Manhattanville college of the Sacred Heart in Purchase, N. Y., Florence McCaffrey is arriving today and will be one of the bridesmaids.

Also here for the festive occasion will be Mrs. Flaherty's three sisters, the Misses Marguerite, Eleanor and Jenene Burps, all of Pennsylvania.

This evening Maureen McGinnis and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. McGinnis are entertaining at a dinner party at their Lakecrest drive home for the wedding couple. Sunday night they were feted at a cocktail party in the Bloomfield Hills home of the Frederic Hammonds.



RUTH MECKLER



Opening Hour of Show