



Work to Aid Crippled Children

Funds raised during the past year by Alpha Chi Omega made possible the purchase of a camera for the Oakland County Society For Crippled Children. Presentation was made to Society Executive Director, Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkby, by Mrs. William W. Birchard (left) and Mrs. William Haas. The South Oakland chapter of the sorority will hold separate bridge parties in members homes on April 14 to benefit children crippled by cerebral palsy.

On Caribbean Cruise



Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Backart of Lech Lomond, Birmingham, sailed aboard the SS Aloca Clipper, luxury liner of the Aloca Steamship company bound on a sixteen-day Caribbean cruise. While on the cruise they will visit Willemstad, Curacao; Port of Spain, Trinidad; Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic; Guanta, LaGuaira and Puerto Cabelle in Venezuela.

Musical Auditions

Auditions for vocal solo and instrumental ensemble memberships in the Birmingham Musicals will be Monday beginning at 9:45 a.m. at the home of Mrs. J. R. Phelps, 2420 Walnut Lake road. All who are interested are cordially invited to contact Mrs. Phelps.

Osage Branch Meet

Mrs. Ray Roberts opened her home on Tutbury lane to members of the Osage branch of the WNFPA Monday afternoon. Guest speaker, Mrs. Clara Dishrow of Peaces Floral company in Pontiac, gave the group helpful hints as she worked on many unusual displays for all occasions.

Fashion Luncheon

The Woman's Society of the Lutheran Church of The Redeemer will hold a fashion show and dessert luncheon at 1:00 today at the church. Chairman for the party is Mrs. Carlton L. Fix of Bloomfield township.

SOCIETY

SUBURBAN SCENE

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escape detection than spread abroad a spirit of general suspicion and distrust, which accepts rumor and gossip in place of undismayed and unintimidated inquiry," he said.

Shakespeare, in "King Henry IV," wrote:
 "Rumor is a pipe
 "Blown by surmises, jealousies, conjectures,
 "And so easy and so plain a stop
 "That the blunt monster with uncounted heads,
 "The still discordant wavering multitude,
 "Can play upon it."

Some time later, in "Daniel Deronda," George Eliot said: "Gossip is a sort of smoke that comes from the dirty tobacco-pipes of those who diffuse it; it proves nothing but the bad taste of the smoker."

And, to conclude the column for today (we feel there may be more to say another time!), the Macmillan Company has granted us permission to quote from Wendell White's copyrighted book, "Psychology in Living," in which he superbly analyzes some of the motivations which prompt gossip.

"The vain person may gossip in order to occupy the center of the stage. Because of the intense interest that exists here and there in the affairs of others, some persons desirous of attention give out information regarding another's personal matters and find their gossip a quick and certain means of winning a hearing. If they cannot command attention in other ways, they may betray confidences to do so.

"The insolent person gossips not so much to attract attention as to show others up; and his gossip, unlike that of the vain person, is mainly about those whom he dislikes.

"Much gossip is engaged in mainly to please or entertain another person. Sometimes there is nothing more interesting to the listening ear than tales about people, especially people whose lives are mildly exciting; and some gossiping is nothing more than a response to this interest. The desire to please is often so great that a discreet and amiable person sometimes gossips before he realizes what he is doing, and wakes with a start to find that he has impaired the reputation of Peter, who is absent, to please Paul, who is present.

"The spreading of rumor may have any of the motives of gossiping, and usually is quite as fantastic. Thinking that what they have heard is not sufficiently exciting to attract attention, some persons add to the rumors they carry. Others add to the rumors they relate because they are emotionally affected by them. A rumor that gives promise of something desired, or that foretells something feared, is believed more readily than is one of little concern to anyone; and, for this reason, it travels and swells. Any exciting tale ordinarily is related and grows in the telling. In time of danger, the air is rife with rumor.

"Repetition, as well as desire or fear, affects belief and hence the relaying of rumor. In a recent study, the tendency to believe rumors that had been heard before was found to be 33.9 per cent greater than the tendency to believe rumors not heard before. "I'll believe anything," a man once said, "if you'll tell it to me often enough."
 Moral? Conclusion? Draw your own.

Troth Reveals Summer Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Smith of North Woodward, Birmingham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally, to Edward E. Erdman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard O. Erdman, of Westbury, Pa. The bride-elect graduated from Michigan State university and received her master's at Vassar college. She is a member of Sigma Xi, a national botanical honorary society.

Her fiancé received his BS degree from Muhlenberg college and MS from Lehigh university. He is working on his doctor's degree at North Carolina State college. He is a member of Phi Sigma Kappa and Sigma Xi, a national honorary scientific society.

A July 11 wedding is planned

BIRTHS

A son, Francis Dayton, was born March 26 to MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS LOUD of Birmingham. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. William Denby of Huntington Woods. Mrs. Loud is the former Grace Denby.

A son, Mark Edward, was born April 1 to MR. AND MRS. RALPH BEYER of Pontiac. Maternal grandparents are the Harry Crokes of Detroit. Paternal grandparents are the Frey Beyers of Royal Oak. Great-grandparents are the H. A. Kerrs of Birmingham.

A son, Alden Jay Richter, Jr., was born March 30 to the senior RICHTERS of Hazel street, Birmingham. Maternal grandparents are the LaVerne Nelsons, Sr., of Franklin Village. Paternal grandparents are the W. J. Richters, Sr. of Birmingham. Mrs. Richter is the former Joan Nelson.

A daughter, Ann Marie, was born March 30 to MR. AND MRS. JOHN B. MAGER of Pine Lake. Maternal grandparents are the Frederick M. Hammonds of Bloomfield Hills. Paternal grandparents are the John M. Magers of Detroit. Mrs. Mager is the former Frederica Ann Hammond.

A son, Robert Hamilton Brown, III, was born March 13 to MR. AND MRS. ROBERT H. BROWN, JR., of Brighton, Mich. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. L. A. Talbot of Holland street, Birmingham. Paternal grandparents are the R. H. Browns, Sr., of Lincoln street, Birmingham. Mrs. Brown is the former Patricia Talbot.

Friday Luncheon

North Woods branch of WNFPA will meet Friday for luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Milton Barrett. She will be assisted by Mrs. Raymond Smith.

Symphony Women to Fete New Members

The Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will entertain new Society of Contributor members at a tea Wednesday, April 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Max Frafuaf of Bloomfield Hills.

Assisting Mrs. Frafuaf will be Mrs. Carl H. Zuber, campaign co-chairman and Mrs. Leslie G. Wrigley, secretary. Hostesses will include

Newcomers to Bowl

Members of the Birmingham Community House Newcomers club will bowl with their husbands this Saturday evening at Birmingham lanes. Mrs. Clarence Benedict of Glengary road is chairman for the annual affair. Supper at Northwood Inn will follow the sporting session.

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