

SOCIETY

Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills Society Notes

from Nancy Porter

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St. Dunstan's Guild had its annual summer picnic Friday evening at the Franklin estate of the George Wellington Smiths.

After a hot day, a swim in the pool seemed just perfect for the David A. Brennans (the Smiths' daughter and son-in-law), the Otis C. Thompsons, the Frank L. Orthos, the C. Mark Harpers, the John Kices all of Birmingham, the John Coppins and the J. T. Martins of Bloomfield Hills, and many others. Husbands shared the culinary duties with their wives. Seen barbequing chicken and grilling steaks were Mr. and Mrs. Winston T. Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Wise, of Birmingham, and the Henry S. Booths, the Rogers L. Marquises, and the Edwin M. Barefordes, of Bloomfield Hills.

Seated in groups at red checked-covered tables around the barbeque pit and the pool were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pease, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John W. Knecht, Mr. and Mrs. Syver K. Thingstad, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Keenan, Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Moyer, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen F. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Crim, Mr. and Mrs. David W. Raymond, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCartney.

Later in the evening a group gathered to listen to and sing along with a tape recording of "The Birmingham Eccentric." Among this group were the Dean Coffins, the Frederick G. Hahns, the Robert Scotts, the Fred D. Hendricks Jr., the Francis T. M. Lounds,

the Richard C. Pazes, and the Garvin Bawdens, Jr. President Maurice F. Smith assisted the G. W. Smiths in the role of host.

Also at the St. Dunstan's picnic were Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Oldberg of Paritane road, who returned recently from a six week trip to Europe.

They flew to Copenhagen, Stockholm, Gothenburg, and then to Stuttgart, where they purchased a Mercedes-Benz.

Thereafter they motored through Southern Germany, Switzerland, Italy, the Riviera, Southern France, and Paris. Then they went up to London for a few days.

They were blessed with beautiful weather, except while they were in Switzerland. Because of poor visibility they claim that they had to buy some picture-postcards of the Alps in order to remind them of what they should be seeing.

A highlight of their trip was a stay in Carcassonne, an ancient walled city in France which dates back to the second century B.C.

They stayed in a building which had formerly been an abbey, built next to a beautiful old cathedral with the exceptionally pure and brilliantly colored stained glass windows which nowadays seem unable to be duplicated.

While in Carcassonne, they felt as if they were living in another

age as they were surrounded by towers, walls and moats. They sailed home on the luxury liner "Flandre," followed by their Mercedes-Benz which they had shipped to this country.

Another European traveler is Mrs. Loren O. Blunt of W. Lincoln road, who returned Tuesday after visiting London, Belgium, Switzerland, and Holland, cruising the Rhine river to Frankfurt (which has been completely rebuilt since the war), Baden-Baden, Venice, Naples, the Isle of Capri, Rome, Genoa, Nice and Paris.

While in Rome, Mrs. Blunt had a special pass to see the Pope at St. Peter's Cathedral. Swiss guards were stationed at the door. The Cathedral was dark until the Pope was carried in, at which time all the lights came on. He preached on "Peace" in the family, the community, and among nations.

She stayed at Eden Roc on the Riviera, where steps led down to a swimming pool and then to the Mediterranean where she went swimming.

Famous personalities were not scheduled on the tour, but Mrs. Blunt saw quite a few. At Versailles she caught a glimpse of the Duke of Orleans, and at a restaurant in Paris they saw Dinah Shore and Claude Rains. They had an impressive view of the lights of Paris from this same restaurant. Eating lunch in Geneva she saw Secretary of State Herter and the French and U. S. ministers of labor, who were there for the Conference.

Going to Europe on the "Queen Mary" she was presented with a plaque of the ship by the captain. She returned on the "Queen Elizabeth" and spent ten days visiting her sister in Long Island before returning home.

Recently returned to their Bennington drive home from a trip out West are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Wagner.

They took the Super Chief from Chicago to Los Angeles, stopping at Yosemite, San Francisco, Seattle, and then by ship ("Princess Patricia") to Victoria, B. C., and to Vancouver.

In Victoria, the Butchart Gardens—always beautiful—were decorated especially in honor of the Queen of England's visit. Continuing to Lake Louise, they found that the queen had eaten lunch just the day before at their hotel.

Last stop was Banff, then home through Canada, after which they paid a visit to their two children, Dorothy Ann and Tim, both at Camp Hilltop for their third successive summer.

Recent visitors at the Lake Park road home of the Fred Lakemond Johnsons were Mr. and Mrs. George Hakim and their five-year-old son, Mr. Hakim, is the Lebanese representative to the United Nations, formerly the Lebanese ambassador to Germany and Denmark.

Mrs. Hakim, an American, had met Mr. Johnson several years ago in Texas, before she was married to Mr. Hakim. They now reside in New York and they came to Birmingham for the sole purpose of visiting with the Johnsons. They left their 18-month-old daughter at home in New York.

The Johnsons took the Hakim

Aug. 6, 1959 THE BIRMINGHAM (MICH.) ECCENTRIC 5-D

Dawn French Weds Jerry Lee White

Given in marriage by her uncle Manuel Brunette, Dawn Elaine French became the bride of Jerry Lee White Saturday evening at Embury Methodist church, Birmingham. The Rev. S. F. Stout performed the double ring ceremony in the presence of 150 guests.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Clyde French of Holland street, Birmingham. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee White of Howell, Mich.



MRS. JERRY LEE WHITE

DAWN WORE a white satin princess style gown with scalloped neckline in front ending in a V in back, fitted bodice and full skirt. A satin bow secured her shoulder length veil of silk illusion. She carried white full mums, feathered carnations and ivy.

Joy French was honor attendant and bridesmaids were Mrs. Sandra Loeving and Mrs. Janet White. They wore cocoa brown cupon sheaths featuring short sleeves with beaded cuffs and hats. Their flowers were copper tone chrysanthemums with ivy.

CHARLES SINGLE stood as best man and ushers were Richard Loeving and Dennis Root. The bride's mother chose a beige cupon princess style dress with a short jacket and white accessories. Her corsage consisted of cymbidium orchids.

Following a reception in the garden, the newlyweds left for the Smok Mountains for their wedding trip. They will make their home in Royal Oak.

to Orchard Lake country club Sunday evening.

Dear to the hearts of many music lovers in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area is Mrs. Henry E. Edwards of Brookdale road, who is leaving the first of September to make her home in California.

Mrs. Edwards has lived in Birmingham for 22 years and has taught piano to many of the area children over the past 15 years.

Her former pupils include Robert Slesser, the organist at the First Presbyterian church, and Mrs. Kent McDonald, the wife of the organist at St. James Episcopal church.

She is a sponsor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and a member of the Birmingham Music Guild.

Mrs. Edwards does not plan to teach piano in California because, she says, the Birmingham children have been her inspiration. Because of her fondness for Birmingham people she was persuaded to give piano lessons here.

Her first visit in California will be to her sister's home in Anaheim, near San Francisco, and then to another sister's home in Dunsmuir, in the lovely Shasta Valley region.

Mrs. Edwards was honored last Thursday afternoon at a tea in the Buckingham road home of Mrs. Lawrence E. Quinn. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Thomas S. Edwards of Yorkshire and Mrs. Ferdinand L. Jesse of Larchmont.

Guests were neighbors and friends of the hostesses who had been pupils or whose children are pupils of Mrs. Edwards. Mrs. Charles A. Grant, a Buckingham road neighbor, did the front hall decoration with red dahlias.

Almost every one present at the tea had two or more children who were piano students of Mrs. Ed-

wards: four children of the James A. Pearsons, Jr., of Westwood drive have been her pupils; two children of the Earl B. Bramblatts of Lone Pine road; and two boys of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Holtz, of Oakland street (Mr. Holtz is the organist at the First Baptist church).

All those present at the tea and other area residents who know Mrs. Edwards will miss her, but wish her good luck.

Another Thursday afternoon gathering last week was at the home of the Morgan Lawtons of Kenwood court. Mrs. Lawton's guests were members of the planning committee for the fashion show to be presented on September 23 at the Convent of the Sacred Heart on Kensington road.

Planned so far: the show will feature fashions by Ruth Joyce, who will have her own show earlier in September; furs will be by Roberts; Charles W. Warren and Co. will do the table centerpieces for the ten tea tables; a dessert-ten will be served inside at 1:30 p.m., followed by the show outdoors where seats and a platform will be set up.

Among the guests who gathered at Mrs. Lawton's were Mrs. Joseph F. Flaherty, Mrs. John Biggins, Mrs. Don E. Ahrens, Mrs. Frank Perron, Mrs. Morgan Collins, Mrs. James P. Boyle, Mrs. Frank J. Macdonnell, Mrs. Robert F. Hodges, Mrs. Thomas H. Wagner, Mrs. Paul Lorenz, and Mrs. Richard Schroeder.

They all brought their own sandwiches, and the hostess served cakes and Good Humor. After the meeting they went for a swim in the Lawton's pool.

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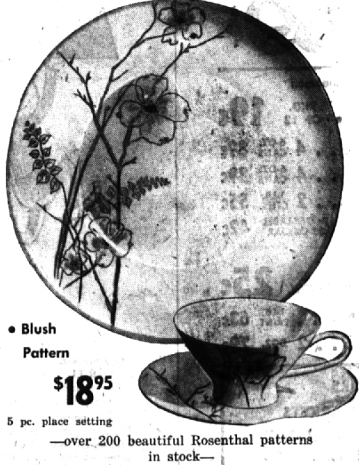
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