

To assume that the physical, human limitations perceived by the sciences represent the destiny horizons of man is to deny the very promptings of life itself. Surely, agree wise men of every age, man is more than a few weighable pounds of materials; man is more than his self-imposed negatives... man can be weighed down or lifted to loftiest heights. Man is mighty!

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Who's Who of American Women



Mrs. Harry L. Winston... at home in a room which houses part of America's finest private collections of modern art.

Building Art Collection Became Family Project

This is the fourth in a series of articles on Birmingham-Bloomfield area women listed in Who's Who of American women.

"Building a collection, seeing it grow in the last 20 years—ever conscious of our own processes of development in taste and observation is what is significant to us in Twentieth Century Art—all of these things have led to an infinite number of wonderful experiences and adventures," comments Mrs. Harry L. Winston of Aspen road, Birmingham.

The roots of Lydia Winston's interest in art lie far back. She was the eldest daughter of the late Albert Kahn, famous and successful architect.

According to Mrs. Winston, as a child their house was always filled with creative and interesting people from the art and music world.

LYDIA WINSTON attended Liegett and after that Vassar. Despite the fact that at Vassar she majored in biology rather than the fine arts, when she looked for the "outside interest" and the "community service" (which every girl feels are necessities along with marriage and motherhood), she turned eagerly to the applied and fine arts.

She studied ceramics with Majja Gredel at Cranbrook. She mastered the throwing of pots and applying of glazes—and in the process learned to understand and appreciate color and form in the abstract.

Attendants Wear Red Velvet Gowns

St. Michael's church was the scene for the February marriage of Janet Rose Ivanovics and Robert G. Olesen. The ceremony was performed at 11 o'clock.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ivanovics of Morningside. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Olesen of Huntington Woods.

IN THE MEANTIME her children were in school and they were creating things.

"The children began to paint and their pictures brought our walls to life," remarks Mrs. Winston. "They soon became excellent critics—and art became a family project."

The Winstons had no collection of original paintings until about 20 years ago. Building their collection became an education for the family and developed their interest in educating others.

DURING the past year the Winston collection traveled from Detroit to famous museums in Virginia, San Francisco and elsewhere for educational purposes.

Mrs. Winston believes education should become more effective for young people in high school and college.

"The thing I really want to see in students is, while in college, they're working up to full potential—and when out of school becoming productive, creative and alive people. The results of continuing education, to me, is the introduction of more culture in the world," says Mrs. Winston.

A TREMENDOUS source of inspiration with a wonderful receptivity to new ideas is Bennington college, of which Mrs. Winston is an ardent trustee.

The college is experimental in education, creates students who want to work. And, Mrs. Winston adds, there's a fine scholarship in Michigan for Bennington students.

The Winston children who have shared in building the art collection are Mrs. Elliot F. (Sally) Robinson, Mrs. Herbert S. (Emestine) Ruben, and Harry F. Winston.

B'ham Woman's Club Schedules Meeting

The Birmingham Woman's club will meet at the Birmingham YMCA building March 3, at 1 p.m. Modern Living group will be in charge, with Mrs. Irving Oakes handling arrangements, assisted by Mrs. Norman Clark, Mrs. Emory Wellman and Mrs. Ray Detmers.

Mrs. WINSTON is also interested in the International Council of Museums of Modern Art which fosters exchange of art between nations to promote understanding through that medium, and she is on the committee of the Art Institute of Chicago, with 19th and 20th century art her primary concern.

She has recently been elected trustee of the Founders Society of the Detroit Institute of Art.

Concludes Lydia Winston: "We thoroughly love our art collection because it is so young—at least the ideas are young, although some pieces are 50 years old—and young people derive such pleasure and learn so much from modern art."

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Have been considering, these first weeks of Lent, "A Dozen Commandments" set down by the Rev. Kenneth S. Leary:

1. Thou shalt revive thy faith in self, in man and God. Believe in the ultimate goodness of things. Your future lies under your own cloak.
2. Thou shalt not look like a graven image. Smile sometimes. It takes less effort than scowling.
3. Thou shalt not curse this world. Dare to be different. Do the best with what you have.
4. Remember every day to make it happy. Do a good deed or a dozen, daily. Save Sunday for the great things of the soul.
5. Honor thy children. Pray and play with them. Make your house a home. Home is where love is.
6. Honor "Mother Earth." She still produces an economy of abundance.
7. Thou shalt not kill thyself with worry. Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.
8. Thou shalt not fear. The dirge of fear forgets the rocking song of faith.
9. Thou shalt be honest. It will soon be in fashion again. The luxury of integrity is yours.
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Suburban Scene

By
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Women's Editor

With a wonderfully warm feeling of being at home—unexplained by the simple fact that we live in and love this town of ours—and with a strong sense of happy anticipation for the future, we've taken on the pleasant task of reporting and editing women's news for The Birmingham Eccentric.

Our hope for this column is that it may in time become a meeting place for all of us—a spot for sharing ideas, knowledge, information, questions, experience. We want to know what you want—how you think and how you feel—little things and big things which assume significance in our lives.

We believe that the column can become a center of expression for the hearts and minds of Birmingham women. We hope you will help it to reach and to maintain that goal.

Overheard: Visiting cleric's definition of the average group—"Stripped naked, back to back, not hearing what the others say—JUST like the Cranbrook fountain!" Certainly untrue of our favorite groups. But it gives food for thought.

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Noted: Shop windows cheer with signs of spring—gay bonnets—pasted frocks for the youngest among us—Easter cars. The sun seems warmer, stirring thoughts of glowing tans to come. Convertible tops down on weekend afternoons. So never mind the ankle-deep snow and slush. (Snush, perhaps?) There's hope...

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Springtime U.S.A.

Springtime U.S.A. will be the theme for the Birmingham Junior Women's club's fashion show March 5, at the Kingsley Inn. Luncheon will be served at 1 p.m. Modeling fashions from Alvin's are (from left) Mrs. Gerald White, who is wearing a beige leather coat featuring a mink collar; Mrs. Robert Crawford in a silk shantung dress with an umbrella skirt and pleated cummerbund; and Mrs. Edward Heines dressed in a silk and cotton twed featuring an empire waist-

line and short cropped jacket. Also being presented will be swim-wears, imported knits, separates and fur stoles. Proceeds from the show will benefit the Birmingham Teen Center. Ticket chairman is Mrs. White 4505 Groveland, Royal Oak. Serving on various committees are Mrs. Crawford, chairman; Mrs. Donald Johnston, co-chairman; Mrs. Victor Hadley, Mrs. Robert Andrews, Mrs. Robert Oldani, Mrs. Thomas Fox, Mrs. Frank Ross and Mrs. William Mikonis.

Mrs. Blakeslee Heads Easter Seal Campaign

Mrs. Arthur F. Blakeslee, 1010 Mohagan, has been named Birmingham area chairman of the 1959 Easter seal campaign. Announcement of the appointment was made by R. C. Poole, president of the Oakland county society for crippled children.

Immediately launching plans for the campaign opening February 27, Mrs. Blakeslee said:

"The success of the cause lies in the helping hands of all persons—our community interested in the well being of crippled children.

"RESIDENTS of Oakland county have made possible the purchase of wheel chairs, braces and crutches, medical examinations, x-rays, dental care, a free cerebral palsy diagnostic clinic, a 2-week camping program and many other services provided through the society. All of these services were made possible through generous contributions to former Easter Seal appeals.

"It is the society's job to maintain these services and to see that more children are reached by this great organization, which this year marks 38 years of service to the crippled."

BAC Schedules Initial Party

Gay anticipation is reaching a peak among the 250 members of the Birmingham athletic club as the date of their first social function approaches.

March 14 has been selected for a St. Patrick's Day dance at Glen Oaks country club from 9:00 p.m. through 1:00 a.m.

Many BAC members and guests will gather at Glen Oaks and at private homes for cocktails and dinner before the dance.

Dr. Louis Gach is chairman of the dance committee. His able assistants are Mrs. William Douglas, Mrs. George H. Lowden, Mrs. Donald Parsons and Mrs. Robert D. Seiler.

Facilities for the club's activities are under construction, with completion expected by May 31. Included are an L-shaped swimming pool and a baby pool, cabana, six tennis courts and a parking lot.

The main club house will be completed in the fall.

Couple Exchange Vows In Springfield, Ohio

Chapel of Hamma Theological Seminary at Wittenberg college, Springfield, Ohio, was the scene Saturday morning for the marriage of Della Ann Harrison to Edward Brown Granger. The Rev. Roland Carter performed the 11:30 o'clock ceremony in the presence of the immediate families and college friends.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crockett A. Harrison of Waddington road, Birmingham. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Granger of Springfield, Ohio.

Former G-2 Agent To Address B'ham Village Women

The Village Woman's club will hold a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 4 at Oakland Hills Country club. Guest speaker will be Dan T. Moore, distinguished author and former U. S. chief of counter-intelligence for the Middle East.

Moore is presently the only person on the American lecture platform who speaks from personal experience on intelligence operations in the critical Middle East area. He has been honored by the international platform association for his timely and instructive presentation.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Harrison selected a blue jaunting dress and a corsage of white carnations. Mother of the groom chose a dior blue dress and carried white carnations.

The newlyweds will reside in Springfield, Ohio.

Gay Matteson Is Wed In Candlelight Rites

Gay Regina Matteson and David Edwin Stevens were united in marriage at a candlelight ceremony on Saturday evening, Feb. 21. Vows were repeated before the Rev. Dr. A. F. Runkel, minister of Birmingham's First Methodist church. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Milton R. Matteson of Jackson Park drive.

For the double-ring ceremony, the bride wore a white silk ballerina-length gown and finger-tip veil. Her flowers were white carnations, camellias and hyacinth buds.

Mrs. Donald Williams of Farmington was matron of honor. She wore a coriander blue dotted Swiss gown and flowered hand-piece of pink camellias. Also attending the bride was Mrs. Lee Schoff of Plymouth.

DONALD WILLIAMS was best man. Seating the guests were Robert Sheehan of Birmingham and Lee Schoff.

Following a reception at Oakland Hills country club, the young couple left for a wedding trip to Chicago.

The Stevens will be at home in Highland Park after March 1.



Project to Beautify Shain Park

Mrs. Alvin H. Knorr, president of the Birmingham branch of Woman's National Farm and Garden association, announces that the club's spring project toward furthering civic improvement will be the sale of Flowering Crabapple Trees. Birmingham's emblem of beauty since this project first started in 1941. Mr. Malwitz of the Birmingham schools' art department is co-operating with the committee by having a poster contest in the elementary schools. Looking over the posters are sitting (from left) Mrs. Robert Pokorny and Mrs. J. Pearson Smith, Chairman; (standing from

left) are Mrs. Phil deBaubien and Mrs. Edward Sipe. This is a worthwhile undertaking, for not only is our city beautified by planting these trees on streets, parks and boulevards, as well as in yards, but most of the money earned by the sale will be turned back into the community. This time Shain Park will receive the Garden clubs attention. Orders are being taken by Mrs. J. P. Smith, 1286 Dorchester; Mrs. Phillip deBaubien, 1472 N. Cranbrook; and Mrs. R. B. Pokorny, 1393 Latham. The trees may be picked up May 2, at the library parking lot on Chester street.

Co-Workers Meet

With Mrs. Robert F. Watt as the speaker, Mrs. Arthur W. Jones, Jr., 883 Emmons, will entertain her co-workers on the Birmingham Community House Fund project Friday.