

Listening to another's problems or troubles may help the troubled one, but the speaker refrains from excluding himself as the chief means by which to overcome them. Listening tends to relieve the troubled one . . . and only if your advice is asked is it wise to offer it. You cannot tempt another to a big meal if he has just eaten one — nor open a closed mind to advice.

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## Who's Who of American Women



Aline Saarinen's favorite piece of art in their home is "Conquest of the Mountain".

### Aline B. Saarinen, Associate Art Critic

For the third in a series of articles on Birmingham-Bloomfield area women listed in Who's Who of American Women who have chosen two whose contributions have been in the field of art . . . music and writing. They are Aline B. Saarinen, associate art critic for the New York Times, and Signe E. Karlstrom, business executive and social worker.

By FRAN MAIER, Society Editor

Aline B. Saarinen was born in 1914 in Manhattan. Although she now lives in Vaughan road in Bloomfield Hills, with her husband, the architect Eero Saarinen, and their four-year-old son, Eames—she remains loyally a New Yorker.

Her work with the New York Times allows her to be a devoted mother and wife and fly to New York once a month. Her minimum commitment is an article every other week.

Presently she is doing features on the "Art World" and most recently "History of Modern Art in Poland." "I really never know from one week to another what I will do, and that's what makes my work so much fun," commented Mrs. Saarinen.

SINCE the publication of Mrs. Saarinen's latest book "The Proud Possessors"—and a "best seller"—she wants to do a full length biography of someone who will illuminate an age. She is flitting with the idea of doing a biography on Stanford White, an architect who changed taste in all kinds of directions.

Mrs. Saarinen has also agreed to do an assignment for Vogue. It will be a double profile . . . contrast of Delmonico, the famous restaurant and caterer, who changed American eating habits (really the starting of gourmets in America) with Irma Rombauer, author of the "Joy of Cooking." There will be a contrast of elegance in the ways of dining and eating. Irma Rombauer is the aunt of Ian O'Madigan of Birmingham.

Besides traveling with her work, Mrs. Saarinen travels with her husband. Her life here is almost entirely work, and their social life is away.

For the near future the Saarinen's are "toying" with the idea of going to Indonesia, where Eero Saarinen has been asked to do a building for Asian Games. He



Signe Karlstrom greets guests with a warm welcome.

### Signe E. Karlstrom Has Love for Music

Signe E. Karlstrom has a great love for music, shared by her family, and considers it a privilege to serve in the community. She emphasizes the necessity of organizing oneself in order to do worthwhile things.

Always ready and willing to lend a helping hand with the "door open" at her Colonial Terrace apartment, you are greeted with a warm welcome.

Signe, widow of the late Gunnar E. Karlstrom, was born in Gohunberg, Sweden, and came to this country in the 20's. She came with her uncle, the late Carl B. Parsons, the first Swedish Consul in Detroit.

And I'm sure has the same sparkle in her blue eyes as she did the day she arrived.

HER PRECIOUS memories are phony and opera. Mrs. Karlstrom was president of the Women's association for the Detroit symphony orchestra.

In 1950 the Women's association took the unique position of engaging 79 men of the orchestra personnel and raised necessary funds to give free school children's concerts at the Masonic temple. Approximately 37,000 children attended.

In February of '51 they gave a luncheon honoring Dr. and Madame Serge Koussevitzki, when he conducted the Israel Symphony while on tour in the United States.

During her associations with the Detroit Grand Opera association, Mrs. Karlstrom visited many major opera performances in the U.S.A. as well as in Europe.

SHE SPEAKS with appreciation of the New York City Opera company for numerous years has given some memorable performances in Detroit.

And, with enthusiasm for the Metropolitan Opera's visit in May, she hopes there will be a sign of "standing room" only for each performance.

Mrs. Karlstrom has served as a board member of Cranbrook Music Guild of trustees and presently is opera state chairman for the Michigan Federation of Music

clubs. Mrs. Karlstrom spoke of the worthwhile work this organization does for scholarships; the necessity of unity reaching clubs all over the U.S.

OUR GRACIOUS Mrs. Karlstrom is also a member of the Jenny Lind club. It was her idea, with love for her native land, that this club was organized in 1937.

She also finds time to teach conversation Swedish—a task which she was called upon to do by the Detroit Board of education in an emergency in January, 1957. The evening class has become so popular that she has continued and loves it.

She tells of deep appreciation to all volunteers who so willingly have helped in any project she has undertaken.

OVER THE years Mrs. Karlstrom has been active in her church, American Red Cross, Save the Children's Federation and other organizations needing help.

Her principal interest at present is Camp Oakland, Inc., at Oxford. She speaks with a warm feeling for the tremendous work that has been done on this behalf. And hopes that citizens more and more will become aware of the need for their support in helping young people get the proper home environment in their early youth.

With joy she mentions the privilege of being a mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, and adores being called "farm" by her grandchildren.

## Fabulous Setting For Ball

St. Elizabeth Home for the Aged in Bloomfield Hills will benefit from the proceeds of a whole weekend of activity centering around the "Crown of the Andes" which is being brought here to assist the Briarbank Society in its efforts for the need of the aged.

There will be a preview of the ecclesiastical jewel on Friday, followed by the Emerald Ball on Saturday.

SETTING for the ball will be the fabulous Bloomfield Hills home of the Rocco Di Marco. It lends itself perfectly for a great party. An open balcony overlooks a stone wall accented by green foliage, and water trickles to a pool, where more often than not, red flowers are floating.

On Sunday, the 8th, the "Crown of the Andes" will be presented to the clergy and laity of Detroit at a reception and tea from 2 to 6 p.m.

MRS. CHARLES R. Richert, Mrs. Paul V. Lenzion and Mrs. James G. Wood are responsible for the reception arrangements.

Among those pouring will be Mrs. Harold Bickner, Mrs. Otto Kern, Mrs. Peter Monaghan, Mrs. James Q. Goude, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Edward Christie, Mrs. Carl Sundburg and Mrs. Harold P. Turner.



SAMSON JACQUES, the French poodle (left) and Mrs. Charles P. Kleinsmith met at the Rocco Di Marco home in Bloomfield Hills, was King for a Day, wearing the crown that is to be the model for the centerpieces at the Emerald Ball, Mrs. Di Marco to assemble the gold crowns, studded with emerald stones which will be filled with smilax, the night of the ball, Feb. 7.

## Couple Repeat Vows In Evening Ceremony

Ann McDonald and Robert James Trost were united in marriage Saturday evening at Kirk in the Hills church. Vows were heard at 7:30 o'clock.

The groom's father, Rev. Theodore Trost and the groom's mother, Rev. Theodore Trost, Jr. of Lancaster, Pa., assisted the Rev. Harold DeWindt with the marriage ceremony.

PARENTS OF THE bride are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McDonald of Dorchester road, Birmingham. The groom is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Trost of Rochester, N. Y.

The bride's gown was fashioned of ivory satin and featured a full skirt, portrait neckline appliqued in Brussels lace with a cowl beginning at the shoulders, ending in a V in back. She wore a veil of heirloom Brussels' lace.

Jane McDonald, brides' sister, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Donald Boudry, Mrs. Clune Walsh III, Mrs. Raymond Waggoner, Jr., and Cynthia Kelly.

ATTENDANTS were gowned in sapphire blue satin with full skirts, waltz length. Hairpieces were blue with circular veils. They carried pink carnations.

Frederick Trost, groom's brother, served as best man. Seating the guests were Jonathan Trost, Ray Lovell, James Roberts, John Madigan and Michael Dodgson. Teddy Trost, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer.

Mother of the bride wore a sheath dress of blue satin and pinned pink rosebuds to her purse. Mrs. Trost chose a sheath of royal blue, and carried white rosebuds on her purse.

THE NEW Mrs. Trost changed into a checked tuxedo suit for her wedding trip to Kayman Brac, an island in the British West Indies.

Following the business meeting, the group will be addressed by Mrs. Ethel Anderson, counselor of the Detroit association for Retarded Children. The sorority's national project, "Aid To The Retarded Child" will be Mrs. Anderson's topic.

## Suburban Scene

by Fran Maier, Society Editor

### My Sentiments . . .

To all the wonderful individuals, families and organizations that I have had the pleasure of working with during the past five years, this is my last Suburban Scene column for The Eccentric.

The cooperation I have received and the friends I have gained will long be remembered.

I am taking many glorious memories with me as I join the Society department of The Detroit News.

### Honor Haystack Director

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Hewlett of Twin Oaks lane gave a supper party Sunday evening honoring Mr. and Mrs. Francis S. Merritt, prior to Mr. Merritt's lecture at Bloomfield Hills Art Association.

Merritt is director of Haystack Mountain School of Crafts at Liberty, Maine.

Many from this community spend their summer at this interesting art school where you can learn weaving, ceramics, wood and dimensional design. Well-known instructors from different parts of the U.S.A. teach at Haystack during the summer.

From Birmingham we have Miss Svea Kline, who since the beginning of Haystack in 1951, has instructed in sculpture and ceramics every summer. Miss Kline is on the staff at Flint Institute of Arts and recently became associated with the Bloomfield Hills Art Association.

### Song Writer . . . Rewarded

Honoring Dawson Taylor, the automobile dealer, turned composer, a group of his friends gathered at the Lathrup Village home of Mary and John Steiner for brunch Sunday morning.

They listened over the radio to the Mormon Tabernacle choir of Salt Lake City, Utah, interpret Taylor's latest success—the setting to music of Dylan Thomas' poem "I Turn the Corner of Prayer."

Although Dawson was in Salt Lake City for the performance, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Hanley Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brady and Mr. and Mrs. George Cheadle were on hand to toast Taylor's latest endeavor.

The Dawson Taylors as well as the Hanley Taylors will soon be Rudgate people.

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BLOOMFIELD COUNTRY DAY MODELS for the fashion show on Valentine's Day will include (from left) Chris Archangeili, Kitty Kern, Rulaine Hacker and Carol Bladgett.

## Valentine Motif Sets Stage For Fashion Tea

A Valentine motif will set the stage for tea and fashion show at Bloomfield Country Day school on Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. Mrs. Edgar Pitt, chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. Charles Grisson.

Mothers, teens and tots will model ensembles from Jules, Village store, West Modern and Robert's Furs.

Mrs. Maynard Andreae will act as commentator. Other committee members are Mrs. James Tenny and Mrs. William Dorman, staging; Mrs. Richard Fairchild and Mrs. Ivey Nickerson, tea; Mrs. Ben Young, table decorations; Mrs. Joan Foss, tickets; Mrs. Charles Fullum, telephone; Mrs. Irving MacKenzie, posters; and Mrs. Paul McKinney, store models.

## Tropical Dance Set

Continental club will have its third dance, a tropical theme, at Hickory Grove school Saturday. Tickets are on hand in resort near Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graham are co-chairmen.

## Troth Reveals Spring Wedding

Engagement of Marjorie Anne Oberon to Charles Richard Kramer is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen R. Oberon of Buckingham, Birmingham. He is the son of Mrs. Milton Meyers of Richmond Heights, Mo., and Murray Kramer of Downey, Calif.

The bride-elect was graduated from Birmingham high school and Stephens college, M. A. degree and Charles are presently attending the University of Missouri in Columbia.

## Time-Saving, Taste-Tempting Recipes Offered at School By Cooking Expert

Has cooking become a lost art?

With the introduction of "convenience" foods on the homemaking scene, the question arises—Have American women lost their touch, and their interest, in the kitchen? Have our homemakers lost the secret art that has been passed down as an American tradition?

At the Eccentric, we don't think so. And to prove our faith in Birmingham cooks, we plan to sponsor an exciting cooking school at the Community House. Susan Lowe, nationally known food expert, will conduct the two day school, which will deal with all phases of cooking and food preparation with the emphasis on making daily meals more tempting and unusual.

There will be no admission charge for this Community service, at 8 p.m. Feb. 24th and 2 p.m. Feb. 25th, in the Community House auditorium.

Why not plan to attend this enjoyable and stimulating school?



LAKE JEWELERS will display place settings for every meal of the day and for a formal dinner in the Ruth Shain room of the Community House during the Cooking School. Susan Lowe, the cooking expert, visiting with Lloyd Lake, approves his choice in silver and china.