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SOCIETY

Cranbrook Music Guild Announces Five Concerts

Robert Gerle, Hungarian violinist, will perform at the initial concert of the Cranbrook Music Guild winter series on Oct. 24 according to Mrs. Walter Skinner, guild vice president.

The series of five concerts continues with the traditional Young Artists Concert on Nov. 24 featuring winners of the Grinnell Scholarships. Iris Baia, mezzo-soprano winner of the 1959 Operatic Scholarship and Karen Louise Taylor, winner of the 1959 Piano Scholarship will perform.

FOR THE THIRD concert on Jan. 26, the Guild has scheduled the Detroit Symphony Wind Quintet. Composed of Detroit Symphony soloists, this group has gained fine reputation in numerous appearances around the Detroit area. They were a star attraction at the Cranbrook Gardens Summer Music Festival this year.

One of the world's finest string groups, the Netherlands String Quartet, will appear at the Feb. 22 concert. This will be the only local appearance for these virtuoso musicians, all members of the famed Amsterdam Conservatory Orchestra.

THE FINAL concert on April 26 brings back Mischka Kottler, Detroit's famous concert pianist for his second appearance with the Music Guild.

Mr. Kottler has won an enviable reputation as a teacher, soloist and long time Music director of radio station WWJ. This program has been scheduled for the Kingswood school auditorium while the first four concerts will take place at Cranbrook House.

BIRTHS

A son, Sandy Lee, was born to MR. AND MRS. S. J. CURTIS of Pontiac, formerly of Birmingham.

A daughter, Anna Barnwell, was born Sept. 3 to MR. AND MRS. DAVID K. EASLUCK of Mohegan drive, Birmingham. And another Mrs. Easluck's daughter is Mrs. Elliott Barnwell of Ann Arbor. Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Easlick of Ann Arbor.

A daughter, Karen Elizabeth, was born on Sept. 11 to MR. AND MRS. STEWART EVANS of Dallas, Tex. Mrs. Evans is the former Miss Ann Gerhardt of Bloomfield Hills.

Jay Cee Auxiliary Gathers for Tea

A tea was given by the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary last Thursday. Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Robert E. Reason, in her home on Old Mill road. Invited to the tea were all Jay Cee wives.

During the tea, guests were acquainted with the purpose and functions of the auxiliary. Also presented were the future plans for the annual benefit luncheon and fashion show to be Thursday, Nov. 12 at Forest Lake Country club. Hostesses for the afternoon will be Mrs. Gillies. Proceeds of the show will go to the Birmingham Child Guidance Clinic.

Attending the tea were approximately twenty-five.

Fashion Review Set for Wednesday

St. Joseph Mercy hospital auxiliary tea and fashion review is scheduled for Wednesday at the Elks Temple in Pontiac from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Ten huge tables with white and silver covers, tapering candles and silver tea sets and all the goodies will be the enjoyment of the Tea and Fashion Review. The cookie book has been taken off the shelf to bring cookies with the Italian, German, French and Norwegian flavors.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or by contacting Mrs. Robert Tricker, 204 Dick avenue, Mrs. Forrest Romagnolo, 2190 Lancaster road, or Mrs. Arthur Kinney at St. Joseph Mercy hospital.

40th Anniversary At Oakland Hills

Oakland Hills Country club will celebrate its 40th anniversary this weekend in a family rowdier beef dinner tonight, dinner-dance Friday, birthday party Saturday and champagne brunch Sunday.

Photos will be shown featuring Al Watrous in knickers, styles of 1919, first photos of present clubhouse, clubhouse on fire, Maple road in 1919, the torrid Twenties, swing style of 1921 and the club's first pro, Walter Hagen.

Guests Attend Show

The first fall bridge luncheon and fashion show at Oakland Hills Country club was yesterday with fashions by Mizrim. Chairman was Mrs. C. N. Fry and assisting were Mrs. E. B. Thompson, Mrs. W. J. Simmons and Mrs. J. L. Fraick.

Junior Club Meets

John Dunn, executive secretary at Hall and Young, was guest speaker at the September meeting of the Birmingham Junior Women's club. He spoke on "So You Want to Live in Bloomington." Their next meeting will be Oct. 6.

Covered Bridges Add Charm to Fall Color Tours

Michigan is a land of bridges. For miles with thousands of miles of streams and dotted with inland lakes, this peninsular state has always had a special need for them.

Nextest, of course, is the giant Mackinac bridge spanning the Straits of Mackinac which separates the upper and lower peninsulas. And two other steel spans—Detroit's Ambassador bridge and Port Huron's Blue Water bridge—connect Michigan with her international neighbor, Ontario, Canada.

But another, less spectacular span—the weathered, wooden covered bridge of a century ago—still holds its own as a sightseeing attraction in Michigan.

Tangible reminders of the past, they serve as a link between the present and the tranquility of the horse-and-buggy era. The covered bridge, holdover from a less hurried period in America's history, possesses a quiet charm of endless fascination to tourists in this jangled age.

AT ONE TIME they creaked under the weight of ox-drawn carts when Michigan was largely a wilderness. They clattered as the pounding hooves of running horses splashed mud beneath the wheels of horse-drawn wagons, stagecoaches and fancy carriages toward the coming of the automobile.

Today these same bridges—those that remain—are ready-made subjects for camera fanns and artists.

For more than a century they have excited the imagination of photographers, and never more than in the fall when the weather-worn timbers are framed by the reds, oranges and yellows of the surrounding trees.

And in summer, landscape artists place their easels to catch the light and shade on the weathered structures.

SIX COVERED bridges still stand in Michigan. They are located:

- 1) Near Centerville, (Langley Bridge) crossing St. Joseph river, St. Joseph county.
- 2) Two miles northeast of Niles (bridge) crossing the E. M. Morris, Berrien county.
- 3) At Smyrna (White's Bridge), crossing Flat river, Ionia county.
- 4) Fallasburg Park, crossing Flat river, Kent county.
- 5) Ada, crossing Thornapple river, Kent county.
- 6) Ackley Bridge at Greenfield Village, Dearborn.

The EARLIER bridges in America were of a type popular in Switzerland in the 18th century. They consisted of a great number of timber arches braced and stiffened by a framework forming the sides of the enclosure.

The covering, obviously, served as protection from the weather for the bridge as well as for passengers-through. The greater weight and cost of the covering was considered to be more than offset by the added life it gave the bridge.

Hundreds of the nation's covered bridges, their hand-hewn timbers stamped with the personalities of their builders, have gone, sacrificed to steel and concrete in the inexorable march of progress. Some have burned; some have rotted.

But a few still remain, monuments to America's expansion, historic landmarks in the growth of a nation.

Home from Abroad

Mrs. Erik Bergishagen, Sr., of North Adams, Birmingham, returned recently from a three month vacation in Copenhagen.

Thousands of people read The Eccentric Classified Ads. So, remember if you want to sell that hard-to-get-rid-of article, advertise it in the Want Ad section of The Birmingham Eccentric.

CG Academy Candidates Age Sought

WASHINGTON:—Competitive examinations for potential cadets to the Coast Guard Academy will be held February 23 and 24, 1960.

The four-year course at New London, Connecticut, leads to a commission as a career officer in America's oldest sea-going service and a bachelor of science degree.

"There are no appointments or geographical quotas for entrance to the Coast Guard Academy," said S. Broomfield. He urged all qualified younger men who are interested in becoming cadets to write for details and applications to Coast Guard headquarters, Washington D.C. Applications must be post-marked before January 10, 1960.

CANDIDATES MUST be single, must have reached their 17th but not their 22nd birthday by July 1, 1960, and must be in excellent physical condition.

A high school diploma is the minimum educational requirement, although high school seniors assured of being graduated by June 30 are eligible to take the examination. All applicants must have three units of English, two of algebra and one in plane geometry.

His Talk Designed For Library Friends

The Friends of the Baldwin Library will present LeRoy Kiefer as speaker at the first meeting of the 1959-60 season at 8:15 p.m., Sept. 29, in the library auditorium.

Kiefer's subject will be "Design as it Affects Today's Living." He is Executive Assistant in charge of Product and Exhibit Design of the Styling department of the General Motors corporation. Dr. Kiefer represented the General Motors Corporation at the World's fair in Brussels last year, where he supervised their exhibit design from its inception.

Have You Met...

The residents of 1875 Gleaner road? Mr. and Mrs. W. D. MacDonnell moved from Dearborn on

Aug. 1. He is president of the Great Lakes Steel Corp. They have three children. Club affiliations are the Grosse Pointe Yacht club, Dearborn Country club and DAC.

CORRECTION

Due to an error by The Eccentric in the La Belle Advertisement for September 10, 1959, the 10% Discount was shown to be in effect through October. The Discount is in effect until October 3rd.

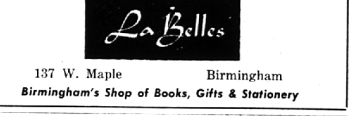
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