

There is a great tendency, in a republic like the United States, for its citizens to view with overmuch criticism, sometimes bordering on contempt, the conditions of its nation. In most cases the targets are those elected and appointed to public office. When one's locality, or his nation, appears floundering, making errors, did not the citizens elect these officials?

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SECTION

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Mayor, Wife and Mother

'Twink' Sparkles At City Meetings

Mayor Florence Willett, better known as "Twink" by her close associates because of the sparkle in her eyes, has three important roles, mayor, wife and mother. Wife of manufacturer G. Howard Willett Jr., she is the mother of five children. Mrs. Willett is by way of a high school, and grandmother of Eric Miller, 16 months old.

family, the Jacobs made the move to Detroit when Florence was 8. In the fall of 1947, the family moved from Detroit to 655 Pilgrim, Birmingham, a stone and

Suburban Scene

By Shirley Adams

clapboard Colonial house with a white picket fence.

WITH THREE youngsters in the house, a large family room with record player for dancing and storage space for albums made the Willett's house a center for the young.

With the hearty appetites of growing youngsters, a pass-through between the kitchen and family room was built and received the name of "hamburger hole."

Although her mayoral duties take several hours each week, Mrs. Willett does all the family and household duties. In her "spare time," she also manages to squeeze in such tasks as doing her own interior decorating (papering the walls) and keeping a picture gallery.

HER CLUB affiliations are League of Women Voters, PEO and Birmingham branch of Women's national farm and garden association. Mrs. Willett has entered an arrangement for the Birmingham branch's 23rd Christmas show, which is being presented today from 11 to 12 a. m. at the Birmingham community house.

She mentioned that the summer a year ago she used to spend several weeks during the summer at her family farm, Grass Lake, Mich. During that time she was doing her own interior decorating (papering the walls) and keeping a picture gallery.

WITH THEIR son away at college and their only daughter living in Missouri, the Willetts spend many weekends traveling to and fro.

Janice Cline Married in Battle Creek

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Cline of Battle Creek announce the marriage of their daughter Janice Ann to Martin Frank Laurimore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Laurimore, 1755 Melbourne, Birmingham.

The ceremony took place Nov. 19 in the chapel of the First Presbyterian church, Battle Creek. The bride wore an informal violet afternoon dress and a white hat of velvet and satin bows. Her bouquet was a cascade of white carnations.

THE MAID of honor, Sydney Poland of Muskegon, wore a green wool dress. Her corsage was yellow mums. Albert Best from Chicago, Ill., stood as best man.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception for the families and close friends was held at the bride's parent's home.

The new Mrs. Laurimore is a senior majoring in art education at Western Michigan university in Kalamazoo. The groom also attended Western and is planning a career in photography. He is a student at the Ray Vogue school in Chicago.

Board Members Attend Fall Tea

Mrs. Luther R. Leader, regional chairman of the National Cathedral association of Eastern Michigan for the Washington Cathedral entertained in her home on Cranbrook road, Bloomfield Hills, members of the board.

Present at the tea were Mrs. Frederick Ford, Mrs. Rockwell Gust, Mrs. Donald Valley, Mrs. Beverly Karlovich, Mrs. Charles Crouse, Mrs. Frederick Kennedy, Mrs. O. W. Munster, Mrs. A. M. Betts, Mrs. Maurice Garabrant, Mrs. Harry Brown, Mrs. Charles Marsh, Mrs. Simpson Leonard, Mrs. George Syler, Mrs. J. M. Robb, Mrs. Alexander Wiener and Mrs. H. A. Beatty.

MRS. BEATTY, ways and means chairman, announced that Louise Langlier of Cleveland, Ohio, will give a series of lectures on antiquities for nearly six years and has formerly acted on a volunteer basis as the chairman of the village plan board.

Birmingham Branch Presents Yule Show

The stage in the auditorium at the Birmingham community house will set the theme for the 23rd annual Christmas show being presented today by the Birmingham branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association. The stage was done by Mrs. G. A. Dixon and Mrs. Norman W. Berry. A life size Christmas tree decorated with exquisite Christmas tree ornaments of bells, fruit and balls with Santa replete in a red and white plush suit is spotlighted and casts a spell of Christmas cheer over the visitors as they enter the room.

of ideas as the visitors paused to admire the exhibits of holiday table, special gift wrappings and Christmas candle arrangements. The tea table and mantle in the Ruth Shain room were done by Mrs. Victor Brain who used pink and antique green as her color scheme. The table was most elegant with pink satin damask cloth, silver candelabra and silver punch bowl and cups.

THERE WAS much enthusiasm expressed over the section "Deck the Halls" of which Mrs. William McCallum was chairman. An exhibit was entered by Mayor Willett.

Handicraft Sale

Birmingham community house will be the scene 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. Monday for an antique, art and handicraft sale sponsored by the Christ Child society. Mrs. Joseph Jett is general chairman and other committee heads are Mrs. Thomas Alston, Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. John Gray, Mrs. J. G. Shannon Jr., Mrs. John J. Gray, Mrs. Lloyd Diehl Jr., and Mrs. Harry Winston Jr.

Deborah Moore Weds Peter F. Geithner

The marriage of Deborah Moore to Peter Franz Geithner took place at Christ church Cranbrook Saturday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Episcopal Suffragan Bishop Robert DeWitt.

The newlyweds received guests at the church immediately following the ceremony and shortly thereafter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Geithner, the bride's parents, gave a small reception at their home on Lahser road, Bloomfield Hills.

MR. AND MRS. Paul H. Geithner of Philadelphia are the bridegroom's parents. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore her great-grandmother's Brussels rosepointe veil and a gown of ivory silk mist tulle. She carried white roses intertwined with ivy.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Lydia Moore and matron of honor was her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jonathan Moore of Lincoln, Mass. Other bridal attendants were Eleanor Thomas of Baltimore, Mrs. Wilson of Eye, N. Y., Lee Sumner of Milford, Conn.; Hanna Higgins of Dedham, Mass.; Lynn Burrows of Waukegan, Ill.; Eugene Ormandy of Hartsdale, N. Y. and Susan Hodges of Bloomfield.

THEY WORE moss green velvet and satin gowns and carried chrysanthemums of autumn shades. The maid of honor carried yellow roses. The best man was the bridegroom's brother, Paul H. Geithner Jr. of Baltimore, Md. Ushers were Benjamin Moore of Bloomfield, Mass., brothers of the bride; David McLaughlin of Hamilton, Ohio; John Heston Jr. of Troy, N. Y.; Curtis Foudge of New York City and W. Dixon Rogers of Wheeling, W. Va.

A SMOOTH dress of ivory with a mother of the bride gown and the mother of the bridegroom chose an ivory green gown with both wore cylindrical oronic corsages.

The couple will make their home in New York City, following a wedding trip in the Caribbean.

Wayne State Alum's Bazaar Tonight

Wayne alumnae club of Birmingham will meet tonight at 7:30 at the Consumers Power building, 4000 Coolidge, Royal Oak, for a Christmas Bazaar and will feature the club's international cookbook. Proceeds will go to the group's scholarship fund. A 150 featured will be the making of Christmas cookies and fruit cakes demonstrated by a Consumers Power staff home economist.

Anniversary Couple Feted at Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie D. Stauffer were honored on Sunday at an open house at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Fox of Ridgewood road, Bloomfield Hills. One hundred friends gathered during the afternoon to convey their best wishes to the couple on their 45th wedding anniversary.

Here in Cincinnati were Mrs. Fox's brother, Robert Stauffer, who arrived with his wife, and children to spend the weekend with his parents of Westwood drive, Birmingham.

ALSO PRESENT was the Leslie Stauffer's daughter, Alice Kite and her son. Nine grandchildren were also on hand to help celebrate the happy occasion. The theme for the afternoon was carried out in blue to represent saplings for the 45th anniversary.

Choral Society To Present Messiah Sunday

Under the able direction of Bruce Feighner, the South Oakland choral society will present Handel's Messiah at the Franklin church in Franklin Village Sunday afternoon at 4. This marks the 22nd year the choral society has sung the Messiah to herald the beginning of the Christmas season.

This year they are assisted by four well known local artists in the solo parts: Eugene Ormandy, soprano, now residing at Orchard Lake, has been soloist with a number of symphonies including Women's symphony of Detroit and The Little symphony of Detroit.

SHE HAS performed at Christ Church Cranbrook and Kirk of the Hills. Natalie Moeckel, alto, is now the soloist at the Presbyterian church of Royal Oak. She comes from the east, where she sang with the Philadelphia orchestra under the direction of Eugene Ormandy and now lives in Birmingham.

Fred Martin, tenor, has only recently come to us from Dublin, Ireland, where he performed in the Messiah many times. Allan Hannah, bass, of Royal Oak, has had considerable experience with the Robert Shaw chorus.

ACCOMPANIMENT on the piano will be by Myrtle Cox, who has been with the South Oakland choral society since its organization 22 years ago. She will be assisted by Marjorie Groulich at the organ.

A second performance will be presented at the Presbyterian church of Royal Oak on Dec. 11 at 7:30 p. m. The public is invited to both performances.

ON THE buffet stood two large dining and groom dolls with actual photographs on the faces. The anniversary couple as they looked when they were married.

Individual cakes were served with the names of Mary and Les and blue frosting and white mints also had their names in blue as well as their name 45.

MANY GUESTS were interested in a collection of old photographs of college days, the wedding and early many occasions. Leaving, the guests were asked to sign the register to have a record of the memorable occasion.



On a Shopping Spree

Taking time out from her mayoral duties, Mrs. Florence Willett, 655 Pilgrim, engages in the weekly shopping for her family.

Santa to Highlight Youngsters' Party

The St. Vincent-Sarah Fisher home for children will present its Christmas party and benefit tea Dec. 11 from 2 until 5 p. m. at Labour Hall on the grounds of the home, Twelve Mile and Inlander roads.

The afternoon event is under the direction of chairman Mrs. Jerry F. Faugner. The president of the Seton guild has asked Mrs. Louis Deid, Mrs. A. Wayne Klein and Mrs. Richard Mrowczynski to be co-chairmen.

THE DECORATED tables and trees will be in honor of the children of the home, to enable the provision of toys that will make this an especially happy occasion for them.

Santa will be on deck for the youngsters' party, as well as for guests' children. Mrs. Clow will provide the entertainment and a separate program is planned for the adults.

Set December Meet

Birmingham Junior Women's club will meet 8 p. m. Tuesday at the Birmingham community house. Colored slides will be shown on Girls' Town. Members are asked to bring gifts for the Oakland county children's home.

Members gathered at the home of Mrs. Carlton Stewart yesterday for a White Elephant Sale. Co-chairmen were Mrs. Robert A. Andrews and Mrs. Hugh Acton. In charge of refreshments was Mrs. Ernest Gross.

Alums and Patrons Of Culver Academy Meet for Dinner

Alumnae and patrons of the Culver Military academy will gather at the Detroit athletic club this evening for their annual dinner. Honored guests will be General and Mrs. Delmar T. Stevey, superintendent of CMA; and Dean and Mrs. J. W. Henderson of Culver.

Invited guests from the Birmingham and Bloomfield areas include the William Hartmann Jr., he is president of the Detroit Culver club; Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wood, the Leonard Gardner, the George Christiansens, the Harvey Krogens, Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Lytle, the Earle Neumans and the Maynard Andrews.

Detroit Athletic Club Plans Holiday Parties

A yuletide atmosphere is taking over at the Detroit athletic club. Three galas are scheduled for Christmas, to lead virtually into Christmas. One is an afternoon party for the junior set; another is the holiday floor show.

Closest to Christmas is the theater party slated for Dec. 22. This festive affair will mark the opening of the Grand Circus theater and the DAC has taken over the entire house for members and their guests. This preview will be followed the next night by the Detroit premiere.

THE CLUB'S holiday floor show, a seven night gala set for Dec. 9-17, excluding Sunday and Monday, is planned to provide real

And Baby Makes Three

First grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Willett, Eric is his grandparent's pride and joy. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. (Rusty) Miller are living in Missouri. Mrs. Miller is the former Ann Willett.

Black tie suggested for the theater party and for the evening dinner dance by the entertainment committee. Chairman is Martin Callahan.

Among those of the Birmingham-Bloomfield area with early reservations are Dr. and Mrs. Oran Crago, the Harry Calvert, the D. A. Packards, the Walker Williams and the Edwin Olsons.

"A NIGHT in Sweden" at the DAC will be the second in the club's series of international dinners. It will be offered in the main dining room next Wednesday.

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THE ENTRANCE hall is being decorated with "five gold rings" the living room fireplace with "two turtles doves"; the library with "seven swans a-swimming" (plus two in Quarten Lake seen from the windows) and the music room with "four calling birds."



Strike Up the Band

Gordon Willett, 14-year-old son of the Howard Willetts, blows his top, the tuba, at band practice. He is a ninth grade student at Barnum Junior high school and his future plans are to attend the University of Michigan and major in engineering and business.



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On the Job

Mayor Willett and Herbert Herzberg, 15601 Kirkshire, Beverly Hills, city planner of Birmingham, going over a city map. Herzberg has been Birmingham's city planner for nearly six years and has formerly acted on a volunteer basis as the chairman of the village plan board.



Digging in Again

Mrs. Alice Burlingame of Oakhill drive, Birmingham, autographs her book, "Therapy Through Horticulture" for Mrs. L. W. Newbern of Oakhills drive, at the Village Bookshelf. Mrs. Burlingame started the horticultural therapy program at Pontiac State hospital in 1951. At the present time she is doing research at the Detroit House of Correction with life-time prisoners. Her newest program in the field of therapy is at the psychiatric department at Receiving hospital. She has lectured in Holland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway.