position? Do you spend time brooding over what you may consider "my own poor limitations"? If so, why not determine to change your thinking from gloom to hopefulness, to cheerfulness, to a self-declaration that "I hereby resolve to measure up to the real fullness and stature of my true self"?

The Birmingham Eccentric

BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

Thursday, May 26, 1960

Birmingham Caught in Whirl of Events

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JERRY McMECHAN directing Mrs. Stephen Booth as Beulah Baxter in "A Day in the Life of Beulah Baxter".

'Merton of the Movies' Selected for June Show

"Merton of the Movies" has been selected by St. Dunstan's Guild for their final show of the season, to be presented to the public, outdoors, in the Greek theater at Cranbrook on June 3, 4, 5, 10 and 11, with a benefit show on June 9 for the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

A most unusual production technique will be used, in that movie sequences will be integrated into the show. These hilarious sequences, already filmed, feature St. Dunstan's members as the heros and heroines of silent screen days. Included in the cast are a number of the stars of "The Bloomingham Eccentrics", the hit musical presented by St. Dunstan's a year ago.

WRITTEN BY George Kaufman and Marc Connelly, "Merton of the Movies" was first produced on Broadway in 1922. It involves the search for fame of Merton Gill, a clerk from a small town in Iowa who arrives in Hollywood with a diploma from a mail-order drama school under his arm, intent on achieving success as a star of the silver screen.

Jerry McMechan, highly experienced in both amateur and professional theatricals, will direct this rollicking portrayal of the movie capital, vintage 1920.

WHEN THE curtain goes up at 9 p. m., the following members will appear in the show: Roy Nelson, Roger Marquis, Barry Parsons, Mrs. Otis Thompson, Mary Lou Bernecker, John Sanders, Garvin Bawden, Richard Page, Mrs. Jack Klarr, John Crim, Mrs. Stephen Booth, Mrs. Robert Harris, Comeford McLoughlin, Mrs. Roger Marquis, John Allman and Mrs. William Saunders.

Also the Don Huttons, Fran Loud, Mrs. Charles White, Mrs. Fred Pew, Mrs. Wesslau Wright, Mrs. Frederick Bahr, Henry S. Booth, Mrs. Glen Miller and Mrs. Albert Remington.

CRANBROOK House, home of the late Henry Booth who was the founder of the Cranbrook institutions, has proved a perfect setting for the early 1920's era portrayed in the films.

Various rooms, complete with magnificent tapestries, tassled lampshade and hand-carved oak furniture, were converted into sets for the library of Lord Dundreary's castle, the boudoir of Leda Polgri and the living room of Beulah Baxter.

THE SETS for "Merton" are the most ambitious ever attempted

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MRS. JACK KLARR PORTRAYS THE MONTAGUE GIRL

ROY NELSON PLAYING PART OF THE TANGO KID

Planning Committee

Members of Birmingham branch of WNFGA gather at the home of Mrs. Robert Pokorny of Latham road, to discuss final plans for the group's house, garden tour and flower show which is slated for June 13. Taking time out from their discussion are (from left) Mrs. Pokorny, Mrs. W. H. Beatty of Latham road, Mrs. T. S. Lawton of Pleasant street, and Sarah Lawton.

June Tour, Flower Show 'From a Summer Garden'

Birmingham branch of Woman's National Farm and Garden association have, for many years, conducted a Christmas show. This year the members decided that it would be fun to have an additional House and Garden tour and Flower show on June 13, when flowers from their own gardens may be used in the arrangements.

Mrs. Robert Pokorny is general chairman with Mrs. Alvin H. Knorr as co-chairman. Other committee members are Mesdames Lewis Dibble, Henry Beam, Clifford Ross, C. W. Frederick, F. H. McKinney, Norman Stiles, Elmore Woolering, Derwood Gamble, James Hunter, R. A. Taggart, Philip deBeaubien, Donald Irwin and Ralph Scheel.

Class chairmen for the exhibits are Mesdames Thomas Chester, Charles Davison, D. A. Shardlow, E. A. Ebersole, T. S. Lawton, Ralph Reed Jr., Norman Berry and Herbert Carr.

The tour and show is from 1 to 6 p. m. at the following locations: flower arrangements will be at the home of Mrs. W. H. Beatty, 1362 Latham road; gardener's mart in the Pokorny garage, 1393 Latham road, will sell new and used garden books, containers and equipment.

Horticultural exhibits and a garden and conservatory tour will be at the home of Mrs. Hobart Andreae, 1033 N. Glengary road; a tour of wild-flower garden at the home of Mrs. Hans Schjolin, 127 Stony Brook lane, Bloomfield Hills.

House tours will be at the home of Mrs. Stanley Carter, 1585 Lone Pine road, and Mrs. Leslie Allman, 1565 N. Cranbrook. Tickets may be purchased from members of the Birmingham branch, or on the tour, or from Mrs. Donald Irwin, ticket chairman.

Suburban Scene

By Shirley Adams
Society Editor

Formal Bibs-Tuckers for Opera

Birmingham and Bloomfield opera lovers dressed in their most formal bibs and tuckers had an early dinner at the DAC before going to Masonic Temple Monday evening for the Metropolitan Opera's opening opera, Verdi's "Simon Boccanegra". Even before 5:30 o'clock, gleaming motor cars swept under the canopy at the Randolph street entrance, their occupants intent on 6 o'clock dinner so there'd be no delay in getting to Masonic for curtain time.

Mrs. Perring Wears White Silk

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Perring of Yarboro road, Bloomfield Hills, met their dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert B. Trix of Grosse Pointe at the club. Mrs. Perring wore an evening dress of white silk foulard strewn with a design of red and pink roses, the full skirt having an uneven hemline, short in front and ankle-length in back. Teamed with the dress was her evening coat of white imported silk and wool brocade, quite barrel-shaped and longer in back. Her clutch bag and slippers were rose-red in color. Mrs. Trix chose an evening dress of pink lace with an uneven hemline and a mink stole.

AT ANOTHER TABLE were Mrs. Gunnar Karlstrom of Colonial court, Birmingham, her son, Carl, and their guests, Mme. Elisabeth Soederstroem, who sang the role of Susanna in "Figaro" Wednesday and Nicolai Gedda who had the Barinkay role in "The Gypsy Baron" Tuesday. With them were Mrs. Eliel Saarinen of Vaughan road, Bloomfield Hills, and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Shinnick of Lake Park drive, Birmingham.

Dining Before the Opera

The Charles R. Beachams and the Walker Williams, both of N. Glengarry road, were a foursome at the opera, Mrs. Beacham wearing turquoise brocade, the long skirt designed with some fullness and a silver blue mink stole. Mrs. Williams was in white chiffon floor length and white satin evening coat.

With Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Johnson were the LeRoy Dahlbergs, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Fredericks, Kathie Norman and James Hicks. Mr. and Mrs. William S. Chisholm entertained Mrs. Maurice Garabrant and her daughter, Sally Dale Garabrant. Among the early arrivals were Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Mills (she was in hyacinth blue chiffon, a Ceil Chapman model with a side drapery over the full straight skirt and a mink stole), the John W. Shenefields, the James O. Wrights, (her floor length gown was of pink peau de soie) and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chambers.

G. T. C. Frys Entertain Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. C. Fry and Mr. and Mrs. George Coates were an opening night foursome . . . the Frys will be dinner hosts at the DAC on each of the opera nights . . . with them on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mills; on Wednesday, their son, M. Harrison Fry II and David Zimmer; Thursday, it's to be the Emmet Judges and on Friday, the Chester Bowies.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. French were noted in the first

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Prince Charming Arrives

Birmingham Newcomers had a "sneak preview" of fun for the Cinderella Ball at their May luncheon. Dressed up as Cinderella is Mrs. Glenn Martin and acting as the prince is Mrs. Kenneth Reames. The semi-formal dinner-dance will be Saturday evening at the Hillcrest country club in Mt. Clemens. Serving on ticket committee are Mesdames Mark Stoudt, A. S. Patten, Kenneth Reames, Joseph Stoltz and R. P. Lambeck.

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A Day at the Carnival

Committee members looking over some of the articles which were displayed at the Detroit Country Day school's carnival are (from left) Mrs. Leonard Solomon, Mrs. G. M. Sitrin, Mrs. William G. Walters and Mrs. Henry Sobell.

Jaycee Auxiliary Presents Special Awards

Special awards were given at the Birmingham Jaycee auxiliary installation luncheon May 17 at Kingsley Inn. "The Most Outstanding Auxiliary Member of the Year" award was given to Vice Pres., Mrs. Patrick Deighan for her unlimited support and service to the Auxiliary.

This was the first time the auxiliary has ever given such an award. President Mrs. Robert E. Reason received a gold Jaycee past president charm bracelet followed by a surprise gift from the auxiliary in their appreciation for her past year as president.

FOLLOWING the luncheon Mrs Reason introduced the new officers to members and guests and formally presented her presidents pin to the new president, Mrs. Charles Meyer and extended best wishes to the vice president, Mrs. William Hall; treasurer, Mrs. Charles Daugleish; recording secretary, Mrs. Tom Murray; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Robert Wilson.

Chairman of the awards committee was Mrs. Royal Wilson assisted by Mrs. James Fisher.

OFFICERS for the past year were vice president Mrs. Patrick Deighan; treasurer, Mrs. James Sontheimer; recording secretary, Mrs. Robert Wink; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Charles Meyer.

Members and guests attending the luncheon were Mrs. James Martin, Mrs. Vern Haagenstad Mrs. Jack Ward, Mrs. Fred Schafer and Mrs. Don Morris.

Lucine Amara Feted

Mrs. Kirk Horigian of Lahser road, Birmingham, will entertain Lucine Amara, who has the lead in "Il Travatore" at the Metro. Mrs. Horigian invited 12 guests to join them at the Detroit Athletic club for luncheon today.

Busy Month Coming Up For Leaguers

Members of the Junior League of Birmingham will end their busy year with a June calendar of festive events. On June 1, Mrs. John Bagby will entertain members of the out-going and incoming boards for luncheon after the morning board meeting.

A buffet supper served under a tent at the Bloomfield Open Hunt club will take place June 4. Mrs. E. R. Hanson is chairman. Theme for June 8 will be the annual meeting and luncheon at the Birmingham country club. Honor guests will be the new provisionals.

THE CHORAL group will present a short concert. They have been trouping all this month and have visited 11 convalescent homes, singing to a total of almost 800 people.

Finally, the transfer group will have their last get-together of the year on June 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mac for a barbecue.

Philanthropy, Fun Combined All in One

NITA HARD
Franklin Correspondent

BEVERLY—Rain or shine, and sometimes both, crowds joined the festive spirit of the Fair and Carnival at Detroit Country Day School on 13 Mile road last weekend.

Throughout the golden afternoon hours of Friday and Saturday and into the rain washed evenings, the throbbing music of a gilded calliope beckoned residents of the area. Several thousand people responded to make the 20th annual event the biggest and most successful in the school's history.

WHILE CHILDREN, large and small, patronized the midway games and rides, gorged on pink cotton candy and frozen ice cones, adults found variety in the bazaar concessions held in the school buildings.

As a fund raising project put on by the mothers and dads of students, the Fair and Carnival made substantial progress toward its goal, which is to strengthen the language department with additional staff and facilities.

MRS. JAMES Tenney, chairman, reported that the addition of a full-blown carnival to the traditional bazaar event was a new and profitable idea this year. The results were most gratifying.

While mothers managed the bazaar booths for needle work, baked goods, flowers, barbecue accessories, antique sales and novelties the dads managed the parking lot, sold ticket strips by the yard and generally oversaw the midway activity.

THREE portrait artists were kept busy sketching pastel likenesses and the school kitchen and lunchroom was a mecca of social intercourse providing savory sustenance for those who needed more than the usual hot dog fare.

Among the attendance attracted by the gaily colored rides whose bright lights could be seen above rural setting were Mrs. William Slaughter, the Clem Penroses, the Harold Giegers, the G. C. Buchanans, the M. R. Davenports, the John Harms, the Ken Wagoners, the Calvert Thomases, the E. C. Lewises, the Fred Taylors and the Henry Wyatts.

Music Guild To Present Music Series

The Cranbrook music guild has scheduled "the best in all fields of art" for its summer festival, beginning Sunday, June 26.

First of three major events will be an outdoor concert by the Michigan chorale, an internationally known 100-voice mixed ensemble. The June 26 presentation will be under the direction of Lester McCoy.

ON JULY 10, a joint concert will feature the Severo ballet and the Detroit symphony orchestra under the direction of Valter Poole. Both concerts will be in the Greek theatre at Cranbrook.

The Dave Brubeck quartet, one of the world's finest jazz units, will appear in the Cranbrook stadium on Sunday, July 17. A capacity audience is expected.

JAMES SCHNEIDER, chairman of the Cranbrook gardens summer festival, said his group decided to diversify its concerts to open the scenic facilities of Cranbrook to devotees of all types of good music. He emphasized that the summer concerts are open to the general public as well as members of the guild.

Annual Meeting Set

Orchard Lake country club will be the scene Wednesday when members of the Village women's club meet for their annual meeting. The event will be a three-in-one, brunch, business and bridge meeting.