

It was wise old Marcus Aurelius who said: "This is moral perfection: To love each day as though it were the last, to be tranquil, serene, yet not indifferent to one's fate." Yes, to love each day by also contributing a kindly thought or act to others... and in the doing feel the thrill and inner glow that is the dividend you receive from unselfishness.

## AAUW Member Finds 125-Year-Old Treasure While Working on Sale

Combs, sticks of gum, picture postcards and even folding money sometimes fall from the pages of books donated to the AAUW Book Sale. But, this week, Mrs. Lawrence J. Fitzgerald, 1700 Torry, Birmingham, came upon a 125-year-old letter while leafing through a book.

WRITTEN BY a Scottish watchmaker to his brother in Canada, it was yellowed with age and torn where it had been fixed with red sealing wax, but clearly legible.

A commentary on the times, the letter read in part:

Hawick, Scotland, April 3, 1835  
My dear Friends

We were most thankful when we received your letter, July 12 months have elapsed since you wrote before—We had many conjectures as to the cause of your not writing and some of them I must say not over charitable.

At length we had set it down as an incontestable fact that your letter had been miscarried when his welcome messenger arrived.

What distressed us particularly was the dreadful reports of the ravages of cholera at Galt and neighborhood and never hearing from you we could not tell what might have befallen you, and accounts we heard of Galt being burned and the whole country round deserted filled us with the most dreadful anticipation.

(The writer goes on to describe his children)

Isabel is six days old—a fine stout creature and reminds me of my mother, Jamie is now very well. His health was confirmed by a month of sea bathing last

summer. Mary is a master of the multiplication tables. (He discusses the chances of transplanting his family from Scotland to Canada)

You see my dear brother John, the way I am circumcised at present precluded the possibility of it this year. I fear I want fortune and resolution unless impelled by peculiar circumstances.

I really believe few people emigrate voluntarily. I do not say this from indifference in this matter. On the contrary it is the strongest wish of our hearts to be beside you but to take such a journey with helpless children is some thing which staggers me.

I wish we had but gone along with you—that was the time. I feel my energies are gone from not being called into action. I am a failure—my mind seldom ranges beyond the four walls of my house. I am convinced that although one's family ought to be the centre it should no means be the boundary of one's thoughts and affections. It abridges the powers of the mind.

(From personal philosophy he shifts to business facts)

Watch glasses are very high but would the wholesale prices be higher in America than here?

It is certainly the best route by New York. Tell me if luggage is subjected to a very strict scrutiny when going by the States. You know my materials, watches, tools, etc. would all be subject to duty. I think one great difficulty would be to get the various materials wanted for my trade when my stock ran out.

All materials, glasses, etc. had very low in this country. Perhaps the best way would be to arrange with a merchant in this country and get them direct to me.

(He closes with a political touch)

I am afraid of a rupture between this country and Canada in for S. Sutton is not the likeliest who could have been chosen to adjust differences, but we are under the Tories at present, adieu!

My dear Friends, your most affectionately,  
George.

MRS. FITZGERALD remembered who had delivered the box of books that contained the letter and traced the owner. It was Mrs. Robert C. Brown of Royal Oak, whose husband's great-grandmother was the Isabel referred to in the letter.

Mrs. Brown said that the watchmaker, George Lees left Scotland in 1836 and joined his brother in Galt, Canada, where he opened a jewelry shop.

ONE OF HIS eight children, James, turned out civil war weapons and built the United States "Springfield." He was the inventor of the "clip" magazine attachment. Eventually, he developed the Lee-Enfield rifle first used in the Boer War, later in the first World War, and as late as World War II.

This Saturday thousands of books, which have been collected and stored for the American association of university women's book sale will be loaded onto a truck and transported from basements all over Birmingham to the Gringal auditorium at Maple and Bates.

DOORS WILL open to the public on Monday at 8:30 a.m. The sale (See TREASURE, 2-C)

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## Cupid Captures Three More



ELLEN LOUISE SCHREIBER

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schreiber, 18151 Sunnybrook, Birmingham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Louise, to Raymond A. Voss of Berkeley.

A Sigma Kappa, Ellen is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She is presently employed as a dental hygienist. Raymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Voss, is also a graduate of the University of Michigan. He was affiliated with Sigma Nu fraternity.



LINDA A. RAKAS

The engagement of Linda Arleen Rakas to Harry Burr Cummins has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas John Rakas of Gleggery road, Birmingham.

Linda graduated from Kingswood school Cranbrook and is a senior at the University of Michigan. Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fitch Cummins of Lansing, is an alumnus of Admiral Farragut Academy, St. Petersburg, Fla. He will graduate from the University of Michigan in January. The bride-elect is affiliated with Alpha Phi sorority and her fiancé with Beta Theta Pi fraternity. A Feb. 4 wedding is planned in Christ Church Cranbrook.



LINDA RAE BRETHEN

Mr. and Mrs. C. Arthur Brethen of Midway avenue, Southfield, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Rae, to James V. Kirkendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kirkendall of Burlington, Ind.

They are both attending Michigan State university. The bride-elect is a sophomore and affiliated with Kappa Delta sorority. Her fiancé, a senior, is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. A Dec. 17 wedding is planned.



## Suburban Scene

By Shirley Adams  
Society Editor

### Man, Is Detroit Dynamic

"You can't see the cars for the people!" I heard this many times over Friday evening at the National Automobile Show preview at Cobo Hall. And that's exactly what happened to me... I left the show after two hours, during which I hardly saw a car. But I did get some chuckles.

While fighting my way through the crowd, trying to keep up with our party, I felt myself drifting sideways... turned around and found my lace dress hooked to a woman's coat. It took five minutes to bid my involuntary partner adieu and catch up with the group, who were admiring a new convertible.

The party struggled to the next exhibit, and I was stranded again... this time my heel caught in the carpet. While my escort used all of his manpower to pry my shoe loose, I stood barefooted, holding my breath as the mob poured past.

SOMEONE ASKED, "Where are we going, dear? We look like a bunch of lost sheep."

And then there was the TV fan who said, "I figure I've already missed 77 Sunset Strip, so I might as well stay."

When I was leaving the office Friday, Julie Candler, township editor, yelled out, "Let me know how many women are wearing beehives at the auto show."

Yes, Julie, there were many bee-hives. But several turned to honey before the end of the evening.

The women at the gala event were attired very stylishly in minis and smart outfits. I noticed one young girl especially. She was wearing a purple dress with the skirt at least an inch above the knees. I am still wondering if it was a Paris original or if she got it taught in a swinging door.

LOCAL RESIDENTS I spotted at the show were the Marden Wares, the Herb Greens, the Arnold Thomsons, the Galt Smiths, the Roland Withers, the Tim Kings, the Dick McLaughlins, the Charles Heplers and the William Walkers.

Dining at the Recess club preceding the show were Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Saltzman of Larchlea drive, Birmingham, and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Horton of Farmington. Birmingham area residents were well represented at several parties following the preview. At one party I saw Mr. and Mrs. George Russell, executive vice president of GM; the Bruce Browns, the Fred Tykles, the John Sadds, the William Ryans, the Paul McDonalds, the Louis Deans, the Ken Manuels and the Dick Deweys.

### Theater Goers

Saturday was a busy day for the Harry J. Nederlanders of Pilgrim road, and the Thomas T. Restricks of Amberly drive, Birmingham. The foursome left in the morning for Ann Arbor to attend the U of M game, dashed home to change into their party clothes for a dinner party at the Arthur L. Wisley's home. Besides the Wisleys they dined with the L. Gerald Robinsons and the John Chapins. Following the dinner, the five couples attended the opening performance at the Shubert theater.

### Ruth Shain to Head Class

Ruth Shain has consented to continue classes in the Ruth Shain International Affairs class starting Nov. 1 in a limited program. Three classes are scheduled in November. Classes will meet 10 a.m. at the Birmingham community house.

## International Flavor Adds Color to Fall Import Fair

Oakland Kappa Delta sorority alumnae will present its annual Import Fair Nov. 4 at Showcase, Inc., 136 Brownell, Birmingham. Proceeds will benefit the Oakland county society for crippled children.

Suburbanites are invited to do their gift shopping at this gay fair from noon until 9 p.m. Busy mothers can browse and buy at their leisure, since free baby sitting will be provided.

FIFTEEN importers will be represented under one roof for the day. Sweaters from Sweden, hand-carved children's toys from Switzerland, hand puppets from Germany and other ideal gift items from China, Mexico, Poland, Norway, Japan and many other far-off places will satisfy even the most particular buyer.

After the shopping has been completed a stop at the refreshment booth will be a pleasant surprise, besides coffee and tea, there

will be a vast assortment of cookies from other countries to sample. Should one or more of the great variety suit the taste, then a boxful of the favorite can be taken home for the family's enjoyment.

THE ENTIRE alumnae group has been working hard to make this year's fair as successful as the past one under the direction of co-chairmen, Mrs. John E. Gates, Jr. and Mrs. Donald K. Cox.

Committee heads from the Birmingham area include Mrs. Stuart M. Totty, refreshments; Mrs. Edward Walter, prizes; Mrs. John Hume, baby sitting; Mrs. William E. Siebert, publicity; Mrs. H. N. Van Aken, assisting importers and Mrs. George Miller, bake sale.

## President of BAC To Be Feted Tonight

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Matthaei Jr., of Covington road, Birmingham, will be honored guests this evening at the Birmingham athletic club at a formal cocktail and dinner party.

Matthaei has been president of the club since it was established and his term on the board of directors expires this year.

CHARLES K. Field, house committee chairman, is in charge of arrangements for the party which will honor the board of directors and its retiring members, William H. Baldwin and Howard T. Keating Jr.

Also seated at the directors' table will be the Robert L. Durtons, Peter C. Pines, Richard Van Dusena and the William Stoums. Editor of the BAC magazine, Edward T. Downs and Mr. Downs will be there; also the F. E. Diefendorf and the Robert Faughts of the swimming committee.

REPRESENTING the house committee are the William Beisan, J. Robert Hamilla, G. T. Christensen and the Fields.

## Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Weyhing, 632 Rivenock, Birmingham, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday at an open house. Residents of Birmingham for 35 years, the Weyhings were married Oct. 21, 1910. Mr. Weyhing is vice president of Weyhing Brothers Mfg. Co. in Detroit.

Their three children include George Weyhing of Detroit, Helen Weyhing of Birmingham and Mrs. Ronald Hall of Royal Oak. The Weyhings are members of St. James Episcopal church.



## Executive Shows His Family

William J. Bird, Dodge assistant general manager, shows his wife and son, David, the Dodge display at the 43rd National Automobile Show in Detroit's \$54 million Cobo Hall. The Birds live at 1120 Lyonhurst, Birmingham. The show is open until Sunday.



## At Jubilee Dinner

Chatting at Alpha Chi Omega's Jubilee Founder's Day dinner at Red Run golf club are (left) Mrs. John B. Smith, national secretary-treasurer of Kansas City; Mrs. James Henderson, 765 Oakleigh, Bloomfield Hills and Mrs. Edward Burroughs, 335 Hamilton, Bloomfield Village. Past presidents and members of the Detroit chapter were honored.



## All Dressed Up

Youngsters modeling the latest in fashion at the Birmingham community house last Thursday were (left) Diane Smith, 1556 Hazel; Jeff Andrews of Windmere road and Linda Gray, 392 W. Lincoln. The show was presented by the Birmingham Junior Women's club.