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If only each of us would maintain a balance sheet to record our good, sometimes their opposite, actions and words toward others? Do you believe that the annual balance sheet would be in black or red? Black because most of our words and actions were good — red because they were not. Really, is there any greater personal challenge one has than to exemplify maximum goodness?

Leading Lady Stars In 'Man's World'

By SHIRLEY ADAMS
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Mrs. Peter B. Loomis, 1648 Dorchester, Birmingham, is indeed a First Lady. As the first woman to head the Birmingham Board of Education, Mrs. Loomis carries herself with dignity and poise. She has the unique ability to run a meeting where it is usually considered a "man's world".

Born in Francesville, Ind., Mrs. Loomis attended High School in Knox, Ind., and graduated from DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., and later did graduate work at Columbia University.

FOLLOWING graduation, she did some summer traveling in Europe and later spent a winter in Vienna.

Before marriage she worked as a family case worker on New York's Lower East Side, Bowers District and later was employed as a secretary for college text book publisher.

She met her husband in Elkhart, Ind., and the couple

moved to Birmingham in 1935. Shortly after moving here Mrs. Loomis became well known in the area for her interest in community activities.

IN 1938, she was elected president of Adams Elementary School PTA and also a member of Bartram Junior High School and Birmingham High School PTA boards and PTA council.

Her other community activities included co-leader of the Junior High School Girl Scout Troop from 1941 to

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MRS. PETER B. LOOMIS

Judith Averill Exchanges Vows In California

The Episcopal Church of Sausalito, Calif., was the setting Saturday morning for the marriage of Judith Louise Averill to David D. Otis. The Rev. Joseph Doron performed the 11 o'clock ceremony. A brunch and reception at the Alta Mira Hotel immediately followed.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neal Averill of W. Glengary Circle, Birmingham, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Ralph Hollibaugh of Creston, Iowa, and the late Albert Otis.

MRS. HENRY M. HOGAN, Jr., of W. Orchard Hill Drive, Bloomfield Township, was her sister's only attendant and Morton McMichael stood as best man.

Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Averill

FORMER residents attending the wedding included Nancy Carlisle, Judy Essig, Noreen Harrigan and Marabelle Rummel. They are living in California.

WNFGA Group Meets

Northwood branch of WNFGA will meet 12:30 Saturday at the home of Mrs. Brown Lanning of Briarcliff Road, Detroit. Attending from the Birmingham area are Mesdames Nelson Miles, John Lowry and Charles Aske. Mrs. George W. Dunn of Birmingham will give on "Conversation" and will show slides on birds and flowers.

New Area Residents Honored at Party

The weather outside was frightful, but the hospitality inside the Birmingham Community House was delightful.

The occasion for this atmosphere was the new residents party last week at the Community House where newcomers to Birmingham were welcomed to the area. Over 90 new residents of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area enjoyed an afternoon card and tea where they met other newcomers and learned of the activities of the Community House.

"WE WANTED to give new residents in our area the opportunity to see and enjoy the unique advantages we have here through our Community House," declared Mrs. Ralph O. Moore, 385 Oak Hills Drive, social chairman for the Community House and member of its board of directors.

"Paintings and handicraft items made by members in the creative pottery, silver and painting classes now being conducted at the Community House were on display during the afternoon. These courses are open to anyone paying the nominal registration fee and held during weekday evenings, run five to 12 weeks depending on the course.

AMONG other classes currently being offered are art appreciation, bridge, dancing, interior decorating, Russian and an exercise course for women. A painting and drawing and a sculpture course is also offered for school-age youths.

A highlight of the afternoon was a fashion showing of clothes and hats made by members of the sewing and tailoring and millinery classes. Ten women modeled suits they had made during their course and a stunning group of spring and fall hats was modeled by their creators.

A SPECIAL FEATURE of the program was an act from the forthcoming Newcomers Club "Gay Nineties Revue" to be presented at the Community House on March 9. Mrs. C. P. Falk, 17 E. Flon Road, attired in a gay nineties costume, gave a colorful and entertaining treatment to two songs: "White on Harvest Moon" and "Bill Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home." She was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. John Albertson, 1452 Terry Lane.

Former addresses of new residents read from as far away as California and Connecticut. An international flavor was even present with two ladies, Mrs. Art Grutter, 1650 Sunfield Road and Mrs. Claire Meade, 2955 Yorkshire, claiming Switzerland as their former home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fairchild of Thurber Drive, all of Bloomfield Hills. While at the home of Mrs. M. Paul and Mrs. E. Boyne, the group received some helpful hints on skiing from Stein Erickson, Olympic Gold Medal winner of 1952.

Taking a few days off from a ski week at Boyne Mountain, Mrs. M. Paul and Mrs. E. Boyne, and Mrs. Barry McCabe of Hummel Drive, Beverly Hills; Mr. and Mrs. Verne Sore of Wing Lake Road, Mr. and Mrs. James Dugan of Thurber Drive and

Whirl of Events
It seems like in the past month, Birmingham has become a center of social and benefit festivities. At an annual luncheon at Masonic (See SCENE Page 2-C)

Opera Committee Gets Underway For Season

Three local women have recently been appointed by the Women's Committee of the Detroit Grand Opera Association to serve as chairmen. The group is sponsoring the seven Metropolitan Operas, starting with Puccini's "Turandot" on opening night, May 22 in Detroit's Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Theodore O. Yntema along with Mrs. George T. Trumbull and Mrs. John S. French have had many organizational meetings during the last few weeks. Committee chairmen appointed include Mrs. Paul McKenney, Mrs. Robert L. Graham and Mrs. John W. Sanders.

OTHER COMMITTEE members are Mrs. Frederick M. Oliver, Mrs. Gordon Hess, Mrs. Henry C. Johnson, Mrs. Jack Klarr, Mrs. Samuel Lang and Mrs. William G. Lerchen. John E. Gordon of Bathurst Road, Bloomfield Hills, is and has been one of the hardest working members of the Opera Committee since the Metropolitan came to Detroit.

The group of committee members driving into Detroit with her for a luncheon meeting Friday included Mrs. Trumbull, Mrs. French, Mrs. Richard Wagner, Mrs. William G. Meese and Mrs. Raymond D. Perring.

FROM FRANKLIN, Mrs. Max M. Franklin is bringing group to (See OPERA Page 2-C)



Opera Chairmen Named

Mrs. Theodore O. Yntema (right) has been named chairman with (left) Mrs. George T. Trumbull and Mrs. John S. French co-chairmen for the Birmingham-Bloomfield area by the Women's Committee of the Detroit Grand Opera Association.

Suburban Scene

By Shirley Adams
anniversary and to hear the music of the New York Concert Trio. The evening was a unique experience in that the trio is a combination not often heard in 20th century music circles.

SEEN IN THE AUDIENCE were the Benjamin H. Micoous, Edward S. Reids Jr., Gen. and Mrs. Frederick S. Strong Jr., Albert DeSales, Henry S. Booth, Robert Bates, William Casey, Edmund Pratts, Mrs. Elsie Saarinen, Mrs. Eero Saarinen, LeRoy Dahlberg, John W. Sanders and LeRoy Kiefer.

Early arrivals were former presidents of the Guild with families and guests: Mrs. Benjamin Brewster, Frederick G. Weed, LeRoy Dahlberg and Max H. Fruhauf.

ONE OF THE youngest and most creative organizations in the Detroit area, the Cranbrook Music Guild has presented 65 concerts. Its summer garden series draw audiences from every segment of the community.

From Friends Away
In case you're wondering what's doing with friends away... the mail pouch is keeping us posted. Getting away from it all and spending

Members of the Junior Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra recently met at the home of Harry Winston Jr. of Lakespark Drive, Birmingham, to discuss plans for a March 4 symphony concert. Featured that evening will be Seymour Lipkin, Birmingham area, who is attending the meeting from Detroit.

Attending the meeting from Detroit were Mrs. David Demarek, Mrs. Edwin Engelquist, Mrs. James Gentry, Mrs. Charles Himehoeh, Mrs. Robert Meek, Mrs. Harry Nordlander, Mrs. John Patterson, Mrs. Robert Raitsch, Mrs. Dale O. Miller.

Others were Mrs. Hamilton White, Mrs. Henry Whitting, Mrs. David Wirth, Mrs. Harry Wieting and Mrs. Horatio Lewis.

Parents To Discuss 'Four Year Planning'
Derby PTA has arranged for parents of eighth grade students to meet to discuss "Your Year Planning" tonight at 8 in the Derby cafeteria.

Ross Wagner, representing the high school, will explain the importance of making tentative schedules in advance. Scheduling Procedures will be outlined by Mrs. Geraldine Lewis, grade counselor, because this year eighth graders will have to decide what courses they want to take in High School.

Some program changes at Derby school are being planned for next year and Robert Ford, principal, will reveal what they will be. Refreshments will be served.

Alums Offer Theater Night

Gathering at the home of Mrs. John Sutton of Charing Cross Road (left), to discuss plans for a theatre night being sponsored by Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, Theta chapter, are (left) Mrs. Edward T. Burroughs of Hamilton Road and Mrs. Fred O. Henny of Broadway Boulevard. "The Sound of Music" at the Riviera Theatre on March 2 will benefit the new Theta Chapter House in Ann Arbor.

Kappa Kappa Gamma To Gather for Meeting

The two sections of the Northwood Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday.

THE AFTERNOON group will meet for lunch at the home of Mrs. Robert B. Wessels, 2122 Tottenham, Birmingham. Assisting Mrs. Wessels as co-hostesses will be Mrs. F. Walker, Mrs. Allan Malcolmson and Mrs. Russell Heyl.

MRS. FRANK McLinnis of Huntington Woods, wife of the Director of Detroit Zoological Park, and a Kappa herself, will present a program called "Inside the Zoo".

THE EVENING group will meet at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Donald Frankman, 3645 Upton Circle, Birmingham. The hostess will have as assistants Mrs. David T. Manley, Mrs. Charles L. Storm and Mrs. William Moore.

Members will bring homemade articles or homemade foods to be auctioned off during the evening.

LAST YEAR'S "Evening at the Theatre" provided \$900 for this institution. Ticket chairmen are: Mrs. R. V. Anderson, 5259 Deep Wood, Bloomfield Hills, for the afternoon group and Mrs. Carl Walden, 2200 Yorkshire, Birmingham, for the evening group.

Brenda Faye Sosland Engaged To Albert Kahn Butzel
On Saturday at a family dinner at the St. Regis Hotel in New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sosland of Kansas City, Mo., announced the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Faye, to Albert Kahn Butzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Butzel of Lone Pine Road, Birmingham. The bride-elect is a graduate of the Sunset Hill School for Girls and is a senior at Radcliffe College. Her fiancé is an alumnus of Cranbrook School and of Harvard University. He is the grandson of Leo M. Butzel, well-known Detroit attorney and the late Al-



BRENDA FAYE SOSLAND
bert Kahn, industrial architect. A June wedding is planned.

Christ Church Cranbrook was the scene Saturday for the marriage of Linda Arleen Rakas to Harry Burr Cummins. The 8 o'clock ceremony was performed by the Rev. Lester L. Dobyns.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Rakas of Glengary Road, Birmingham. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fitch Cummins of Lansing.

Given in marriage by her father, Linda appeared in a gown fashioned of candlelight delustered satin detailed with appliques of pearl dance lace. The dimensional neckline, empire bodice and bracelet length sleeves were accented with the matching lace and traced in tiny pearls and opalescents.

THE SKIRT belled to a chapel train, adorned with garlands of the jeweled lace. A diadem of Aurora Borealis secured her tiered fingertip veil of silk illusion. She carried a prayer book topped with white roses and ivy.

Attending the bride were Mrs. Neil Dyke Purdy, matron of honor; Jeanne Harreaveas, maid of honor; and bridesmaids, Nancy Clark, Mrs. Jerry Holmke, Anne Warner and Nancy McCortney.

THE ATTENDANTS were gowned alike in Bianchi constellation blue delustered satin featuring seep dome-shaped skirts were swept back and caught with a bow and streamers fell to the hemline. They carried bouquets of white camellias, the maid of honor's centered with pin: rosebuds and the matron's with garnet buds.

Charles Fitch Cummins, Jr., twin of the bridegroom, served as best man. Seating the guests were Kent D. Rakas, Jon Tomlin, Peter Cummins, Neil D. Purdy, Kemp Logan, Victor Mix and Cliff Galen.

FOLLOWING the evening ceremony, guests were greeted at Oakland Hills Country Club.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Rakas chose a chiffon and satin dress and pinned green cymbidium orchids to her purse. Mother of the bridegroom selected a Dior blue silk dress with pale pink cymbidium orchids.

THE NEW Mrs. Cummins chose a willow green knit with matching accessories for her wedding trip to Palm Beach, Fla. The newlyweds will make their home in Ann Arbor.

MRS. HARRY BURR CUMMINS
Linda Rakas Repeats Vows