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Are not many phases of the thing we call "swery" conditions that are yet to happen? Do we not, then, include in our "swery pattern" many, many anticipated conditions that really never happen? Perhaps a good way to toss such worries out of thought is to think of something else, something happier, either that has happened or is possible to happen. THINK HAPPY RIGHT NOW!



Preceding the Ball

Entertaining at a cocktail party preceding the Birmingham Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae annual benefit dance at Orchard Lake Country Club Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Macartney of Burnley Drive (standing). Among the guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Kircher of Burnley Drive.

Wills Family Entertains Guests from Cairo, Egypt

Two years ago the Ted Wills family on Puritan Road, Birmingham, had one very good reason for dreaming of a trip to Cairo, Egypt. Through "Operation Friendship", sponsored by the U of M alumnae council, they had hosted a charming couple, Kamal Abo and Sohair Elmagd, an exchange student and his wife at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Elmagd, an associate professor on constitutional law at the University of Cairo had been sent here by the University to follow up his law studies. The Elmagds left behind their two little children, small son Ayman, who was being cared for by his grandparents.

A WEEKEND of exchanging views and learning of Egyptian ways left the Wills thoroughly captivated with the country and particularly by the charm of its people. Before the Elmagds departed from Ann Arbor, the Wills visited at their invitation and were served a full Egyptian meal. The Elmagds are now back at the Uni-

versity of Cairo and the two families have kept up an active correspondence. This past weekend the Wills found two more good reasons for visiting Cairo. Again they hosted an Egyptian couple, Ahmed and Zuri Sorour. Mr. Sorour is also at Ann Arbor as an exchange student from the University of Cairo and is a friend and associate professor of law of Mr. Elmagd. Sorour is here studying criminal law.

Noted Economist Named as Guest Speaker

The Village Woman's Club will gather at Oakland Hills Country Club Wednesday to hear Merryrie S. Ruker, noted economist, lecturer, author and business consultant. He will speak on "What's Ahead for the U.S.A.?"

Suburban Scene

By Shirley Adams
Society Editor

HE HAS BEEN America's most widely read popular economist for over a generation and has acted as a consultant to business and an advisor to the government. A frequent performer on radio and television, he surprises his lecture audiences by showing that practical money management can be fun.

Chairman of the luncheon committee is Mrs. Edward F. Wallich and Mrs. Urban U. Woodhouse will assist. Others working on the luncheon include Mesdames S. D. Higgins, John Kinzel, Lancey Minor, Alan Wentz, John Kausch, John O'Sullivan, Leroy Kerker, Dale DeWitt Douglas, Roy Thurman, Howard Carr and Milton Mallender.

Nationwide Celebration In Order

Members of the Junior League of Birmingham are joining in a nationwide celebration this year of the 60th anniversary of the first Junior League.

Throughout 1961, they will also mark the 40th birthday of the parent organization, the National Association of America, Inc. The local Junior League which is itself nine years old, began as the service league of the Detroit Junior League in 1938 and was admitted to the association of the league in 1952.

WITH A current membership of 250, the league of Birmingham has undertaken a variety of projects in this city, principally in the area of Oakland County.

Its services include the Child Guidance Clinic, Young Peoples Art Center at Cranbrook, Legal Aid Society in Pontiac, Hospital Cart at St. Joseph Hospital and the Vision Screening Project.

In the local league, Mrs. William Bachman Jr. is president. Birmingham board members include Mrs. Shirley Smith Jr., Mrs. Frederick Booth, Mrs. Robert Prick, Mary Taylor and Mrs. Nelson Nolan.



Navy League President

Mrs. John Lavrakas of 196 S. Williamsburg, Birmingham, has been elected president of the Detroit Women's Council of the Navy League of the United States. She recently met with committee chairmen to outline programs and projects for the coming year. (See Suburban Scene.)



'Them Good Ole Days'

Attired in gyp nifty costumes, members of the Women's Association for Vanguard Playhouse served as hostesses at an Invitational Tuesday evening with an afterglow following the performance. Local members are (from left) Mrs. William Breech of Franklin Road, Mrs. E. E. Wilson of E. Long Lake and Mrs. R. C. Oglesby of Westwood Drive. Standing is Christopher Flynn, executive secretary of the Women's Association for the Playhouse.

Gala Events on Agenda At Detroit Athletic Club

The Detroit Athletic Club Squash Handball Association's party for the ladies on Tuesday and "A Night in Italy" dinner on March 1 are scheduled events at the downtown clubhouse.

The officers in charge of the Squash party are Birminghamites Marshall Potter, president; and William G. Lichtenberg Jr., and Charles Bizelew, respectively vice president and secretary.

INVITATIONS to the Squash Handball members bid them attend an Athletic party and give the ladies the benefit of a "Dividend." The distaff side will have the privilege of watching from the galleries overlooking the courts while their men engage in squash and handball matches beginning at 5 p. m.

The fête will move on to the DAC's main dining room at 7:30 p. m. for buffet dinner and dancing to Gene Pringle's orchestra music.

"NIGHT IN ITALY" is another in the series of International Dinners the club is presenting for members and their guests this season. Al-

Ellen Flint to Wed Marcus E. Cunningham

At a supper Saturday evening for family and close friends, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howard Flint of Island Lake, Bloomfield Hills, announced the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Virginia, to Marcus Eddy Cunningham Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Eddy Cunningham of Brady Lane, Bloomfield Hills.

Miss Flint is a graduate of Kingswood School, Cranbrook and of Stanford University. She is a member of Tau Beta. Her fiancé is a graduate of Cranbrook School and of Yale University, where he was affiliated with Beta Theta Pi and a member of The Whiffenpoofs. He will receive his

Lynne Scherer Weds Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Scherer of Coachmaker Drive, Bloomfield Hills, announce the marriage of their daughter, Lynne Louise, to Thomas Andrew Stuebel Jr., son of the senior Stuebel of Berkeley.

Lynne and Thomas were united in marriage Saturday at the home of the bride's parents. The single ring ceremony was performed at four o'clock in the presence of the immediate families.

FOR HER WEDDING, the bride chose a coffee and white print sheath and carried white orchids.

A family dinner at the Rotunda Inn followed the ceremony. The newlyweds will reside in Oak Park.



ELLEN V. FLINT

masters degree in business administration from Columbia University in June.

A July wedding is planned.

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Catie's Busy As a Bee

Charming and vivacious and because of her navy background, Mrs. John Lavrakas of S. Williamsburg, Birmingham, will be especially suited to the job before her. At a recent meeting she was elected president of the Detroit Women's Council of the Navy League of the United States.

Born in Cambridge, Mass., (under the talented and appealing sign of Taurus) she graduated from Simmons College of Boston. Married to Captain Lavrakas (than a Lieutenant) in her senior year, Catie finished school while John was on duty in the Pacific. She majored in psychology.

HER HUSBAND is assistant Engineer of the U.S.S. Salerno Bay, an aircraft carrier. He served over four years in the Pacific area. They came to Detroit in 1952, when Captain Lavrakas was sent here as an Executive Officer in Inspector of Naval Material Office. In 1955, they moved to Birmingham. Although Mr. Lavrakas is now working for the Ford Motor Company 9-2, he is the Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Material Company at Broadhead Naval Armory.

ONE OF Catie's duties as president of the Detroit Women's Council is to plan special parties honoring top ranking Naval and Marine Officers in the Detroit area, and her experience as a Navy Officer's wife will be of great value in her new job. Catie joined the Detroit Women's Council of the Navy League shortly after they arrived in Detroit. She has served as corresponding secretary and program chairman in the council.

The Lavrakas' have a son, Paul, who is a student at Derby Junior High School. In spite of all the energy it takes to manage a home, she finds time to do some substitute teaching in Birmingham.

The Lavrakas family usually head back East during the summer to see their families.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC supporter of anything remotely concerned with the Navy and as her new job as president of the league, Catie will receive plenty of opportunity to fulfill the primary function of the league.

Birthday Greetings

Humorous birthday cards tacked to the front door greeted dinner guests of the Dale Douglasses in their home on Hillwood Drive, Bloomfield Hills, Saturday evening in celebration of Dale's birthday. The floor planter in the entrance hall held gardenia corsages for each of the ladies, a birthday gift from the host. The "eye stopper" was a centerpiece made of candy centered by a chocolate Chevy of 1927 vintage, the year Mr. Douglass started to work for the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors.

Included in the guest list were two foreign students from the University of Michigan, houseguests for the weekend of the William Burlingames. They were Januse Mika of Poland, a nuclear physicist, studying for his doctorate and A. L. (Duke) Frisiani of Italy, studying for his masters in electrical engineering.

Neighbors Far Away

Dr. and Mrs. Alfred D. Grey of E. Dartmoor, recently returned from Sea Island, Ga., where they were houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Smead. The Smeads reside on Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, and maintain a winter home in Georgia.



Attending Bennington Tea

The doors were open and the red carpet was out for parents and interested students of Bennington College last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Harry Winston of Aspen Road. Among the guests attending the afternoon tea were (from left) Mrs. Gordon

Getsinger of W. Square Lake Road, Mrs. Weidon MacDonald of Lakeview Drive, Mrs. Roy C. Leitch, Jr., of Lone Pine Hill, and Jane Vance, a junior at Bennington. While in Birmingham, Jane was the houseguest of the Weldon MacDonalds.

Members Are Framed

'Portraits of Fashion' will be the theme for a spring fashion show. Members of Providence Hospital Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. John Tracey (left) of Morningside Drive, Lathrup Village, to discuss plans for the April 12 event at the Detroit Yacht Club. Among the women attending the meeting was Mrs. William Cleary of Backham Drive, Lathrup Village.



Village Players To Present 'Hay Fever'

The Birmingham Village Players' next production will be "Hay Fever" by Noel Coward. The curtain will go up at 9 p. m. on Feb. 24 and 25 and March 3 and 4.

The cast will include Barbara Blauman, Howard Knorr, Stewart Loud, Mrs. Gordon Jaynes, J. B. Hassberger, Tom Tucker, Donna Ryder, Sheamus O'Connor and Peggy McCall.

Directing the play will be Emily Gove and assisting is Mrs. John Kleene.



Taking part in the Village Players' next production of "Hay Fever" are Mrs. Gordon F. Jaynes (front) of Timberlake Drive, Bloomfield Hills, and Mrs. George Ryder of Binbrooke Road, Birmingham.