

If you have lived 50 or more years, do you realize that your life spans a good deal of today's progress in the area of physical comforts and conveniences? You have seen the horse and buggy give way to the motor car; street cars and horse-drawn vehicles practically disappear; kerosene and gas lamps, supplanted by Edison electric light bulbs; airplanes over trains.

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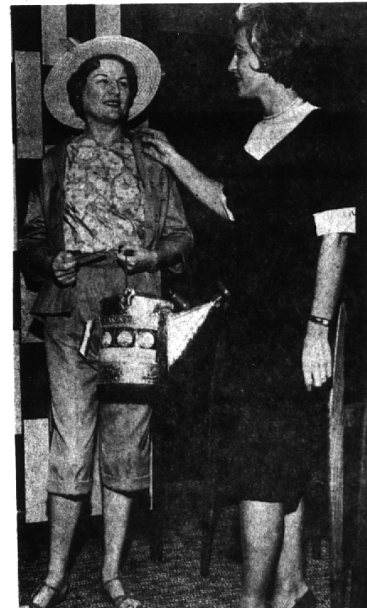
Wearing of the Green

Clusters of green and white balloons and emerald shamrocks were the decorations at Birmingham Country Club Saturday evening when guests arrived for a St. Patrick's dinner dance. Among the guests attending were (from left) Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mathews of Henrietta Street and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Boyle of Tilbury Lane.



Discussing April Dance

The Junior members of the Village Woman's Club met for luncheon at the Hunter's Whip in Franklin to discuss plans for their annual spring dinner dance to be held April 7 at Birmingham Country Club. Among the members attending were (from left) Mrs. William Pierce of Sufield Road, Mrs. Thome Batters of Catalpa and Mrs. Harold Chapel Jr. of Talbot.



'The Capri Look'

Wearing a capri outfit, Goldie Jeant (left) of Ferndale Street, Birmingham, chats with Mrs. Albert E. Conner of Derry Road, Bloomfield Township, at Forest Lake Country Club's spring fashion show. Mrs. Conner was chairman of the social event.

Food Fete To Benefit Foundation

Marian O'Brien, well-known St. Louis Globe-Democrat Food Editor and author of two best sellers, "The Bible Cook Book" and "The Herb Cook Book," will be the guest speaker at a two-day cooking seminar, "Cooking with a Flair," March 21 and 22, at Birmingham Theatre.

The event is sponsored by Show-Inc. for the benefit of the Afflicted. It is a 501(c)(3) Foundation, which is dedicated to medical research at the newborn level.

THE TUESDAY afternoon session, from 2 until 4 p.m., "Cocktail Party," will be devoted to the preparation of unusual and easily made cocktail delicacies.

The Wednesday afternoon session, from 2 until 4 p.m., "Foreign Intrigue," will be concerned with appetite dishes from around the world.

HEADING THE ticket sales chairmanship is Mrs. Lawrence B. Middleton, 2187 Yorkshire and other committee members include Mrs. E. W. Herald, 2928 Rochester Road, Mrs. Robert Connor, 482 Westwood, Mrs. Martin Goldman, 407 Lincoln Drive and Mrs. A. W. Welch, 452 Suffield.

Mrs. William Kahn To Entertain at Board Meeting

Bloomfield Hills Branch of WNSCA board of directors will hold its first meeting Monday at the home of Mrs. William L. Kahn on W. 14 Mile Road in Franklin. The meeting will be called to order at 10:30 a.m. by the president, Mrs. Irving H. MacKenzie.

Following the meeting, luncheon will be served by hostesses, Mrs. Robert Graham, Mrs. John Hammond, Mrs. E. G. Hill and Mrs. Donald James.

Artist Speaks To Gray Ladies

Robert A. Thom, internationally known artist, was the guest speaker at the March gray lady meeting. Mrs. Thom's research for his series of 40 paintings on the history of medicine took him to Europe several times.

The original collection of paintings done for Parke-Davis and Company are now in Bakersfield, Calif., and are scheduled by museums all over the world for the next ten years.

The event was chairmanned by Mrs. Mary Hannan and Mrs. Virginia Haswell. The group's next meeting is scheduled for April 4 at 10 a.m. in the auditorium of the McAuley Nurses home.

PTA to Discuss School Financing

The Quarten School PTA meeting will be held 8 p.m. Monday in the cafeteria. Subject for the evening will be Financing Public School Education, with particular emphasis on the problem in Birmingham.

A group of speakers will have a panel discussion with a question and answer period following. Panel members include Norma Weston, vice president of the National Rank of Detroit; Mrs. Kay Hillington, Legislative chairman of PTA council and vice president of LWV.

Others will be Paul Clayton, executive engineer of Ford Motor and Lloyd Van Buskirk, director of Birmingham School system. Moderator will be George Whitehead, program director of PTA council.

Betty Jane Harrison To Wed in Summer

Mr. and Mrs. Crockett A. Harrison, 265 Waddington Road, Birmingham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty Jane of New York County, N. Y., to Angelo Thomas Cometa, also of New York City.

The bride-elect is a designer and illustrator of children's fashions. She is a graduate of the Mary A. Barnham School of Northampton, Mass., William Woods College of Fulton, Mo., and of the University of Michigan.

In addition, she attended for two years the Traphagen School of Fashion Design in New York City.

MR. COMETA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cometa of Pittston, Pa., is Assistant District Attorney of New York County, N. Y., a graduate of the Scranton Preparatory School, Scranton, Pa., has a Bachelor of Science and an LL.B. degree from Fordham University.

Angelo has completed graduate work at George Washington Law School in Washington, D.C., and is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Fed-

Nightingales' Helpers At St. Joseph's Hospital

By SHIRLEY ADAMS
Society Editor

How many miles do you walk a day is a question frequently asked of Mrs. Louis Zahn of Fairway Drive, Birmingham, a grey lady at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital.

Attired in a grey and white uniform, Mrs. Zahn leaves her home every Friday morning for the Hospital to fulfill her duties as a grey lady.

HER VOLUNTEER work started four years ago. One afternoon while visiting the Hospital, Mrs. Zahn started a conversation with a grey lady and became very interested in their activities. A few weeks later she joined several other civic-minded women and enrolled in a three week course. After devoting 30 hours to the Hospital, Mrs. Zahn received her cap.

A year later, she was named chairman of the Friday grey ladies. Her job entails scheduling assignments for the girls, working at the information desk, physical therapy department, occupational therapy and quite often she runs errands for patients to pick up miscellaneous items.

A NATIVE Detroit, the Zahn family moved to Birmingham 11 years ago. Mrs. Zahn is a graduate of National Park Seminary in Washington, D.C. When asked what she considered the most interesting "nothing," it was a finishing school and she had finished.

Being very active in Red Cross, Mrs. Zahn is a very devoted member of St. James Episcopal Church. She is serving a membership chairman of St. James Church Women and a member of St. Anne's Guild.

ANOTHER SERVICE has been added to the community. St. James has started a Book Mobile for shut-ins. Mrs. Zahn is the driver of the car. Mrs. Zahn will be behind the wheel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Zahn's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Schenck, reside on Shipman Boulevard, Birmingham. They have two children, Joan and Louis. Mrs. Zahn remarked that her grandchildren are her pride and joy.

MRS. ZAHN is also very handy with the needle. She makes almost all of her clothes, knits and recently did some needlework for the knitter at the altar rail. Other hobbies include gardening, golf and furniture finishing.

Engineering Group Plans Fashion Show

The Engineering Society of Detroit Junior Vets will meet for their spring luncheon at the Boat Club on Saturday at noon.

A fashion show will be presented for members and their guests. Members attending from the Birmingham area will be Mrs. Bruce Butzer, Mrs. Leona M. Leonnell Gilchrist, Mrs. Edward Jacques, Mrs. Edwin Lau, Mrs. Donald Smith, Mrs. Stanley King and Mrs. Arthur Koster.

Guest to Speak On China, Silver

Arthur Lake of Lake Jewelers will speak on "China, Silver and Crystal," at the March meeting of the Detroit North Suburban Alumnae Club of Alpha Gamma Delta. The meeting will be held tonight at the home of Arthur J. Underwood, Jr., 898 Mohagan.

Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Walter Anderson, 1622 Dorchester and Mrs. David Baum, 1636 Lecherbie. Election of officers and plans for the coming year will be on the business agenda of the meeting.



Checking Schedule

Mrs. Louis Zahn of Fairway Drive, Birmingham, and Mrs. John Petrakis of S. Williamsbury Road, Bloomfield, are checking the hospital duties of the Nightingales' Helpers.

Suburban Scene

By Shirley Adams
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Anyone for an Elephant's Tusk?

When Cranbrook Institute of Science announces a "White Elephant" sale, the staff becomes very specific with literal meaning of the term. Items to be offered at the sale on Saturday include elephant's tusk, elephant's foot and an elephant's tail. Among other things that can be purchased are aluminum doors, laundry tins, electric fans, a motion picture projector, five-foot searchlight reflectors, books, large minerals and display cases. All the items, which range in price from 10 cents up, are those previously purchased or constructed by the Institute staff and are no longer needed. The sale is set for 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 5 p.m. in the museum of the Institute.

Farewell Wishes Extended

Mrs. John C. Zimmer of Purdy Drive, Birmingham, was the center of farewell wishes at a small luncheon given last week at the DAC by her mother, Mrs. Alfred C. Ryan of Detroit. Mrs. Zimmer, with baby daughter Meryl Colleen, will leave by jet Saturday to join Mr. Zimmer in Paris. The luncheon was a goodbye-for-quit-a-while for the traveler and a few of her close friends.

The Zimmer will be in Europe for three years due to a business transfer of Mr. Zimmer. They will live in Paris six months and then go to Milan, Italy, where they expect to reside for two and half years. Mrs. Zimmer preceded his family abroad. He spent three weeks in London before moving on to Paris two weeks ago.

To Celebrate St. Pat's Day

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Murtagh Jr., of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, will entertain at a dinner at the DAC Friday to mark St. Patrick's Day and to honor Mr. and Mrs. William Haight of Lansing, the day being the out-of-town's wedding anniversary. Guests will include the Robert Hozles, the Charles Mills and the hostess' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. O'Brien.

Returning to the Middle East

Mrs. Genevieve McNeill Maxwell, who has resided in Wing Lake since 1954, has recently sold her home in preparation to return to the Middle East where she is associated with The Daily Star, Al Hayat and the Beyrouth Matin newspapers of Beirut, Lebanon.

Besides being a feature writer in residence there since 1953, she has also served as Press Officer of the American Guild of Beirut since 1957 to 1959. One of her most grueling assignments during these years abroad was to cover the US landings in Lebanon in 1958 for the Lebanese press, from July to October.

THIS SHE did by American jeep, helicopter and airplane on land and boarding many of the US Naval ships and units along the Lebanese coastline from Khalde to Beirut to Byblos.

She has met and covered almost all the visiting monarchs, presidents, prime ministers and other political dignitaries coming to Lebanon, as well as a host of cultural representatives from around the world, particularly from the USA.

WITH HER young visiting grandson in tow, Bruce Stewart Maxwell, who is the elder son of the Charles T. Maxwell II of New York City, Mrs. Maxwell plans to fly to Indianapolis, Ind., to visit the Maxwell family seat (they founded Indianapolis) and then south to visit her parents, (See SUBURBAN SCENE, Page 3-C)

Three years ago Mrs. John Petrakis of S. Williamsbury Road, Bloomfield Township, went searching. Anxious to do something besides club work, Mrs. Petrakis decided to work with the sick or the orphans.

She contacted the Red Cross and decided to become a grey lady. After three weeks of instructions she received her cap and became a full-fledged volunteer worker at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital.

BESIDES devoting many hours as a grey lady, Mrs. Petrakis is very active in the Booster Club at St. Joseph's. At present, she is responsible for choosing the color scheme and furniture for the mothers and babies floor.

The Petrakis family, which includes their daughter, Adriane Joan, a student at Derby Junior High School, moved to Birmingham 11 years ago from Boston.

A GRADUATE of Burdett College in Boston, Mrs. Petrakis majored in advertising media. Following graduation she worked in an advertising agency in Boston for two years. Shortly after, she became the wife of John Petrakis. Her husband is an American History teacher at Seashore High School.

For 10 years, Mrs. Petrakis was state director for Home Decorators and two years ago opened her own company, "Serv'Elegance."

MRS. PETRAKIS has recently been elected membership chairman of the Navy League and a former member of the Zonta Club. She enjoys golf, bowling, sewing and entertaining at dinner parties.

Drawing Classes To Start Friday

A few openings still remain for the spring sessions of painting and drawing classes for adults which are held each Tuesday and Thursday evening in the Cranbrook Academy of Art Galleries.

Registration must be completed by March 17 in these classes which are taught by Jack Maddox, painting instructor at Cranbrook Academy of Art.

The class in figure drawing and composition meets each Tuesday and should appeal to the beginner as an introduction to work in a variety of media as well as the advanced student. These classes begin March 21 and continue for 10 weeks through May 23.

Painting classes meet Thursday evenings starting March 23 through May 25. Hours for each class are from 8 to 10 p.m.

Alums to Elect New Officers

Birmingham Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae will elect new officers today following a 12:15 luncheon at the home of Mrs. John Ziegler, 1184 Northover Drive. Assisting the hostess will be Mrs. Robert Kircher, Mrs. George Grossman, Mrs. J. L. Whitley and Mrs. T. Norman Frisell.

Mrs. Edward Wallich, 6000 Oakhills Drive, entertained her board of officers Friday with a luncheon in her home. Those attending were Medaean William Anderson, John Hayward, John McLaughlin, William Barr, Floyd Doherty, Thomas Stacey, Howard Sweeney, William Robertson, Ted Teagarden, Robert Doran.

Others were Medmae Harry Schmidt, Robert Goodyear, Frank Macarney, Thomas Goad, Howard Linder and Richard Miner.

Junior Guild Plans Luncheon and Fashion Show

"This is a portrait with a purpose," remarked Mrs. John M. Tracy, president of the Junior Guild of Providence Hospital, and not a conventional portrait, either. She was speaking of the Junior Guild of Providence Hospital's coming luncheon and fashion show "Portraits of Fashion" to be held April 12 at the Detroit Yacht Club.

The Guild has kept the conventional portrait frame, a huge gold one, to serve as a background for fashion models. Velvet has replaced the usual canvas and in genuinity has proved more useful than paint and brushes for concealing the fabulous flower, butterfly and bow table decorations.

THE FASHION show will be headed by Mrs. Robert W. Ulrich and Mrs. Albert J. Albrecht, party chairman. Other committee members are Mrs. Richard G. Pearce, Mrs. Francis Anderson, Mrs. William Cleary, Mrs. Jack Bolton, Mrs. Edward Spinski and Mrs. Stanley Buckley.

Purpose of the event is the financing of three nursing scholarships at Providence Hospital for the coming year.