

Potpourri

by JULIE Candler
Special Writer



The writers have landed, and before long we may have a colony of them in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. They are clever men and women who shut out the distractions of suburbia long enough to feed words into their typewriters with consistency. You may have seen their bylines without knowing they were your suburban neighbors, for some use pen names.

An important part of the writers' colony forming in our town will reside temporarily at MSUO from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20. They're uniting for the writers' conference co-sponsored by Michigan State University Oakland and the Detroit Women Writers' Club.

I'VE ALREADY mentioned that two local residents, novelist Sylvia Cooper and Wayne State University Journalism Department Chairman W. Sprague Holden, will be staff members at the conference.

Now I've learned that Gertrude White, head of the MSUO English department and a conference participant, is also a resident of our town and wife of Wayne State University journalism professor William White.

And, to make our town bust its creative buttons, we learn that four more writers are expected to join the staff, and each is from the Birmingham-Village colony of writers.

THERE IS Mary McSherry, who is really Mrs. Thomas P. Marker, of 864 Waddington, Bloomfield Village and the author of numerous short stories in the big-circulation magazines.

Then there's Mrs. Henry J. Gilmartin of 18187 Birdwood, Beverly Hills. She writes under her maiden name of Andrina Iverson, and is a former Hopwood literary award winner.

Mrs. William H. Schoen of 1240 Dorchester, Birmingham, writes as Mary Augusta Rodgers (also a premarital appellation). Her short stories and articles appear in Redbook, Good Housekeeping and other top magazines.

The former Margaret Williamson still uses that name on the children's books she writes. She's Mrs. Charles Peterson of 26825 Irving, Franklin.

CONFERENCE co-chairman Priscilla (Mrs. Walter N.) Jackson and the other leaders plan to avoid one of those stuffy sessions where you sit and listen for hours and then go home.

Instead, they're going to mix people up. Each conference move from one group to another. They plan to have no more than 15 to 18 per group, each of which will sit down at a round table with a professional fiction, radio-television article or poetry writer.

The idea, says Priscilla, is to let fledgling writers and hard-working apprentices talk to working professionals in their fields—to get "writers together and talking."

EDITORS OF several of Michigan's new literary magazines will be at the conference, along with Margaret Hendrix, editorial associate of Writers' Digest magazine, who will help wind up the day with a panel on marketing, and will make available the inexpensive manuscript criticism service of her magazine.

Marcelline Hemingway Sanford, author of "At the Hemingways" and sister of THE Mr. Hemingway, will be luncheon speaker.

Tomorrow is the last day to register. It's coeducational, with a number of men writers on the staff.

And when it's over, there may be so many people scolding themselves with their typewriters that our writer's colony will bust out its boundaries.

ANOTHER AUTHOR, the attractive Aline Saarinen, will appear on the "Today" show Oct. 16 and 17, according to a note from Mary D. (Mrs. Joseph N.) Lacey, of North Haven, Conn. The Lacey's were Bloomfield Hills residents until the Saarinen firm moved them to Connecticut with them.

Mrs. Saarinen will talk about the new book, "Eero Saarinen on His Work" which she edited. Mary Lacey says, "there was a marvelous party given by the Yale Press and a reception for Aline at the new Yale Co-op book shop, the only store Eero designed."

I apologize for calling her Mrs. Eiel Saarinen, which is her mother-in-law's name, in my column two weeks ago. By the time the horrible realization jolted my erratically undulating brain, the presses were rolling. I could do nothing but wait to be reprimanded.

NOW I KNOW why people feel a scalp-tingling sensation every time they hear the beautiful tenor voice of W. Carleton Scott, 5420 Lane Lake, Bloomfield Township. He's a barbershopper.

He's beaming with sheer delight because a quartet he coached and arranged for won first prize in a regional meet. It was held in Windsor Saturday by the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartets, etc. Scott's winning foursome is called "The Curbsone Serenaders" and hails from Pontiac.

Hills Camera Club Meets Next Week

Meetings of the Bloomfield Hills Camera Club are open to anyone interested in photography. Activities for the coming year include aid to beginners, color slide lectures and shooting sessions.



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Six Students Cast in Plays At 2 Schools

Six college students from the local area will take to the stage in forthcoming presentations on the college level.

At Adrian College, Cheryl Hindle will play the lead role in "The Diary of Anne Frank" which will be produced in the college's new Dawson Auditorium on Nov. 1, 2, and 3. The role of "Margot" will be played by Gretchen Kuscha.

Cheryl, a freshman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Hindle, 2883 Colonial Way Street, Bloomfield Hills. A junior at Michigan State University, Gretchen is currently a visiting student at Adrian. She is the daughter of Robert L. Kuscha, 5584 Loostwood, Birmingham.

AT THE UNIVERSITY of Detroit, four local residents will take part in the Repertory Theatre's production of Sophocles' "Electra," which opens on the 1. They are Kate Mulvey and Mary Ann Cameron who will appear as members of the Greek Chorus. John Telpos in the part of Phylades and Bruce Emery as Orestes' attendant.

Miss Mulvey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Jack Mulvey, 1311 Cedar, Birmingham. Miss Cameron is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Cameron, 27774 California, Lathrup.

Telpos is a freshman and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Telpos, 31779 Auburn, Birmingham. Emery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel D. Emery of 3015 Bradford Drive, Birmingham, is a freshman.

Others not from the Birmingham area are Vera Hine, Daniel D. Nery, Jeanne Wyle Torosian and Josephine Winn.

John V. Schmittroth of the University of Detroit, editor of TV Dramatist, will lead a group on television and radio scripts. Non-fiction leaders will be article writers Jeanne Duran and Peggy Cameron, and W. Sprague Holden of 28150 Westbrook, Wood Creek Farms, chairman of the Journalism department, Wayne State University.

Writers

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A panel of editors of Michigan magazines, including "Michigan Voices," "Fresco," "Calope," "Alphabet (Canada)," "Ford Times" and the "DAC News," will hold a symposium on the needs and future of their magazines.

Serving as moderator of the discussion will be Mrs. William White, 2850 W. 14 Mile Road, Franklin, head of MSUO's English department.

At the closing session on marketing, Margaret Hendrix will discuss general markets; Jeanne Duran, Michigan markets; Elinor K. Rose, religious and verse markets and Peggy Cameron King, the mechanics and business end of writing.

A SPECIAL feature of the Conference will be manuscript criticism service offered by the "writers' digest." Participants may bring manuscripts to the Conference; they will be returned by mail.

Text books on writing, as well as books and articles published by members of the Detroit Women Writers' Club will be on display. Members of the Club will serve as hostesses for the Conference, directing registrants to the round table most suited to their writing problems.

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Books will be carefully screened, and those deemed suitable will be used as a start in stocking the new Troy Public Library which opened Sept. 10. The rest will be sold at a book sale Nov. 9 and 10 at the Troy City Hall.

A new three-year registration period for Michigan watercraft owners will begin on January 1, 1963. The license, which will cost \$8.00, will be valid until December 31, 1965.

October 11, 1962 THE BIRMINGHAM (MICH.) ECCENTRIC 7-D

Cranbrook Music Guild Begins Concert Season

The Quintet group of early music and instrument players and singers of Antient Concerts will be heard at the opening concert of the Cranbrook Music Guild on Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. at Cranbrook House.

The Antient Concerts' Quintet brings together players of the harpsichord, the family of violi and its predecessor at string instruments (such as the rebec, the Ghibli fiddle and the vielle), the minstrel's harp, the krumphorn and the family of recorders.

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The name "Antient Concerts" is taken from the century-long concerts of Antient music established in London in 1711 by the Earls of Sandwich and Exeter. In 1785 the Royal Family began to attend the concerts. King George III personally supported them, and in later years, Prince Albert was one of the directors.

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