

Grinnell's Names Gallery Directors

Wynn and Loretta Ruff, formerly of New York and Miami, Fla., have been appointed codirectors of Grinnell's art gallery, Detroit. It was announced recently by J. J. Wainger, president of Grinnell's. The opening, which is scheduled for Monday, will feature a special exhibition of hand-colored etchings signed by world-famous painter Marc Chagall.

Wynn Ruff has been associated with artists for many years and has worked with galleries in the United States. His wife, Loretta, is an artist in her own right. Grinnell's gallery plans to exchange showings with other major galleries across the country and exhibits will be changed periodically, according to the Ruffs.

"We hope to stress the fact that art is something to live with and enjoy, not merely to supplement a room's decor or to be considered as an investment," he added.

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FROM THE BOOKCASE:

West Portrays a Pope's Life In 'Shoes of the Fisherman'

SHOES OF THE FISHERMAN, by David L. West, Morrow, 1943; New York, N. Y.: 374 pp.; \$4.95.

Reviewed by **MARIAN TRAINOR**

The momentous responsibilities and decisions which a modern man, who is nevertheless bound by protocol and tradition, must make as the reigning Pontiff of a complex world forms the theme of Morris West's newest book, "The Shoes of the Fisherman".

The same shrewd character delineation, the same empathy and understanding of the unusual problems which beset our 20th century, the same rich tapestry of words which made "The Devil's Advocate" moving drama distinguish this story of a man who wears "the shoes of the fisherman" with greater ease than the papal crown.

FOR NEWLY elected Pope Kiril is closer in spirit to Peter, the first man to wear the shoes, than he is to the Princes of the Church perhaps because he had been removed from the pomp of the gregarious Church as a prisoner of the Russians in Siberia.

There he learned through deprivation and physical torment that faith is personal; that decisions which affect the entire world are important because their ultimate result bestows solace even to the lowliest and most wayward lamb.

POPE KIRIL is aware, too, that the world the first fisherman trod is not the same world which he must guide. Answers which were once universal must now be varied while still retaining their truthful essence.

The world tottering on its axis looks to him for a steady hand and he must dispense wisdom walking the tightrope of political diplomacy.

Deftly and poignantly West exemplifies through brilliantly drawn characters and aptly chosen dialogues the tasks which must concern one who is named the Vicar of Christ.

THESE IS RUTH, an American, once a Jewish refugee searching for identity in the slums of Italy. Through her Pope Kiril is made aware of the helpless misery of mothers who are bearing deformed children because of a maiming pre-natal drug. Through her he is able to assuage their grief and deter a wave of infanticide.

Marriage and the miseries which it is capable of engendering is portrayed in the story of George Fisher and his passion for Chiara, the wife of the Minister of the Republic.

THE NEED to modify the old to accommodate the new is made apparent in the request from Africa to conduct services in the vernacular rather than the Latin to attract the natives into the fold.

Dare he accept the invitation to visit the Shrine of Lourdes in France? Such a proposal could involve a rash of protocol, logistics and political discussion.

IN HIS EXILE in Siberia, he had come to the special notice of Kamenov, the Russian ruler who personally took care of him but in the end, arranged his escape. The two men never forgot each other.

When Pope Kiril is elected, Kamenov writes him, exhorting him to act as an intermediary between Russia and the United States. He accepts and we enter, through his correspondence, the private realm of rulers and diplomats and the President himself.

A moving portrait of Pope Kiril

the man is drawn in the account of a friendship with Jean Talmont, the expatriate Jesuit, and the suffering he endures when Jean's lifetime work is refuted by the church.

WEST IS a skillful writer who brings to life the great and the small and who can illuminate the common problems of a diffuse world.

The thoughtful reader closes the book with a clearer understanding of the men and events which propel this modern world. And whatever his faith, he will have a greater respect and sympathy for the lonely man who must find answers for all who inhabit this wide and varied world.

BRIDGE
in BIRMINGHAM

By **BUD MAYBAUM**
Southern Michigan Bridge Association

One of our underrated bridge players from the Birmingham area is Edna Canfield. She plays with Dorothy Lacy, also from this district, came in first overall.

Today's hand is a good illustration of good bidding and excellent defense that were combined to take a top board.

Most North and South players found themselves playing this hand at two or three parts or two trumps and receiving a minus score, and those who did receive and make a contract North and South did not accumulate the score that Edna and Dorothy received.

BOTH Vulnerable: Dealer: South:

NORTH (Dorothy Lacy)
♠ 43
♥ AQ987
♦ J4
♣ A862

WEST
♠ AJ972
♥ J543
♦ 74
♣ K74

EAST
♠ 1097
♥ K62
♦ AQ1082
♣ J53

SOUTH (Dorothy)
(Edna Canfield)
♠ KQ53
♥ K9653
♦ 10
♣ Q1099

The bidding:
South West North East
pass pass 1♥ 2♣
double 2♠ pass pass
double all pass

Opening lead: A♥

At some tables, this hand was passed out, and that score did favor the North and South pairs. I do not recommend the overall of East or the action of West for his attempt to save, but few in the two level were doubled.

Dorothy took her best opening lead and after winning the ace of hearts, she continued with her lowest heart, which Edna trumped. Obeying the direction of her partner, Edna led the queen of clubs which was covered with the king and won the ace, and another heart led which was also trumped. Edna now returned the ten of clubs.

This defense gave them six tricks for down one and a top board of 200 points.

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Participants played the same hands as played in Miami Beach at the nationals and not only competed with the others at the club but also with the entire country. The entire proceeds went to charity—a good way to help digest the turkey.

The next winners' game will be held at the Birmingham YMCA 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8. This is your chance to win two points for winning. To let you know how easy it is to win, Edwin V. Clarke and Bud Maybaum won the November winners' game.

RECENT WINNERS in Birmingham tournaments include Thelma Gend and Dorothy Fox, Gretchen Stone and Muriel Wetman, Ollie Swartzwalder and Gretha Shepherd, Esther Clarke and Dorothy Kelly, Joan Distler and Grace Miller, Gladys Kona and Jerry Marchetti, Charles Thumser and Mr. Drus, Peg Main and Tuckie Stinson, Bob Fridenberg and Pat Polinsky, Lulu Brunk and Hank Georgia.

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Citizens Committee Seek Representation

Countywide representation is being sought for the next meeting of the Community College Citizens Committee Wednesday.

A review of state laws pertaining to the establishment of community colleges and a survey of the educational needs of young people in this area will be presented.

LOCAL SERVICE CLUBS, parent-teacher groups and business and industry are urged to have representatives on the Citizens Committee, said Wendell Brown, chairman of the group.

The committee will meet at 8 p.m. at the Oakland Schools office in the County Service Center near Pontiac.

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By **ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME**
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

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