

FRANKLIN VILLAGE

McKinneys Tour Far East

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Back from a seven-week trip that eclipses most other comings and goings are Tom and Betty Rex of McKinney Drive.

On Oct. 19 the Rexes embarked with four other couples on a tour of the Far East. They spent three and a half weeks in Australia where they were wined, dined and treated like visiting royalty.

Betty Rex says Australia is much like the United States but about 50 years behind us in many things.

A particular high spot was the Melbourne Cup races, much like our Kentucky Derby, and its companion ladies' day. For this, all the women turn out in ultra high fashion, especially with utterly fantastic high-style hats.

The group visited a session of the parliament house and Australia's Snowy Mountain Project, like our TVA.

IN MALAYSIA they went to Singapore and Kuala Lumpur. They were fascinated by the bazaar stands but found the cities dirty and depressing. Yet everyone was smiling.

Hong Kong was the hit of the trip. Betty says their three days in that beautiful city were far too few. Shopping was as fabulous as everyone says. They dined on a Chinese floating restaurant and became quite proficient at using chop sticks.

In Japan they stayed in a hotel where they had to leave their shoes at the door and had a bed on the floor, rode in rikshaws and saw geisha and Kabuki dances.

THE SEASON to be jolly is upon us. On Friday Wood Creekers will be dressed to the teeth for their Christmas dinner dance at Oakland Hills country club. The civic association has sponsored this affair for many years. Don Perkins' orchestra has been enlisted to play for the dancing.

The Franklin Village Players will kick up their heels Friday, too. The Farmington Barn will be decked with holly for the December dinner meeting, and things

will get pretty festive. The voices of Ward Ohman, Mel Steckley, Dave Roberts and John Harms will blend in Christmas song for entertainment.

SATURDAY NIGHT the George Spindlers of Ramble Road will host a stand-up cocktail party to say "Merry Christmas" to some 80 guests. A combo will stroll on the first floor and a guitarist will be strumming downstairs.

Past Community Association president George Howard and his wife previewed the holiday season with a dinner party Sunday night for a group of friends from the association and the village council.

Village plans and dreams were very much in evidence, conversation-wise. Discussed was the future of Franklin's oldest home, the Ellison residence, which has just been sold to make room for a parking lot. Whether it will bow to progress or be moved and preserved is still in question.

THE M. R. SCOTT'S of River Road are glowing these days. Their two little bilingual granddaughters from Honolulu, Ginny and Terry, flew in a week ago with their mother, Maureen Scott.

Now the trio is headquartered in Birmingham at the home of Maureen's parents, the Bill O'Hairmans. Just before Christmas, the Scotts' son Dave will arrive to join his girls and they will all be staying until the middle of January. The Preston Dusters of Willowgreen have been in Manhattan Christmas shopping this week. A convention provided the motive, but Phyllis took the opportunity to go along and see New York decked out in all its Christmas splendor.

Mrs. Harold Geiger just returned from a week in Ft. Lauderdale. Her husband is off to Europe on a business trip and sons Gordon and Dix headquartered at the Donald Dittrichs'.

GUESTS of Dr. Robert Larsen and Mrs. Carol Hayes at Cliff Bell's last Sunday were treated to a dinner not many could duplicate. The fare was wild bear marinated

in wine sauce, bear in vinegar gravy, venison and beef.

Dr. Larsen bagged the bear and bear himself in the Smoky Mountain foothills in Eastern Tennessee, and the deer in Michigan. In chortling the affair, Dr. Larsen and Mrs. Hayes announced their forthcoming marriage.

Dorchester subdivision met Dec. 1 to elect officers for the coming year. E. Pier Woodard is president; Robt. McManus, vice president; Mrs. Joseph Sember, secretary; and Max Bader was re-elected treasurer. The new committees are organizing now but will soon be announcing more of their usual vigorous activities.

WELCOME TO two new families this week. On Tweed are the Martin Browns, known as Peggy farction (heart attack) with antique and Buz. They moved into the congenial during the first four weeks after the attack reduces the mortality rate by about 50 per cent. Buz is with Robin Productions. They have three little girls.

Cathy, 5, Kim, 4, and Lisa, 8 months.

They enjoy boating and water skiing and are fascinated with antiques. Buz has a collection of antique guns and Indian relics.

On German Mill in the old mill house are Robert and Mary Johnson. He is with Burroughs in engineering management of data processing. They moved from Phoenix, Ariz. but are originally from the middle west.

Mary is a Cornell graduate, and Bob has degrees from University of Wisconsin, Yale and Cal. Tech. She belongs to Kappa Alpha Theta and he is a Theta Delta Chi.

THERE ARE three little Johnsons, Farris, 8, in third grade; Royce, 6, in first; and Allegra, 2. Mary enjoys playing baroque instruments and is the proud owner of a harpsichord.

Bob enjoys driving around in his 1928 Ford roadster. They both love skiing and therefore are happy with the climate change.

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Troth Told

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice German of Grosse Pointe Shores announce the engagement of their daughter, Jean Carole, to Gary William Wilds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilds of Melton Road, Birmingham. The bride-elect and her fiancé are both graduates of Valparaiso University. Miss German was affiliated with Alpha Zeta Epsilon, while Mr. Wilds was associated with Phi Kappa Phi and is currently attending Wayne State University College of Law. The couple plan a June wedding.

Garden Club Aids Hospital Rehabilitation

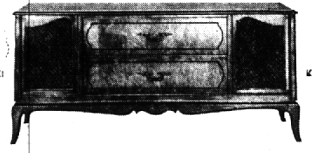
The Little Garden Club held a bake sale exchange between members to raise additional funds for the garden project at Pontiac State Hospital guided by Mrs. Alice Burlingame.

Mrs. John Splitstone of Club Drive, Bloomfield Hills and Mrs. David Underdown of Lake Park, Birmingham, arranged the program at which Richard Patterson spoke on "Holiday Decor." Mrs. LeRoy Kiefer of Kennebec Court, Bloomfield Hills, was the hostess at her home.

A Christmas workshop will be held Monday at the Michigan Bank Building so members can incorporate some of Mr. Patterson's ideas in decorating their homes.

Mrs. Robert Lovell of North Clifton Road, Mrs. Phillip Pretz of North Williamsburg and Mrs. Wendell Smith of Franklin will handle arrangements.

Asia has little rainfall in the winter.



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