



### Given Posthumously

Posthumous degree was awarded to Mrs. Florence Johnson, 233 Kirk Lane, Troy, by Dr. Clarence B. Hilberry, president of Wayne State University, in a special ceremony Dec. 7, at WSU. Mrs. Johnson accepted a master of business administration degree earned by her husband, a Parke, Davis & Co. official, who died May 20 at the age of 51. It was the first posthumous degree to be conferred from the School of Business Administration.

### Nature Now

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near extinction because man's aggressive ways have robbed them of their highly endemic habitats.

**THE WHOOPING CRANE.** Teetering on the brink of extinction since 1910, is reduced to 30-40 birds. These now migrate between National Wildlife Refuges in Texas and in Canada.

The concern of local and national authorities cannot alone preserve our vanishing wildlife. The clear dictum of history is that a species must be saved in many places if it is to be saved at all.

"There are two kinds of people," wrote Aldo Leopold, "those who can live without wildlife and those who cannot."

In Sweden "Julintonten," like our Santa Claus, wears a white beard and red suit and carries a sack of gifts; but his sleigh is drawn by "Julbockan" (the goats of the ancient thunder god). Everyone rises to attend "Julotta," the 6 o'clock church service, on Christmas Day.

On Christmas Eve in Finland, after a sauna (steam bath) and 7 o'clock dinner, the family joins hands to dance and sing around the tree, pausing occasionally to listen for the knock of "Joulupukki" (Santa Claus or one of the "Tonttus" (Brownies).

### Mayfair Bridge Moves to B'ham

The Mayfair Duplicate Bridge Club has moved to 5330 Middlebelt Road, Birmingham, announces director Marian C. (Mrs. Alan B.) Collins, 5321 Briarcliff, Birmingham.

The club formerly met in Farmington. All games will be held at the new address, at 8 p.m. Fridays. Master-point night is the second Friday of the month.

Winners in a 10-table contest of duplicate bridge Dec. 3 were North-South, Roy and Ruth Fruhanoff, and East-West, John and Audrey Turmala.

Second place was taken by North-South, Ira and Louise Benjamin, and East-West, Art Weiss and Mary Proctor.

The next two special events coming up for the club are a champagne party Friday, which will combine a birthday and Christmas celebration, and a New Year's Eve bridge supper party, a master-point event.

Further details about club activities can be obtained by calling Mrs. Collins.

### Birmingham British Group Decorates Tree at Museum

The Detroit Historical Museum is presenting an exhibit "Detroit's Christmas Histories" in cooperation with the International Institute of Detroit.

The exhibit depicts the Christmas customs of the national groups that populate Detroit today.

This year the Birmingham members of The Earl of Scarborough Chapter, Daughters of the British Empire, are displaying a Christmas tree decorated in the British tradition.

The tree will be displayed to the public in the Hall of Industry of Detroit Historical Museum Friday through Jan. 10. There is no admission charge.

### DOWN TO EARTH

## Gardeners Enjoy Yule 'Adventure'

By ALICE WESSELS HURLINGAME  
Special Writer

The holidays have a way of rolling around each year, and here in the North we have a beautiful traditional setting for the gay decorations.

A primer for home decorating is always the Christmas Show presented by the Birmingham Branch of National Farm and Garden. A fitting title for the show this year held Dec. 9 and 10 at The Community House, Birmingham, was "Christmas Adventure."

The total show was a new pattern for the chairman, Mrs. George O. Cutler, as she planned a presentation which would combine the arts with seasonal decorations.

As an illustration Mrs. Seth Slawson had created a framed fused glass panel in rich colors entitled: "Sunlight Through the Pines," placed on a pedestal with a light behind it, with a piece of white pine placed in front of the art piece.

Marshall Fredericks' Nordic Swan was the one piece of accent on the stage, with a spotlight on its stark white profile. Throughout the auditorium there were many pieces of ornamental colored glass using the epoxy method, giving the total effect of stained glass—a new expression of art for so many of our local craftsmen.

MRS. LEWIS Dibble had created a composition "Birds in Flight." Here the visitor saw geometric forms in dark purple, blue and red (cut from wood and painted), mount on dowels and attached to a weathered piece of wood. It was a piece of sculpture in the round.

At the base of the pedestal was an artistic placement of Norway pine, rhododendron leaves, holly and driftwood, with a bare branch of lilac placed vertically beside the pedestal.

At the base, also, on a brick form were colored, large Christmas balls to pick up the coloring of the bird motifs.

There were many pieces of Bonsai placed in various locations within the auditorium. Mrs. William A. Hyland created a garden sculpturing center, and many local gardeners shared their precious pieces of sculpture. Mrs. Harry Hoyt had sculptured an interesting figure of a woman in repose, complementing it with green textures of plant material.

MRS. K. A. Herridge made a huge-colored wreath from wild overhanging weeds found in the fields up north. She had the creation tied with a lush avocado-colored velvet ribbon.

Mrs. Edward Sipe made a stunning Christmas tree to be hung on a wall by tying bows from shiny green ribbon and interspersing the effect with cones sprayed gold with gold glitter on them. The form was attached to a wooden board.

Mrs. F. G. Davis showed a table arrangement she has used in her home many times. On a stunning green net tablecloth was an arrangement in a brass holder of royal purple, twisted candles, with a circle of holly around the holder. There was a container of Christmas balls of pink, purple and light pink to pick up the sequin brilliant trim of the cloth. The table was set with a traditional punch bowl.

THE BRANCH sponsors a program for the emotionally disturbed boys at Pontiac State Hospital, and they had an outstanding contribution to the "Christmas Adventure." It was a tree trimmed for the birds.

Here are ideas I saw which you could duplicate for your own tree, and certainly a good project for youth groups: stale sugar dough nuts were tied with a wire and hung, large cones had peanut butter on them (the boys had taken a tongue depressor, dipped it in peanut butter, then into bird seed so the dip would not choke the birds), and halves of lemons and oranges had the pulp removed, then they were filled with melted suet, raisins and peanuts.

Can't you just see these happy, busy boys in Mrs. J. R. Alexander's program licking half the peanut butter, etc. The second day of the show they came to The Community House to see their artistic presentation and to enjoy this pioneer show providing a new "floor mat" for garden club shows.

The Maronites of Syria and Lebanon observe Christmas Dec. 24, 25 and 26. Branches of fruit, olives and dates are hung from the ceiling in thanksgiving for good crops. Midnight Mass is attended by all. There are songfests, storytelling and many special delicacies to eat.

Home Of the Hour Doctor

## Birmingham Federal extends warm wishes for a very happy holiday season.

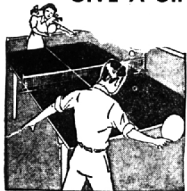


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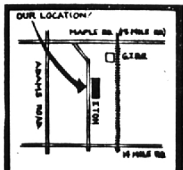


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