

SOCIETY

KLOPFENSTEIN-INNIER NUPTIAL VOWS READ

At 7 o'clock Friday evening in the First Missionary church in Berne, Miss Ruth Inniger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Inniger, exchanged wedding vows with Gordon Klopfenstein, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Klopfenstein. Nuptial selections by Mrs. Joe Clauser, organist, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gerig, vocalists, preceded the double-ring ceremony, which was read by Rev. Klopfenstein.

The bride chose a gown of Chantilly lace, nylon net, nylon tulle, and taffeta. A headband of white velvet trimmed with sequins held her fingertip length veil, and a bouquet of white carnations and lilies of the valley complemented the gown.

Mrs. Jack Nussbaum was the bride's only attendant. James Johnson was best man for his brother-in-law, and David Klopfenstein, brother of the groom, Albert Egly, cousin of the bride, Delmar Caulkins, friend of the groom, and Jack Nussbaum, brother-in-law of the groom, were ushers.

The new Mrs. Klopfenstein is a graduate of Berne-French high school, and the bridegroom was graduated from Manual high school in Peoria, Ill.; both are graduates of Fort Wayne Bible college. The bride formerly taught at the Kingswood school, Morris-town, Tenn., and is employed now at the Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., in Fort Wayne. Klopfenstein taught at the Abbot township school, Fort Wayne, this past year.

Serving at the reception held following the ceremony at the Berne community auditorium were the Misses Betty Stanley, Mary Ellen Nussbaum, and Caryl Ann Haggard, and the Mesdames Richard Rekeeweg, James Johnson, Marvin D. Sprunger, Albert Egly, Homer Petzel, and Delmar Caulkins.

When the couple left on their wedding trip, the bride wore a white printed silk dress, accented in white. The newlyweds will make their home at 416 Glenn Ave., in Fort Wayne.

MISS HILYARD ANNOUNCES COMPLETED WEDDING PLANS

Completed plans have been announced for the Saturday morning marriage of Miss Gwen Hilyard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn L. Hilyard, to Richard Mies, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Mies.

The Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas Durkin will read the vows at 10 a.m. that day, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Max Andrews will attend her sister as matron-of-honor, and bridesmaids will be the Misses Nancy and Leonida Mies, sisters of the bridegroom-elect, and Miss Sandra Strickler, cousin of the bride-elect.

Richard J. Conroy, of Roslyn, N. Y., has been asked to serve as best man, and guests will be seated by Eugene Baker and John Kable, of Decatur, and Jerry D. Ryan, of Larchmont, N. Y.

Following a wedding breakfast at the Fairway restaurant in Decatur, the couple will greet guests from 2 until 4 o'clock at the Decatur Elks home. Serving the guests will be Mrs. Donald Renier, aunt of the bride-elect, Mrs. Donald Strickler, Mrs. Kenneth Nash and Mrs. Samuel Gilbert. Mrs. Ralph Bollinger, and Miss Carolyn Strickler, cousin of Miss Hilyard, will register gifts.

Pre-nuptial parties honoring the bride-elect were a miscellaneous shower, given by Mrs. Russell Plumley and Mrs. Edward Marchbach, and a linen shower, given by Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Strickler, Mrs. Bollinger and Mrs. Thomas Kortner.

Following rehearsal Thursday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Mies will entertain with a buffet luncheon at their home, 431 Sunset Lane.

A graduate of Decatur high school, the bride-elect attended Indiana University extension in Fort Wayne. She is presently a reporter for the Decatur Daily Democrat, and is affiliated with the Tri Kappa sorority, the Junior Women's club, and the local crippled children's society.

Her fiancé graduated from Decatur Catholic high school and Villanova University at Villanova, Pa., where he was affiliated with the Delta Phi Epsilon fraternity. He is associated with his father in the management of Mies Recreation in Decatur.

MICELANEOUS SHOWER IS GIVEN FOR MISS FORD

Sunday, at the home of Miss Joanne Braun, Miss Leola Ann Ford was feted with a miscellaneous shower, given by the Misses Joanne and Delores Braun and Rosemary Gase.

Miss Ford is the bride-elect of Ted Moser. They will be married June 8.

Miniature bride dolls and the colors pink and white carried out the decorating scheme of the shower.

Gifts, which were won as prizes, were presented to the honored guest by Mrs. Harry Moser, Mrs. Lester W. Ford, Miss Alice Gage, and Miss Sandra Girardot. Attending the shower were the

Mesdames Harry Moser, Lester W. Ford, James Moser, Henry Miller and Danny Gerber, and the Misses Ann Durkin, Pat Zehr, Alice Gage, Kathleen Pursley, Sandra Girardot, and Anita Mendez.

Unable to attend were Mrs. David Sprunger and the Misses Rheta Ullman, Marcella Gillig, Anna Marie Lengerich, Nita Osterman, and Hazel Roberts.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE KAPPA DANCE

Mrs. James Bleke, ticket chairman for the forthcoming Tri Kappa dance, "Summer Kappades," announced today that tickets are available from any of the sorority members, or they can be purchased from her.

The dance will be held at Sunset park, June 29, from 9:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m., and will feature dancing to the music of the "Keynotes." Tickets are priced at \$2.20 a couple, tax included.

Mrs. Denzil Dowell and Mrs. Robert Mutschler are co-chairmen of the event, and they have been assisted by Mrs. Bleke, Miss Gwen Hilyard, Mrs. Kenneth McConnell, and Mrs. Joe Kaehr.

RURAL LETTER CARRIERS HOLD DINNER MEETING

Adams county's rural letter carriers and the ladies auxiliary viewed color slides, held business meetings, and announced the newly elected officers of the association following a dinner meeting Saturday.

Ladies of the church served the dinner, held in the dining room of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church.

Newly elected officers for the carriers are Richard Maloney, president, Corwin Newcomer, vice president, and Raymond Beer, secretary. For the ladies auxiliary, Mrs. Sherman Stucky will serve as president; Mrs. Raymond Beer, vice president; and Mrs. G. R. Durkin, secretary.

Harold Hoffmann, of Decatur, entertained the group with colored slides and comments of a recent vacation trip through the western states and Mexico, after which the letter carriers and the auxiliary conducted individual business sessions and discussions.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Durkin, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maloney, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Price, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hoffmann, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Ginter, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Zerke, Sr., John Frank, Ray Smith, and guest Charles Hocker, all of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crownover and Mrs. Eliza Hahnert, Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Stucky and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beer of Berne; Mr. and Mrs. Corwin Newcomer, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Dubach, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cotti, Geneva.

XI ALPHA XI AND DELTA LAMBDA HAVE LAST MEETING
Closing meeting for this year for Xi Alpha Xi and Delta Lambda chapters of Beta Sigma Phi was held at the home of Mrs. Otto Beehler last evening.

Mrs. Beehler's home was decorated with bowls of spring flowers. A dessert luncheon was served, with the members seated at tables covered with crystal rose bowl. Mrs. Roy Stewart assisted in serving.

Prizes in canasta were won by Mrs. George Bair, Mrs. Fred Fruchte, and Mrs. Frances Howell. Mrs. Fred Strickler was a guest of the club for the evening.

MOTHERS STUDY CLUB INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Church mothers study club met Tuesday evening in the parlor of the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church to install new officers, with a children's program afterwards.

Following the club song, which opened the meeting, Mrs. Benjamin Thomas gave devotions. II Timothy I was the Scripture, and Mrs. Thomas also read a poem, "Ma's Will," closing with prayer.

Candlight services installed these officers for the coming year: Mrs. Myles Parrish, president; Mrs. Doyle Collier, vice president; Mrs. Clint Reed; secretary; Mrs. William Journey, treasurer, and Mrs. Ray Lehman, press reporter.

Mrs. Don Cochran, in charge of the program, introduced a group of the children, who presented a play, "The Anybody Family on Sunday Morning." Included in the cast were John Paul McAhren, Linda Jackson, Joe Chambers, Elaine Cochran, Becky Jackson, Cynthia Collier, and David Collier. Cynthia Collier also presented

ed a piano solo, "The Pool at Night."

Closing the meeting, all repeated the club prayer.

Hostesses to the club members and the ten guests present were Mrs. Arthur Beeler, Mrs. Paul Uhrick, Mrs. James Webb, and Mrs. William Journey.

Monday evening, the DAV junior auxiliary will hold a picnic at Hanna Nuttonman park at 5:30 p.m. In case of rain, the auxiliary will meet at the DAV hall.

Juniors of the American Legion auxiliary will convene at the legion home Monday at 7 p.m.

Mother and daughter banquet of the Happy Homemakers club has been postponed from next Tuesday until next Friday. The group will meet at the home of Mrs. Clifford Roe, at 6:30 p.m. that day. Each member is to bring a covered dish and her own table service. A freezer lesson will be presented also.

HOSPITAL Notes

Admitted
Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith, Monroe; John E. Mann, Decatur; Miss Connie Caffee, Willshire, O.; Miss Ruby Morningstar, Geneva.

Dismissed
Mrs. Elmer Uhrick, Decatur; Mrs. Ross LaTurner, Fort Wayne; Miss Candy Wyer, Willshire; the Misses Collette and Colleen O'Shaughnessy, Decatur; James Moses, Decatur; Mrs. James Cochran and baby boy, Decatur.

Girl Scout News

Brownie Troop Seven held their annual picnic at Hanna-Nuttonman Park Tuesday after school. They had a wonderful time playing and singing, before a wienie roast. They want to thank their leaders, Mrs. Wilbur Reynolds and Mrs. Jerome Reed, and also Mrs. Ralph Loshe and Mrs. Harold Baker for helping to provide transportation. This was their last meeting for the year, and now the Brownies are looking forward to day camp.

Scribe: Susan Gase

Coming Events

Society Items for today's publication must be phoned in by 11 a. m. (Saturday 9 a. m.)
Phone 3-2121
GWEN HILYARD

WEDNESDAY

St. Vincent DePaul Society, C. L. of C. hall, 2 p.m.
Union Township Home Demonstration club, Mrs. Paul Morgan, 1:30 p.m.

Xi Alpha Iota Exemplar and Epsilon Sigma chapters of Beta Sigma Phi, business meeting, Elks Home, 8 p.m.

MONDAY
Profit and Pleasure home demonstration club, Mrs. Delmar Connelley, 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary of Decatur fire department, Mrs. Hazel Kortner, 728 East Columbia Avenue, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.

Decatur Camera club family night and potluck supper, Hanna-Nuttonman Park shelter house, 6:30 p.m.

DAV junior auxiliary picnic, Hanna Nuttonman park, 5:30 p.m. (In case of rain, DAV hall.)
Juniors of American Legion Auxiliary, Legion home, 7 p.m.

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THAT PENSIVE look on face of Mrs. Rosalie Sperling, 18, in Lodi, Calif., was there before authorities changed their minds and decided not to bar her from her own high school commencement because she is four months pregnant. At first, the school superintendent said she would be required to receive her diploma privately. So her classmate husband Jerry, 17, and 60 other graduating seniors in the class of 400 said they wouldn't attend either, if she couldn't.
(International)

Possible Showers Forecast In State

Warmer Weather In Indiana On Holiday

By UNITED PRESS
The weatherman forecast moderately warm temperatures for Indiana and the possibility of scattered thundershowers in the upper two-thirds of the state for Memorial Day.

The chance of showers placed a threat over the Indianapolis Motor Speedway at Indianapolis, where upwards of 150,000 persons will gather for the annual 500-mile race. A sudden shower, hardly enough to measure on a rain gauge, could delay, postpone or shorten the race.

The showers for central Indiana were rated only a "chance," while in the north portion they were considered "likely." If they fall at Indianapolis, the showers were expected to arrive in the afternoon.

Temperatures were expected to crest at 80 all around the state on the holiday, a pleasant reading for holiday funseekers.

The mercury, which hit highs ranging from 68 to 74 Tuesday, was expected to touch tops of 78 to 82 today. Lows Tuesday night ranged from 47 at Goshen to 54 at Indianapolis.

The outlook for the five days between Thursday and next Monday was for temperatures averaging 3 to 4 degrees below normal highs of 75 to 80 and normal lows of 54 to 59.

"Turning much cooler Friday or Saturday," the outlook said. "Precipitation will average less than one-tenth of an inch in scattered thundershowers mostly north and west portions Thursday and most of area Friday."

Meanwhile, streams which have been in flood stage since last week continued to fall, even in the far southwest, except for Hazleton on the White where the level was stationary this morning.

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Ruinous Rains Are Continuing Over Midlands

Too Much Moisture Causing Extensive Damage For Crops

By UNITED PRESS

Ruinous rains continued across the nation's Midlands today, and agricultural experts said the area, only recently gripped by a marathonic drought, now is suffering extensive crop damage from too much moisture.

Thunderstorms rolled over a widespread region from eastern Montana through northern New Mexico, the Texas Panhandle and Oklahoma to northwest Wisconsin.

Floods in Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio, Tex., receded today, but many of the more than 6,000 persons driven from their homes still were unable to return.

Flood crests from the recent heavy rains surged across Texas along a 400-mile stretch from Texas in the northeast to the Mexican border in the south. Weathermen said lowlands along all major streams are expected to be flooded for the remainder of the week.

The southwestern floods, which began during the weekend, have claimed at least four lives, one in Texas and three in Arkansas.

In Oklahoma, officials said the rains are ruining the wheat crop in all areas but upland regions, the extreme west and the Panhandle. The wet weather also has delayed planting of other crops.

Although there has been no widespread loss of livestock in the floods, officials said muddy roads and bridge washouts have hampered transportation and marketing.

Hershel Burrus, Oklahoma soil conservation director, estimated flood damage to the state's farm lands at five million dollars.

He said so much soil was lost in the floods that "the general economy of the state will suffer millions of dollars in loss of new farm products over the next few years."

In Colorado, however, the crop damage was more than offset by the benefits of the spring rain. Director Floyd Reed of the Colorado Crop Reporting Service said wheat especially benefited.

Soldier Refuses To Name Attorney

American Scheduled For Trial In Japan

TOKYO (UP)—A young American soldier refused today to choose a lawyer to defend him against manslaughter charges in accordance with a "deadline" set by a Japanese court.

The soldier is Specialist 3C William S. Girard, 23, Ottawa, Ill. He is the center of an increasing controversy between the United States and Japan after he accidentally shot and killed a Japanese woman who was trespassing on an American firing range last Jan. 30.

Japanese officials appointed three Japanese judges to try Girard, and gave him until Thursday to pick his defense lawyer.

But a U.S. Army officer said Girard has refused to choose an attorney until he learns whether he will be tried in a Japanese court, or by a court-martial.

The officer said, "At the moment, the youngster is completely confused. When he learned the President of the United States was taking an interest in his case, he was speechless."

Japanese officials, spurred on by strong elements of the left wing Socialist Party in Japan, have demanded that Girard be tried in a Japanese court.

A joint U.S.-Japan commission agreed to turn Girard over to Japanese authorities on May 16, but the decision was stopped cold by Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson who ordered a complete review of the case in Washington.

They said there was no evidence of foul play.



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER and former President Herbert Hoover seem to be having a pleasant chat in this White House scene, during which Hoover told the President of a way to save more than \$5,000,000,000 annually in federal spending. That would be the Hoover plan for government reorganization. (International)

Local Topics

Family Of Four Is Found Shot To Death

Chicago Police Say Murder And Suicide

CHICAGO (UP)—A family of four, father, mother and two young children, was found shot to death in a West Side home today and police said it appeared to be a case of murder and suicide.

Dead were John H. Zuniga, 30; his wife, Amelia, 30; a son, 7, and an infant, who was shot to death while lying in a baby buggy.

There were signs a fight had preceded the shootings.

Zuniga's hand clutched a pistol, homicide squad detectives said.

They believed he shot his wife and children and himself.

A neighbor heard shots from the Zuniga home at 4120 Roosevelt Rd. and summoned officers, who found the bodies.

A chair and a television set were smashed in the room where some of the bodies were found. A 25-caliber automatic lay on a table, and the gun in Zuniga's hand was a 32-caliber.

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