

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Walters
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Gephart-Walters Vows Are Repeated March 27

The marriage of Miss Ruth Gephart to Leroy Walters was solemnized Good Friday at 7:30 o'clock in the Union Chapel Evangelical Brethren church. The Rev. Emmett Anderson performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Basil J. Gephart of route 5, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Walters, also of route 5.

For her wedding, Miss Gephart selected a nile green knit suit, with which she wore black accessories. A red rose corsage completed her attire. Mrs. Tom Gaunt, the bride's only attendant, selected a pink knit suit with black accessories and a pink rose corsage. Tom Gaunt attended his friend as best man.

Sunday, a reception honoring the new Mr. and Mrs. Walters was held at the home of the bride's parents.

An employee of the First State Bank, Mrs. Walters is a graduate

Locals

Sheriff Bruce Barber of Mercer county, O., is recovering from a heart attack suffered a couple of months ago.

Miss Jackie James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry James of Decatur, and Miss LuAnn Lehman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Lehman, of route five, Decatur, will leave for Manhattan Beach, Calif., Sunday morning by plane from Baer Field. The two Decatur school graduates will make their new home with Karen Stricker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stricker, and Mary Jane Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith, all of Decatur. The Decatur young people will live at 1020 Highland, Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Arthur E. Vogelweide and daughter Alice left this morning to spend the weekend with Sister Mary Martin, C.S.A., a teacher in the Milwaukee parochial schools. Mrs. Harold Grant of Longboat Keys, Fla., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mac Holthouse, who is a patient at the Adams county memorial hospital.

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SOCIETY

METHODIST CHURCH GROUP MEETS IN CHURCH LOUNGE
The singing of hymns opened the meeting of members of the Ever-ready Sunday school class of the Methodist church, which was held recently in the church lounge.

Mrs. Melvin Baumgartner and grandson, Mike Stonestreet, were guests at the meeting. Mike entertained the group with a selection of songs during the meeting.

A business meeting was conducted by the president, after which a social hour was held by the members. Refreshments were served by Mrs. W. Guy Brown, Mrs. Virgil Krick, and Mrs. Homer Lower.

KIRKLAND LADIES CLUB ENTERTAINS HUSBANDS

Members of the Kirkland Ladies club entertained their husbands at a banquet held at the Dutch Mill in Bluffton. The banquet was held Tuesday evening, with approximately 50 people in attendance. Spring decorations were used for the tables.

Compton Rider was a guest at the meeting and he showed pictures from behind the Iron Curtain and explained each one.

Mrs. John Leyas and Mrs. John Barger, accompanied by Mrs. Ella Scherry, presented two vocal selections. Harold Barger was awarded the door prize.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Dorpus Schlickman, Mrs. Zimmerman, and Mrs. Oscar Brown.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Scherry on Tuesday.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING IS HELD BY WOMAN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church met Wednesday evening for their regular monthly meeting.

The president, Mrs. Rufus Kirchofer, conducted a short business meeting, at which time the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved followed by the treasurer's report. Reports were given from several departmental chairmen working on various projects.

After the business meeting devotions were given by the devotional chairman, Mrs. Wesley Lehman.

Mrs. Ed Miller, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Mervin Rupp, who showed slides and related experiences while in Alaska doing missionary work in the schools and churches. Mrs. Miller had as her guest Mrs. Fledderjohann, of New Knoxville, Ohio, whose husband served as pastor of the Reformed church prior to her talk.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses: Mrs. Victor Kneuss, Mrs. Elmer Lautenschlager, Mrs. Ferdinand Litterer, Mrs. Ann Lehman, Mrs. Wesley Lehman, Mrs. S. E. Leonardson, Mrs. Richard Linn, and Mrs. Fred Liniger.

DEMONSTRATION CLUB HOLDS APRIL MEETING

Members of the O.N.O. Home Demonstration club held their April meeting at the home of Mrs. Willard Fawbush Wednesday evening. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Lillard Fawbush, vice president, presided at the meeting. The members repeated the club creed, after which roll call was answered and the minutes from the previous meeting were read. The history of the song of the month was given by the song leader.

A letter from the Merrier Monday club was read inviting the members to attend their May 11 meeting. Additional plans were made for the club's trip to Fort Wayne May 26, where they will attend the TV shows, Breakfast in Fort Wayne, and the Ann Colone show.

Mrs. Herman Durr and Mrs. Donald Jeffrey presented the lesson on wills and deeds, followed by a cake decorating demonstration by the hostess, who decorated the cake as a birthday cake for the members observing their birthdays in April. Secret pal gifts were received by Mrs. Donald Jeffrey, Mrs. Don Haines, Mrs. Lillard Fawbush, and Mrs. Roy Biererich. Mrs. Walter Weigman was welcomed as a new member.

The May meeting will be held May 13 at the home of Mrs. Lillard Fawbush. Refreshments were served to 13 members and three guests: Mrs. Robert Bucher, Mrs. Don Burke, and Mrs. Robert Webster.

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SONG AND PRAYER OPEN W.M.S. MEETING RECENTLY

The Woman's Missionary Society members of the Nutman Avenue United Brethren church, met recently at the home of Mrs. Paul Parker.

The service was opened with a song and prayer followed with a scripture reading by Mrs. Iris Harkless. The scripture reading and the lesson both pertained to the sowing of the gospel seed.

A reading entitled "Use What You Have," was given by Mrs. Bill Huston. The Middle East, the study topic for the year, was used by the leader for her lesson. She showed a map with her talk on Iran.

Letters from active missionaries in Africa were read, after which the business meeting was held. Announcement was made to the annual Aulaize branch sessions which is to be held at the Decatur church April 24, 25, and 26.

During the social hour, the hostess served refreshments to those in attendance.

MRS. BURT TOWNSEND IS RECENT HOSTESS

Mrs. Burt Townsend entertained members of the Ladies Shakespeare club at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tom Allwein, recently.

Mrs. George Buckley, club president who has spent several months in Arizona, was welcomed back by the group and had charge of opening the meeting.

Roll call was answered by 19 members who told of a current event. It was learned that three members had perfect attendance during the year. Miss Francis Dugan, Mrs. C. E. Peterson, and Mrs. Charles Teeple were cited.

The program was under the charge of Mrs. Grace Allwein and she discussed contemporary American painting. Using the lives of three artists, Abraham Rattner, Stuart Davis, and Walter Quirt, she demonstrated our world in art today. Mrs. Allwein showed pictures of each artist to illustrate her talk.

During the business meeting, a collection was taken for the new Lincoln memorial which is one of the state federation's projects.

Miss Dugan announced that the closing meeting would be guest day to be held April 23 at the Evangelical and Reformed church beginning at 1 o'clock.

JOLLY HOUSE WIVES MEET WEDNESDAY

Wednesday evening, members of the Jolly House Wives Home demonstration club of St. Mary's town met at the Pleasant Mills school.

The meeting was opened with the members repeating the collect, after which Mrs. Carl Frey gave the devotions using the 24th chapter of Luke. The Easter story was read by Mrs. Elmer Gallifit. Following the reading of a poem by Mrs. Ada Hahnert, the Lord's Prayer was led by Mrs. Lawrence Ehrns.

Thirty four members answered roll call by telling of their biggest mistake. Mrs. Ben McCullough gave the citizenship lesson of religion in the home. "Wills and Deeds" was the lesson topic presented by Mrs. Albert Davison.

Several future plans were discussed and among them were the lesson to be presented at the next meeting by Miss Lois Folk. She will talk on window treatment. Each members is to bring something for the auction that will be held at the forth-coming meeting.

It was also decided during the business meeting conducted by Mrs. Richard Molland; that the group would appear on the television program, "Breakfast in Fort Wayne," April 16.

The door prize was awarded to Mrs. Helen Lengerich after Mrs. Molland had read a short history. Refreshments were served to the members by Mrs. Carl Frey, Mrs. Lawrence Ehrns, Mrs. Elmer Gallifit, and Mrs. Ada Hahnert.

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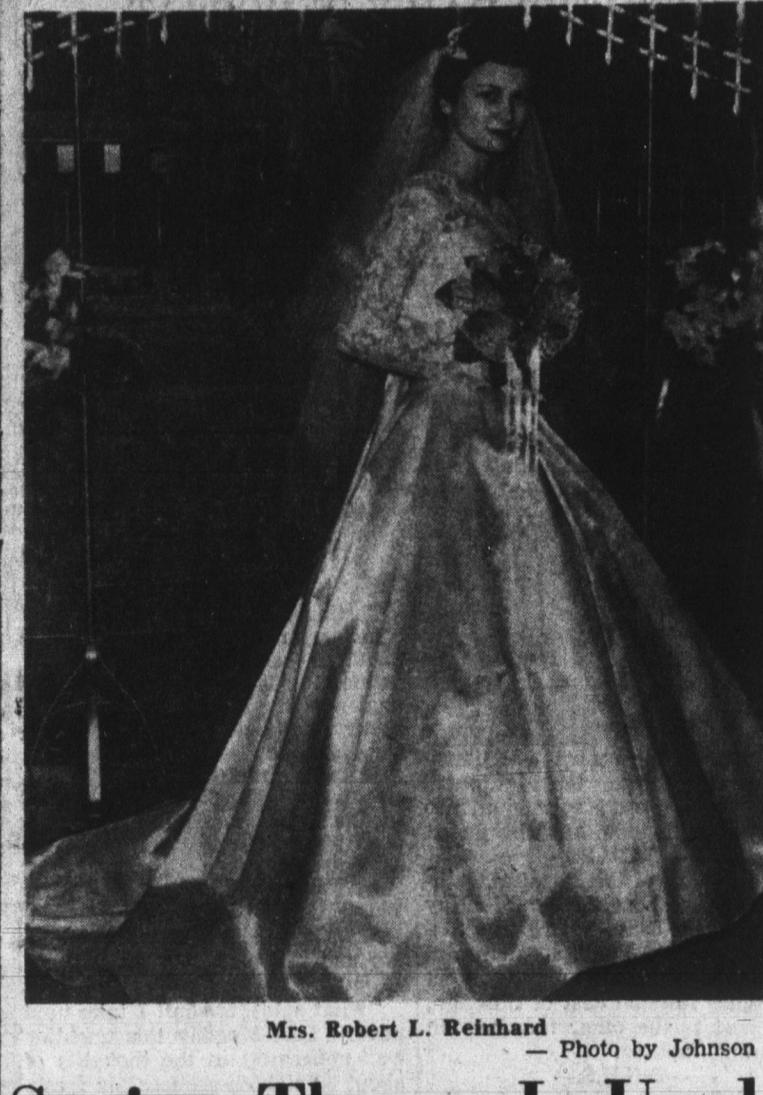
Willshire Students Inspect Egg Tree

The Easter egg tree at Decatur's public library received the careful scrutiny of 59 first and second grade pupils from Willshire, O., Thursday afternoon. The tree, which will be available to viewers until Saturday was aided in "growth" this year by Miss Bertha Heller, head librarian, and Mrs. Dick Heller, Sr., children's librarian.

The Willshire group, two sets of first grades and one second, was under the guidance of Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Clouse and Mrs. Cowan, teachers at the school. The group arrived about 1:45 p.m. and stayed about 30 minutes.

Honor Students To Be Given Awards

COVINGTON, Md. (UPI) — Letters and jackets, which usually go to athletes, will be awarded to 17 Covington High School honor students Saturday. The top students will get the awards in recognition of their scholastic achievements. Ninety-five others will be presented certificates of merit for their school work through the year.

Mrs. Robert L. Reinhard
— Photo by Johnson

Spring Theme Is Used For March 22 Marriage

Attendants in gowns of mint green preceded Miss Betty Lou Steury to the flower decked altar when she became the bride of Robert L. Reinhard. The vows were repeated March 22 in the First Mennonite church in Berne, before the Rev. E. G. Steiner and the Rev. Gordon Neuenhawner.

Mr. and Mrs. Menno P. Steury of route 1, Berne, are parents of the bride while the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich Reinhard of 418 West Water street, Berne.

Prior to the ceremony, Mrs. Leinen Neuen, organist, provided a musical offering including "Because," "Liebestraum," "God Gave Me You," and "Clair de Lune." During the ceremony she played "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us."

Mr. and Mrs. Don Gerig were featured as the vocalists and included in their "numbers" were "Cross Roads" and "Together With Jesus."

The bride was led to the altar, which was graced with palms and ferns, and mixed baskets of lilies and gladioli, by her father. Lighted candelabra completed the setting. Miss Steury was lovely in a chapel length gown of white satin styled with a lace bodice. Her empire waist line formed a bow in the back which tapered down to meet the train of the very bouffant skirt. Lace appliques enhanced the skirt complementing her costume.

Her finger tip veil of silk illusion was caught to a bow head piece of sequins and pearls. A colonial bouquet of red roses decorated with tulle and lace and ending in long streamers tied in lover's knots, completed her attire.

Miss Judy Pelot, friend of the bride from River Forest, Ill., was the maid of honor in a full skirted gown of mint green taffeta. The skirt formed pleats at the waist line which was accented with a small bow. Matching shoes and gloves and a bow headpiece complemented her gown and she carried a bouquet of pink and yellow tulips.

Bridesmaids, Miss Lois and Miss Nancy Steury, both sisters of the bride, were attired identically to the honor attendant.

Little Miss Renae Weller in a gown of green embroidered organdy, was the flower girl. The rings were carried by Guy Weller. Miss Weller is a niece of the bride and the ringbearer a nephew.

Attending his friend as best man was Bill Reynolds, and seating the guests were Robert Steury, brother of the bride; Charles Lehman, Ted Lehman, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, and Byron Liechty, cousin of the bride.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Steury selected a green crepe print dress with black accessories and a corsage or white carnations. The bridegroom's mother appeared in a dress of blue print crepe with black and blue accessories and a white carnation corsage.

Approximately 300 guests were served at the reception held immediately following the wedding. Servers included the Misses Carol Jane Heller and Lorene Neuenhawner, and Mrs. John Speakman, Mrs. Arien Mitchell, Mrs. Larry Gaskill, and Mrs. Robert Cable.

A two piece beige wool suit with green and white accessories was worn by the bride for a wedding trip of an unannounced destination. A rose corsage was pinned to her shoulder.

The new Mrs. Reinhard is a 1957 graduate of Adams Central high school and is employed in the office of Kresge warehouse in Fort Wayne. A graduate of Berne-French high school, the bridegroom is employed by Berne Furniture company. The couple is now at home at 255 Clark street, Berne.

Wednesday, the closing meeting of the Historical club will be held with a 12 o'clock luncheon. Members will be picked up by members of the committee at their homes.

A meeting of the Decatur W.C.T.U. which was postponed, has been rescheduled for Tuesday at 1:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Jess Niblick.

Our Lady of Lourdes study club members will meet at the home of Mrs. Mary Braun Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

A K. of C. card party will be held Wednesday at 8 o'clock at the K. of C. hall.

Members of the Junior Women's department of Woman's club are reminded of the dinner meeting to be held Monday evening in Fort Wayne. Members are to meet at the Dairy Queen parking lot at 6:30 o'clock and from there will go to Don Hall's Gas house at 305 East Superior street in Fort Wayne.