

## Circus Ball Proves Gay and Colorful Occasion for Civic Theater Patrons

Tumblers, Bareback Riders and Trained Elephant Form Part of Atmosphere; Several Dinners Precede Event.

BY BEATRICE BURGAN  
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IT was circus day Saturday for Civic theater patrons, who were given the opportunity to realize their childhood ambitions to join the circus. They joined the theater circus ball at the Athenaeum with such enthusiasm that their stunts and cavorting would do credit to any "big tent" old-timers. Perry Meek lent a realistic savor as the ring master, announcing Miss Jane Weil, the elephant trainer, whose job was none less than urging Reginald and William Garstang to perform elephantine tricks.

Undaunted were the tumblers, who caused an uproar of laughter as they rolled and vaulted to the accompaniment of the brass-braided band.

The tumblers were John Wildhack, Egan Leck, Paul Kraus III, William Cragle, Lawrence Hill and Francis Sunday, also a flying trapeze performer.

Miss Katherine Morris was the tightrope artist and shared clown honors with Dr. William Cook. Robert Emhardt "amazed" the audience with his strong-arm feats.

All the circus players joined the grand march led by Mrs. Irving M. Fauvre, chairman, costumed as Tira, the lion tamer, in gold-braided white satin, white boots and black topper. Mr. Fauvre hailed from the wild west in chaps and ten-gallon hat. Mr. and Mrs. John K. Ruckelshaus were westerners, and Miss Anna Ayres was attractive in a white kid western outfit with a white ten-gallon hat. Her brother, Lyman Ayres, came as a ranch "hand."

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beveridge Jr. wore Swiss peasant costumes, which they bought in their travels. Mrs. William Wemmer was a dazzling bareback rider, with whirling pink tartan skirt and spangled bodice.

Mrs. Elias C. Atkins' Persian costume of gold and blue satin was ap- pliqued with figures of signs of the zodiac and worn with a turban. Top- ping Mrs. Henry Todd's white satin headress was a red and white striped candy cane handle, harmonizing with her barber pole striped gown.

Mrs. Kurt Pantzer was a tuft of cotton candy, represented by a pink tartan ruffled skirt and a pink cotton headress ornamented with a candy stick.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd entertained informally at their home before attending the carnival. Their guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Dillon R. Huder, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baker Williams, Miss Betty Wallerich, Frederick Pier and Oscar Kaelin. Miss Wallerich was in a mandarin costume.

Mrs. Meek was a cunning white rabbit and Mr. and Mrs. Laurens Henderson were in gingham rompers. Couchner Amaot, popular Civic player, portrayed Hitler, and his wife came as a gay bareback rider.

### Dinner Given at Club

Before coming to the dance Mr. and Mrs. Orland Church gave a dinner at the Woodstock Club in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Draper, Knoxville, Tenn. These circus guests were Messrs. and Mmes. Perry Lesh, Erwin C. Stout, William H. Mooney and T. A. W. Gilliam.

Arriving at the circus from Mrs. Lafayette Page's dinner were Dr. and Mrs. J. Jerome Littell, Dr. and Mrs. Alan Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wolff, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kothe and Bomar Cramer.

Guests in Governor and Mrs. Paul V. McNutt's box were Messrs. and Mmes. Sylvester Johnson Jr., W. Richardson Sinclair, Frederick T. Holliday, Hathaway Simmons, J. J. Daniels and Judge and Mrs. Russell J. Ryan. The group came from a dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. McNutt's crepe gown was of the spring mode with large rose flowers strewn over a white lace background. Mrs. Page's white lace gown had a skirt tiered with flounces and its green sash, frayed at the edges, fell to the hem.

Miss Jane Keene's green crepe gown was attractive with inverted pleats in the long skirt. Its jacket was fitted at the waistline. Mrs. Harold Tharp, wife of the theater president, was among those not in costume. Contrasting with her green crepe gown were darker green and rust flowers, swirling around the neckline in front from the shoulders.

### Wears Black Chiffon

One of the most unusual gowns was Mrs. George M. Bailey's black chiffon, the skirt graceful and trailing with ruffles. The matching cape was pointed and ruffled and fell three-quarters length. The cape was caught together in front with crossed straps, forming an unusual neckline finish.

While guests were not amusing themselves watching the circus program, they were hearing their fortunes from the tent of Madame Hawkes, crystal gazer, and having their pictures taken in one of the booths. The orchestra provided music from behind the bars of a cage.

Circus posters, dangling animal silhouettes, gaudy paper streamers, and colored lights provided the carnival atmosphere.

### School Group to Meet

A nominating committee will be appointed at a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of School 78 at 2:30 Wednesday. Mrs. Ruth Rainey, soloist, will sing, accompanied by Mrs. Zella Lannan. David Dunwoody will play accordion numbers. The association will be addressed by a representative of the Smoke Abatement League.

## A Woman's Viewpoint

BY MRS. WALTER FERGUSON

"MARRIAGE is my investment," writes a wise young wife, "so I try to keep my husband well and happy. Nagging and bossing are definitely out of the plan. If he likes a night off I visit some one he is not fond of seeing. He likes to drink. I encourage him and he drinks less than ever. I flatter and never criticize. Life can be so thrilling when thought and sanity are used in marriage as they are in any other business."

Now there's a woman who would make a success out of anything she started, because she has taught herself the value of studying human beings first and methods afterward. Probably, long years from now, her friends will say she has been a lucky person. They will think she has been blessed by kind fairies who destined her for a happy wife. They will envy her a little, perhaps.

But what they will not understand is the important part she has had in making her happiness, nor will they be likely to recognize the master craftsmanship which went into her building of a house of life.

## Carnival Spirit Prevails Beneath 'The Big Top'



### Mothers to Be Hostesses for Butler Groups

Travel talk and musical program will feature a tea to be given by the Mothers' Club of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority for members of the Butler university Women's Faculty Club, mothers' clubs and housemothers of all social organizations on the university campus, at 2:30 tomorrow in Arthur Jordan Memorial hall.

Mrs. Harry C. Sheridan, Frankfort, will talk on "My Trip to South America." Mrs. F. W. Young, tea chairman, and will be assisted by Mrs. Milton Baumgartner, Mrs. George Woody, Mrs. C. B. Heard and Mrs. H. S. Adams.

The Theta trio, composed of Misses Jean Southard, Judith Milley and Martha Hockensmith, will play during the afternoon. Mrs. Harold D. Robinson and Miss Mary Paxton Young will present vocal numbers with Miss Betty Davenport, accompanist.

### MISS MORRIS PICKS WEDDING AIDS

Miss Florence Looker Morris, Shelbyville, whose marriage to Lee Carter of Indianapolis will take place at 4 Saturday, May 5, at the Shelbyville Presbyterian church, has chosen her attendants. Her sisters, Misses Martha and Roberta Morris, will be bridesmaids and Miss Mary Majorie Mull, Indianapolis, maid of honor.

Thomas Carr will be best man, and Norman Wilson and Robert Pewbrough, ushers. Mr. Carter is son of C. S. Carter, 140 West Thirty-fifth street. He attended the University of Illinois and Butler university.

Miss Morris attended Hamilton college, Lexington, Ky., and Butler university, where she belonged to Delta Gamma sorority. She is a member of Shelbyville Tri-Kappa chapter.

### PATRON LIST FOR PARTY ANNOUNCED

Additional patrons and participants for the card party and dance of the Young Women's Democratic Club tomorrow night at the Indianapolis Athletic Club have been announced.

They are Messrs. and Mmes. Joseph T. Markey, Carter Leap, Samuel H. Walpole, Robert Mythen, Richard K. Dransfield, Paul Russel, Herbert Wilson, Lester Buckley, George Dailey, Mrs. Delphia Gill, Mrs. Ivah Britton, Misses Maude McAllister and Grace Blankenship; Joseph Cummings, James Hallinan, Frank Schmedel, Art J. Kelly Jr., John V. Carton, Edward G. Greene, Selmer Anderson, William C. Erbeker and Kenneth Kunkel.

### Former Athlete Wed

Maurice Hosier, former basketball and football star of Butler university, was married April 1 to Mrs. Beatrice Haller in St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Hosier are living in St. Louis.

## Modern Mail Efficiency Grew From Hardships

BY MRS. C. O. ROBINSON  
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THE speed and efficiency of our modern postal service has become a necessary part of our business and social life. It is a factor which we take for granted and seldom analyze from the standpoint of growth and progress. Recently, however, two items have come to my attention which picture vividly the contrast between the early postal conditions in Indiana and today's vast and vital system of communication.

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"There was no postoffice nearer than Connersville, a distance of sixty miles, but a private mail stampless cover was sent to me by H. Edgar French, Newcastle. It is an official document commissioning "Lot Gard, a justice of the peace for the county of Union for and during the term of five years from the date hereof, should be so long behave well."

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old newspaper clipping which gives added information about early postal history. It quotes from a reminiscent address given by Nathaniel Bolton who assisted in starting the first Indianapolis newspaper, in January, 1822. Mr. Bolton said in part:

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## Building Model Planes No Longer Boys' Hobby; Mothers Interested, Too

Girls and Business Men Also Among Those Devoted to Work; Em-Roe Store Offers Supplies and Aid.

BY HELEN LINDSAY

INDIANAPOLIS boys who have been interested in the building of model airplanes will have a chance to enter the products of their skill in national competition. The Em-Roe Sporting Goods Company is organizing a club among boys and men in Indianapolis and vicinity interested in the construction of these models. Girls who are interested in aeronautics may join the club, too, according to Cecil Flynn, in charge of the model airplane department of the store. Mr. Flynn recently became a member of the National Aeronautic Association. Directors of the association include Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Major James H. Doolittle, Lieutenant-Commander Frank Hawks, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and Will Rogers.

The club is organized at Em-Roe's and its second meeting Saturday. Officers and directors from among boys joining the club will be elected next Saturday.

"Interest in model airplanes has advanced more rapidly than any dealer in parts realized until recently," Mr. Flynn said, explaining the incentive for the organization of the club. "We have maintained a department here for eight years, where parts of the planes could be purchased, but it was only at Christmas time that we discovered the extent of the interest. We received a shipment of six dozen kits for the construction of model planes, and sold all of them within three days. It was then that we realized that boys and men in Indianapolis were enthusiastic about building model planes."

Not only boys and men are interested, but many mothers, watching their sons painstakingly construct the small aircraft, have become enthusiastic. One mother, after assisting her son in constructing a plane, abandoned a former hobby of making artificial flowers, and bought a kit of her own. She is now making small reproductions of the most modern planes.

Suspended in the air over the cases of tiny parts in the Em-Roe store are flying models and scale models of planes, made by Indianapolis school boys. One of the most interesting of these is a scale plane constructed by Roger Ahi, 16-year-old Technical high school pupil. There is a 1,050 pieces in the plane, which is a copy of a Pitcairn mail wing. It is scaled for one-half inch to equal one foot, and is correct in every detail. It has movable controls, and took a year and a half of Roger's spare time for its completion.

### Reproduces World's Speediest Plane

ANOTHER interesting model is a copy of a Macchi-Castoldi Italian seaplane, the fastest plane built today. The original plane from which the model was copied flew at a speed of 435 miles an hour. The time model had a speed of twenty-five miles an hour.

In the window of the Em-Roe store is a reproduction of a 247 Boeing transport with a wing span of 50 feet. It was built by Byron Robbins, Brynwood, Ind., and represents ninety hours of work. Byron, unlike most of the boys interested in the modern hobby, does not plan to take up flying in the future but is interested in aeronautical engineering. He plans to enter Tri-State college at Angola, Ind., where he will take a course in this type of engineering.

Not only boys but business men of the city have become interested in the construction of these tiny planes. Engaged in the Em-Roe club is Rodger Ellis, 23, East Ninth street, who has been building model airplanes for fifteen years. Another adult member of the club is F. H. Smith, secretary to the manager for this district of the Norfolk & Western railroad. Mr. Smith not only has built planes, but has drawn original plans for a low wing monoplane, blueprints of which are distributed by Em-Roe's.

### Squadron Organization Used

THE club is being organized on a squadron plan. Membership cards with the pins will be given members.

Eight ranks are listed in the organization. The first is that of student flier. To qualify for the bars for this rank, a club member must have built and flown a Baley R. O. G. not less than twenty seconds, and must be able to define five aeronautical terms.

Other ranks for which club members may qualify are private pilot, limited commercial transport, A pilot, transport B pilot, transport C pilot, squadron leader and ace. An act must have organized a squadron of not less than eight beginners, and acted as their leader until at least five of the number have obtained transport C pilot licenses.

The club will sponsor flying meets in parks and airports, and award trophies for flying models and scale models. Work tables will be set up in the Em-Roe store, where boys may spend their time constructing planes. Washington, Technical and Shortridge high schools now have ground mechanics' courses. A club to be organized at Cathedral high school will be affiliated with the Em-Roe club, as will a Y. M. C. A. model plane building class.

### MRS. THOMPSON TO BE HONORED GUEST

Mrs. William Thompson of Tulsa Beta chapter, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, will be honored guest at a bridge party to be given tonight by Delta chapter at the home of Miss Mary R. Cole, 18 West Thirty-fourth street. Mrs. Thompson came here recently from Tulsa, Okla.

The hostess will be assisted by her mother, Mrs. George Cole, and Misses Dorothy and Virginia Stone.

Beta chapter, Alpha Omicron Alpha sorority, will hold a preliminary initiation tonight at the home of Mrs. Henry Eder, 910 North Bosart avenue.

Epsilon chapter, Alpha Omicron Alpha sorority, will meet at 2 Wednesday at the home of Mrs. E. John White, 525 Park avenue.

Miss Dorothy Julian, 42