

## Mayflower Descendants Eat Real Johnny Cake and Recall Ancestry

Dr. George Utley Explains Origin of Plymouth, Where Pilgrims Landed, and Tells of John Smith's Trip to New England.

BY BEATRICE BURGAN  
Society Editor

Had any one of the 41 signers of the compact penned in the cabin of the Mayflower in November, 1620, walked into the meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of Indiana last night at the Propylaeum they would have been awed with the reverence with which their experiences were mentioned. They would have been bewildered at the array of the table appointments, so unlike their primitive goods, but they would have detected a taste distinctly familiar in the hot biscuits. Those biscuits were made of Rhode Island Johnny cake meal ground by water power between granite stones, and William E. Osborn, who obtained it explained that the grain grown in Rhode Island was of the same variety of Indian corn or maize relished by the members' ancestors. Another of the dinners Mr. Osborn provided water from Brewster Spring in the Pilgrim fathers settled.

Those ancestors, too, would have approved the accuracy of Dr. George Utley's explanation of the origin of the name Plymouth. Dr. Utley, of the Newberry Library in Chicago, told the story of John Smith's trip to the New England seaboard before the Mayflower dropped its anchor.

Smith made a map of the shoreline but hesitated to publish it without names. So he appealed to young Prince Charles who marked it with titles chosen at random. He designated Cape James in honor of his father: Stuart's Bay for his family and Charles River for himself. The spot where the Pilgrims were to settle, he named Plymouth. "And so the name was not chosen by our forefathers to duplicate the title of the English port from which they finally sailed," Dr. Utley said.

The society paid honor to Joseph A. Minturn, founder of the Indiana society and former governor, by electing him governor emeritus. Mrs. Tilden Greer recalled that Mr. Minturn began in 1914 to seek organization of a society in this state similar to those established in the East. On April 14, 1916, at Mrs. Minnie Coffin Murphy's home, the society was formed. Mrs. James G. Haston, historian, is Mr. Minturn's daughter.

Mrs. Fred Hoke, retiring governor, presented the members and guest speaker on the program. She sat at the speakers table with Mr. Hoke, Dr. Utley, Mrs. Greer, the Rev. George S. Southworth, new governor; Mrs. Southworth, Dr. and Mrs. Leon Terfus, Louis J. Bailey, state librarian, and Mrs. Bailey.

Dr. Utley talked on a genealogy, a topic of particular interest to Mayflower descendants. The Indiana Society members have donated many of their books on the topic to the state library and announced contributions to the library of such books as its latest project.

### Genealogical Records

Dr. Utley explained the importance of genealogical records from the standpoint of the new respect the science of heredity, of the interest of insurance companies, lawyers and doctors in making their decisions, and the cultural uplift to individuals when they become interested in "who" they are. He cited that Washington had found time to collect and write his family genealogy and explained that many cultured Chinese families can trace their ancestry back 2000 years. For the Chinese to forget one's ancestry is to be as a brook without a source or like a tree without a root.

He ridiculed the craze to discover royal ancestors and a coat of arms, to which, he said, less than 50 families in the country actually are entitled. "It is more important rather to see that your ancestors are proud of their descendants," he concluded.

### Dungan Family Largest

The Dungan family had the largest representation of members present at the dinner. They included Samuel O. Dungan, Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Linda Wagner and Miss Amber Dungan, of Franklin; Charles J. Buchanan, Mrs. Clyde Titus and Mrs. Jess Pritchett Jr. Their relatives, who were guests, included Mrs. Dungan, Mr. Williams, Mr. Pritchett, Mr. Titus, Mrs. Buchanan and Mr. Wagner.

Other new officers with Mr. Southworth are Mrs. Hoke and Mrs. James P. Watson, deputy governors; Mrs. Greer, recording secretary; Mrs. Albert Gail, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Leon G. Zerfas, treasurer; Mrs. Haston, historian; Eugene E. Stacy, elder; Dr. Fletcher Hodges, surgeon; Mr. Minturn, captain; Mr. Buchanan, J. L. Schell, Miss Sara, Katherine Laing, Mrs. Sidney J. Hatfield, Mrs. Francis Reed, Mrs. Cornelius Posson and Halford W. Howland, board of assistants; William C. Smith, deputy governor general, and Mr. Osborn, assistant general.

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## Arrange Thanksgiving Dinner and Dance



First Thanksgiving dinner and dance of the Indianapolis Branch, American Association of University Women, is to be held Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Woodstock Club. The dinner is to be served from 7 to 9, to be followed by dancing until midnight.

Committee chairmen, pictured above, left to right, include Mrs. S. W. Benham, tickets; Mrs. Oscar M. Helmer, entertainment, and Mrs. C. D. Alexander, general chairman. Mrs. Willis B. Lincoln Jr., a co-chairman of general arrangements with Mrs. Alexander, is not in the picture.

Members of Mrs. Benham's committee are Mesdames W. L. Worchester, E. C. Kleiderer, Ray H. Briggs and Charles L. Rose.

## Conviction of 'Curfew Girl' Unjust, Representative City Residents Believe

Verdict Returned by 'Hill Billy' Virginia Jury Is Termed Gross Miscarriage of Justice by Citizens Who Think She Acted in Self Defense.

BY HELEN LINDSAY

Indianapolis believes in the innocence of Edith Maxwell, Virginia's "curfew girl," who faces a 25-year prison term for the death of her mountaineer father.

"Hill-Billy" Virginia's "new-fangled gal" should have gone free, according to statements to day from such representative persons as James A. Collins, former Criminal Court judge; Miss Jessie Levy, Indianapolis woman attorney, and Mrs. C. J. Finch, Seventeenth District Federation of Clubs president.

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**Postmortem Might Have Helped**

"Had I been defending the girl, I would have insisted on a postmortem to determine the cause of death. I believe that it would have shown that Trigg Maxwell died from a skull fracture, as the result of a fall, rather than from the blows inflicted by a woman's shoe in his daughter's hand."

**Self-Defense Evident**

"All of the elements of self defense were in the Maxwell girl's case," Judge Collins said. "She had been attacked brutally by her father, who was drunk. She was trying to save her own life, not to kill him."

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**Basing His Opinion upon newspaper accounts of the trial evidence, Judge Collins, who served on the Marion County Criminal Court bench for 16 years, said the girl merited an unconditional pardon by Gov. George C. Perry, Virginia.**

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**SORORITY TO HAVE HOME-COMING FETE**

A home-coming luncheon of Phi Delta Pi Sorority is to be held Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Columbia Club with Miss Louise G. Karle as chairman. A meeting to complete arrangements is to be held Friday at Miss Karle's home, 3115 Guilford-av.

Miss Karle's assistants are Miss Frances Kochendorfer, Menominee, Wis.; Miss Alice Lange, Chicago, and Miss Elizabeth Raaflaub, Syracuse, N. Y.

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**GROUP RE-ELECTS 3 OF ITS LEADERS**

Mrs. Maria M. Bowen is the re-elected president of the Mutual Service Association. Others re-elected are Mrs. Bernard Guedelhoefer, secretary, and Miss Gertrude Forrest, treasurer. Mrs. B. P. Prunk is new vice president and Mrs. Florence K. Thacker, parliamentarian.

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**CARD PARTIES**

South Side Euchre Club, Every Wed. Sat. Sun. 8:30 p. m. 1631 S. Meridian-st. Public invited.

Tent 5 Hive 206 Macabees: 8:30 p. m. Mon. Woodmen's Hall, 322 E. New York-st. All games. Mrs. David Bland, chairman.

Women's Section, Washington Township Republican Club, Dec. 3. Riviera Club, Mrs. Arch Hobbs, chairman. Mrs. Lee Ingling, house committee; Mrs. Roy B. Stebbing, tickets, prizes, assisted by Mrs. G. F. Kleder and Mrs. Charles M. Dawson; Mrs. Alex West, candy.

**CHURCH GROUPS**

St. Philip Neri Church, Tonight. Sat. Bazaar. Church parish house. Children party Sat. afternoon. Supper 5 to 7.

Ladies Aid, Center M. E. Church, 5:30 to 8 Sat. Mrs. Henry Burkhardt, president, chairman. Chicken dinner.

**EVENTS**

PROGRAMS

Woman's Rotary Club, 6:15 Mon. Propylaeum, H. L. Chailloux, speaker. Guests, Gertrude M. Lons, program chairman.

Erin Isle Chapter, International Travel-Study Club, Inc. Tonight. Mrs. Zella Ellis, hostess; Mrs. William Basye, assistant. Mrs. S. R. Artman, lecturer.

Morelight Guild, All Souls Unitarian Church, 8 p. m. Tonight. Church, Second of series of book talks. Mrs. Kathryn Turney Garten, "Leopold the Unloved" and "Mark Twain's Notebook."

Hoosier Athletic Club Guild, Boosters. Tonight. Club Annual Jitney carnival. Peggy Lou Snyder dancing academy to entertain.

**SORORITIES**

Alpha Chapter, Theta Delta, Mon. Mrs. William Bentley, 1239 Parker-st. Dance, Dec. 21, Indianapolis Athletic Club. Miss Bessie Blake, chairman.

Delta Chapter, Alpha Omicron Alpha, 1 p. m. Sat. Mrs. C. E. Smith, 332 Ridgeview-dr. Dessert bridge.

Alpha Theta Chi, Nov. 25 noon. Thanksgiving dinner. Miss Ann Grenard, 2034 College-av.

**RECENT BRIDE TO BE GIVEN LINEN**

Guests attending the party which Mrs. Martin Schneider and Miss Jennie Park Sheffer are to give tonight at Mrs. Schneider's home, 3107 Broadway, are to present Mrs. John Kenyon Collins, recent bride, with gifts of linen. Mrs. Collins was Miss Constance Roche before her marriage recently in Chicago.

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