

Mu Phi Sets Meeting

The Detroit Alumnae chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, international professional music sorority, will meet at 8 p.m. Dec. 8 in the home of Mrs. S.W. Curtiss, 26235 Ross Drive, Detroit.

A program of music will be presented by students of the Detroit Music Settlement School. Soloists will be accompanied by Miss Anna Husband, a member of the alumnae chapter, who is founder and director of the Settlement School.

Mrs. Kent W. Leach, province governor for the Great Lakes province is expected to attend the meeting.

Mrs. John I. Brack of Farmington is president of the chapter.

Conversation Starters

Jean Piqueron of Haverhill, France, sentenced to death as a habitual thief, was told that he would be released if a pure maiden were willing to marry him. A homely orphan girl stepped forward willingly. But Piqueron took one look at her and shook his head and said, "No! I'd rather marry the galleys — Hangman, do your duty." He was hanged forthwith, in the city of Reims, in 1224. The thirteenth of the month falls on Friday more often than on any other day of the week. (In 400 years — a basic and recurring calendar unit — there will be 688 Friday the thirteenth, as compared to 687 Sundays or Wednesdays, the next highest number.)

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HOLIDAY GLITTER—Several members of the Ralph Lorenz family are hard at work on oversize decorations for the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth. From left

are Mrs. Sheila Osann, Randy Lorenz, Mrs. Carol Lorenz and Mrs. Ralph Lorenz.

This Family Thinks Big In Christmas Trimming

By MARGARET MILLER
Women's Editor

Decorating for Christmas is a family affair for the Ralph G. Lorenz clan of Plymouth. But the Lorenz family has made the Mayflower Hotel its personal project for more years than the family can count for sure.

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THIS YEAR-daughter Sheila, now Mrs. Frederick Osann, decided to come from her Sylvania, Ohio, home with baby daughter Wendy to help with the decorating.

"I can't tell you how glad I was when she said 'I'd come,'" Mrs. Lorenz said. "I wouldn't have asked, but it certainly has made a difference to have her here."

Also joining the work crew in the day-long sessions the last couple of weeks have been Mrs. Carol Lorenz — her husband, Staten, who helped a lot with the wiring during time off from his Wine Shop business — and the two young sons of the Lorenz family, Randy, 11, and Scott, 13.

One special project carried out by Scott and Randy was climbing high on ladders to clean the crystal chandeliers with detergent and water.

THE HUGE WREATHS, bells, and crystal table decorations are assembled at one end of the Meeting Hall, and the work has been going on since before Thanksgiving.

While her elders work, four-month-old Wendy bounces in her swing and smiles over the proceedings or naps in a makeshift bed.

"We've been getting here about 11 in the morning and staying to eight in the evening," Sheila said. "We just bring food in and eat here."

"Wendy's been a real good girl," added her grandmother. "It's a good thing she has."

Sheila estimated that each of the big bolls, complete with evergreen boughs, flocking spray, tiny lights and velvet bows, took at least 12 man-hours of work.

THE BELLS — there are eight of them — are new this year, and so are a couple of huge wreaths adorned with gold and white satin balls and gold-sprayed pine cones and artichokes.

"The artichokes are some of my favorites for decorating," Mrs. Lorenz said. "But the family really doesn't care much about having them for dinner."

The biggest ornaments are going in the Meeting Hall that will be the scene of seven wedding receptions between Christmas and New Year's Day. The flurry to get them done was to have them up in time for the Plymouth Symphony Ball Saturday, Dec. 6.

Besides that there are confection-like pink sugar-plum decorations for the Loft room at the hotel. "They have a lot of rehearsal dinners there so we thought we'd give it a feminine touch," Mabel Lorenz said.

She also filled a bay window in the Stanton room with Christmas symbols and gar-

lands and is planning wall-type Christmas trees for the hotel's main lobby.

ALL EVERGREENS are sprayed with white flocking for fireproofing purposes, Mrs. Lorenz said. "That's what makes decorating a public building different from decorating a home," Mrs. Lorenz said.

"And using greens," she added, "you have to make some allowances for some drying out and put on the ornaments so they won't drop."

"It's a real trick to put life in them."

That life can be seen all around by visitors to the Mayflower this Christmas, it's the result of a family's devotion and hard work.



LYNDA DEANE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Deane of Jacquelyn Drive, Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynda Lee, to Daniel A. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Moore of Baltimore. The bride-elect is a 1964 graduate of Bentley High School and attended Michigan State University. Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Texas and has a master's degree from the University of Maryland. Both are employed by the Ford Motor Co. in Livonia and they plan to marry Dec. 27.

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OLGC Scene Of Wedding

Cheryl Ann Richards and Richard H. Perkins exchanged marriage vows in a candlelight ceremony Nov. 7 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Richards of Novi and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Perkins of Livonia. The Rev. David A. Britz officiated.

THE BRIDE, given in marriage by her father, wore a Victorian style Blanche gown with full bishop sleeves and an A-line skirt of ivory satin with yucca lace trim.

Lace also trimmed the ivory velvet headpiece that held the bride's illusion bubble veil and she carried ivory and pale yellow tea roses.

Karen Rumble of Novi was maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Ginny Hodgkinson of Detroit, Marilyn Talarico of Dearborn and Fay MacCorquindale of Livonia.

Their Edwardian gowns had deep avocado green skirts, ivory chiffon long-sleeved bodices and lime green satin sashes. They carried toprary balls with ivory mums, yellow daisies and straw flowers with lime green velvet ribbons.

Flower girl Janice Kerchen, cousin of the bride, wore a lime green dress with an avocado green sash and carried a similar bouquet.

ANOTHER COUSIN, Robbie Kerchen, was ring bearer. Cyrl Yuergens of Livonia was best man and the ushers were Brian Stephens and Greg Beyer, both of Livonia and James Smith of Avon Lake, Ohio, brother-in-law of the bride.

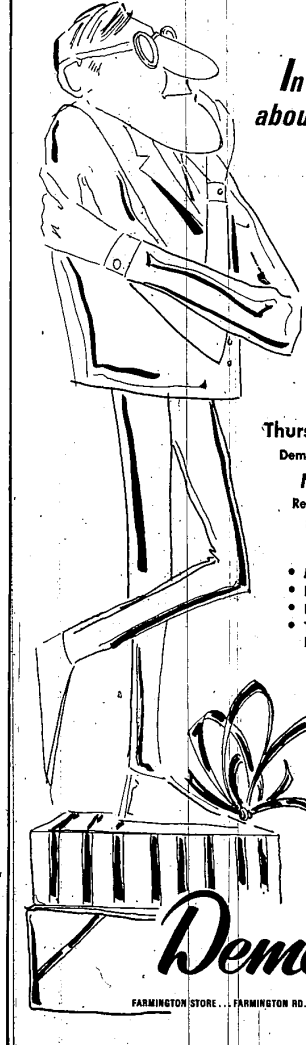
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Clayton of Plymouth Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Jo, to Michael R. Condra, son of Mrs. Joan M. Eberts of Plymouth. The bride-elect is a 1969 graduate of Plymouth High School and employed by the U.S. Post Office in Livonia. Her fiancé is employed by the Bro-Con Company. A Jan. 9 wedding is planned.

The couple is traveling to the West Coast, New Orleans, Georgia and Alabama before returning to a home in Plymouth. The bride is a 1965 graduate of Northville High School and the bridegroom graduated from Bentley High School the same year. Both attended Schoolcraft Community College.



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