

It's the TALK of The TIMES

By JANE BARBER

BASSINET SET . . . A new addition to the clan was the inspiration for the Fred Heathcotes' winter vacation in Jacksonville, Fla. . . . Fred and Fritz left their home on Longview road, Hillsborough, to race the stork to the Florida city but by the time they reached their destination, a new grandson, already had put in his appearance (on December 28) . . . The lad, named Brett David, is the son of the Marvin "Bud" Lamborns (Leslie Heathcote) . . . Bud is stationed temporarily in Jacksonville with the navy — he's an ensign . . . Paternal grandparents are the Marvin E. Lamborns of San Mateo . . . Incidentally, the Heathcotes report meeting their good friends, Ed and Moray Bloch, of Hillsborough on the south-bound plane and stopping over at New Orleans for joint toasts to the Blochs' twentieth wedding anniversary and the Heathcotes' new grandchild.



(St. Francis Hotel Photo)
MRS. CARLTON HARTNESS
Entertained Before Club Party

age groups joining in the merry-making, from the deb set to the dowager contingent . . . Nini Bovet a popular member of the debutante contingent . . . Post-deb Dolly Fritz circulating with the young unmarried group . . . Middle, marrieds making up the largest segment . . . Dancing in fluffly pale blue net, blonde Jane (Mrs. John) McWhorter . . . Polly and Dick Hanna taking their places in the dining room . . . The Adam Mustos of Woodside and the Clarence Mustos Jr. of San Mateo coming on from the cocktail party which the Carlton Hartness had hosted, Leonie Hartness in floor length black . . . The Sheldon Coopers and the Francis Martins in a four-some . . . Pale pink satin for Mrs. Howard Hickingbotham . . . Nancy and Reuben Hills checking wraps, she in all white . . . White, too, for Mrs. Edwin Callan, down from town . . . Another San Franciscan, also a svelte blonde, Mrs. Thomas Sullivan, whose jacket was a handsome brocade model . . .

PARTY POSTSCRIPTS . . . First New Year's Eve celebration in the Burlingame Country club's new headquarters attracting a full house . . . The former

Crocker estate ablaze with lights until early morning, after a fairly late start of festivities occasioned by the numerous cocktail parties in private homes . . . Two bands, Ernie Hecksher's smooth ensemble and a hot jazz group alternating in the spacious ballroom . . . Fashionable throng, gala dancing dresses and black tie for the men, leaving tables in the dining room to take a few turns between courses . . . All

AUXILIARY AGENDA . . . Cripple Children's auxiliary members to start off the year with a planning session tomorrow at the Forest View home of Mrs. George Ross, who for the past five years has been responsible for the auxiliary's major fund-raising project, an annual autumn fashion "spectacular" . . . Mrs. Antoine Bovet of Woodside to preside over the discussion of 1956 projects.

Garden Authority To Speak

The San Mateo County Garden Center will conduct its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, January 11, at 8 p. m., at the Fiesta building in San Mateo. The president, Paul Brecht of Menlo Park, representing the Woodside Gardeners' association, San Mateo Men's Garden club and the San Mateo County Orchid society, has announced that the past president of the San Francisco Rose society, George Hubbard of San Francisco, will give a lecture on "Winter Care of Roses."

All members attending are requested to bring an ornamental plant, vegetable, fruit, or other plant prized for its general interest or distinction to be commented on by Dirk Schroeder, a horticulturist and head gardener of Stanford university. Schroeder is especially well known for his hybridization of prize winning dahlia specimens.

One of the purposes of the San Mateo County Garden Center is to unify the garden clubs of the county in order to establish an art, floral and horticultural center. All members of garden clubs, their friends and interested groups are invited to attend the January 11 meeting.

Family Reunion Inspired by Visit Of Missourian

House guest of her brother, Charles B. Monroe of Prospect row here, is Mrs. D. A. Sharp of Liberty, Mo.

Mrs. Sharp has divided her time between her brother and a son, Navy Chaplain David A. Sharp Jr., who is stationed at Fort Mason.

In a few days, the visitor plans to go on to Burbank for a reunion with another son, Walter M. Sharp.

Soroptimists Set Lunch, Twelfth Night Party

The San Mateo-Burlingame Soroptimist club will convene tomorrow for its first meeting in the new year.

The noon meeting will be held at the Benjamin Franklin hotel with Mrs. Elmer Ross presiding. Mrs. Pauline Coleman, San Mateo city librarian, is program chair man for the day.

Yuletide festivities will be climaxed with a Soroptimist "twelfth night" party and gift exchange on Friday.

TO MEASURE SEASONING . . . When a recipe calls for "a pinch" or "a few grains" of a seasoning, it's best to add less than one-eighth teaspoon.

PLT Opens Thriller On Friday, 13th

"Blind Alley," the psychological gangster thriller, has been chosen by Peninsula Little Theatre for January production at Hillbarn theatre, 1800 El Camino Real, San Mateo. Cast and director are welcoming Friday, the 13th, as an appropriately ominous opening date for the suspense drama, which is scheduled to run for three week ends on Fridays and Saturdays only.

James Warwick's drama of the gang of killers who seize a college professor's home as a hideout has set the pattern for many a play and movie—the latest one is "The Desperate Hours"—but "Blind Alley" remains a gangster classic which has been seen twice in the movies, once with Bill Holden, once with Ralph Bellamy, and most recently on TV with Darren McGavin and Everett Sloane.

According to Robert Brauns, who directs the show, the play's "mess appeal lies in the fascination of the struggle between brain and brawn: will the gangsters' guns destroy the family before the professor's psychoanalysis can destroy the gangster?"

Richard Marsh, himself a professor and director of College of San Mateo's radio station, plays the psychology professor, William Anthony Selby. Marsh, whose previous experience has included directing as well as acting, has appeared in leading roles in "The Crucible" and "The Male Animal" for Peninsula Little Theatre.

Noted Violinist Has S.M. Concert Date

Joseph Szigeti, one of the great names in music, will give a concert under the sponsorship of the Thursday at 8:30 p.m., January 5, at San Mateo High school auditorium as part of his nationwide tour of the United States.

The internationally celebrated concert violinist made his American debut in December of 1925 as soloist with the Philadelphia orchestra under Leopold Stokowski. Year by year he has toured America, building up a devoted following among concert audiences and receiving the unstinted praise of critics.

Szigeti is perhaps the most traveled of virtuosi, world-famous after two round-the-world tours and annual American and European concert tours. His last European tour included appearances at the Edinburgh festival, the Casals festival, the International festival of Paris, the Holland festival, La Scala in Milan, the Grand Opera in Paris, as well as tours throughout England, Scotland, Ireland, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Turkey. His spring tour 1953 took him to Japan, and he devoted the summer months of 1954 to a tour of eight South American countries.

Szigeti's Brahms violin concerto with the Philadelphia orchestra, under Eugene Ormandy, was chosen by a nationwide poll of leading critics as the best concerto recording of the year. His intonational heart-warming autobiography, "With Strings Attached," was hailed by the Book-of-the-Month Club News as "far and away the best book of memoirs by a musician." In the recent best-selling book by Roland Gelatt, "Music



JOSEPH SZIGETI
To Play Here Thursday

Makers." (Knopf) he was chosen the only violinist among a galaxy of dominating musical personalities of this time to rate a full-length "profile."

Szigeti was born in Hungary. He is an American citizen and has been a resident of Southern California for the last 13 years.

Admission to Thursday's concert is by membership card only, and no tickets are sold at the door.

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Menlo Couple Wed In Woodside Rites

Saturday afternoon rites at Our Lady of the Wayside church in Woodside joined in marriage Lorna Varian and Charles L. Van Linge of Menlo Park. The couple are honeymooning in Yosemite and will return to live in Palo Alto.

Lorna chose for her nuptials a ballerina-length gown of champagne satin encrusted with crystal and pearl trim on the bodice.

Turunbull P-TA To Hear Talk By Mae Harville

The P-TA unit of the Turunbull elementary school will hold its first meeting of the new year Thursday at 1:45 p. m. in the school auditorium.

Following the program theme, "Framework Promotes Growth and Development," Mrs. Mae Harville, director of curriculum for San Mateo elementary schools, will speak on "A Curriculum Consistent With the Growth and Development of Children."

PIE CRUST RECIPE
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