

Art In North Carolina

By OLA MAIE FOUSHEE
"Beulah's Baby" is one of the most popular paintings in the North Carolina Museum of Art's



PRIMROSE PASCHAL

permanent collection. Painted by Mrs. Francis Paschal (Primrose) McPherson, a Raleigh native now living in Durham, it is the only portrait ever purchased from the N. C. Artists' Annual. Mrs. Paschal won the award in 1948.

Since good portrait painting is almost a lost art, we were particularly happy to rediscover the work of Primrose Paschal. Enamored with the human figure and the translucence of skin tones, she is a competent anatomist, which enables her to add a sculptural quality to her extremely creative portraits. And, although she has moved away from the 1948 technique used in portraying Beulah and her baby, that portrait still embodies her theories and philosophy of painting to wit:

"I like portrait painting because in it I can find complete scope for creativity. If I am lucky . . . and sometimes I am almost too lucky and see a little too much . . . I can capture the person in his time and make him live. For me, this is completely fulfilling. But I enjoy the business of seeing life created wherever it is—in literature, the theater, or in painting.

"In all of these things, the lasting quality is honesty," she said, stating her abhorrence of cannibalistically feeding on the thoughts and ideas of others. She maintains that the underlying principal of any work should be artistic integrity combined with romantic creativity and the technical efficiency necessary before one can start at all.

A petite brunette, who claims to be "different" rather than "shy," Primrose makes little ado about her own work. She has no need to. "They are breathing down my neck all the time," she says, referring to commissions she is now finishing for Duke University and other clients.

And, certainly, her ideas are her own, as she seeks constantly to increase her knowledge of the

human figure by sketching and painting nude models when she can find good ones. Inherent in her paintings, however, is homage to the diaphanous tones and the luminosity achieved by De-gas and Renoir, both acknowledged influences.

Her competence in drawing has kept her in demand as a book illustrator for such publishers as Scribners and Lippincott. Her prettiest children's book, she says, is "A Birthday Garland," by Thomas Crowell. The publisher bound one in leather and presented it to Primrose with her name inscribed on it in gold. Better known to North Carolinians are her illustrations in "Ocaroake" by Carl Goerch.

Engulfed in the building of a new house nearer Duke University where her husband teaches in the Law School, at the moment she is torn between the excitement of moving to her new studio and a reluctance to leave the present one, now on the realtors' block.

Designed by internationally recognized George Matsumoto, formerly of the School of Design in Raleigh but now of California, the studio wing of her house, now for sale, is approximately 24 x 24, with floor-to-ceiling glass walls on the north and south sides. A south door leads into a country setting reminiscent of England. Auxiliary heat makes it comfortable in moments for scantily clad models. High ceilings, a full bath and specially designed closet and storage space, make the studio an artist's haven of delight.

In a more cosmopolitan area, a Paschal portrait might well vie in popularity and price with those of the late deLazio. In response to this comment, however, she was emphatic in saying:

"I like my life just as it is. I just want to work and live quietly and without fanfare."



Hayes-Sayers Wedding Is Dec. 21

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Susan Hayes of Chapel Hill to William Floyd Sayers Jr., of Gastonia, is announced by the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Hughes Hayes.

Miss Hayes, the daughter of Mrs. Hayes of Chapel Hill and William Anderson Hayes of Hillsboro, is a graduate of the University here and a member of Delta Delta Delta.

Mr. Sayers is the son of Mrs. William F. Sayers of Gastonia, and the late Mr. Sayers. A graduate of the University here, he is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Order of the Golden Fleece. He is a third year student in the UNC School of Medicine.

The wedding will take place at 4 p.m. on December 21st in the Chapel of the Cross.

Playmakers Holding Tryouts Tomorrow

Tryouts for the musical comedy "Little Mary Sunshine," The Carolina Playmakers' first major production of the season, will be held at The Playmakers Theatre tomorrow, at 4 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. Director Foster Fitz-Simons and Musical Director Charles Horton have announced that they will need a cast of 25, including 6 male principals, 7 female principals, and a chorus of 6 men and 6 women. There are several non-singing parts.

The directors have suggested that those interested in trying out bring a piece of sheet music with which they are familiar. An accompanist will be available at the audition. Scripts are available in the Reserve Reading Room at the University Library, and at 307 Bynum Hall, although knowledge of the script

is not necessary in order to audition.

The Carolina Playmakers is a community theatre, as well as being the laboratory theatre of the Department of Dramatic Art, and all members of the Chapel Hill and University communities are invited to participate in its productions.

Smith Level School Reunion Is Sept. 29

The former students and teachers of the Smith Level School, which closed in 1930, will hold their annual reunion at the Damascus Church Sunday, Sept. 29th. Picnic luncheon will be served.

Sponsors for last year's and this year's reunion are Mrs. Mae Durham, Mrs. Louise Long, Mrs. Eva Snipes, Mrs. Alice Cole and Mrs. Ruth Free. All former students and teachers are urged to be present. This school was active for 56 years.

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DAR MEETING

Davie Poplar Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will honor new members at a tea at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, at the home of Mrs. F. C. Shepard, 409 W. Cameron Avenue.

School Menu

Lunches to be served in Chapel Hill schools during the coming week:

MONDAY

Pig in a blanket, blackeyed peas, tossed salad, cornbread and nutter, fruit cup and milk.

TUESDAY

Meat loaf with spanish sauce, buttered potatoes and yellow corn, hot rolls and butter, cherry upside-down cake and milk.

WEDNESDAY

Turkey a la king on rice, green lima beans, fruit jello, cheese biscuit and butter, almond cookie and milk.

THURSDAY

Pizzaburgers, cabbage slaw and green beans, hot gingerbread with lemon sauce, and milk.

FRIDAY

Egg salad sandwich and peanut butter sandwich, carrot sticks and celery sticks, potato chips, strawberry shortcake and milk.

von Betzen-Calhoun Wedding Planned

Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel von Betzen Perry of Bethesda, Md., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miriam Irene, to Richard Frank Calhoun of Falls Church.

Miss Perry is a graduate of the University of Maryland and has done medical research at the University here for the U. S. Public Health Service. She is a microbiologist with the Food and Drug Administration.

Mr. Calhoun is the son of Preston Browne Calhoun of Harbinger, and Mrs. Francis O. Bongertz of Skokie, Ill., and Winter Park, Fla. He graduated from North Central College of Naperville, Ill., and received his master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He has served as a foreign service officer in Japan for the State Department. Mr. Calhoun is a management analyst in the Executive Office of the Secretary of the Navy.

A November wedding is planned.

Women Voters Will Meet On Wednesday

The September meeting of the League of Women Voters will be held at the home of Mrs. William C. Friday, 402 E. Franklin St., Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Charter members of the League will be honored. Prospective members are invited to attend. For other information, call Mrs. William Rouse, membership, at 968-1331.

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Green Sprouts Club Meets Wednesday

M. E. Woodard will speak on roses at the Green Sprouts Garden Club meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the home of Mrs. John B. Adams, 15 William Circle.

Mr. Woodard is the University cashier and a rose enthusiast. His rose garden on Granville Road is one of the prettiest in Chapel Hill.

The meeting will be the first of the year for the club, whose officers are: president, Mrs. John B. Adams; 1st vice-president, Mrs. James J. Mullen; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Harold Langenderfer; secretary, Mrs. Raymond Strong; treasurer, Mrs. Wayne A. Danielson; year-book chairman, Mrs. Claude Piantadosi; historian, Mrs. C. V. Cummings; and council representative, Miss Charlotte Merritt.

Co-hostesses for the evening are Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Lloyd Yonce. Mrs. V. L. Bounds will provide the flower arrangements.

Members are requested to bring books on gardening or flower arranging to circulate.

Models Are Needed For Drawing Class

Models are needed at the Ackland Art Center.

The first model is needed in Ackland's life drawing class for two hours tomorrow morning, from 8 to 10, and models are needed every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 to 10 thereafter.

There are no requirements for models. Men, women, tall, short, young, old, middle-aged, any-body qualifies. All models sit clothed, and the job pays \$1 an hour.

Anybody with two hours to spare for sitting still may contact Robert Howard in Room 206 of the Ackland building, or Mrs. Webb in room 106.

FIRST AID COURSE

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Red Cross will offer a standard course in first aid, beginning Monday, September 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapter headquarters at 211 West Main Street, Carrboro. The course will meet five consecutive Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:30. The course is open to anyone, the only requirement being the purchase of a textbook, for 78 cents, from the Chapter headquarters or the Book X on the University campus. For further information, call Maek McGee, 942-4062. Mr. McGee will teach the course.

Bermuda Bothering Your Periwinkles?

By M. E. GARDNER

"Bermuda grass is invading my periwinkle bed. Is there a spray I can use to kill the Bermuda without damaging the periwinkle?"

There was no spray that I could think of so I consulted one of my co-workers in weed control to be sure. He had no recommendation either. I do have two suggestions to make which should help solve such problems. The first would be to use Dalapon or Varsol along the edge of the bed being invaded by Bermuda grass. Use a narrow band of spray because it must be remembered that both of these materials will kill everything sprayed. Varsol (a cleaning fluid) should be used as a wetting spray and as often as necessary to give control. Dalapon should be used according to instructions outlined on the container. These materials may also be used to clear grass and weeds from the driveway and between the joints of the sidewalk.

The second suggestion would be to erect a barrier of some sort—aluminum strips from your garden center, 4x8x16 cinder or concrete blocks, up-ended brick (at an angle) or treated 1/2 inch wood boards. It would be desirable to use good judgment as to your choice, because some of these barriers could prove to be unsightly. However, if the grass is invading from a neighbor's yard, the barrier could be erected along the fence line and hidden by plant materials in your bed.

"I have two bad spots in my front lawn which was seeded with Kentucky 31 Fescue. Can you give suggestions about treating these areas for re-seeding?" Since these spots are reported as being "bad," I am assuming that the rest of the lawn is satisfactory.

In this case, scarifying the areas with a rake, and re-seeding would not help. It is possible that these spots may be compacted and, as a result, wet. I would suggest that the soil be removed to a depth of about 8

inches and good top soil used to re-fill the holes. Pack the re-fill soil lightly so it will not settle below the established soil level when it rains. Fertilize the soil and rake in well. For this the granular form (not pellets) is best. Seed liberally, rake lightly and water well. Keep watered as needed for good germination and strong growth of seedlings.

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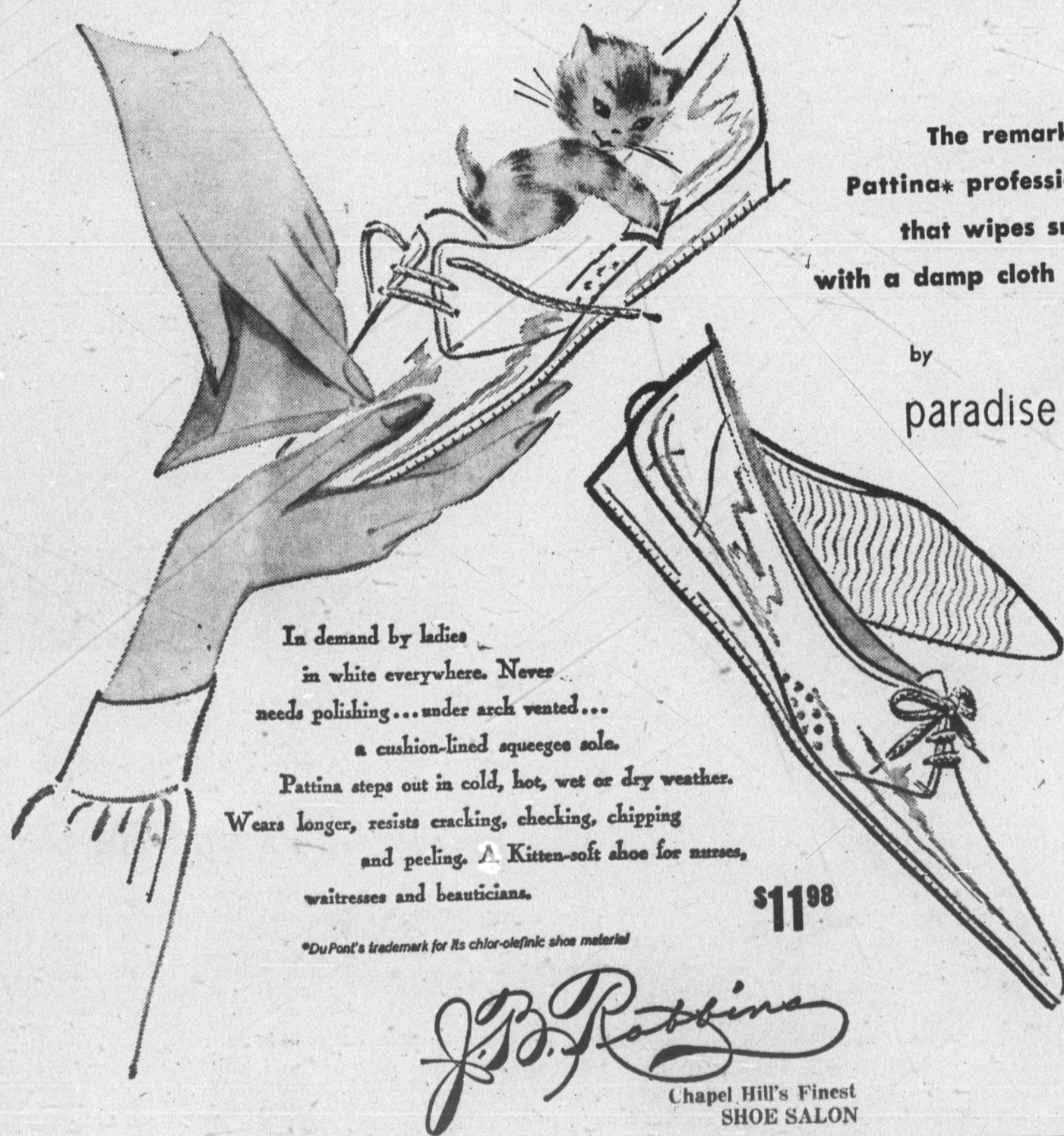
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