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## CONSTRUCTION RATE SHOWS LARGE GAIN

Permits For Month Show \$124,300 In Buildings

MARCH IS OUTDONE

The advent of warmer weather brings a corresponding increase in building in the village, with 23 new structures going up during the past month, against 18 of March, according to permits issued.

Records show the total construction cost as \$124,300. Of the new buildings 12 were residences against 11 of last month with a construction cost of \$124,300. Additions and alterations amounting to \$1,925 were made during the month. Four more were completed during April, while March records show two. Cost of store construction amounted to \$21,750. Four private garages were built during April and two buildings wrecked.

## EDUCATION BOARD PLANS MEET TODAY

Members of the Birmingham board of education will meet today at 10 a. m. for criticism and discussion of the revised plans of the proposed Barham addition. The meeting has been called at the instigation of Fred D. Madison, Royal Oak, architect, who will explain any details of the plans at that time.

## AMONG THE WOMEN

Gypsy's Prophecy Comes True For Mrs. J. N. Hadjisky

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS

"You will go abroad and marry a foreigner." So ran Elizabeth Appleby's fortune told in the mumbled words of the gypsy who came to the door one spring morning in the English town of Malton. To the eleven-year-old daughter of a prominent Leeds politician, brought up in an environment of portentious seriousness and justice they spelled a future colorful and varied beyond her dreams. And some day those very words were to come true.



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MRS. J. N. HADJISKY

It was not a strange prophecy. There was little of the unusual in the gypsy's words, but they brought a touch of the cosmopolitan such as seldom found its way to the tiny English hunting town that for more than 10 centuries had settled back among the hills, and where for just as many centuries, generations of Applebys had lived. So she grew up spending the long summer days in Malton and the winters in the city of Leeds.

Today she is Mrs. J. N. Hadjisky, of 744 Bates street, active in village life and chairman of the Oakland County branch of the Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom. The years came and went and the gypsy's words became a byword in the family. To the villagers, a foreigner meant a swarthy organ grinder playing his tunes through the streets of the town. So it came about that the minute an organ was heard, Elizabeth Appleby was laughingly told to stay indoors.



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But the English girl some day was to find herself in a group as

cosmopolitan as Leeds was English, and in just such a cosmopolitan circle was she to move through life.

From earliest childhood she was interested in the peoples of the world and their affairs. Her father was profoundly interested in world affairs and often brought them into the conversation in the home. As Mrs. Hadjisky puts it, the Englishman feels the responsibility of government. "To him politics are in a sense his national sport." Mrs. Hadjisky's father was no exception.

Interest in World Justice

So she grew up the youngest daughter of a philanthropist and a politician vitally interested in social justice. "One of my earliest recollections was of being taken on the platform following an address to meet W. T. Stensel, a founder of the Hague," she said.

Throughout her life there seems to be that element of peace gained through a knowledge of international culture. From childhood she was receptive to the ideas of other peoples and eager for justice.

"We were more than pacifists. To us war was an anachronism. We were something of Quakers at heart and it is interesting to remember if I had been offered a scholarship to a girl's high school I would have received my elementary education in a Quaker school. As it was my father sent the daughter of a Quaker friend in my place."

But it was in that very school that she was to meet with more talk of political affairs. A daughter of W. E. Gladstone, the great advocate for home rule in Ireland, was one of the board of governors of the school. The atmosphere there soon took on the same color that had become Mrs. Hadjisky's environment.

After the girls' high school came years at art school where her time to mental work. It was while she was so engaged that England entered the World War. For three years Mrs. Hadjisky lived in England, all the time strengthening her firm belief in peace.

The Prophecy

It was at a meeting of an international society that she met Mrs. Hadjisky, a young Hungarian student studying at Leeds college, and

the prophecy of the gypsy once more flashed across her path.

But war times were hard. There was little opportunity for romance. Mr. Hadjisky had gone to America to study at the University of Michigan. So for a time matters went on, Mrs. Hadjisky continuing her mental work in an art school at Leeds.

Then came the day shortly before the close of the war that the first words of the gypsy's fortune came true. Suddenly Mrs. Hadjisky decided to go to America.

Again the same cosmopolitan touch seemed to enter her life. It was while she and her future husband were attending a lecture of Rabindranth Tagore, Hindu poet, and winner of the Nobel prize, that they met Rev. Eugene Shippen, who a few days later married them and accepted them into his circle of friends.

It had been Mrs. Hadjisky's dream since a child to marry a student and live in an attic. "By a student I meant one who never stopped studying," she explained. Her dream was to be realized, for after their marriage they moved into the attic of the Shippen home which was known as "Casafelice" or "house of happiness." They called their new home, "The Third Floor Back." There Mr. Hadjisky continued his study of mechanical engineering.

Then came the close of the war and the call for aides in the Ford hospital, Detroit. Mrs. Hadjisky was urged to teach metalwork to the disabled veterans. She agreed and was the first aide to be appointed. For nearly six months daily she went to the hospital to teach.

Boon to Pacific

"Prohibition is in my entire life was more effective in making me a peace advocate than the work in the hospital," she said. "It was so pitiful to see those wounded men. I can not understand how a country can act as the United States and give more money for cruisers when many of the veterans of the World War, who have become disabled mentally as a result of war experiences, are housed in jails because of inadequate hospitals."

For the past seven years Mrs. Hadjisky has made her home in Birmingham and has played an active part in the national movement of the Woman's International League. At present she is arranging a program of songs and folk dances featuring performers of international repute to be staged May 25 in the Baldwin High School.

The introduction of the arts of the countries in a program are an illustration of one of Mrs. Hadjisky's strongest theories for the establishing of world peace. "I feel that one effective way in which peace will be spread among the nations is the spreading of a common culture. By making common knowledge of the arts of the various nations there will follow a tendency toward peace. By an educational exchange of ideas a cultural interest would develop which would overshadow fighting interests. One of the sanest ways to bring about peace is through a study of the civilizations, and through an appreciation of what they have contributed in the past and what they will produce in the future."

Mrs. Hadjisky is a member of the Village Players. In Detroit she is affiliated with the Folk Arts, the Arts and Crafts association and the Pro Musica. She was winner in 1922 of both first and second prize in the national contest for a golf trophy.

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