

# Society

## MUSICAL TEA IS WELL ATTENDED

### Mrs. Roosevelt Presents Program Combining Great Masters

A program of piano numbers presented by Mrs. Dorothy Kemp Roosevelt, drew many young members and their guests to the Lake Country Club Wednesday afternoon for the musical and tea, which was one of the concluding events of the season.

Mrs. Roosevelt offered a masterly interpretation of a repertoire in which Bach, Chopin, Brahms, Szymanowski, Debussy and Rachmaninoff were combined.

Noted among the audience were many from Birmingham, both as hostesses and guests. Mrs. Harry D. Wise entertained a group including Mrs. L. H. Thompson, Mrs. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, Mrs. Donald Van Pelt, Mrs. L. A. Farquhar, Mrs. F. J. Walker, and Mrs. Elizabeth G. Nowell, Jr.

Mrs. William McCallum had as her guests, Mrs. Donald G. Eide, Mrs. Charles H. Welch, Jr., Mrs. D. B. Gamble, Mrs. Harry R. Cooley, Mrs. Roy E. Noyes, and Mrs. William C. Howe.

Mrs. Draper Allen entertained Mrs. Harold W. Holmes, Mrs. William Holmes, and Mrs. W. S.

## Service, Sociability, Fellowship Objectives Of Business Women

### Editor's Note: This is the eighth of a series of articles by Madeline Elaine Potter showing the relation of women's organizations to community life in Birmingham, and how they should influence the city and its cultural interests.

An active role in community affairs is played by the Birmingham Business Women's Club, which was organized in 1923 with the triple objective of encouraging service, sociability and good fellowship. The group claims to be the best luncheon service club organized in Birmingham, presiding over the Rotary and Exchange Clubs by one year.

Today with a membership of 25, the club meets for dinner at the Community House every alternate Thursday evening. Still holding the tradition linking sociability and good fellowship with service as the club's objective, committee members are busy planning numerous social events for the coming winter.

On the side of service, the club's chief aim is developing the Mary Griffith Loan Fund, a revolving fund to aid girls in securing adequate business training. One of the largest projects planned to increase the fund is the bridge tournament to be conducted throughout the year under the chairmanship of Mrs. Fred Tucker.

The club paid a tribute to Miss Griffith in naming the scholarship for her, as a tribute to an early member and friend of the organization. Miss Griffith came to the Community House as hostess in 1925, and since then has retained an active interest in its affairs.

In offering a scholarship fund of this type, the club is performing a service unique in Birmingham. There is no other fund to aid young women in securing business training. Through their efforts in developing efficient young business women for the future, the members are making a very real contribution to Birmingham, and whenever organizations are cited for service to the city, the Birmingham Business Women's Club will have a prominent place in the list.

The club had its beginning on Oct. 16, 1923 in the former Community House on the corner of Bates street and West Maple avenue. Miss Mary Martin of Grand Rapids, was the first hostess, and he idea of organizing a luncheon club for business women, with the limited facilities of those days. Miss Martin prepared the luncheon for the 15 charter members who attended.

The name first selected was the Noon Day Club, which it retained until 1925, when it was changed to the "Business Girls' Club." At first, members took turns in providing, preparing and serving the luncheon, and in acting as hostesses.

In June 1927, the name of the club was changed again to the "Business and Professional Women's Club," as it was then planned to join the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. However, this plan was never carried out, and later the name was changed back to the "Business Women's Club," as it is known today.

Early members of the club were Ethel Bassett, Rachel Bratton, Ann Brown, Elsie Buehler, Alice Baker, Grace Evans, Dorothy Cornell, Maud Faulkner, Marion Hawkins, Bertha Jones, Helen Lewis, Ruth Maynard, Mable Moore, Lydia Nichols, Thelma Morrow, Alice McGregor, Phyllis Myers, Dorothy Palmer, Alta Symons, Esther Smith, Mary Walker and Helen Watson.

When the new Community House was erected, the Business Women's Club was given a room to be used as a lounge or reading room. Each year, the club makes a contribution toward the maintenance of the House.

One of the early events of importance this fall will be the election of officers, which will be an event of Thursday, Oct. 1 at the Community House. During the past year the officers have been, Miss Blanche Broekley, president; Mrs. Earl Davidson, vice-president; Miss Alice McGregor, Secretary; and Miss Ruth Wall, treasurer.

## NOMINATIONS TOLD BY STATE A. A. U. W.

### Mrs. Farrar, Mrs. John On Slate For President And Secretary

Word has been received from the nominating committee of the Michigan Branch of the American Association of University Women of the nomination of prominent Birmingham women.

Mrs. Fred W. Farrar, president of the Birmingham Branch, has been nominated for state president, and Mrs. W. A. P. John, secretary, for state secretary.

Mrs. Clarence G. Humphreys, convention chairman and in charge of resolutions for the planning of the annual convention, has been nominated from the Birmingham Branch.

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## Social Briefs

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Mr. and Mrs. C. J. O'Connor of Avon Lake have returned from a sojourn of two months abroad. In the course of their travels, Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor visited France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, England and Ireland.

Mrs. G. A. Chritton of River Forest, Ill., returned to her home Monday after a week's visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Chritton of Glenary road.

Mrs. Frank W. Blair of Rochester, Mich., was hostess Wednesday afternoon to a group from St. James' Episcopal Church planning the fall bazaar. Those who went to Mrs. Blair's tea included Mrs. N. L. Moody, Mrs. W. D. Thompson, Mrs. M. B. Whittlessey, Mrs. L. M. Baker, Mrs. W. R. Elock, Mrs. F. W. Boynton, Mrs. Charles Elton Buck, and Mrs. D. W. Bage.

Janet Peabody of Quabbin road has her guests for the remainder of the week, Jean Campbell of Long Beach, Calif. Miss Campbell is on her way to Smith College where she will engage in graduate study. Miss Peabody and her guest will spend the weekend in Detroit Lansing as the guests of Betty Peabody in the Alpha Phi house.

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