Barnum Country Fair Wednesday One of Highlights of P.-T. A. Activities

Parties Are Set For Friday Thirteenth

Friday the thirteenth holds no terror for several Franklin women who are planning on holding bridge parties at their homes as a portion of the activities of the P.-T. A., Games Day which is to be held on that date. Proceeds from these parties which are being given by 12 hostesses throughout the village will be used to defray current P.-T. A. expenses for the year and to partially pay for the projector which has been bought for the school.

Hostesses who will entertain are Mrs. Frank Seldon, Mrs. Robert Marson, Mrs. E. H. Brill, Mrs. George B. Catlin, Mrs. Trueman F. Campbell, Mrs. C. G. Burke, Mrs. Edward B. Houseal, Mrs. George Wellington Smith, Mrs. Robert Woodruff, Mrs. J. Jennings Morse, Mrs. Robert A. Seibert and Mrs. Norman Kirn.

Mrs. R. Douglas Sewell, Mrs. W. B. Hoey and Mrs. Frank W. Biringer are on the committee which has been working on arrangements for the affair.

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Gala Entertainment Is Planned; Many Booths To Be In Evidence

Wednesday, Oct. 17th is marked with a red circle on the calendar's of many in Birmingham who are planning on attending the annual Country Fair which will be held on that date at the Barnum School. This fair, which is sponsored each year by the P.-T. A. of the Barnum School, is one of the highlights of the autumn season's activities of that school.

Everything which one could dream of finding in the old fashioned country fairs will be reproduced in the fair which is to be held in Birmingham. On Tuesday, the day preceding the fair, children of the Barnum School will join in a parade which will leave the school at 4:30 and march through the down town section. Charles W. Mintling is in charge.

The fair will open shortly after school is dismissed Wednesday afternoon and will continue through the evening. A special program is being planned to divert the attention for a short time at least, of those who attend.

Program Features Dances

Included on the program will be a Polish folk dance by natives of Poland who are now living in Detroit. Irish folk dances will be presented, too, by girls from the ninth grade of the school. Special tap dance routines are to be presented by Mary Grosvenor and Jean Hock and a Dutch ballet is to be presented by Mary Lou Brungraber and Dorothy Nixon. Mary Ann Rainey is scheduled to present a Robin Hood dance and Marilyn Dominick will give a Russian dance. A special novelty dance is to be presented by Faye Anderson and Genevieve Gay.

Other numbers which will be presented on the program are the bagpipe selections which will be given by A. A. Montgomery of Highland Park and the piano duet which Memory Upper and Dorothy Olin will offer. Recitations will be given by Dickie Boals and special musical selections will be given by a quartet consisting of Doris Protheroe, Joan Hadjisky, Virginia Hammes and Nelda-Mae Smith. Ella Clark will be the accompanist. An accordian duet will be given by Jack Poorman and Donald Kimmins.

B. A. Aikens, Jr., and Mrs. Jerry Poorman are assisting Mrs. W. C. Casson on the entertainment committee.

Many Booths Planned

Among the booths that will be in evidence at this fair is the sewing booth for which mothers in the P.-T. A. are holding regular sewing meetings for several months to prepare for the fair. There will also be a booth of handmade articles including beautifully dressed dolls and handmade animals of all kinds.

Also among the booths which will be in evidence will be the novelty booth and the fish pond. There will also be a booth where homemade candies may be purchased and one where soft drinks and hot dogs will be sold. An old fashioned country store will also be in evidence.

Other booths will be one where flowers and potted plants will be sold, a white elephant booth and a balloon booth which promises to have balloons of every shape, size and dimension. There will also be a booth of boxes and waste paper baskets and a fortune telling booth. A Chinese booth is also promised to those who attend and will be tended by a Chinese group from Detroit. Mrs. Frank Lee of Detroit, is in charge of this booth.

A marine life display and a miniature electric city is to be displayed by Bob Clement.

Arrangements are also being made by Ted Johnstone to have a booth where individual recordings of the guests' speaking or singing voices will be made and a pie and cake making contest, sponsored by Mary Jane Barby, instructor in cooking in the school, is also being planned as a part of the festivities of the Country Fair. A talk on Indian lore in Michigan will be given by Chief Standing Bear of the Chippewa tribe in Pontiac.

The following is a list of the committees who have been working for the success of the fair.

Sewing committee: Mrs. George F. Grensenbach, chairman; Mrs. Harry Clark, Mrs. Herbert S. Roberts, Mrs. Clarence A. Walkwitz, Mrs. Foster Toothacker, Mrs. Ingwald Wanberg, Mrs. Fred W. Guckelberg, Mrs. Howard D. Crull, Mrs. Myra Bailey.

Handmade articles: Mrs. John Parsons, chairman; Mrs. Berton Jackson, Mrs. Thomas Spouse, Mrs. James Anderson.

Cafeteria: Mrs. H. Fleminterton, chairman; Mrs. Harold Merrick, Mrs. Joe MacGregor, Mrs. Joe Boyce, Mrs. Leslie Hock, Mrs. George J. Thomas, Mrs. Percy G. Burnett, Mrs. Russell R. Johnson, Mrs. Russell Parisacan, Mrs. George Thurman, Mrs. R. C. Clement, Mrs. Ora Smith, Mrs. Walter Benscoter, Mrs. C. S. Grant-Watters, Mrs. G. W. Jackson, Mrs. Lee J. Moher, Mrs. John L. Lungberg, Mrs. Robert F. Watt and Mrs. Edward C. Merry.

Fish pond: Mrs. Ralf A. Crookston, chairman; Mrs. John Gill, Mrs. Josephine Reynolds, Mrs. Frederick A. Protheroe, Mrs. Lawrence Westerby, Mrs. Fred G. Samuelson, Mrs. C. C. Waddill, Mrs. Clyde E. Dalton, Mrs. John Matlice.

Novelty booth: Mrs F. C. McCarthy, chairman; Mrs. C. A. Stanger, Mrs. W. Flynn, Mrs. Oscar Conwell, Mrs. R. Anthony Woma.

Country store: Mrs. E. W. Lackie, chairman; Mrs. Karl H. Bronson, Mrs. Drayton McClelland, Mrs. George Hosner, Mrs. Donald K. Plumstead, Mrs. Henry Watson, Mrs. Otis Knox, Mrs. Lella Cousins, Mrs. Arthur C. Peck, Mrs. Thomas Haldane, Mrs. Wylie E. Groves.

Soft drinks: Mrs. F. R. Grosvenor, chairman; Mrs. Basil Caryl, Mrs. Emerson C. Brown, Mrs. H. C. Bradley, Mrs. Louise Wolfe, Mrs. George E. Jones.

Hot dogs: Mrs. Andrew N. Watson, chairman; Mrs. Frank Meacahill, Mrs. Frank B. Woodruff, Mrs. Robert B. Milks, Harold Watts and Bill Follis.

Candy booth: Mrs. G. W. Crooks, chairman; Mrs. Tom R. Wyles, Jr., Mrs. Roy Lewis, Mrs. David Levinson, Mrs. Mark Smith, Mrs. R. H. Dewey, Mrs. E. K. Schadt.

Posters: Mrs. H. S. Roberts, chairman; Mrs. R. D. Gage, Mrs. Russell H. Johnson, Mrs. Fred W. Guckelberg.

Soliciting: Mrs. Allen Aikens.

Flowers and plants both: Mrs. Harry Sherwood; chairman; Mrs. R. D. Gage.

White elephant booth: Mrs. Harry Lee, chairman; Mrs. Joseph Lemke, Mrs. Charles W. Mintling, Mrs. Samuel Snell, Mrs. C. R. Barnes, Mrs. Frank A. Keogh, Mrs. LeRoy Weier.

Pony rides: E. W. Lackie, Joseph Boyteck, Jack Stanger, Chester Lackie.

Balloon both: Ruth Watson, chairman; Beverley Johnstone, Bill Moody.

Box booth: Mrs. Charles Haynes; chairman; Beverley and Virginia Johnstone, Mrs. Arthur H. Gillispie, Juanita Grensenbach.

Dining room: Mrs. Frank Guckelberg, chairman; Mrs. Allen Aikens, Mrs. Charles A. Haynes, Loraine Tewilliager, Roetta Clark, Catherine Witt, Isabelle Teichman.

Frost bites: Mrs. Robert H. Brown, Mrs. Walter Radell, Mrs. Gladys Casson, Mrs. Henry Bowden.

Dance: B. A. Aikens, chairman; W. A. Johnstone, Mrs. R. W. Turner, Bill Cole, Virginia Johnstone.

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Several Women Plan to Attend District Meet

Several Birmingham women are interested in the Great Lakes regional meeting of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom which is to be held at the Statler Hotel in Detroit Oct. 22 and 23.

Among the local women who are particularly active in preparations for this meeting are Mrs. H. S. Burlingame, who is regional chairman of the Great Lakes district, and Mrs. George T. Hendrie who will act as hospitality chairman for the meeting.

Mrs. William J. Tuynman will open her home for tea on the afternoon of Oct. 21 to members of the national board and others who care to attend a small get together prior to the opening meeting the following day.

Included among the local women who are planning on attending the district meeting are Mrs. John J. Gafill, Mrs. J. N. Hadjisky, Mrs. Wallace Frost, Mrs. Burlingame, Mrs. Hendrie and Mrs. Tuynman.

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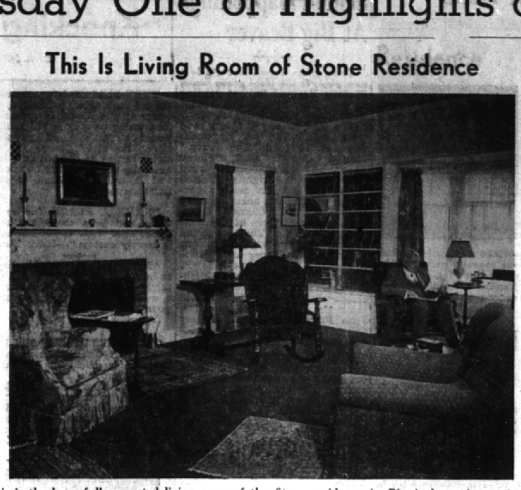

This is the long, fully carpeted living room of the Stone residence in Birmingham about which an interesting article appears in the current Better Homes & Gardens. Bookcases flank the wide bay seen at the extreme right. Notice the vent over the right corner of the fireplace. It connects with a heating unit behind the grate which utilizes some of the heat—of which a fireplace is very wasteful.

Birmingham Home's Novel Development Is Described in Recent Magazine Article

The novel tale of a Birmingham pair who saw the home they wanted in a magazine, told their architect about it, banked $14,000 for him to build it with, and then departed for Florida, to move into the completed dwelling the following spring—is told in the October issue of the magazine, Better Homes & Gardens.

The story is about Ralph Stone, prominent Detroit banker, and Mrs. Stone; the architect is Bloomfield Hills' Mr. H. Augustus O'Dell, while the author of the article is none other than Mrs. H. Augustus O'Dell. And not only that, the photographs to illustrate the story were taken by Ralph Stone, Jr.

That makes it pretty much of a "home-grown" affair.

Implicit Faith

In her very interesting article, Mrs. O'Dell points out that the usual course of affairs when an architect is engaged to build a home is one of numerous changes, resulting from frequent changes-of-mind on the part of the owners. But the Stones, long acquainted with Mr. O'Dell and having implicit faith in his ability, went away to the South and worried not one whit about the progress of construction.

First, of course, they picked out an attractive lot on Chesterfield, between Oak and Quarton, near the westerly limits of Birmingham, and went over various pet desires on closets, colors and general arrangement, but retaining the original general plans which appeared in the magazine and stirred the original enthusiasm.

"They left to my husband decisions about plumbing and electric fixtures, floor tile and linoleum, and even the kind of kitchen range (selected with my expert advice) which he was able to buy at a builder's discount," Mrs. O'Dell wrote.

High Point

"A high point in the entire transaction was Mr. Stone's graceful gesture in banking the whole $14,000 required to complete the job—banking it in H. Augustus' name so he could pay all the accounts.

"This made my husband doubly conscious of his trust. In fact, he said, 'This warms the cockles of my heart—that such trust still exists in this suspicious old world.' The job received the maximum of his personal attention and supervision.

"He arranged for cross drafts in bedrooms; placed sills low, the better to welcome a maximum of sunshine; installed plenty of shelves for books, which are the most delightful and friendliest means toward artistic interior decoration; planned corner desks for study; and worked out an advantageous spot for the piano, with ample space nearby for a cellist —for Mr. and Mrs. Stone are both musicians.

H. Augustus (most all architects part their names in the middle) worked hard to obtain a low and easily remembered telephone number for them. He was most careful to fit the house into the space along the big oak, maple, elm, basswood, and butternut trees without disturbing a one.

No Undue Emphasis

"The plan of this house is sound, no undue emphasis having been placed on any minor feature. In sharp contrast was the house my husband built several years ago. The client's wife showed him an elaborate dining-room sideboard. 'See that,' she said. 'It's a beauty. It must have an important setting. It must be seen from any vista.' The result was that he had to plan the entire house around her sideboard. It cost plenty.

When the Stones rolled off for the South, their site was but a vacant lot. When they returned, four months later, the carpets had been laid. (That was in March).

"The day of their homecoming dawned "brite and fare." H. Augustus, eager as a boy hid waiting behind a tree to get their reaction, unobserved. When they stepped from their car and stood to take their first look, Mrs. Stone turned to her husband and said delightedly, "It's really our dream come true!"

Susan Hartman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hartman of Lakeside drive, has been pledged to Phi Delta Psi sorority at National Park College, Forest Glen, Md. Miss Hartman is a junior this year.

Guest at the D. L. Tate home on Westchester way recently was Mrs. Tate's mother, Mrs. Verne Baldwin of Peru, Ind.

Soroptimist Club To Be Hostess At Regional Meeting

Members of the Soroptimist club of Birmingham will act as hostess to nine clubs at the mid-western regional conference of the American Federation of Soroptimist clubs which will be held in Detroit Saturday and Sunday.

A banquet Saturday evening at the Detroit Leland Hotel will open the conference of this organization. Irene Hanley will act as toastmaster for the program which will follow the banquet. Mrs. Blanche Bean will present a fashion sketch which is to be illustrated by David Richardson, of Birmingham.

There will be dramatics and dancing by Charlene Harmer of Detroit, and a Soroti-Quiz by the Birmingham club. Virginia Bell will be the pianist and David Richardson will make sketches of those present.

The business meeting will be held at Devon Gables on Sunday morning at an 8:30 breakfast. Miss Ina Bowman of Dayton, regional director, will preside.

Clubs to be represented at this conference besides the Birmingham club include Akron, Cleveland, Dayton, Lima and Tipp City, O.; Chicago, Bay City, Detroit and Royal Oak.

Among those pledged to Alpha Phi at the close of formal rushing on the DePauw University campus at Greencastle, Ind., is Virginia Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hart of Lake Park drive.

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Musicale To Meet Today For Program

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Miss Grace Emery, head of the piano department at Kingswood School, and Miss Phyllis Ahlers, soprano, will be the guest soloist at this the first fall meeting of the organization.

Mrs. John F. Hollister, chairman of the tea, is being assisted by Mrs. John H. Gordon, Mrs. Ferry B. Allen, Mrs. R. O. Mead and Mrs. George T. Jeffers.

'Organization Day' Held By A. A. U. W.

"Organization Day" for the Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women war held Wednesday when that group held their first meeting of the year at 2 o'clock at the Community House.

Reports of the national convention which was held in Denver last June given by Mrs. Royce L. Beers and Mrs. Fred D. Farrar and "Historical Highlights," a short skit directed by Mrs. W. A. P. John, was presented by several charter members of the organization.

Mrs. Charles F. Dye, social chairman of the group, arranged the program for this meeting.

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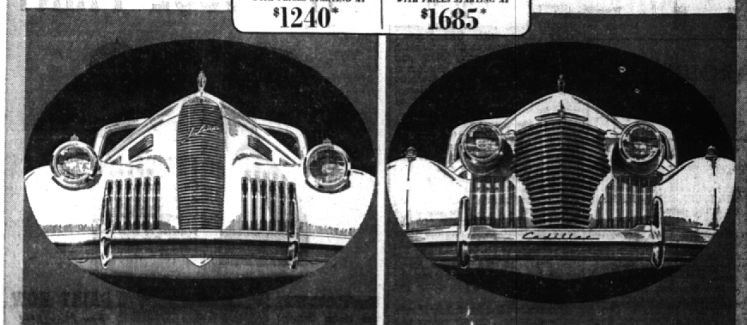

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