Club Women Reveal Survey of Household Employee Problems in Birmingham

Hope to Improve Home Conditions For All Concerned

A better "deal" for both employers and employes in the home is the goal of a project which has been under way in Birmingham since the first of the year, it was revealed this week. A similar movement has been carried on in Detroit.

"We are not trying to tell anybody what to do," a spokesman told The Eccentric, "but we feel this way: If working conditions are improved, and if better training is given to household employees, the result will be beneficial to everyone concerned."

Several organizations in Birmingham have taken an interest in the program. The League of Women Voters has been represented by Mrs. John K. Ormond, Mrs. H. S. Burlingame and Mrs. Draper Allen. University of Michigan Alumnae representatives have been Mrs. Jay E. Hanna and Mrs. E. M. Harper. Representing the A.A.U.W. have been Mrs. William Jackson and Mrs. W. Laurance Shaffner. The General Guild Auxiliary of St. James Church has been represented by Mrs. Leigh Lynch, social service chairman. Mrs. Frederick P. Rainey, of the Community House Employment Service bureau, and Lloyd Chapman, high school guidance instructor, have also met with the group.

Just now, the group is working on a questionnaire which is being sent widely throughout Birmingham environs, and the committee hopes that all will cooperate. The questionnaire, which is to be returned with no names signed, attempts to survey present conditions in order to establish a basis for future work.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robinson of Buffalo, N. Y., are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Suzanne Sherwood, May 2. Mrs. Robinson is the former Barbara Horton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Horton of Puritan road.

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Catholic League Plans Annual Breakfast

The Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills Unit of the League of Catholic Women will hold its annual May breakfast at Devon Gables on Tuesday, May 10, at 10 a. m. Father David Duncan, pastor of Holy Name Chapel, will be the speaker at the breakfast.

Mrs. Martin J. Wendell is chairman of the affair and members of her committee are Mrs. Frank McDonough, Mrs. William A. McCarty, Mrs. J. H. Cornell, Mrs. Carson Bingham and Mrs. J. W. DeBeaubien.

Breakfast will be preceded by High Mass at 9 a. m. at the Holy Name Chapel.

Pythian Delegation At Convention

Twenty-five members of Birmingham's Pythian Sisters attended the annual convention of the sixth district held at Tipton, Mich., Wednesday. Mrs. Richard Lawler, of Birmingham, district deputy, presided at the convention.

Mrs. Lawler is next in line for the office of state chief of the organization, and her installation in that post is expected to take place in September.

At the convention yesterday Birmingham officers conducted the initiatory work.

Friday evening a Mother and Daughter banquet was given by the Pythian Sisters at the Embury Methodist Church with 60 in attendance. Mrs. Ross Adams was toastmistress; speakers included Mrs. Glenn Meyers, Mrs. T. C. Houchteling, and Mrs. Lawler. Music and readings followed. Mrs. Beatrice McDonald read several of her own poems; Mrs. Dan Symons read some Edgar Guest verses. Gifts were presented to three of the oldest mothers present: Mrs. Elizabeth Wendorph, Mrs. Carrie Smith, and Mrs. Emma Montgomery, and to Mrs. Symons, mother of the most daughters.

Table decorations were ribbons in the Pythian colors and snapdragons and spike ferns.

Social Briefs

MR. AND MRS. DAVID R. BALLENTINE are having Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Platt, of Grosse Pointe, for dinner Saturday evening and Mr. St. Dunstan's production "The Late Christopher Bean" later on.

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THE PAUL B. BELLS, of Dorchester road, are having a few friends in for cocktails Friday prior to the Quarterly Assembly Club dinner dance at the Detroit Boat Club.

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MRS. J. R. LATCHAW, of Puritan avenue, is leaving on the Streamliner with her two children, Ann Marie and Mary Evelyn, on Friday for Burlingame, Calif., where they will join Mr. Latchaw who recently transferred his work there. Mrs. Latchaw and the children plan to stop off at Evanston, Ill., to spend a week with her mother Mrs. Mary Ratcliff.

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JULES WENZL, JR., of Hanna street, had as his house guest over the week-end Clinton Randall Kidder, of the United States Navy, San Francisco, California. Mr. Kidder formerly resided in Birmingham.

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BOB WISE and HARRY WISE, JR., are coming home from the University of Michigan to spend the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Wise, of Williamsbury road. Bob plans to bring his room-mate, Sterling Maxwell, of Hinsdale, Ill., with him.

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Betty J. Spinning Inspiration for Round of Parties

Another spring bride-elect coming up for a series of parties is Betty Jane Spinning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe C. Spinning. Betty is to marry Dean N. Smith, son of the Frank C. Smiths, on May 23, in the St. James Episcopal Church.

Monday evening Joanne Hart honored Betty with a dinner and pantry shower for twelve guests at her home on Harmon avenue. Mrs. Spinning's sewing club complimented Betty last night at a kitchen shower held at the home of Mrs. Waldo E. Fellows, on Rivenoak avenue.

Hilda Brown, who is to be the maid of honor, is giving a bridge and dinner party at her home tonight. Saturday afternoon, Mrs. James Leftstrom will be hostess at a tea and preserve shower in honor of Betty, at her home in Grosse Pointe, and the following day Mrs. B. A. Aikens, Jr., is taking a party of young people up to her parents' summer home in Algonac.

The ushers, namely Bill Spinning, Paul Green, and Kenneth Jones, plan to carry Dean off Saturday night to the Pine Lake Country Club for a stag celebration. Dean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, are giving the rehearsal dinner on Thursday, May 22, at Devon Gables.

Dorothy G. Trump Feted at Parties

Dorothy Trump, who will marry George Rex Fry, of Pittsburgh, Pa., on May 21, is being honored this afternoon at tea by Rhoda Medbury at her home on Aspen road. Mrs. Charles Charmatz gave a luncheon in Dorothy's honor at her home in Huntington Woods last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fisher are entertaining this Saturday night for both Miss Trump and Mr. Fry, at a buffet supper in their home on West Maple avenue. Mrs. Buell Slade is giving a tea at her home in Franklin in honor of the bride-elect on May 24.

Mayfa Jean Gracey, who will be a bridesmaid, is planning a luncheon for Tuesday, May 27 at Devon Gables. Dorothy is the daughter of the Hal G. Trumps who live in Franklin, and George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex G. Fry, of Floyd street.

F. A. Protheroes Fete Virginia Jackson

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Protheroe, of Hanna street, entertained the entire choir of the Boulevard Temple Methodist Church at a buffet supper and miscellaneous shower in their home last Thursday evening. The party was given in honor of Virginia Jackson and William Marshall, who are to be married May 29. Miss Jackson, of Royal Oak, is assistant organist at the Boulevard Temple Methodist Church.

A large white cake, on which the words Virginia and Bill were written, formed the table center-piece, other decorations were carried out with white lilacs and lilies of the valley. Mrs. James Toy and Mrs. John Craig assisted Mrs. Protheroe in the dining room. During the evening Louise Green played several violin selections. She was accompanied by Esther Goodale.

Springdale Clubhouse To Be Scene of Party

A public card party, sponsored by the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Redeemer Lutheran Church, will be held at the Springdale Park Clubhouse on Friday, May 13, at 8 o'clock in the evening. Door and table prizes will be given out, refreshments served, and musical entertainment is to be provided by the Wurlitzer Accordian Band.

Tickets may be had from any member of the society, or at the door. Mrs. Lee Moir is general chairman of the party and assisting her are Mrs. G. Anderson, Mrs. Otis Hinton, Mrs. A. W. Brenner, Mrs. Clarence Raymond, Mrs. Joseph Raymond, Mrs. Thomas Neal, Mrs. Harold Storch and Mrs. Robert McKee.

St. Peter's Guild To Hold Bake Sale on Saturday

St. Peter's Guild of St. James Episcopal Church will have a bake sale Saturday at the Hawthorne Electric store from 10 a. m. till 5 p. m. Receipts will be put toward the church budget.

Mrs. James Rouch is general chairman of the committee in charge of the sale, and assisting her are Mrs. Eric Hyde, Mrs. J. L. White, Mrs. Robert Hulbert, Mrs. Leigh Lynch, Mrs. Grant Capling, Mrs. K. L. Williams, Mrs. Clyde A. Hagerman, Mrs. S. J. Pierce, Mrs. J. S. McDonald and Mrs. William H. DeGraff. Orders will be taken by Mrs. Rouch or may be telephoned to the bake sale on Saturday.

MRS. JOHN Z. LANDER, of Amberly road, entertained members of her bridge club at luncheon in her home Friday afternoon.

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Mrs. Kice Shows Colored Slides Taken At Many Flower Exhibits

The May meeting of the Birmingham Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association, held at the Community House on Monday, May 12, at 2:30 p. m., was primarily concerned with preparation for Birmingham's Flower Show in June. Mrs. Elmer G. Fremont, chairman of the day, distributed the Flower Show schedules—attractive, elaborate, detailed, and immensely interesting affairs—which kept the members concentrating as Mrs. Harold Roehm, chairman of the show, explained them, class by class, and point by point.

Mrs. M. S. Kice, Jr., showed colored slides, pictures taken by herself and Mr. Kice, of flower arrangements, table arrangements, wall-pockets, corners, mantels, miniatures, shadow-boxes—numberless pictures, all illustrating things that Mrs. Roehm has in mind for the June Flower show.

Mrs. Kice's pictures were taken of exhibits at the Detroit Flower Shows of the past two years, of ribbon-winners at Birmingham's Shows, and of many points of interest at the New York Flower Show this past winter. She told how different the New York Show is from what Detroiters know, from the elaborate exhibits of the big seed companies, to the different method of judging everything. As she showed pictures, she told the grade received on the exhibit or arrangement, giving the reasons for the grading, and criticizing it with the eyes of a true Judee. This part of her talk was most helpful to would-be blue-ribbon winners, as Mrs. Kice had pictures, not only of things that were close to perfection, but also pictures of red and yellow ribbon winners, and those with still lower grades. As she explained why these received the grades they did, the audience began to get a clearer idea of what was looked for in flower judging, what faults to avoid, and what principles to aim for.

During the Tea hour, members had a chance to get still more Flower Show minded by an exhibit in charge of Mrs. G. A. Florer, Jr., in charge of this, assisted by Mrs. Robert Ball. Pottery, crystal and glass flower containers of all sizes, shapes, and colors had been priced by their original owners for disposal, and displayed attractively on a long table.

Mrs. Eli Alexander was in charge of the Tea; she was assisted by Mrs. Henry Beaun, Mrs. F. Prince Shelton, Mrs. H. Victor Spike and Mrs. J. S. O'Gorman. S. Silver tea services were at each end of the long tea table, at which were Mrs. Laurence Howe and Mrs. Harold R. Chapel poured. White cloth with elaborate scattering covered the table. The centerpiece consisted of a low rectangular silver dish, full of fruits of all colors shading from the donnet through orchid and rose to pink, standing high with iris leaves in the center, and lying flat and wide-spread on the iris leaves at the cloth at either end of the dish. Mrs. Harvey B. Greene was responsible for the lovely centerpiece.

Benefit Bridge Tea At Bloomfield Club Aids Pontiac Hospital

Tuesday afternoon, May 20, is the date chosen for the annual bridge-tea which members of the Women's Auxiliary of Pontiac General Hospital will give at Bloomfield Hills Country Club.

Mrs. D. R. Wilson and Mrs. Harold Fitzgerald are heading up the affair which promises to be one of the largest functions of early spring. The Auxiliary has pledged $3000, toward the expansion fund, payable within three years. Proceeds from the bridge-tea will apply on the pledge.

Mrs. Fitzgerald will be assisted by Mrs. Myron Buck, publicity chairman; Mrs. Robert R. Angelmeir and Mrs. Byron Webb, in charge of reservations and tickets; Mrs. Berkley Voss in charge of cards, pencils and tallies; Mrs. Harold Howlett in charge of tables; Mrs. J. Standish Sibley, social chairman; Mrs. Basil Brown in charge of getting isheretes from Amies, Kelos and Stabafa Clubs to serve tea; and Mrs. Victor Nelson in charge of door prizes.

GIRL SCOUTS

A rally will be held for all girls who ever attended Camp Sherwood, on Saturday at the camp. Buses will leave the corner of Maple and Woodward at 8:30 a. m. Saturday, and the girls will start home from the camp at 4 p. m. Every girl is to bring a "mess-bag" lunch and 60c which will cover everything, including bus fare, except milk, which will be available at five cents a bottle.

At the last monthly meeting of the council members, the retiring council presented the Girl Scout Cabin with a new chair.

A. J. Bodine presented the Girl Scouts of Birmingham with a new Girl Scout Handbook, for their work in the Penny Drive recently.

Mrs. S. G. Saunders Will Have KKG Tea

Alumnae and active members of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority chapters in the state of Michigan have been invited to a tea at the home of Mrs. S. Gordon Saunders, on Orchard Ridge road, on Saturday, May 17.

Mrs. Robert M. Halsted, of Fairlane road, is serving as general chairman of the event and is being assisted by hostesses made up of the entire north suburban area chapters, which includes Birmingham, Bloomfield, Royal Oak, and Ferndale.

Miss Olive Deane Hormel, of Owosso, Michigan, will be the principal speaker—her topic is to be "The Ten Best Plays of the Year." Miss Maday of Royal Oak will give a few piano selections.

Presbyterian Union Holds Rummage Sale

Members of the Women's Union of the First Presbyterian Church are concentrating their efforts on the annual spring rummage sale to be held on Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14, at 50 South Woodward avenue.

Mrs. E. R. P. Elliott is general chairman of the sale. Mrs. W. W. Boeschner is in charge of building and equipment, Mrs. Guy Jenks is doing the advertising and Mrs. L. B. Billings heads the parking work.

Mrs. Stuart Allen is in charge of selling, Mrs. H. G. Wood will be the cashier, Mrs. H. T. Bynum and Mrs. Glenn Coley are doing contact work, and Mrs. E. D. Dailey is chairman of the collection committee.

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Mrs. W. H. DeGraff Will Head DAR, Piety Hill Group

Mrs. William H. DeGraff, of Fairfax avenue, was elected regent of the Piety Hill Chapter of D. A. R. at the chapter's annual luncheon held Tuesday noon at Devon Gables. Mrs. DeGraff is replacing Mrs. Rolheus P. Cole, the present regent.

Piety Hill members voted that money be donated for various causes at this meeting. They are the Red Cross, the Clements Library in Ann Arbor, for the binding of historical papers into a book, and to help toward purchasing a new heating unit for the Kate Duncan D. A. R. School in Grant, Ala.

Other new officers that were named are Mrs. C. W. Wacker, vice-regent; Mrs. C. L. McArthur, chaplain; Mrs. W. B. Lambert, recording secretary; Mrs. V. L. Murray, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Delbert C. James, treasurer. Mrs. Glenn Coley is to be new registrar, Mrs. Harry Allen, the historian, and Mrs. J. R. Ackerman was named director for the coming two years.

Plans are now being made for the June meeting when Piety Hill Chapter will be guests of the Pontiac D. A. R. at a picnic luncheon.

P.-T. A. Theatre Review

(The film comments herewith are supplied by the Birmingham Council, Parent-Teacher Associations.)

THE LADY EVE—Sophisticated light comedy, cleverly written, ably directed, and expertly acted, but with a flimsy story and deplorable ethics. Picture is interesting, but, according to the California P.-T. A. and other reviewing agencies, for adults only. THE PENALTY—a highly exciting melodrama of the crime-does-not-pay type. No, for children, and of no value for adolescents, according to the American Association of University Women. (Birmingham Theatre starts Friday May 16, runs one week.)

GOODBYE, MR. CHIPS—an outstanding picture, is rated very high. CATHERINE THE GREAT—no review available. Bloomfield Theatre, starts Thursday, May 12, runs through Saturday.)

Neuro-Psychiatrist to Talk Before AAUW Group

Dr. Thomas Hewitt, well known neuro-psychiatrist, will talk on "Boy and Girl Relationships" before Dr. Margaret Ives' AAUW study group on the adolescent child, Tuesday evening, May 27. There is no charge for this meeting and any interested parents are invited to attend. The meeting, which will be held in the Community House, is the last one which this group will hold during the current year.

Mrs. Violin Recital By Charles Turner

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Turner, of Oakland avenue, to the graduation recital of their son, Charles, on Monday evening, May 16, at 8:15 o'clock at the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs auditorium. Mr. Turner is a violin pupil of William Graffing King of the Detroit Institute Orchestra under the direction of Mr. King, and by Martha B. King, pianist.

Mr. Turner was graduated as valedictorian of his class from Baldwin High School in 1939. After graduation he was granted a scholarship at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia and studied there for a year. This year he resumed his violin work with Mr. King and now graduates as an Artist Pupil.

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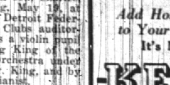

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