

Club Notes

A general meeting of the Birmingham Women's Club will take place at the Baldwin Library...

as the Past Chiefs' chaplain for the next year. Mrs. Homer Harwood will hold the position of press correspondent.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Durand, Jr. of Oxford drive announce the birth of a son, Stephen Yale...

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hulbert, 1361 E. Lincoln, announce the birth of a daughter, Christine...

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Zimmerman of Webster avenue announce the birth of a son, Kenneth Lee...

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Spinning of Hazel street announce the birth of twins, a son, Robert L...

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Nelson Smith of Knox street announce the birth of a daughter, Kristine...

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sarnowski of Davis street announce the birth of a daughter, Susan Carol...

Rug, Bridge Classes Begin at Community House January 9th

The new hooked rug and bridge classes offered at the Community House will meet Thursday, January 9...

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Wood of Silver Spring, Nancy will resume her duties at Ohio Wesleyan University January 6...

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Cranbrook to Offer Gem Cutting Classes

New 8-week courses in stone and gem cutting and polishing will start this month at Cranbrook Institute of Science...

Social Briefs

MR. and MRS. ALFRED S. HAUGEN of Oak drive, accompanied by their daughters, Dawn and Gail, returned Friday from a motor trip to Minneapolis...

KIT SCHEIFELE was hostess last Saturday evening to a large number of her friends at the Scheifele home on Linden road...

MR. and MRS. ROBERT K. VINTON of Langston street, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. John W. Abbott of Washington, D.C., who is stopping here enroute to Seattle, Wash.

NANCY E. BURNS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Burns of Westchester Way, is spending a week of her holiday vacation in the East where she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Wood of Silver Spring...

JOSEPHINE CONNOR is open house hostess to friends last Saturday in the Westwood drive home of her parents.

MR. and MRS. JAWTON TABOR of Devonshire road honored Mr. Tabor's mother, Mrs. May B. Tabor, at a large open house during the holidays...

JEAN AND BILL WYCOFF entertained friends at their annual Christmas supper party again this year. Helping out on the serving were Jody Lander, Rachel Kinn, and their sister, Mrs. Barbara Allison.

Mrs. Shain's Class Re-opens with Movie

When Ruth Shain's International Relations class re-opens next Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Community House, the feature of the meeting will be the technical movie about Holland and the East Indies...

30-Year Occupation is Only Solution to Denazification of German Youth, Former German Soldier Writes to Local Ex-GI

By Helen Bishop

"I hope the American occupational troops will stay here at least for a generation," says a former member of the German army...

A former staff sergeant in the U.S. Army, Hascall spent eight months in Germany in 1944 and 1945. He sends the letter to the Eccentric as at least partially indicative of how some Germans feel.

In explanation of the letter, Hascall stated that this German received much of his education in England. During the war, however, he was a member of the Translator and Interpreter Corps in the German Army because of his proficiency in speaking and understanding English, French and Russian.

Was Hascall's Secretary? He was in charge of his home in Berlin and was first employed by Hascall as a secretary in May, 1946.

Hascall was at that time serving with the Military Government and was in charge of the Education and Religious Affairs Section of an MG detachment, which governed a section of Bavaria. Hascall's German correspondent, referred to as H.H.R., was not a member of the Nazi party...

The letter, the context of which follows, would seem to emphasize what Hascall terms a tremendous hunger and undeniable need among the German people for good reading material to fill the vacuum which has been created in their intellectual lives.

Review English Books. "Books and periodicals sent to them are much read and discussed," Hascall stated. "In some cases a person who understands English will read the book and then review it for an interested group which does not understand English."

H.H.R., the German secretary, formerly an elementary school teacher, writes: "I was glad to hear that you are still following developments in Germany closely. It is true, all people of common sense were very pleased with Secretary Byrnes' speech, which gave us lots of information on how US policy will go on in the future as far as Germany is concerned."

"Mostly it is of no use telling people about the amount of help your people are giving us and the lenient and most decent way you are treating us."

"Upon transfer to Special

Branch soon after you left, I have had ample opportunity to look behind the curtains of the stage where a new democratic Germany which is supposed to arise from the rotten remains of a broken master race. The fine result of the elections in the Russian Zone, and especially in Berlin, however, show a clear distancing from the totalitarian and one-party system of Germany.

"The trend is even stronger in other zones, where Social Democrats, Liberals and Christian Liberals have gained an overwhelming majority. Many of these party spokesmen are former concentration camp inmates or clergymen and priests, at any rate mostly elderly men who had seen their best years before 1933."

"They are surely men of good will and often of vast experience, but I fear they will not live long enough to extinguish the mastery philosophy in the German mind, especially those brought up in the Hitler Youth and later the Army."

Purge Former Nazis. Former Nazis, H.H.R. goes on, were purged from the German civil service, as well as from key positions in trade and industry and politics, to be replaced by anti-Nazi. Mainly they are men of age and experience, and their subordinates were men not of the Nazi party, or men who did not have the opportunity to join a political party, being in the Army.

"To cut a long story short, you very often find clerks in Government offices, whose former jobs were shouting commands to others, still doing it today, dealing with civilian problems in German Army manner. You will seldom find a man in a civil service office who thinks his job is to help and advise people coming to him. They are glad to have a cozy job and the opportunity to show that at a people still used to obeying."

H.H.R., now living in Bavaria with his wife and two children, having been bombed out of their home in Southern Germany, finds that people in the states of Bavaria, while best equipped to help evacuees, will not do so.

Save Clothes, Shoes. All clothes are saved by those in the Bavarian's immediate family and are not passed on to ill-clad evacuees.

His own children have one pair of shoes between them and live in a very small home, while Berlin families living in large homes with many extra rooms nearby, have shoes which their children have outgrown, but which they save. He laments on the utter lack of sympathy and help on the part of the comparatively well-off

Bavarians for their fellow countrymen who are literally cold and starving.

"I should like to ask," he says, "Is there much, if any hope for development and deployment of democratic ideas among people so utterly infected with egoism that they expect help and assistance only from their recent victors, instead of first doing their utmost to help their fellow citizens?"

Wants 30-Year Occupation. "I hope the American occupational troops will stay here at least for a generation. In these very days, the Army is doing lots with sports programs for the German school youth. There is a tremendous program under way now."

"And I think that if this is kept up for years to come, as well as debate clubs where both Americans and Germans have access, and li-

braries with American newspapers and literature, then the new German youth, now being tutored by American GIs, will surely be able to become the successors of today's elderly white-haired democratic spokesmen of Germany.

"I think the young German generation with master-race experience from the battlefields of Europe will never be able to do this."



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