

Senior Activities Club Plans Next Meeting Dec. 14

What's in a name? Not so much the senior set decided when it met for the first time at the Community House last Thursday night to form a club for men and women who are retired or have leisure time to occupy with new friends. Until they find exactly the right title the club will describe itself as Senior Activities.

The 35 men and women who attended the first meeting had such a good time that they decided to meet again next Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 11:00 a. m. in the Ranch Room of the Community House. A cordial invitation is extended by the founding group to all men and women, coupled or single, who wish to attend armed with sandwiches and a small Christmas present with fun value only.

Carol Singing
Donations of canned goods will also be received, if brought, for distribution by welfare groups in Christmas baskets. Coffee will be served and a program of music, with carol singing, is planned.

At the first meeting, where enthusiasm ran high, all who attended gave brief descriptions of their earlier as well as present activities. There were teachers, lawyers, a physician, a business man, a retired naval officer who had served in two wars, a Hudson's Bay trapper and mothers of families, some of whom, widowed, had been heads of families and breadwinners.

MOMS Club Plans Tea on Dec. 16

Mrs. J. R. Quinn of the Birmingham Story Tellers League will speak on "Christmas in Legends and Stories" before members of the MOMS Club at that organization's meeting and tea Dec. 16 in the Earth Shain Room of the Community House at 2 o'clock.

Members of the state and national boards and surrounding units have been invited to be guests of the local group. Mrs. H. B. Barrett is tea chairman.

Community Concert Stars



Bartlett and Robertson, piano team, will be presented by the Southern Oakland County Community Concerts Association in the second concert of the season on Friday, Dec. 17.

On Dec. 17, at 8:15 p. m. in the Royal Oak senior high school auditorium, the Southern Oakland County Community Concerts Association presents Ethel Bartlett and Rae Robertson, the two-piano music team in the second concert of the season. Admission is by membership card only.

Both have built up reputations as solo pianists and were the first English artists to play works for two pianos. They have traveled all over Europe, the United States, South America, Mexico, South Africa, Canada and Cuba. They have also been soloists with the great conductors of the world including Toscanini.

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SOCIAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rising of Brookwood court will be hosts to a group of their friends who have got together at Christmas time for many years.

Mrs. James A. Grier was hostess at a luncheon and shower last week honoring bride-elect Miss Mary Alice Dunvan in her Fairfax road home.

Young Johnny Elliott of Madison avenue was host to a group of his neighborhood friends at a pre-holiday party last Saturday afternoon.

On Dec. 11, before attending the Community House dance, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Liverage of Suffolk road will be hosts at a dinner party for a group of their friends.

A week from today, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Shinick of Poppleton road plan to leave for New York City where they will spend about seven days.

The evening of Dec. 15, to celebrate their third wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wagner of Lanana drive will entertain at a dinner party in their home.

Mrs. Richard W. Watts of Rocky River is expected to arrive here during Christmas week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Sengers of Pilgrim road.

Before the next Winter Club dance on Dec. 19, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hows will be hosts to a cocktail party in their Eton road home.

Planning to entertain at a cocktail party before the next Winter Club dance are Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thomas of Harmon avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lancaster returned from Scottsbluff, Neb., where they visited with friends and relatives. On their return trip, they spent Thanksgiving weekend with the daughter, Joanne, who is a student at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo.

Miss Sara Stringer of Glenhurst drive has scheduled an afternoon open house for Dec. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Hambley of Pierce street spent the weekend in South Bend, Ind., visiting with Dr. and Mrs. Louis How. Their daughter, Miss Eleanor Hambley flew to Milwaukee, Wis., for the weekend, returning on Monday.

Bob Preese is expected home on Dec. 17 from Ann Arbor where he is a student at the University of Michigan for two weeks during the holidays. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Preese of Orchard Ridge road.

Neil C. Talmage, 168 Cranbrook Cross road, is studying advertising and marketing in the Wayne University college of business administration. Previous to entering Wayne, he attended Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, and the University of Detroit.

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Mrs. F. G. Garrison, Mrs. G. D. Pope, Mrs. H. C. Anderson, Mrs. Peter Loomis, Mrs. Brooks Marshall, Mrs. R. B. K'burg and Mrs. Harry Marble attended the League of Women Voters conference at the Ferriside Community Center on Monday, Nov. 29. Miss Irene Sweeney of the national board spoke on League organization and all Leagues within this area were represented.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Craig of Dorchester road flew down to St. Louis last weekend to visit with Ethie Goddell, coach of the St. Louis Flyers.

Miss Janet Roosevelt will return from her studies at Bennington College on Monday, Nov. 29, with the Dessoff choir at a concert in Carnegie Hall on Dec. 5.

Miss Diana Roosevelt will be home to spend the holidays with her family on Dec. 23 from George Washington University. Miss Dorothy K. Roosevelt and the Misses Roosevelt will hold an open house on Dec. 23 to celebrate their first Christmas in Birmingham in four years.

Mrs. Charles Green of Vinewood avenue was hostess to her sewing group at a luncheon yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Welch, Jr., have just recently moved into their new home on WASHINGTON boulevard. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Welch, Sr., of Suffolk road.

The parade of students returning home for the Christmas holidays will begin about the 18th of Dec. That's when Miss Alice Grant-Watters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Grant-Watters of Canterbury road is expected to arrive home from Albion College.

Around The Cracker Barrel

I wish I knew something about advertising. When this column failed to appear for the past month, people began to give me all sorts of digs. Some called on the phone, some wrote letters, but really large numbers came to the Village Store to protest. Not ever claiming this column was advertising, and not knowing just what it was, we were surprised when hundreds of people came to the store for the first time when the column writer went away. So, if this column is advertising, the largest number of you came in when it stopped. Now, what kind of advertising is that?

Which certainly is no reason for starting again, unless even more of you will come in to tell me to stop. That sounds like a doubtful hope, but many strange things happen these days. And speaking of strange events, how about that election? I sat up most of the night listening for that turn which never came; sort of had a hunch that the radio boys were pulling the hoax of the century—even bigger than that masterpiece of Orson Wells'. But it was no hoax. Harry Truman was reelected, and none of those promised dir. things have come about. Democracy at work is quite wonderful.

Without appearing to impose upon the preserves of the experts, who predict the future (including elections), it seems to me we're in for a period of continued prosperity. We're a long way from a depression, or even from periods of unemployment. That election probably meant several things: One is that armament spending will likely be stepped up over last year. Probably more military help will go to Europe, maybe to Asia. It seems possible that we'll have a budget deficit this year, which probably means we won't see much effort made to reduce prices from their high levels. Probably, in order to keep the deficit as low as possible, checks will be installed against further price rises. There might be some actual price reductions, particularly in foods. But here, even though the consumer might pay a bit less, the favored farmers will receive their usual subsidies in event of a falling market. All of which means we surely won't have any reductions in taxes.

Labor is getting warmed up for its fourth round. There's real hope here, as labor's demands are more being tied into the cost of living index. And for the first time in 16 months this index did not rise in October. Maybe this is leveling off. Labor is getting a bit more mature, and it couldn't surprise me if their fourth round demands are for larger welfare funds—especially if the cost of living doesn't start up again.

Now those are very pious statements from a small town storekeeper who doesn't know much about such things. But this was all brought on by my reading some report about how poorly many stores have done this Fall. All sorts of excuses were given; the weather and the election being the leaders. But none of the excuses given included bad judgment on the part of the storekeeper. A store should serve the needs of the people. But when a store begins to induce people, by high pressure selling, to buy a lot of things they really don't want or need, then trouble will commence. And there's been too much of that. Any selling process which is based upon pressure is going to come on bad days. When I buy a shirt I don't want to have to stare down some high and mighty haberdashery salesman in order not to buy a tie "to go with it". There's just been too much high pressure selling in many stores.

And another thing. When people learn that some merchants are trying to retire in one year, they get smart and won't go back. Before I was in this business I didn't know much about "mark-up". Maybe I don't yet. But, when I can sell a solid leather toilet case for men for \$5.95 (and don't forget that Federal tax of 20%) and I see the identical case in a large Chicago department store two weeks ago for \$12.50 (and don't forget that Federal tax), then I know something is out of joint. I'm making a legitimate mark-up on these cases; they're a good value for the money. But what about that Chicago merchant? Will he retire this year, or next? Or, will he buy another stable of thorough-breds?

People are getting smarter; they are becoming better buyers. I'm all for it, and in this column we've done everything we can to try and help you be a better buyer. Most people spend almost all they earn, yet they don't make much of a business of buying. They don't know products, and they don't know values. This opens the door for fantastic prices, which some merchants have been charging. But people learn, and when they do that merchant begins to holler.

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Haines P. Walmley, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Walmley of Washington road has been appointed business manager of the Mercersburg News, student weekly newspaper of The Mercersburg Academy. Walmley, who is also proof editor of the "News" and prominent in swimming, music and other publications, has been at Mercersburg since the fall of 1945.

Miss Elizabeth Schooley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Thomas Schooley, 1020 Rivenock, and Richard Wagner, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Mason, 64 Overhill will sing in the 65-voiced Albion college a cappella choir at its Christmas concert conducted by David Strickler on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12, in the First Methodist Church at Albion. Miss Schooley, who is a senior at Albion college, will sing in the soprano position and Wagner, a sophomore, will sing in the bass.

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