

# Around The Cracker Barrel . . .

One of the predominating characteristics of Birmingham life is the number of organizations and committees functioning. It doesn't seem possible that any citizen of our community can possibly escape membership in at least one. During the past year, it seems to me, there has been at least one committee a week visiting us, just as if we were a combination of Scattergood Baines and the Sage of Emporia. And especially right now there seems to be a great drive on to get in the usual annual reports.

A great deal of real good is accomplished by these numerous organizations, but I sometimes wonder if this committee business is not a sort of pastime we indulge in when the weather is bad for golfing and fishing. Last Saturday one man told me this was the week he resigned from everything. Once a year, he said, he wiped the slate clean of all responsibilities, then had a good summer. Not being much good at saying no, he finds himself all bogged down again when the next Spring rolls around.

Why, some of us are so busy with such goings-on that we don't have time to live. And not being too much of a reformer, I just wonder what the net result of all this committeeing really is. I really shouldn't talk this way, because I was talked into membership on another committee last week. Seems like a sort of national—or local—weakness we all have.

Which reminds me of the story Senator Alben Barkley told recently to illustrate the many jobs held by Secretary of the Treasury Fred Vinson. It seems there was a jobber trying to collect a large overdue bill from a small town merchant. The jobber wrote to the local bank inquiring about the debtor's credit, and to the mayor of the town asking for the name of the leading lawyer. In due course the jobber received the following letter in reply:

"Dear Sir: As stationmaster I can assure you the goods were delivered to me. As president of the bank, I can assure you my credit is good. As mayor I can tell you I'm the town's best lawyer, and if it weren't for the fact that I'm the pastor of the church, I'd tell you where to go."

So with the end of the Committee Season almost at hand, it's time we prepared ourselves for that glorious season ahead. It's only ten days until the law will permit you to catch the illusive trout. In just ten days you'll be permitted to get your new nylon tapered-line all tangled up in the over-hanging boughs, and to test out those new waders on the slippery rocks. What more glorious outlook can Man enjoy? And this year we have some beautiful fishing coats, made by Red Head and just covered with pockets. This coat has everything a fisherman wants except a pocket for keeping items cold. But you can hang it in the water, tied on a string to your belt. If you need a real fishing coat, take a look at these for \$15.50.

If you're a golfer, then you should see the new White Stag golfer's jacket for men, in nylon, at \$16.95. Light as a feather, it can be crumpled up and stuffed in your bag. Heavier jackets, both lined and unlined, are available in fine styles. And Sandler of Boston comes through with a great ladies' golf shoe, in brown and white, for only \$13.50.

But the biggest sport of Summer is just plain loafing. Now loafing doesn't require any special costume. Some really first class loafing is done regularly in very outmoded costumes. But it's true that non-professional loafers always feel better if they wear casual and comfortable clothes while indulging in that great pastime. And loafing in Birmingham is usually done on a high plane. It has a certain distinction in itself, which is not discernable in many other localities.

It's time to take a look at your Summer wardrobe, to see just what you do have. If you men should find a sport shirt with a diagonal zipper, or a buckskin suit covered with fringes at the seams, then throw 'em out. They just won't be worn at picnic this season. If you ladies find your cotton dresses look pretty long, then you'd better get busy and shorten them a bit. That is, shorten 'em if that doesn't spoil the lines of the skirt.

But if, after you've looked over your summer stock of wearables, they seem a bit strange to you, then you really should come down to Village Store for a few new fill-ins. We have a big supply of summer casual wear for both men and ladies. New colors, new fabrics, new designs are really intriguing. And after you see what the well-dressed summer loafer will wear this year, you'll want to see yourself in the very latest.

And don't forget that everything can be arranged here for your summer vacation. Transportation by steamship, airplane or rail, plus hotel or dude ranch accommodations, can all be made at the Birmingham Travel Service in the Village Store. You'll save a lot of time by using this service, which was established for your convenience. And if you don't know just where to go, come in and talk to Mrs. Reilly and take home a handful of travel folders.

No matter what you're going to do in the next few months, or where you're going to go, your first stop should be at the Village Store.

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**By Florence Dugger**  
I sincerely hope the weather will be bright and balmy for the rest of our coming events for this month.

"The movie, 'Topper Returns,' which the gang at the club saw last Tuesday evening, April 12, was very good. Hope we will see more in the future."  
On Thursday evening, April 14, things were a bit quiet. A pinhole game here and there, a little pool, and a couple of games of ping-pong. Later on, things brightened to the number of waiting. Say everyone down at the Club is getting to be quite the dancer. Johnny Day, Betty Mann, Eric Fernie, Bill Mutch, Mary Alice Oakley, Lowell Sutton, Neil Wallace, John Mack, Gene Brock-elshy, Bob Cavan, Barb Johnson and Hugh Mackay were really showing the rest of us.

This Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock, April 23, at Fourteen, the 19-30 Club and the 21-35 Club of Royal Oak will hold a combined night picnic. If you want to have a terrific evening, meet at the Community House at 8:00 o'clock.

If you don't succeed the first time, try again still holds true—leave as far as you are concerned. For the third, but I don't imagine the last, time, we are planning another hayride. To be held on April 26, that's next Tuesday evening. Anyway, here's hoping!

### Capacity Crowd Sees Benefit Performance of Brigadoon Monday

Mr. and Mrs. Max Tunncliffe, co-sponsors, have announced that a capacity crowd attended the University of Michigan alumni and alumnae Birmingham chapter benefit performance of "Brigadoon" at the Cass Theater Monday evening.

### Will Open Home to Junior Musicals

Charles Burnham, 1439 Villa, will host this evening to members of the Birmingham Junior League. The program will feature modern music on records. On April 28, the Royal Oak Student League will give an exchange program for the Birmingham Junior League at the home of Mrs. Earl Bartholomew on Yarmouth road.

### Kingswood Recital

Kingswood School Cranbrook Junior and senior piano students of Miss Grace Emery will present a recital at the school auditorium, Wednesday evening, April 27 at 8 p.m. Appearing in this recital are Jean Brown, Constance Clark, Mary Sue Cooksey, Janet Frost, Ann Goone, Margaret Gilliland, Mary Moore, Jean Nunnally, Margaret Pinckard, Caroline Robertson, Rhoda Smilay, Marilyn Strigley and Joyce Woolfenden.

### We Heard It Said By:

Henry Houston, 783 Westchesterway, who recently returned from a trip to South America: "The government of Argentina is most surely a dictatorship. Perone and his wife (twice the man behind the throne) are unscrupulously hard, and are getting what they want. They are playing up to the masses, giving labor all it wants. Some day, not too far off, when Perone's string runs out, I believe Argentina will have a rousing revolution."

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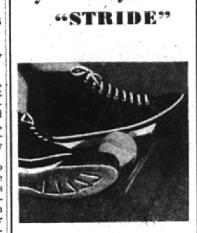
### Oakland Hills Style Show and Luncheon

On Wednesday, April 27, the Oakland Hills Country Club is holding a ladies luncheon, bridge and style show. Reservations have been made by many localities who include Mrs. Joseph L. Dostal, Mrs. J. H. McPhail, Jr., Mrs. Clayton Maurice, Mrs. Dale W. Millman, Mrs. Harry Stove, Mrs. E. B. Rogers, Mrs. C. F. Kramer and Mrs. R. J. Hall.

### Band Boosters Make Plans for Annual Concert at Baldwin

Mrs. L. I. Woolson, 715 Glenary road, vice-president of the "Band Boosters," extends an invitation to all band mothers to attend a meeting and a tea at her home tomorrow, April 22, at 2:00 o'clock. At this time plans will be made for the annual band concert to be held at Baldwin high school on Thursday evening, May 12.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Hopkins of Flint, Mich., announce the birth of a daughter, Jane Ann on April 10. Mrs. Hopkins is the former Jane Carnahan of Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard M. Bogue of Bloomfield Hills announce the birth of a son, Bradford McCormick on April 16. Mrs. Bogue is the former Madalyn Smith of Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burton of Beachwood avenue announce the birth of a daughter, Cynthia Anne on March 27 at Harper Hospital. Mrs. Burton is the former Dorothy Porter.

Dr. and Mrs. James A. Morton of Beach road announce the birth of a daughter, Laura Lindsay, on April 14 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

### Set Date of Kiddie Bazaar as April 29 at Community House

Mrs. Edward Dinger is chairman of the Kiddie Bazaar which will be held by St. James Church on April 29. The affair will open at 1:30 in the Community House and close at 5:00 p.m., and will include a bridge tea and fashion show.

In charge of the fashion show will be Mrs. George Bowden and Mrs. Joseph Pansing, who is also tea chairman, will assist Mrs. Charles Eddy who is in charge of the bridge tables.

Mrs. Marc T. Parsons is handling the tickets and Mrs. Don W. Upward is her assistant. Mrs. Samuel Henderson, Mrs. Richard Dickenshead, Mrs. Thomas E. Walton, Jr., Mrs. Dean Baker and Mrs. William J. Lambert, Jr. will preside at the tea tables.

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