

Officers Are Elected by Alumnae Group

New officers of the Birmingham Alumnae of Gamma Phi Beta elected at a recent meeting of the organization are: president, Mrs. John L. Shepherd; vice-president, Mrs. P. Hollinghead; recording secretary, Mrs. Frederick Gould; treasurer, Mrs. Robert Leary; corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. Melville; responding secretary, Mrs. David Dolson; crescent correspondent, Mrs. F. Melville Smith; rushing chairman, Mrs. Covert Robertson; publicity chairman, Mrs. T. A. Rogers and magazine chairman, Mrs. Howard Tillapaugh.

Guest speaker at the Feb. 22 meeting was Mrs. Boyd Saunders.

Bloomfield Branch of Garden Club to See "Living Earth"

Mrs. F. C. Collins of Lone Pine road will open her home for the March 7 meeting of the Bloomfield Hills branch of the Women's National Garden and Garden Association. Guests at this affair which will begin at two o'clock will be members of the Pontiac and Rochester Association branches.

The March program of the organization will emphasize conservation and movies of "The Living Earth" series made by the Encyclopedia Britannica will be shown. Tea will be served after the program.

Beachcombers Ball

A "Beachcombers Ball" will be held by the Dance Club this Saturday evening at the Forest Lake Country Club. This is the annual costume party of the group.

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A Treat for the Italian Children



When they set out for a trip to Italy last April, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Cammarere of South Adams road did not go empty handed. They took along with them six boxes of clothes which also included 100 pair of shoes.

The Cammareres are pictured above holding a party for orphan children of Paparella, Italy. Having brought powdered milk and marmalade from the States, they also served chocolate, large rolls and bowls of spaghetti to the youngsters. One of the boys in the picture, about eight years old, had never before owned a pair of shoes.

By Doris E. Kus

"Thank both the protestants and the Catholics of America and tell them for us it was their generosity that kept the Italians alive," Cardinal Ruffino of Palermo told Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Cammarere of South Adams street when they made a recent and extensive tour of that country. While there, the Cammareres talked with people from every walk of life and in many different cities and learned first hand the attitudes and the way of life of the Italian people.

The Italian woman today is working harder than she ever did before, Mrs. Cammarere said. Her biggest and most laborious chore

is the re-making of her family's clothes, as although there is plenty of merchandise in the stores, the money to buy it is lacking in the average home. The housewife scrims and saves even to removing carefully the thread she used for buttoning in order to sew with it again. In Naples and Rome women garbed as if for house work, wearing aprons and carrying brooms and dust pans are working as street cleaners. They can be seen in the fields loosening the rocky ground with pick shovels or carrying the harvest on their heads and shoulders.

Doing Her Share
"Man alone is not striving to help," Mrs. Cammarere stressed. She went on to explain that women in Italy as there are here. The main reason for that country's unemployment situation among the men. There are no waitresses there either as men are given preference to that position.

The unemployment conditions are so bad that many Italians are migrating to South America, specifically Argentina. However, the astute Ferron is permitting entrance only to skilled laborers.

Italians are rehabilitating as fast as they can, constructing built and modernistic structures to replace the war damaged ones. A new station in Rome has been undertaken and the port of Naples, Mrs. Carrarere said, should be completed in another year. But reconstruction in Sicily is slower than in other sections because of a lack of materials and money.

Although the Italian stores have exceptionally eye-catching and magnificent displays in their attractive, large windows, the stores themselves are surprisingly small and dingy. Here again there isn't much in the way of job opportunities because of the size and also because the owners themselves work in these stores.

Scarcity of articles and products is another post-war trial for the natives. Medicines is a rare thing; precious bread sells for 15 cents a loaf; coffee, 65 cents a pound; large cans of condensed average grade meat, 75 cents a pound; spaghetti, 15 cents a pound; shoes cost from 10 to 12 dollars a pair; butter can be found only in the hotels; soap is one of the vanishing items and when located, its price is very high.

Mrs. Cammarere remarked that many articles one expects to be cheap are expensive and the ones which should cost more are really low in price.

Perhaps those prices don't sound too bad, but the wage scale is low and the average person is under-paid. A laborer working on the coast earns about \$1.25 a day; a secretary in the bank receives a paycheck of about \$85 a month.

Shop From Balconies
Most of the people live in apartments which are dull looking on the outside. There is one large main door which opens into a court yard and from this pattern the stairs lead up to the individual apartments. Each apartment has a balcony and the women do most of their shopping from the balcony by their produce from a vendor below and pulling their purchases up in a basket.

"Nothing is wasted." After a harvest, the people come and on their hands and knees scrape up every grain of wheat on the ground. From these meager scraps the housewife, in the doorway of her home, pounds this grain to make a small but very important loaf of bread.

Mr. and Mrs. Cammarere feel strongly that the Italians need more than anything else, a water and electric plant. They believe the Marshall Plan which is lending money for new roads (which in reality are needed least of all) should devote its funds to these two prerequisites to decent living. In many sections there is no water after 10:00 a.m., and the women can be seen lined up before the town well waiting patiently and a long time to fill a small jar from the slow but feeble flow of the well. Often there are no lights in the Sicilian theatres because of the lack of power and many throughout the country burn candles because of this.

The general mood of attitude of the Italian people is encouraging.

This the Cammareres state is because they feel America is really back of them. But they do not understand why the United States doesn't send someone over to handle the money it is sending them and feel that that way, the people themselves would benefit more. The average Italian is patriotically grateful to the United States for its help and is desperately endeavoring to make a strong comeback to a normal way of life.

Welcoming Tourists
Normalcy is actually slowly returning and the country is making a strong attempt to attract the tourist trade which of course, means money circulating in the land. Tourists, as a result, are well taken care of. Hotels are well run and the service is excellent although the food is of not too good a quality. A first class hotel charges from \$10 to \$15 a day, this price includes everything. There is no water shortage for the hotels as they have reserve tanks.

The buses on which many tourists travel are clean and comfortable but the trains, as always, are crowded. The country is hopefully looking forward to 1950 when the Pilgrimage to Rome will be held and so more of this life-blood tourist money will help the country's finances. This last year, there

were 10,000 tourists in Italy and the natives are hoping to welcome many more.

There is Mrs. Cammarere said, much to be seen in Italy. Alone, it is a colorful and fascinating place. It's native music is what lifts the country up and now, not since the war, the Neapolitan entertainers are once more singing and playing their music.

In the northern part of the country where the ground is less rocky, the natives still use oxen to plow. The lack of modern farm implements is appalling and during their stay, the Cammareres saw but one thrashing machine and two tractors.

A New-Look
All the while they were there, they saw no fire trucks or ambulances. Few cities have traffic signals and policemen direct the traffic. At one port the Cammareres saw a boat whose sails were made out of flour sacks with the stamp of GENERAL MILLS, Iowa and Minneapolis still on them. Less amusing was the sight of children in Naples also wearing flour sack-made clothes.

The opera is back, sponsored by the government which also controls all gambling. Lottery is legitimate there and is a means of revenue. The government also handles the railroads and has placed a control on them. The stores close from 1:00 until 4:30 p.m. and open again in the evening. Few cinemas for which Italy is so famous are being manufactured again as is the finely wrought leather goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Cammarere arrived in Italy right after the election and saw communist placards in many places. But when they sailed for home, few of those placards were left. "The people don't want to dwell in the past and especially don't like to talk about war. But when they do, there is an expression of fear and misery in their faces." The natives told Mr. and Mrs. Cammarere that when the United States invaded, they were happy and knew that the end of the war was not far off.

"All the good will we can create in all countries helps the morale of the people and helps compensate for their many years of war sufferings. American soldiers did much to cement friendship with their generosity and few Italians hold malice towards the States. In fact, they fairly wear the light of an American. As they put it, 'Bella Americana!' Mrs. Cammarere concluded.

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