

# Around the Cracker Barrel...

What in this world can equal the mellowness of burning logs in a fireplace? After an arduous trip, half frozen with the cold, with face set in hard lines, the traveler stomps the snow from his boots and walks to the open fireplace.

The open hearth, with glowing logs of perfume-drenched hardwood, has been the center of many a poet's dream. Through the Ages the hearth has been the center of contentment, the spot in every home where people like to gather. We have all been softened by the friendliness of the hearth, have come under its spell.

It is today, in Birmingham, as if all of us were standing before the burning logs, gazing into the red and yellow flames, at peace. We have just made a great decision.

The overwhelming decision of our people in last Monday's school election was not merely a vote to spend money for an edifice of brick, steel, stone and glass. It was a vote of confidence in our way of life. We decided that, in spite of the terrific taxes we all now pay, that we could still pay more. But that more was for a purpose of importance, the education of our own and our neighbors' children. We have determined to do it at a great cost. We feel good as we stand before the hearth.

It is easy to see, from looking over the election returns, that the large majority of all groups in town were for this great project. And in such a thought there is cause to wonder a bit, to exalt and be exceedingly glad.

It is natural that those of us who have children now in the schools should be willing to pay. It is more a wonder that the group without children, or grandchildren, should be willing to pay more for the education of their neighbors' children. To me, it is of the greatest importance that a group of persons, having their own schools to support, should be willing to also want to pay more for the support of the public schools.

Particularly, we speak of those good neighbors and citizens of the Roman Catholic faith. It would have been easy for these people to have sidetracked or perhaps stopped the building of more public schools. They have elected, under our way of life, to build and operate their own schools. All at their own expense, and without any semblance of public support. In Birmingham, these neighbors of ours have an acute school problem of their own, and they are earnestly attempting to raise a large sum of money to pay for a needed addition to their school.

Under such circumstances who could have complained if they had decided that their own problems were enough for them? It is to their everlasting glory that they decided against any selfish course, and threw the weight of their support behind the public schools. All of us, regardless of our inherited or acquired religious beliefs, should silently doff our hats to these good neighbors of ours.

As we glow before the hearth with our neighbors, we are also thinking of something else last Monday's vote meant. We have determined that our children shall have a brighter tomorrow. We acknowledge that we've made a rather sorry mess of government; we haven't done too well in building up the moral fiber of our country; we have made our lives so complex that simple things are forgotten. But, by our vote, we have resolved that we will do all in our power to give our children the best understanding we can of those virtues and truths we know to be enduring. We are trying, earnestly, to make a brighter tomorrow.

And as we gaze into the flickering flames, we think we can see a bit of that tomorrow. It is as if a cloud or mist had drifted away, and all before us was clear and bright. We can see our children grown, with finely trained minds and strong bodies. We can even see their spirit and sense their wisdom.

We can see that they have learned the true values of life. They are not confused, as we are, by complexities we do not understand. They seem to know that the greatest truths are the simplest, that behind all great endeavor is a simple form. They seem to perform colossal tasks, for they sense that every big task is only a series of small ones. They seem to show less fear than we did, for the unknown to us has to them become known.

And as the flames die down a bit, it seems as if these children of ours have so mastered their lives that they have time for the worthwhile things of life. They still smile and laugh, as we did. But they smile and laugh much more. They seem more attuned to Life, and are happy.

With just a few glowing embers left, we can look back on our own lives a bit, when this new generation were our children. We can regret that our own lives could not have been more like those we envisioned in the flames, but our regrets are not lasting. For there looms in the embers a date so long ago, when we were called upon to decide the fate of these, our children. We feel the warm glow of the fading embers as we remember that we were the ones who voted to give more than we could afford, just so that this future we have seen should come about. We can see now that we did not vote for buildings of brick and steel and stone and glass. We voted for a way of life; we voted for a future for our children; we voted for a new and revitalized America.

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## Miss Middlebrook Guest PTA Speaker

The PTA of Bloomfield Hills school is sponsoring a mental health talk and discussion to be given in the school on Vaught road Nov. 16 at 8:15 p.m., by Miss Esther Middlebrook. She is director of mental health and education of the state's mental health department.

This is the second in a series of talks based on the theme "Normal Growth Problems in Children". Miss Middlebrook will also head an open meeting at 10:00 a.m. that same day for mothers of beginners through third grade. Discussions of special problems will be the topics at this time as at the 1:00 afternoon meeting for mothers of fourth grade to twelfth grade students.

## WITH THE Collegians

Larry Bunyan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland J. Bunyan of Oak street, a sophomore at Franklin College in Franklin, Ind., was elected a member of the Centric Club. He was the only first semester sophomore to receive a bid to the organization.



## By THE KINCAIDS

With television spreading its web across the country the report is that many politicians are resorting to face lifting and cosmetic surgery. The TV and newsreel cameras are making them as self-conscious as an amateur toe dancer with blisters. When the politician says, "Let's face it," he tries to have the face to face it with. A man's ideas may be as sensible as a mother's advice... but if he pops out of a TV screen looking like Groucho Marx or J. Durante, he'd be better off in vaudeville. Of course, if we get to a time when we pick our representatives by their looks alone... we better look out!

"Defenders of Liberty" will be presented by the Baldwin band and choir between halves of the Berkeley-Birmingham football game Friday night at Pierce field. This show is a salute to the army, marines, Wacs and WAVAs. The choir of 24 voices will sing especially written songs dedicated to each branch of the service, while the band makes formations honoring all military forces.

A Hollywood actor had trouble with his wife... so he went home to his wife's mother! That's certainly a Hollywood twist on the mother-in-law story. Recently returned from the national tax conference in Boston upon appointment by Gov. Williams, Mrs. Dunne was the only woman representing Michigan at that conference.

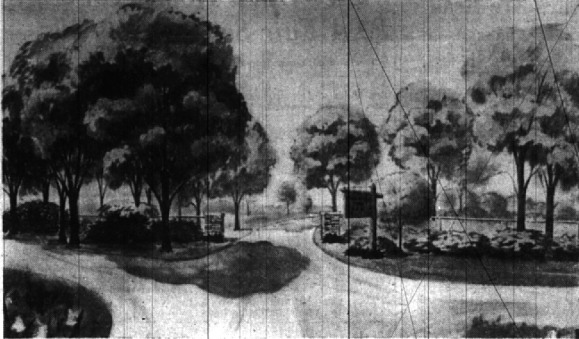
Unit discussions announced by Mrs. Charles Blunt, chairman, will be held at 9:30-11:30, Nov. 14, in the Baldwin Library second floor conference room with Mrs. William Kennedy as chairman and Mrs. Jack Beamer, discussion leader.

In the afternoon at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. also in the Library, Mrs. Helen Bogt will be chairman and Mrs. Charles Gullford will be in charge of the conference. The evening group will meet in the home of Mrs. Donald McGraw, 515 Elmington from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. with Mrs. Dick Remer, chairman, and Mrs. Hollister Mabley, leader.

Mrs. Harry Markle, economics committee chairman, will be at all meetings and will have an informative booklet, "Life and Taxes" which has as its subject taxes in the life of a Michigan family, will be used as a basis for these group gatherings.

**Mother's Club Is Sponsoring Benefit**  
The Mother's Club of the Little Flower high school is sponsoring a benefit bridge this coming Saturday, Nov. 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Proceeds of the event will be used to help furnish the campus chapel.

**Dr. James Moloney Will Speak on "The Okinawan"**  
On Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 8:00 p.m. the Wesleyan Group of the First Methodist Church will present Dr. James Clark Moloney who will speak and show pictures on "The Okinawan". Dr. Moloney is a noted psychiatrist from Birmingham. Rev. Lawson will lead the devotions. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Theodore Westerman, Mrs. Ralph Poskitt, Mrs. Ralph Battenhouse, Mrs. Paul Vanderboose, Mrs. James C. Lowman and Mrs. Robert Eddy.



Landscape Architect Lawrence E. Smith has prepared the above pictured entrance to the Dodge Bros. Park No. 8, in Southfield township, situated on Beverly road, just off Southfield, this 36-acre tract is being developed to give residents of this vicinity a modern parklike which will provide areas for family picnics and several types of outdoor recreational facilities. It will be one of the safest and most convenient public parks in this section when completed, it is believed.

## Ticket Sales Under Way For Little Symphony

The program which will be played by the Little Symphony of Detroit when it appears at a concert in the auditorium of the Royal Oak high school on Friday, Dec. 2, has been announced and will feature works of Bach and Mozart.

The first number will be the Overture from Major Suite by Bach; the Concert in E Flat for Piano and Orchestra by Mozart will be performed by Katia Andy, pianist, who will also present the Concert in F for Piano, two flutes and Orchestra by Bach. The final number is scheduled as the Symphony No. 36 in C Major, "The Great F minor" by Mozart.

Tickets may be secured from the record departments at Grinnells and Leonards and the Community House. Those who are assisting Mrs. Albert deSalle, general chairman, and Mrs. H. H. Gardner, financial chairman, are Mrs. Earl Bartholomew, Mrs. Arnold Berndt, Mrs.

A. G. Elliott, Mrs. Norman Lyle, Mrs. Robert Magor, Mrs. Earl Maxwell and Mrs. Fenton Matthews.

Others include Mrs. Bessie McMechan, Mrs. M. G. Miney, Mrs. Melville Robb, Mrs. J. W. Robertson, Mrs. Lewis Sappington, Mrs. D. L. Tate, Mrs. Irving Woolson, Mrs. Ernst Scheyer, Mrs. Dorothy Roosevelt and Mrs. Joseph deBruyn who are all members of the Birmingham Musicale which is sponsoring the concert.

Also selling tickets are Mrs. R. J. Moffatt, Mrs. Martin Archanges, Mrs. Harold Chalk, Mrs. John Foster, Mrs. Max Fruhauf, Mrs. LeRoy E. Kiefer, Mrs. Owen Luckenbach, Mrs. Thomas Stolberg and Mrs. Henry Whiting.

Ticket sales are also being carried on through the Cranbrook schools, Baldwin and Barnum and the high schools in Royal Oak, Clawson and Berkley. All South Oakland County communities have been invited to participate in this presentation.

Photographs for publication in The Centric must be submitted by Friday noon of the week before publication.

## Have You Met...

Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Marshall, 1755 Stanley, formerly of Detroit, and son, John? Mr. Marshall is a salesman with F. W. Dodge Advertising Agency.

**Reserve Officers**  
The next meeting of the Reserve Officers Association will be held at the Kingsley Inn, Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 8:00 p.m. Official United States Navy films will be shown at this time.  
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