

## Newcomers Are Welcomed At Annual Reception

The Community House spread the welcome mat and extended a warm hand of friendship to all new residents of Birmingham at its 11th Annual Newcomers Reception last Wednesday evening.

Lighted from second floor to basement, the Community House glowed like a Christmas candle. Bowls of autumn flowers gave a touch of color throughout the House. Floors and windows sparkled, and draperies had that fresh, just-back-from-the-cleaners look.

Board members and their husbands and wives were stationed throughout to greet and direct the newcomers. Most guests, after checking wraps in the basement, started their tour of inspection there.

The Ranch Room, devoid of youngsters for the evening, sparkled in its new coat of paint which the teen-agers themselves applied last June. Charles Blunt, board member serving as host in the Ranch Room, explained to the guests how the Ranch Room crowd pooled their resources and bought their own television set and told of the popularity of the snackbar and the game rooms.

Many guests paused to watch the pupils at work in the silver class under Mrs. Thelma Anderson. Lockets, necklaces and bracelets were on display. One member of the class displayed an almost-finished necklace which had been done in two lessons.

**Many Displays**

Various organizations using the House had displays in the Mary Griffith lounge on the second floor. The churches of the community were represented, and among the displays were those of the Stamp Club, A.I.W. Mom's Club, the League of Women Voters, Chamber of Commerce, Planned Parenthood, Needlework Guild, Visiting Nurse and the men's service clubs.

The Girl Scouts, in whom the Community House has always had an enthusiastic interest, had the most complete display of any group. The walls of the Girl Scout room were lined with projects ranging from art work, sewing, handcraft and Christmas cards, to outdoor cookery, complete with golden brown pancakes over a synthetic fire. The exhibit was arranged by Mrs. Andrew Watson, and Mrs. James Abbott and Mrs. Frank Hardy were hostesses.

Students in the painting class, under the direction of Maurice Licht, were unperturbed by the crowds of guests who constantly filled the doorway of the class

room to catch a glimpse of the art students at work.

After they had inspected the House, guests were ushered into the auditorium where they were seated according to the area of the United States from which they had come.

**Welcome Speeches**

Mrs. Howard J. Liverance, president of the board, in her welcoming speech, stressed the fact that Birmingham residents have two homes—their own homes and the Community House. She also gave a short resume of groups sponsored by the House, functions of the House, and special advantages offered.

In giving a few facts and figures, Mrs. Liverance stated that 2,700 events were held at the House last year, with 219 different groups using the House.

Mayor Donald S. Bell gave a short speech of welcome in behalf of the city of Birmingham.

Mrs. Velma Isey, director of the House, introduced the staff and explained how the Community House has become a when-you-have-any-trouble-come-see-us kind of friend to the community.

Dr. J. B. Hasenberger took over the microphone at this point, and delighted the crowd with a few humorous remarks and a "that's what she says" story. He then led the individual groups in songs well-known in the area from which they came. And what did the Michigan group sing? "Hail to the Victors Valiant." Naturally.

**Dance Program**

Miss Winnie Lechner and Frank Long, of the Arthur Murray Studios, gave a program of dance interpretation. Beginning with the fox trot, they also demonstrated the waltz, rumba and the Brazilian samba.

When the pascha dance was announced, audience participation was invited. The large crowd joined wholeheartedly in the dance and enjoyed the mixer dances which followed.

One of the highlights of the evening was the excellent music furnished by the piano duo of Robert Bates of the Cranbrook faculty, and Gordon Saunders. Nostalgic numbers such as "Jealous" and "Missouri Waltz" were interspersed with tunes from South Pacific and other new numbers.

Punch was served in the Ruth Shain Room. The table centerpiece was a bowl of autumn fruit which harmonized with the display of the Birmingham Garden Club at the end of the room. The refreshment table in the Men's Service Lounge was covered with a pale green satin cloth and centered on it was a large bowl of



Committee members for the Bloomfield Hills area of the United Foundation Torch Fund Drive met recently to check over the results of the campaign to date. Offering their efforts in the Hills section are, left to right, front row, Mrs. Fritz Hyde, Jr., Mrs. David W. Lee, Mrs. Howard Yule and Mrs. Charles Bay. Standing are, left to right, Mrs. M. M. Fenner, Mrs. Robert Sadler and Mrs. Edwin Mosher. (Story on page one.) (A Job Wheeler Photo.)

white chrysanthemums, flanked by white tapers in silver holders. The tables were decorated by Mrs. Bethel Kelley, president of the Newcomers Club and Mrs. Herman Everhardus.

Mrs. Richard Hatch was responsible for the name tags. Each person, by the color and shape of his name tag, was easily identified as an old resident, a newcomer, a staff member or a board member.

**From One to Another**

One newcomer was overheard commenting enthusiastically to another newcomer about his Community House. Her husband, it seems, had slighted from the comersparkle in his eye that night. "I

## Social Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus E. Cunningham of Brady Lane are home from a week's visit in the east. They took in the latest plays in New York City and then went down to New Haven for the Yale-Dartmouth game. Their daughter, Susan, who is a student at Vassar, joined them there. While at New Haven, the Cunninghams were entertained by Mr. Robert Redpath.

Mr. and Mrs. Price G. Richter were among those attending the sixty-second annual meeting of the American Institute of Accountants at the Baltimore Hotel in New York City.

Mrs. L. M. Baker of Stanley street has returned home from Chicago where she visited for a week with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Benton.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sylvester returned last Thursday to their residence on Hupp Cross road following a three-week visit in the east. They went up to attend the ceremony at which their daughter, Shirley received her nursing pin and then went on to Eastington, Va., to visit another daughter, Molly. This past weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hanson of Elmhurst, Ill., were the Sylvester's houseguests. The four were among the many localities who saw the Purdue-Michigan game on Saturday at Ann Arbor.

Attending the Purdue-Michigan football game at Ann Arbor last Saturday were avid Michigan rooters, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ben Rahl of Puritan road.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Horton of Pilgrim road spent this past weekend visiting with friends in Lansing. While there, Mr. Horton took in the Notre Dame-Michigan State College football game.

Preceding the Winter Club dance at the Bloomfield Hills Country Club tomorrow evening, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Von Maur of Yorkshire road will be among the guests at the cocktail party being given by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce King of Rochester.

Up at Ann Arbor Saturday for the Purdue-Michigan football game were Arthur Otis, Jr., Thomas J. Usher, III, of Poppleton road, his son, Timmy and his guest, Gordon Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tucker of Dorchester road were among

## Annual Doll Tea Set for Nov. 18

Friday, Nov. 18 is the date of the Doll Tea which is sponsored by St. Anne's Guild of St. James Episcopal Church. This, the fifth annual such affair will be held in the St. James new parish house from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Proceeds of the event are used for church projects and besides hand-dressed dolls, hand-made gifts and delicacies of all kinds are sold. Mrs. Gordon Hess is general chairman of the tea and Mrs. W. T. Olson and Mrs. Norville Hubbard are chairmen of the tea table committee.

In charge of the calendar sale are Mrs. Charles Fields and Mrs. Frank Pierce; Mrs. Edward Hoelcke is treasurer and Mrs. Henry Beam is chairman of the treasure table.

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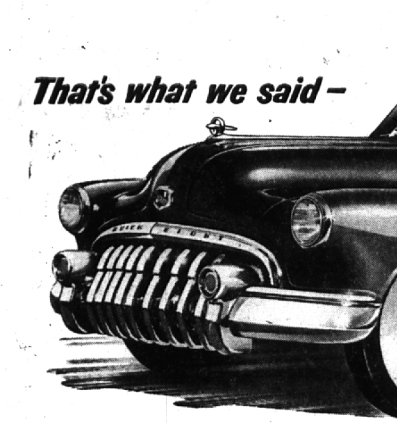
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