

Large Cast Working on "Excursion"; Play Opens Feb. 10

A cross-section of Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx is mixed up with picnic baskets, old muskets and the U. S. Coast Guard in the forthcoming production of Victor Wolfson's comedy, "Excursion," to be given by St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook in the Cranbrook Pavilion Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10-11 and 17-18. The cast of 25 working under Sheldon H. Noble's direction, is headed by Henry Whiting, who plays Obadiah Rich, captain of the S. S. Happiness. Rogers Marquis appears as his brother, Johnathan, and other sea-faring crewmen include Benjamin Brewster,

Bruce Coulter, Edward Proctor, Hubert V. Davis and Harry Booth. The passenger list includes Mrs. Otis C. Thompson, Alice Sperry and Jeanne Moore, as three girls from the Bronx; Roy Leitch and Mrs. Wesley Wright, representing Park avenue; and Mrs. Thomas C. Martin, Weston Meyer, and Ellen Pearson, as unhappy refugees from the lower east side of Manhattan. Mrs. Glenn R. Miller and Donald Hutton play Mr. and Mrs. Pichel, owners of a hand laundry; and Mrs. James P. Cumiskey, Jr., appears as the harassed mother of David Sewell, an adolescent imp. Others in the large cast include Richard Page, Mrs. Harry Hoey, Lewis C. Keenan, Jr., Barham Coolidge, Jack Sanders and Wesley Wright.

Planned Parenthood Drive Will Open on February 9

Mrs. Loren C. Sheffield, president of Oakland County chapter of the Michigan League for Planned Parenthood, has appointed Mrs. Douglas Warriner of Pleasant Ridge as executive chairman of the 1950 fund-raising campaign, starting Feb. 9. Members of the Oakland County board who will work in the nationwide drive include: Mrs. Edwin J. Anderson, Mrs. Gordon Baker, Mrs. Robert Budd, Mrs. Oscar Behr, Mrs. Mark Duffield, Mrs. William T. Gossett, Mrs. T. H. Guething, Mrs. Stanley H. Harrison, Mrs. J. A. Hubbard, Mrs. W. A. P. John, Mrs. Howard A. Kaichen, Mrs. Ruth C. Kimball, Mrs. Andrew Klein, Mrs. Edward W. McCann, Mrs. Hugo Rolland, Mrs. Edward E. Rothman, Mrs. Loren C. Sheffield, Mrs. W. C. Sproull, Mrs. Ruth E. Sparlock, Mrs. W. Brooke Stabler and Mrs. Douglas Warriner. The honorary board of directors consists of Mesdames Lewis Daniels, W. W. Williams, Philip Pretz, Myron C. Buck, J. B. Donaldson, Robert W. Kelso and Dr. John S. Lambie. Goal to be \$5,500. Oakland County chapter's goal for the 1950 drive is \$5,500. Most of this amount will be used to finance the three clinics now in operation in Pontiac, Royal Oak and Oakdale Gardens, and the rest will go to the state and national organizations for research and education.

Fays in Happiness
"A modest investment in our campaign," Workum added, "pays enormous dividends in human happiness, social stability and economic savings. On the average it costs \$8 a year for our affiliates to enable a mother to spare her children under medical supervision, which she probably would not have available except for our help. The fees these mothers can afford make up about 83 of the average cost. We must look to the public for the balance, so we can continue to serve those mothers who cannot pay. When, as so often happens,

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Adult Education Day is Feb. 9

Next Thursday is adult education day at the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs. The art department, meeting at 10:00 a.m. will hear Hugh McNeill outline the history of fine linens and a motion picture taken at the Interlochen Music Camp will be shown.

The home and garden division members will be guests of the art division. The international relations group will be led by Lulu E. Bachman chairman, in a panel discussion on the Human Rights Covenant.

Leonard Leone of the University Theatre will speak to the literature-drama group. There will also be a book review.

At the Federation hour, 11:45, Miss Mabel Louise Conat, director of reference services of the Detroit Public Library will be the guest speaker.

Afternoon divisions meeting at 2:00 p.m. include the legislative group who will hear Alan Canty speak on "Crime and the Newly Proposed Laws to Prevent It"; the motion picture division, with James Sharkey guest speaker; music group whose guest will be Max Wells, composer; and Helen Horne, soprano.

The radio division will hear Mrs. Kathleen N. Lardie on "Radio and its Importance in the Educational System" and social welfare group which will join the legislative division to hear Canty's lecture.

We can help in what a great public health authority, Dr. Felix Underwood, has called the program to have a living mother of four rather than a dead mother of ten, we have given that family and the community in which they live a service of which we are proud—a really big \$8 worth.

Guest Speaker

Dr. John Furbay

The Birmingham Teachers' Club has scheduled a dinner for Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 6:45 p.m. in the Carousal. The heard of education is sponsoring the appearance of Dr. John H. Furbay as the guest speaker for the affair.

Furbay, lecturer, author and world traveler with wide experience in educational fields, joined Trans World Airline in 1945 to direct the newly-created Air World Education program.

A fellow of the Royal Geographic Society of London, the Royal Anthropological Society and the National Geographic Society, Dr. Furbay came to TWA from the United States Office of Education for whom he completed surveys of the educational institutions of South and Central America while attached to the U. S. Embassies of Costa Rica and Colombia.

He created two syndicated newspaper features, "The De-Bunker" and "Know Thyself", served as European correspondent for the United Press and has made photographic studies for Life magazine and the National Geographic Magazine.

Furbay attended Otterbein and Asbury Colleges, received his master's degree from New York University, became a doctor of philosophy from Yale in 1931 and has done research at the Sorbonne, Paris and the University of London.

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