

CLUB NOTES

P. E. O.
The Oakland County Cooperative Group of P. E. O. will meet at the Birmingham Community House on November 6, at 10:30 a.m. All members in this vicinity are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Musical Junior League
The Birmingham Musical Junior League will meet this evening, November 2, with Miss Ann Ayers as the featured pianist. Miss Anne Finckauer will replace Miss Mary Richards as a recording group leader. A new member of the group is Miss Jane Gruber, pianist.

Chi Omega Alumnae
The North Suburban Chi Omega Alumnae association will hold its regular monthly meeting at one o'clock in the Ferdaile home of Mrs. Stanley E. Thomas, Jr., 415 1/2 N. and Mrs. Jack Probst, who conduct the "Great Books" discussion groups at the Royal Oak Club. The group will work on their gold and blue year book.

Village Players
November eleventh will be "Nifty Night" for members of the Birmingham Village Players. William Kregel will be master of ceremonies for the affair to be held at 9 p.m. at the Playhouse and Mrs. Howard McDonald will be in charge of social arrangements.

Womens Club
The Birmingham Women's club will hold a general meeting Tuesday, November 7, at 1:30 p.m. in the Baldwin Public library. Mrs. R. F. Fuffy is chairman of the day.

Business Women
The Birmingham Business Women's club will hold a dinner and business meeting tonight, November 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community House.

Redeemer Ladies Missionary Society
The regular meeting of the Redeemer Lutheran Ladies Missionary society will be held in the church lounge this evening, November 2, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Ernest Sheehan, Mrs. Harry Anderson and Mrs. Harold Helgeson will be hostesses to the group. Final plans for the group's November 9 bazaar will also be made at this time.

Rebekah Lodge
The next regular meeting of the Birmingham Rebekahs will be held on Wednesday, November 8, at 8 p.m. in the Community House. The first nomination for officers will also be held at this time.

Pythian Sisters
The Pythian Sisters, Temple 94 of Birmingham, will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 7, at 8 p.m. in the Community House. All members are urged to attend. Roll call, either in person or by writing, the latter will be accepted as personal appearance, if unable to attend. The group will also sponsor a

Troth Announced



MISS KERSHENBAUM

Mr. and Mrs. Edsel I. Kershenbaum of Lorraine court in Philadelphia, Pa., announced last week of their daughter, Harriet's engagement to Alfred L. Edwards of Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Kershenbaum is of Birmingham and Pontiac and her fiance is the son of Mrs. James Edwards of Philadelphia. The betrothal was first announced at a family dinner in Philadelphia, Pa. for which the bride-elect selected a red velvet two-piece dress with black accessories. Upon her return, the Kershenbaums revealed their daughter's engagement at an affair in their Lorraine court home.

The couple had set February fourth as the date for their wedding. The bride is expected to make her debut at the Birmingham bazaar sale this Saturday, November 4, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Maxwell Shon, 122 West Main. Proceeds will be used for charitable purposes.

Alpha Omicron Pi
Alpha Omicron Pi Alumnae chapter of Birmingham will meet October 25 at the home of Mrs. Walter Niedermeier of Vernon avenue, for luncheon. A new member from Birmingham came to the meeting for the first time from the University of Indiana. Mrs. William Robinson of Graceland Terrace.

For this year's program, the committee is "exposing" the magnitude of our national debt. The item for this particular meeting was textile painting. For the November meeting, the members will bring Christmas presents for the national project of Alpha Omicron Pi, the social service department of the Frontier Nursing Service at Hazard, Ky.

Past Noble Grand
The Past Noble Grand club will meet with Mrs. Chris Bailey 47 Council street in Clawson, on Tuesday, November 7, for a pot-luck luncheon at 1 p.m.

Orchard Lake Country Club
Members of the Orchard Lake Country club and their guests will hold another "Football Party" following the University of Michigan-Indiana game, on Saturday evening, November 4, with informal dancing at the clubhouse.

WSCS Fall Bazaar
The women of the W.S.C.S. of the First Methodist church, will hold their annual bazaar and bake sale on November 9, from 11 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. and on November 10, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The "candy bar" will offer home-made candy and light lunches. In addition to the gift items displayed, chrysanthemums for fall planting may be ordered.

Women's Federation Town Hall Program To Be November 9

The Detroit Federation of Women's clubs will hold its "Club Women's Town Hall" program on Thursday, November 9, at the Federation clubhouse, 4811 Second boulevard.

All members and friends are invited to attend the all-day sessions, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing throughout the day with luncheon served at 1 p.m.

At 10 a.m. Art Division members will hear Warren W. Simpson, Detroit artist and teacher, famous for his watercolors. Simpson won the Scarb club award last year in the Michigan Artist show.

THE FEDERATION HOUR at 11:45 a.m. will present Sam Rabinowitz, executive secretary of the Michigan Youth committee, whose topic will be "The Way of Our Youth". His talk will cover youth delinquency in this area and in Michigan.

At 2 p.m. the Literature-Drama and Music division members will hear Mrs. William I. Smith in a dramatic reading "The Missing Years", and Mrs. Harry Chapman, in a book review, "Dolly Madison". Mrs. Eileen Williams will render a group of solos, accompanied by Mrs. Edwin Sherrill.

ALSO AT 2 P.M. the Legislative division will present Erwin S. Burnin, Detroit attorney, and an authority on political science, speaking on "Freezing Prices and Making up Federal Government."

Child Study Club To Hear Miss Cooper
The Birmingham Child Study group will meet on Tuesday, November 7, at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Arthur W. Farrell, 1854 Winthrop lane. Assistant hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Frank N. Mosher and Mrs. Donald Lewis.

Miss Jean Cooper of the State Department of Mental Health in Lansing will speak on "Discipline of the University of Wisconsin", received her master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan and has served with the American Red Cross Family society in Michigan and the Guidance Clinics throughout Wisconsin.

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Around The Cracker Barrel . . .

When the Aegean Stables became oppressively filthy the ancient Greeks called in the son of Jupiter, one Hercules, to clean them up. The Greeks of that day seemed wiser of wit—they decided the situation needed a strong man, so they went out and hired the strong son of their chief god.

It sort of looks as if perhaps we needed the same sort of character to clean out some other stables located in Washington and Lansing. In other words, it being just before election day, let's talk a bit about politics and politicians.

It won't do any good to start by castigating officials, candidates, or either major party, nor to waste activities upon persons with feet ears and hardened minds. We've all been working ourselves into a lather, we've been righteously incensed at things we think are wrong; we've patted news writers on the back for printing things we think are true. We've all been in the position of standing around the Aegean stables and holding our noses. But we haven't done anything about finding a Hercules.

Now next Tuesday is election day. The odds will try to cast the ink and that ink will go down in. As the day of election approaches all candidates will become more careless with the truth. Wilder and wilder defenses and accusations will be made, until on the eve of November 6th the voters will be entirely befuddled.

We have followed with interest the speeches of the two candidates for governor, as reported in the daily press. Maybe you have too. It says, can you tell me which of them purports to stand up for the principles which made this country great? Which of them has said, in unqualified language, that he stands for individual initiative, the right of a man to work for himself, or for his employer without let of hindrance from government? Which of them has said anything about seriously undertaking to cut the cost of government, to eliminate bureau and sub-bureau? Which of them is actually for the people, even in words?

The other candidates for lesser offices merely echo the statements of their party leader. There doesn't seem to be one among the whole bunch who is willing to stand up and be counted as one who stands on principle. Instead, they are all vying to capture the vote of the man who lives by clipping coupons, the vote of the man who labors with his hands, and the votes of all those in between. They try to be all things to all men.

So we need a Hercules. But where will we find him? We won't find him in some one man, even though he be the strong son of a god. We'll only find him in the collective strength of the people. We—all of the people—will have to play the part of Hercules.

The first part of our job is to recapture that quaint bit of American thinking that the people are the boss, that elected officials are servants. We've been forgetting that in late years, and too many elected officials are over anxious to forget it. When our public officials treat the people as their boss at other times than just before election, then we'll be on our way back.

The second thing we need to accomplish is to find some way of impressing our public officials that their acts are subject to review at all times, not just when election time comes. That's one of the great things about the English system. When a government fails to carry out the wishes of the electorate it can be immediately changed. Here we have the too seldom used right of recall. A few sharp recalls in this country might awaken all office holders to the belief that they have no secure until the next election, but must be constantly working for those things the people want.

The third thing we need is to have elected officials who will do their best for all of the people, including the great mass of inarticulate citizens who do not organize into pressure groups. When and if public officials learn to judge their acts by what is best for all the people, and ignore the loud clamor of minorities, then we will be another step on the way back.

The fourth thing elected officials need to learn is that the best government is the least government. They are not elected to expand the powers of Government, rather they are expected to expand the rights of free Americans. We can't have freedom if we permit government to grow until an octopus which casts its tentacles into our every act of life.

A rare opportunity presents itself tonight—right here in Birmingham. The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a Political Rally at the Community House. It's at 8:30, so you've got time to get the dishes washed before wandering down. Many of the candidates will be there, including one of the candidates for governor. You'll not only have a chance to listen to their prepared political speeches (short), but you'll also have a chance to ask questions.

If Birmingham turned out en masse, and turned a barrage of questions toward the candidates, it's possible that some of them might gain the impression that there are still people who think for themselves, who are not party hacks.

Won't you go down to the Community House tonight? It will be educational. You will see how the political candidates would like to hold a political rally. You might also see how the voters of our good citizens would like to run a political rally. There could be some difference. For Hercules may soon begin to stir himself, and then we'll begin to breathe again the fresh air of Freedom.

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political ad

VOTE FOR ANN GARRISON FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE

she is running in the third legislative district **

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FOR

ANN GARRISON

advertisement contributed by a friend

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Copy of the letter which Ann Garrison wrote to Editor Lougee

Dear Editor:

Would it be possible to tell me the name of the "friend" who paid for the fine political ad in the NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS of Oct. 27? I would very much like to thank him.

It was a grand ad and I am glad that it appeared in my favorite newspaper.

By the way, David, if you print any more political ads in which the League of Women Voters is mentioned, it would be more accurate, I think, to put the words non-partisan in front of their name. They are that, and very proud of it.

I am enclosing a dollar for 13 issues of NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

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