

# The Birmingham Eccentric

To cling to your ideals in a world so lacking in their application is ensuring your own security. Spiritual growth and strength do not depend upon politicians or economists for security. God is on the side of him who believes in Him!

## Mason Family Honors California Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Mason of Colby lane have as their house guests Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Garlinghouse of Pasadena, Cal., Mrs. Garlinghouse is the former Mrs. Marjorie Johnson, sister of Mr. Mason.

On Sunday, February 5, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Mason of Long Lake, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Garlinghouse at a family dinner.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Mason, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Mason, Miss Mary Ann Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Mason and Miss Mary Mason of Detroit.

## Taxes To Be Topic Of LWV Meeting

Everybody is talking taxes these days, and so is the League of Women Voters, but in a way which will make State and Birmingham taxes a lot more clear to everyone.

On Monday, February 12, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Community House, the League will hold a workshop on Taxes and the Reapportionment of the Michigan State Legislature. Mrs. Brooks Marshall and Mrs. W. W. Williams will lead the discussions with various members of their committee giving their studied reports on these two subjects.

In the morning session from 10:30 until 12:15, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Berrien Ketchum and Mrs. Covert Robertson will give a briefing and background of LWV thinking, planning and stand on Reapportionment and an explanation of terms. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Robert Silber will explain the state tax structure, the state tax dollar and the Birmingham tax dollar.

At 12:15, Mrs. Wilbur Johnson and Mrs. Eleanor Gatill will serve salad and coffee and all members and visitors are invited to bring their own sandwiches.

Following lunch, from 1 to 2 p.m., there will be two panel discussions with Mrs. Peter Loomis as moderator of both. The first panel will include pertinent discussions by Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Donald McGuire, Mrs. Philip Hart, Mrs. Covert Robertson, and Mrs. Berrien Ketchum. Their four points will clarify the State League's stand on the problem and a discussion will follow.

The second panel will present Mrs. Cleveland Walecki, Mrs. Stephen Rogers, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. F. K. Ratcliff and in closing the panel discussion, Mrs. Van Dusen will present her views on what we, as citizens, can do about our state taxes.

Informal discussion questions will be encouraged after each topic has been reviewed.

The League is presenting the one-day workshop this month in lieu of its usual four or five discussion meetings. All members and interested citizens are invited to attend.

## To Address AAUW Children's Services Under Discussion by Women Voters



DR. MAY HALL JAMES

Dr. May Hall James, a former Birmingham resident, will be the speaker at a luncheon meeting of the AAUW on Wednesday, February 14. Her topic for discussion will be "Frontiers for the University Woman in the 1950's-60's".

At present, professor of social sciences at the New Haven State Teachers college, Dr. James has been a member of the faculty of various eastern colleges, including Yale university. She has traveled extensively in Canada, the United States, Europe and Central America both as a student and lecturer.

DR. MAY HALL JAMES is chairman of the American section of the Canadian-American Women's Committee on International Relations and has recently been appointed to the Canada-United States Committee on Education.

Under her leadership a series of long and short-term exchanges have been established for undergraduate students in Canadian and American colleges and universities.

## "Valentine Vanities" Dance To Be Given By Tues. Musicales

St. Valentine's Eve, February 13, is marked with a big red arrow to signify Valentine Vanities, the party that the Tuesday Musicales is sponsoring to raise funds for music rooms in veterans hospitals.

The dinner, floor show and dance at the Detroit Yacht Club is expected to draw a crowd of about 500. Mrs. McKee, artistic chairman, reports more than 400 reservations already, with room for more.

VALENTINE characters will come to life in the floor show following the dinner, when a King and Queen of Hearts will be crowned by Cupid and acts both sweet and spicy will be introduced by the American Legion Auxiliary and Robert Stone, Village Manager.

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## Pat Knowles To Wed

Miss Patricia Knowles, formerly of Birmingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hazard Knowles of Hillaboro Shores, Pompano Beach, Fla., will be married on February 17 to James Ellis of Denver, Colo. Miss Knowles is a graduate of Kingswood school, Cranbrook.

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State, County and local public support and private means and methods of taking care of children, a problem which has been given by four groups of League of Women Voters last week during a study date and local governmental services to dependent, neglected, delinquent and afflicted children.

According to Mrs. T. Hollister Mabley, LWV children's services chairman, tentative approval was given at least four of the recommendations of Michigan's joint legislative committee on foster care which reported to both houses on Jan. 9 and was headed by former Senator John M. McLaughlin, Jr., now auditor general. Great interest also was shown in the possibilities of increasing Oakland county's probate judiciary personnel and improvement of juvenile detention home facilities.

In all of the emphasis was on the wisdom and economy in preventive measures such as family education, community planning along recreational lines and the improvement of existing remedial facilities in Birmingham.

OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS the Martin report one which received endorsement by the majority of the groups was that it should provide more foster homes for mentally disturbed children in Northville with part of the \$60,000,000 and mental health clinics in last November's election. There are at present no special institutional provisions for mentally disturbed children.

The group also approved a greater area of coverage so that it could provide more foster homes for mentally disturbed children and directors might control the intake of children at the Boys Vocational school and the Girls Training school. Members of the groups urged that, individually, they write to legislators asking continuation of the work of the Martin committee and of the Michigan Youth commission and for study and action by the legislature.

SINCE PREVENTION of children's problems can be handled most effectively on a local level, there was a discussion of what can be done in Birmingham.

Most of the emphasis was placed on the extension of recreational facilities which might be used by the entire family, including those of the Community House and city recreation board.

It was agreed by many that the area in which the Birmingham League might be effective in its aim of supporting a legislative program, would be in the study of the budget of the Birmingham recreation board and an existing public recreational facilities with a view to making recommendations to the city commission for capital improvements.

## Soroptimists of Birmingham Begin Rochester Club

The Soroptimist club of Rochester was officially chartered on Wednesday, January 24 at St. Glenn Church, where more than 150 Soroptimists and their guests gathered for the occasion.

Mrs. Best Wright, of Dearborn radio station WKMI and WJL-TV, a Birmingham club member, was toastmistress.

After the banquet, the group observed the installation ceremonies conducted by Nina Albright, Noble of Birmingham. Following the installation of officers, a roll call of the 26 charter members was made.

IN A FEW WORDS of greeting from Mrs. Grace Glassford, president of the Birmingham club, she said that this is the third club to be sponsored by Birmingham.

She further said that organization was begun for the Rochester group nine months ago, with Mrs. Kathleen Pinter of Birmingham as organizational chairman.

THE NEW ROCHESTER Soroptimists were welcomed by Samuel H. Hietel, president of the Rochester Lions club; Charles M. Talley, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Charles Morrell, commander of Homer Wing Post 172 American Legion; Mrs. Walter F. Stump, commander of the American Legion Auxiliary; and Robert Stone, Village Manager.

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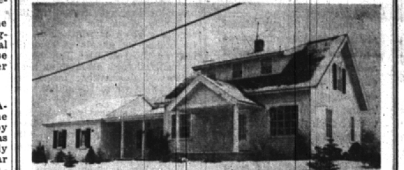
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## Election, Reports Mark Annual Meet Of Community House

Mrs. Howard Willett, Mrs. Paul Wagner, Stanley H. Fulton and Fraser E. Pomeroy were elected to the Community House board of directors at the annual dinner meeting Monday evening.

Staff members presented annual reports. Charles Kass, association president, said activities of the House had increased eight times during its 20 years existence. It has, however, seen only a 60 per cent increase in operational costs and an addition of four staff members.

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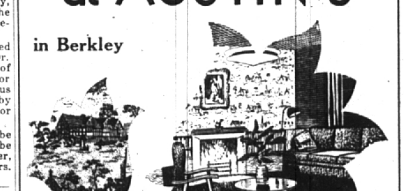
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