

# WALNUT LAKE NEWS

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## Women's Club Affairs

The Walnut Lake Women's Club is planning a dinner-dance for Saturday evening, Jan. 27 at the West Bloomfield township hall. Two past presidents, Mrs. George Osterbeck and Mrs. E. C. Banker, are co-chairmen. The guests of honor will be the outgoing and the incoming presidents, Mrs. Roland Walton and Mrs. Harry Maves.

Mrs. Walton is giving a luncheon today for the old and new executive boards which include Mrs. Carl Ribolin, Mrs. Martin Wade, Mrs. Otis Zahn, Mrs. R. C. Banker, Mrs. Donald Benway, Mrs. Harry Maves, Mrs. Arthur Kane, Mrs. Edward Sintz, Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald, Mrs. John Woodman and Mrs. Pary Graber.

Mrs. Parker Rockwell and Mrs. Kane have been appointed to audit the books before the next regular meeting Feb. 6.

## Local Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ribolin had a surprise visit from Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hartwick of Washington, D. C., recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams and children, Alan, Jean and Loren were visited recently by all the Williams family from Ionia and Mrs. and Mrs. Allen Williams and children Kate and Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Williams and children, Barbara and Mark spent the weekend with their son and his family.

Sue Ellen Fitzgerald has returned to her home in Flint after spending a week with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald.

## Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sellner had a surprise visit from Don's sister

and her family Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Turner and daughters, Barbara and Beverly from the state of Washington. It was their first visit in 11 years.

## Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Woodman spent the weekend in Flint where they helped Mr. and Mrs. Duane E. Kettle celebrate their silver wedding anniversary.

## Brownies and Scouts

Brookside Troop 25 held an investiture ceremony for Margaret Roberts at their meeting Monday. The leaders, Mrs. Robert Schaele and Mrs. Woodrow Smith, were the hostesses and Margaret's mother Mrs. James Roberts was the guest.

Girl Scout Troop 9 practiced the flag ceremony and songs for the investiture ceremony to be held at the school on Monday. Troop 58 will invest Davine Lee Kafnes and Mary Roberts at a joint meeting.

The girls of Troop 58 brought their badge sheets up to date and made plans to add additional badge work.

Both troops are planning to make articles for the Needlework Guild of Birmingham.

Mrs. Harry Maves, Mrs. Edson Stevens, Mrs. Robert Schaele, Mrs. Helen Smith, Mrs. Emmett Hampton, Mrs. John Woodman, Mrs. Richard McKay and Mrs. Don Hampton attended the spring election meeting of the Birmingham Girl Scouts on Friday morning at the Community House.

## Leave for Florida

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jokela, who waited for the arrival of their granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth, before leaving for Florida, left last Tuesday.

## New Residents

Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Morton have moved into the John Phelps cabin on Poplar lane. They were married Dec. 26 at McMinnville, Tenn. Mrs. Morton's home town division of the Chrysler Corp.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Faecer have moved into their newly completed home on Lakewood drive. Their first overnight guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ladouceur of Tecumseh, Ontario.

## Of Local Interest

Mr. R. C. Banker spent the weekend with her husband who is attending the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. She spent the weekend with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Overgard and children, Sandra, Jon and Karen returned from a two week vacation in the south. They visited Mrs. Overgard's father in Ambert, Ala. and her sister in Montgomery. They spent Christmas in Fort Meyers, Fla., and went to Miami for the Orange Bowl parade and game.

## Bridge Club

The Wednesday afternoon bridge club met at the home of Mrs. William Bishop. Mrs. Harry Maves, Mrs. Thomas Snyder, Mrs. R. C. Banker, Mrs. Edward Sintz, Mrs. Roland Walton were joined by the substitutes Mrs. Edward Nightingale and Mrs. Malton Sutton. Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Sutton had high scores for the afternoon.

General display advertising deadline is 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

# HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

## VOLUNTEERS

It is amazing, the amount of tedious, detailed and technical work which is done today by volunteer help. Men and women who donate their services simply because they have the talent needed and are civic minded enough to work for the benefit of their community or country.

Probably those who labor longest are the women of the American Red Cross. This vast organization has numerous departments, all of which are manned by volunteer help.

A recent example of this was the blood typing program in Birmingham. Over a thousand hours were served by the Nurses Aides; over 300 by the Grey Ladies.

ANOTHER GROUP which spends long hours at hard work are the women who work for the American Cancer society. Cancer pads and hospital jackets are among the many things which are prepared for public benefit by these women.

Men and women spend long hours with the Boy and Girl Scout groups. They supervise play and work projects. They play educational and camping trips.

Women who have never set themselves up as experts with tools find themselves neck deep in plans to make bird houses, toys, stands and other objects. They are asked advice about modeling in clay, about painting metal and sailing small boats.

ON HIKES, both the men and women who volunteer for scout work find themselves in need of

a speaking acquaintance with things far removed from their everyday lives.

They are called upon to identify birds, animals and flowers with which they are unfamiliar. It's their duty to know many sides of things and pass on their information to their small charges.

They need to know many sides of camping life, from starting a fire with wet wood to emergency treatment for horned lizards. It is not a part of their lives and may often require several hours of study and research to be able to handle the next trip abroad.

Parents of school children volunteer for service when nurses are preparing "audio-tapes." They volunteer to keep records of other projects.

OUR CHURCHES have their corps of volunteers—men and women who spend long hours working on church projects. They volunteer their help in the actual service of the church, as choir members, church officers, Sunday school teachers.

Volunteer help conducts multitudinous fund raising campaigns such as the United Foundation, building programs for churches and community groups and, in Birmingham, the Community House.

Volunteer help is, in many cases, the backbone of our American way of living. Should all of it cease, many worthy projects and many organizations would cease to have an immediate standstill.

NOR IS VOLUNTEER help limited to the communities throughout the country. Much of it finds its way into national affairs, such as the men and women who work in veteran hospitals, reading, entertaining and assisting the patients.

These are the individuals and societies preparing book and magazine packages for the wounded. The ones who collect and deliver gift boxes at the holiday seasons.

The men who visit the hospitals to play chess, checkers and cards—the women who go with socks

and cigarettes and spend hours writing letters for those unable to do it themselves.

Volunteers are also the persons who, in time of war, take over another huge burden.

During World War II, they were the men and women who stood long watches at airplane spotting. They were prepared to fight fire, to stand off invaders, to offer first aid, to drive cars and trucks.

TODAY, ACROSS the land, there are thousands standing by ready to go into action should the need arise again.

Most of these workers think little of the tasks they perform. A great many of their duties are unknown to the public and they have little or no recognition and thanks for their work.

Whether we are aware of them or not, the volunteers are with us, going about their self-appointed tasks quietly and without fanfare. To them we all owe a deep vote of thanks. We should carry a constant hope with us that they do not cease to function. It could be a very sad day for everyone.

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