

## Welfare Reorganization Needed Says Prof. Freud

"State and County social welfare departments in Michigan need reorganization," declared Professor Clarence Freud of the University of Michigan Institute of Social Work, in a talk to the League of Women Voters last Monday at the Community House.

"We should, by adequate social welfare agencies and trained personnel, be able to help prevent children from becoming dependent, neglected and delinquent charges of the state and county. Only eight million dollars a year are spent for all of children's services and that is spent for correction leaving nothing to spend for prevention."

**MICHIGAN HAS ALMOST** two million children and, about 12,000 are under foster care. Two-thirds of these are under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. It has been estimated an additional 4,000 need foster care. There were

about 2,000 children under custody of the Oakland County Juvenile Court last year.

Professor Freud expressed the opinion that our Juvenile Courts are doing a great many duties which could be far more adequately handled by specialized agencies which would give the children proper care and attention to their individual problems.

"COURTS SHOULD NOT be used as relief agencies," she said. "However, we do not have the specialized agencies which we need to rehabilitate a child and to work with his parents toward eliminating his problems."

She said that too often children with various kinds of disturbances are dumped into one institution. At the Boys Vocational school and the Girls Training school, there is no control on intakes and it is impossible, she pointed out, to plan a program to meet the needs of the different sorts of problems and disturbances which the children bring to these institutions.

**ANOTHER NEED** which the professor stressed was that for trained and qualified personnel in social welfare work. "There is only a handful of professional people in the children's services who have had actual qualified training and the education necessary to work successfully with children," she said. "The shortage of workers, although acute, should not be allowed to lower the standard of quality."

Professor Freud is a member of the Michigan Youth Commission which last week reported to Governor Williams her findings on services to children after an extensive survey and study. The 320-member commission, headed by Mrs. Margaret Price, was appointed by the governor in December, 1949.

**WV DISCUSSION GROUPS** will meet next week to study and discuss children's services. Monday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. a group will meet at the home of Mrs. Donald McCreary, 615 Elgryn, with Mrs. William Williams as discussion leader.

Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 8 p.m. they will meet at the home of Mrs. Eugene Heaz, 812 Ridgedale, with Mrs. Harvey Greene as leader. Mrs. W. C. Romas will be the leader on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. at Baldwin Library and also that afternoon a group will meet at 1 p.m. at Franklin Town Hall with Mrs. Dudley Campbell as leader and Mrs. Thomas Cauley as assistant. All are welcome to join these discussion groups.

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## PTA Committee Representatives Discuss Plans for Holy Name Fun Night



MRS. NANCY R. CODY, PRESIDENT OF THE BIRMINGHAM Holy Name PTA, with Frederick R. Cody and Mr. and Mrs. Granville A. Morse, general chairmen, are discussing formal plans for the Holy Name PTA's forthcoming dance and Fun Night on Friday, January 26.

## CLUB NOTES

**Lathrup Woman's Club**  
The February 5th meeting of the Lathrup Woman's club, at "The House in the Woods", will be held at 1:30 p.m. Max Schilling and Nancy Barleigh, who is a member of the Michigan Federation of Artists bureau will present the program, "The Witch Song", accompanied by Betty Pearce.

**Business Women**  
Ronald Phillips and Bill Berndt, accompanied by Mrs. Berndt, entertained members of the Business Women's club at their social meeting last Thursday, January 18, with a cornet duet. The local musicians played two numbers, "Side Partners" by Clark and assistant. All are welcome to join these discussion groups.

**Alpha Mu Sigma**  
The Detroit area alumnae chapter of Alpha Mu Sigma, musical

sorority, met last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Ruel T. Cadwell in Stratford road. Among those from Birmingham attending the meeting were Mrs. L. H. Thomas, Mrs. Cecil Conrad and Miss Grace Emery.

**Oakland Hills Country Club**  
The Oakland Hills Country club's dining room re-opened again on Wednesday, January 24, for the usual luncheons, dinners and private parties. Sunday buffet dinners will also be resumed. Dining room service for members will be from noon to 2 p.m. and 6 until 8:30 p.m. Sunday buffet will be served from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Present Day Club**  
Mrs. Blanche Beaman of the Oakland County Social Welfare Commission, gave an interesting talk about her work to members of the Present Day club of Birmingham last Tuesday, January 16, at the home of Mrs. G. E. Ashton of Emmons street. Mrs. Isaac Kidd assisted the hostess in serving refreshments after the meeting.

**Birmingham Woman's Club**  
A cooking school, sponsored by

the Fine Arts department of the Birmingham Woman's Club, is to be put on by the Detroit Edison company in their building at 22044 Woodward avenue in Ferndale. The school will be held next Tuesday, January 30 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets may be had from members of the committee or can be purchased at the door.

**Business Women**  
Following a 6:45 p.m. dinner on February 1st, the Birmingham Business Women's club will hold its regular business meeting.

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## Miss Bergel Cast In Civic Opera's "The Wizard of Oz"

Miss Diane Bergel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert K. Bergel of East Hickory Grove road in Bloomfield Hills, is now in her first season with the Civic Light Opera.

At present she is cast in the

role of Glorin, daughter of Lord Growley, played by Ian Keith, in "The Wizard of Oz." This production was opened by the Detroit Civic Light Opera company on Monday, January 22 and will run until Sunday, January 28.

Miss Bergel, a graduate of the Shrine of the Little Flower, studied under John Morrell who is now in Florida, while she was attending high school.

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