

Polio Victim Inspires Campaign Workers

An exhibition of sheer, indomitable courage was displayed at a dinner held Jan. 2, when Mrs. Beatrice Wright of New York City and a former Detroit resident spoke to a group of women from the Birmingham area.

The dinner itself was unusual, in that it was the "gift" of one person who classified it a "reward for services performed" — the benefit of those battling polio.

The donor said he knows no slaves in the volunteer methods of doing things done in this country. He provided the Devon Gables dinner for those campaign volunteers an inspiration to them for the ahead in January.

Beatrice Wright, as she is popularly known throughout the area, a lasting impression on her audience when she insisted on standing to deliver her address, although it meant holding herself erect on walking sticks.

THE ASSISTANT director of women's activities for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Mrs. Wright was stricken with the disease three years ago. Completely paralyzed, she refused to give up and vowed that she would walk again and carry the message of the March of Dimes across the country.

Today she is filling a speaking schedule involving a great deal of travel over long distances, with almost no time for rest and relaxation between trips.

Although her talk gave the same

"THE MARCH of Dimes funds, alone, make scientific research in the battle possible. Doctors, nurses, and physiotherapists are educated and their salaries during epidemic periods are paid with these funds. The work can be carried on only through the support of the people in communities like Birmingham as they are located across the country."

John W. Taylor, Birmingham chairman of the 1953 March of Dimes, with Mrs. Howard Riemann, announced the following captains in charge of the "Mothers March on Polio":

Mrs. James Wallace Campbell, 3565 Roland; William Barr, 1889 Pine; Robert Lajoie, 476 Fairfax; John Lynch, 1227 N. Woodward; David Heitz, 575 Greenwood; Robert Weber, 287 Oakland; Mark Duffield, 612 Wimpleton; Roger Brown, 712 Ridgedale.

RICHARD FIGGINS, 1911 E. Maple; Richard Hatch, 2175 Dorchester; William Hartman, 425 Berwyn; Bernard Crandell, 1015 Pleasant; Frank Reynolds, 312 Aspen; Edgar Bailey, 375 Woodland Villa; Harvey Swift, 375 Stanley; Thomas Stolberg, 816 Pierce.

Norman Mack, 311 E. Frank; Raymond Letzer, 212 Elm; Wilfred Payne, 1798 Webster; Nicholas Babajoff, 6185 W. Lincoln; Donald Lightner, 1050 Southlawn; Ralph Moxley, 1420 S. Bates; Warner Ohman, 415 Catalpa; Ernest Spring, 1444 Bird.

Atwell Smith, 1617 Sheffield; Robert Hill, 1717 Penitence; Patricia Pawlinski, 1742 Mansfield; Charles Vogel, 32210 Beaconsfield; Markham Cheever, 18540 Hillcrest; Chris Sloman, 17111 Birchwood; James Zawodni, 32471 Madison; Edward Krauss, 31674 Glenwood; Edgar Krauss, 16225 Madeline; Pilgrim.

IN ANNOUNCING the captains of the drive which will be held here on Jan. 29, Mrs. Riemann stressed that hundreds of volunteers would be needed for the door-to-door solicitations.

"Anyone who wishes to give two hours of his or her time to this drive will be performing a real service," she said. "In Birmingham, last year, we did splendidly, but the polio attack of last summer wiped out all those funds and left us in debt."

"Volunteer workers are needed to collect the donations which people in the Birmingham area will make this year. We are asking men and women who can serve to contact the captain living in your neighborhood. We will be most happy to take all names."

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Cranbrook Shows State Sculpture; Children's Books

Exhibits of contemporary art in two widely separated fields, children's books from other lands and sculptures by 17 Michigan artists, will open simultaneously at the Museum of Cranbrook Academy of Art, Friday, Jan. 9.

Though entitled "Children's Books from 50 Countries," actually 32 responded to the invitation of the Children's Library Association of the American Library Association, and the U. S. Department of State, acting through its information centers and public affairs officers overseas. Contributions varied in number from 2 to 50, but not more than six were selected from any country for the exhibition, circulated under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution.

"Iron Curtain" countries, whatever the merits of their publications for youngsters, are conspicuously absent from the exhibit, which was opened only to nations in which the International Information Administration operates.

Included in lands represented are Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Burma, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Egypt, England, Finland, Formosa, France, Germany, Gold Coast, Greece, Haiti, Iceland, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaya, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trieste, Union of South Africa, Vietnam and Yugoslavia.

"Sculpture in Progress," organized by the Michigan Sculpture society, is one of a series of exhibits circulated each year in the state to acquaint the public with work being done by Michigan artists.

Represented in the collection at Cranbrook are Samuel Cashwan, Betty McBride Conn, Beaver Edwards, Marshall Fredericks, Leonard Jungwirth, Svea Kline, Thomas McClure, William McVey, Walter Midener, Malcolm Moran, Mabel Mustonen, Kirk Newmer, Franklin Page, Margaret Sawyer, G. Alden Smith, Walt Speck and Lynn Zwickey.

The sculptures will be displayed through Jan. 25. The books will be on view through Feb. 1. The museum is open from 2 to 6 p.m. daily, except Monday. Admission is free.

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