

Because there are many types of minds, there are, of course, many expressions of art. Because of the variations in the minds, it is to be expected that many controversies will exist among those who practice art. But in a free country, this condition is all right.

**Village Players Present "Closed" One-Act Plays**

Two one-act plays, "The Browning Version" and "Oh, Romeo," a baritone play, are in production by the Village Players for their first "closed" show of the season on Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Playhouse. The plays were written by the British playwright, Terence Rattigan, who planned them for joint performance as an evening's entertainment.

"Closed shows such as this are scheduled by the Village Players for several reasons. Productions "for members only" provide an opportunity to experiment with new scenic effects and unusual types of plays before they are used at a public performance. Also, new members gain stage experience in these productions before they appear in public shows. New directors, too, usually begin by directing closed shows.

The closed presentations are a help from the casting angle. The Village Players do not utilize the system of casting their plays through try-outs. Instead, the person who is to play a particular part is selected from the organization and invited to play a particular role. By indicating what types of roles newer members are best qualified to fill, closed shows provide the Players with an excellent yardstick for subsequent casting.

**BOYS AND SECRET HIDEOUTS** are a fairly normal combination, but when the hideout is a tunnel in a sandy patch of ground, there is the danger that a boy might be trapped and suffocated in a cave-in. That is what a resident on N. Woodward thought when he found an underground room with radiating tunnels on a vacant lot at the back of his property the other day. He called Police Chief Ralph Moxley about it and the Chief agreed that the tunnel could be dangerous. The owners of the property were called and it developed that their children had dug the tunnels as a fortress. The parents promised Chief Moxley that they would eliminate the hazard. The chief stated that the man reporting the condition should be commended for spotting a dangerous situation and reporting it to the proper authorities.

**THIS WANDERER WOULD** especially like to thank the "powers that be" for the erection of the traffic signal at Southfield and Fourteen Mile road. As a motorist with many, many driving hours on the streets in the Birmingham area, this intersection always seemed a hazardous one to us. The light recently was installed by the Oakland County road commission with the cost shared by both the county and the city.

**WHILE ON AN INSPECTION TOUR** of the Torrey school building addition, this Wanderer noticed a portion of wall that had been ripped out and questioned what the reason was. Torrey Principal Richard Foster explained that a roof drain had been omitted and the situation had to be corrected after the wall had been finished. He then recalled that architects for a new school building in an Ohio town had forgotten to include a door in the principal's office. This must have been a boon to the school's students.

**WHEN WALTER POWERS**, who last week moved from 807 Chestnut Street to 800 Hidden Lane, Grove Pointe Woods, received a summons to appear in Troy Justice court to receive the Troy Township Driver of the Month Award, he couldn't think of a thing he had done to merit such an honor. Powers, however, said that Powers, by driving sensibly and courteously, had probably saved the life of a youthful bike rider. Observers reported that about three weeks ago, Powers overtook the cyclist while driving on Big Beaver road. Rather than squeeze past the driver in the face of oncoming traffic, Powers slowed down and followed. Suddenly the boy lost control of the bike and fell. Had Powers been trying to pass, he would have been unable to avoid hitting the youth. Powers promised Justice Alden that he would attend the court's safety class last Thursday night to receive the award. As coincidence would have it, Thursday was Powers' birthday, and his wife had planned a surprise party. With a household of guests on hand, Powers sent his regrets to Justice Alden. The justice instead mailed the award to Powers.

**ENTERING BIRMINGHAM** via W. Maple the other night, this Wanderer was slightly amazed when, after adjusting the automobile's speed to conform to the limit prescribed by the radar warning sign, a street sign stood out boldly in the headlight and proclaimed "Speed limit 80 miles per hour". Closer observation revealed that some potent Van Gogh had, with a few deft strokes of a black crayon, transformed a 30 to 80.

**THOSE BIG INTER-CITY BUSES** are back on downtown Woodward avenue again—but it's only temporary. They have been using Forest to get back and forth from Hunter boulevard. But Forest—the block between Brownell and Hunter—is now being paved.

**FOR THE PAST WEEK**, lights have been on in the new Kresge store on W. Maple long after its neighboring business establishments have closed for the day. Workmen, clerks and stock boys have been working into the night to get the store ready for tomorrow's grand opening. A Ad Store Manager Henry Sellers has been working right along with them, too.

**HEARD OF A NEW WAY** to keep the well-known wolf from the threshold. A young lady, in Europe for her health, found funds running low and took what this Wanderer feels is an entirely new approach to becoming solvent again. Knowing the interest in American money in European affairs, she is bargaining to send six letters from six foreign countries to anyone willing to meet her small fee.

**BEEN OVER LONG LAKE ROAD** between Woodward and Labor since it has been widened and resurfaced? What used to be a torture has become a pleasure. The original winding 16-foot strip used to give motorists the willies, it was so narrow and rough.

**AREA YOUNGSTERS** greeted Thursday morning's snow flurries with considerable glee—More than one was sighted working like a beaver to get enough snow together for a snowball. If this Wanderer remembers correctly, that first snowball was something pretty special back in our small fry days.

**ONE OF THE HIGHEST TRIBUTES** a sportswriter can bestow on a football player appeared recently in an issue of the Boston Herald and was written by Arthur Sampson, a staffer in the paper's sports department. It concerned the play of Bob Hardy, Harvard linebacker who has been sidelined for the remainder of the grid season by injuries. Hardy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hardy, 851 Hazelwood, and a graduate of Birmingham High school where he captained the school's eleven, has played outstanding ball for the Crimson. Sampson stated, "The injury to Bob Hardy . . . is a severe blow to Harvard's chances in its three remaining games with Princeton, Brown and Yale." (Hardy lost the first of these games to Princeton Saturday by a 6-0 score). "It takes a boy of outstanding character to fill the role of blocking back and linebacker," Sampson continued. "He has to get used to absorbing plenty of punishment for the benefit of his teammates. Hardy is suited for his assignment. He doesn't care for personal glory or headlines." Sampson summed up his article by saying, "This spirited lad from Birmingham, Mich., is not big as college football players go. He is not exceptionally fast. He possesses no unusual ability. But he has a big heart. He has the necessary enthusiasm and determination it takes to play football. Replacing such a player is almost impossible."

**SPECIAL HONORS** have come to two Birmingham men who have been asked to represent their universities when the new Wayne university president is inaugurated. Richard B. Sneed, 848 Madison, will represent the University of Oklahoma, while Benjamin Brewster, 5369 Brookdale, will represent Harvard. More than 800 are expected to be present in the inaugural parade.



**AMONG THE ACTIVITIES** carried on by Bloomfield Hills alumnae club of Pi Beta Phi is the donation of time and equipment to the Oakland County Children's home in Pontiac. Pictured are Mrs. Jack Lindley, Mrs. A. E. Little and Mrs. Harlan C. Koch, inspecting a jungle gym given recently to the home. Mrs. Koch, vice-president of Delta Providence of Pi Beta Phi and a resident of Ann Arbor, was honored by the local group at a mid-morning coffee hour and luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 10. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

**Totals Given On AAUW Book Sale**

Final reports on the 20th annual AAUW Book Sale were turned in at a meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. George Squibb, general chairman. The net profit from this year's sale was \$1,522, the highest in its history.

Mrs. C. W. Bieman and Mrs. William Kegel, co-chairmen of sales, reported that 7,153 books and 1,145 other articles such as magazines, records and games were sold over the counters. The gross receipt at the end of the sale was \$1,778.75. Expenses were \$255.00.

The balance of \$1,522 will be turned over to the treasurer of AAUW for scholarships, educational grants and community projects.

OVER 11,000 books and magazines were handled at the sale. First choice of these was given to representatives of schools, libraries and other institutions in the area. This group purchased 1,750 books and magazines through funds provided anonymously. At the close of the sale, 606 books and uncounted magazines were given to hospitals and charitable institutions.

Others who turned in admissions Tuesday's meeting were Mrs. Lawrence Quinn, equipment; Mrs. Dwight and Mrs. Douglas, marking; Mrs. Gilbert Gove, marking; Mrs. James S. Siddall, posters; Mrs. Richard W. Brown, solicitations; Mrs. Robert L. Garrison, transportation; and Mrs. J. H. Van Doren, publicity.

**Junior League Hears School Officials Speak**

November meeting of the Junior League of Birmingham will be held at Devon Gables at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday the 17th. Following luncheon and a brief business session there will be a panel discussion on our public school system.

Speakers will be: Paul Carter, assistant superintendent of schools in Birmingham; Grant Barber, principal of Quanton school; Herbert Hengst, principal of Barnum school; and Malcolm Ferguson, principal of Pierce school.

The placement committee, with Mrs. George Squibb as chairman, has interviewed individually each member of the league and placed her in either a community or league activity.

SOME of the local agencies which are using the Birmingham Junior League volunteers are: Birmingham Community Center, Cranbrook Art Institute, Cran-

brook Science Institute, Family Service of Oakland County, United Foundation Drive, Needlework Guild, Red Cross Bloodmobile and the Oakland County Children's Home.

The League activities this year are the hospital care at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, the senior workshop at the Birmingham Community House, the vision screening program which tests the eyesight of nursing school children in the spring and fall, and the Bargain Box, a resale shop in Birmingham. In addition to this volunteer work, a series of lectures is being presented for the provisional members of the League to further their knowledge and stimulate their interest in the civic, social, educational, and cultural aspects of the community, and to make efficient their volunteer service. Twenty-two provisionals are taking this course which has been planned by Mrs. Morgan D. Douglas, Jr. and her committee.

**Pledged To Tri Alpha**

Ruth Caswell pledged to Tri Alpha at Stephens college, Columbia, Mo. She is the daughter of Mrs. Frank S. Caswell of Epping Lane, Bloomfield Hills.

**Lake Country Club Has Mortgage Burning Party**

The greatest event in 27 years for the Orchard Lake Country club will be the mortgage burning party. The event will begin at 6 p.m., Saturday, with cocktails, dinner, special entertainment and favors.

Dancing from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. will be to the music of the Fenby Carr orchestra. "Burning the Burden" is planned for 11 p.m.

**Pythian Temple To Meet**

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**Moves to Birmingham**

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**Commercial Movie Subject of AAUW**

A board meeting at noon will precede the 1:15 p.m. meeting of the AAUW Children's Theater on Nov. 12.

Held at the home of Mrs. Lawrence S. Marts, 4245 Oak, Wing Lake, the meeting will feature a talk by Dean Coffin on "Theatrics in Commercial Movies."

Coffin, in the motion picture script department of the Jam Handy Organizations for several years, and known in Birmingham as an actor and director, will discuss the part dramatists can play in the production of industrial movies of various types.

The group will also discuss the recent Children's Theater play and lay plans for the Nov. 27 production by the Children's World Theater.

Members of other AAUW branches, either closely related to the dramatic field or interested in it, are invited to attend.

**Children's Book Week**

November 15 to 21

If you would have your child enter the realm of the wise, let books lead the way. We have books to entertain and guide the youngster of all age levels into a happy, adjusted and learned life.

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**Important Prelude to CHRISTMAS**

WHEN the frost is on the pumpkin, and Christmas is getting closer and closer, there comes the time for the careful selection of gifts.

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**DR. EDWARD K. LINNER**

**Pupils Interview Vassar Professor**

Edward R. Linner, Ph.D., professor of chemistry and chairman of the committee on admissions of Vassar College, will be in Birmingham all day Tuesday, Nov. 17. In the morning he will visit Kingwood school and in the afternoon the Birmingham High school, where he may be interviewed by prospective students.

The Birmingham Vassar club will entertain Dr. Linner at a noon luncheon at the home of Mrs. Neil McMath on Lone Pine road.

He received the degree of bachelor of science from the University of Buffalo and continued his studies at the University of Wisconsin and at the University of Minnesota where he received his doctorate.

The past years Dr. Linner's research has been on the effect of modification of a surface of a solid with compounds of known structure and configuration and the effect of such modifications on the absorption properties of the solid.

**California Vacation**

Spending a few days in Pebble Beach, Calif., have been Mr. and Mrs. Frances E. Pomeroy of 1320 Chesterfield.