

## Early Deadlines For Next Week's Issue of The Birmingham Eccentric

Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, next week's Birmingham Eccentric will be published on Wednesday, November 25.

This necessitates moving all news, classified and display advertising deadlines up one full day . . . to Monday afternoon, Nov. 23, at 5 p.m.

## So for Next Week's Issue, Early Copy Will Be Launched

## Familiar Toy Types Still Please Junior

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Mothers and fathers all across this broad land of ours are noticing a change for the better in the behavior of their children. Having been young once themselves, they need no chart to let them know that Christmas ideas are beginning to grow in young minds and hope to spring in young hearts.

They look at advance advertisements of Christmas items and are left gasping. Coaster wagons don't look like coaster wagons any more. They have developed metal bodies, streamlined and decorated far beyond the wildest dreams of their own youthful days. Play stoves now work. They have electric cords, grids that get hot and ovens that can actually bake the tiny cakes they may concoct. Dolls have reached an almost-human stage. They walk, talk, cry, and do just about everything else that their little mistresses can do. They need shampoos and waves and certainly more than one dress, a nightie and one coat. Their wardrobes, often, surpass those of the children who will play with them.

BOYS' TOY displays are filled with an alarming assortment of ray guns, atomic ships, cars, boats and subs, and of course, space suits. Bewildered parents view the plastic domes into which their pride and joy will poke his head, and wonder if he won't suffocate. They try to picture Junior, now a creature of earth's outer atmosphere, coping with such an earth-bound thing as an ice cream cone and shake their heads.

Parents begin some plain and fancy eavesdropping on the conversations of their kids and hear jargon peculiar to the age we live in. The youngsters, apparently, know a lot about atomic power, ray guns, hydrogen bombs, etc., or at least they certainly sound that way. Dad and mother wonder about a car that with a good push and a steep hill, make 100 miles an hour. Their youngsters are talking about that many miles per minute!

BE NOT ALARMED toy makers say. Junior's going through a phase. He's been exposed to this "disease" through the headlines and news broadcasts, plus adult conversations he's heard. It's a case of keeping up with the Joneses. He thinks these modern things are a part of his age and in order to avoid being corny, he must have them.

A clerk in a local store reported that, in spite of the space suits, she notices a lot of little boys cast longing looks at the plastic guns, models of the type which "settled the west" and were sometimes referred to as "the great equalizer."

SHE NOTICES that his eyes stray to the gaudy shirts, gay scarves and heavy chaps symbolic of the cow puncher at his flashy best. Through her conversations with the kids she's learned that most of them want a horse, partly because—well, whoever heard of a space ship nuzzling pockets for an extra carrot?

NOT TOO LONG ago toy manufacturer was quoted as saying his firm would most surely come out with a "jet" line, but that, as usual, wagons, tractors and "push toys" would be his biggest product and income. Buyers are proceeding cautiously with the newer lines, knowing that while the kids may be taken by these things, they are still "old fashioned solid citizens" and want to be surrounded by familiar things.

Said another manufacturer, "Yes, the boys all want space suits, but they want cowboy and cop suits, too." Said another, "Sure, jet planes are tops and why not? That's all the youngsters hear at home that's sensational. Just like their parents and grandparents with the automobile."

"ONCE THEY SAID cars could never stay. Then they said the horse was on his way out. Well, today we have more cars and more horses in this country than we ever had before." Said a child psychologist, "There may be tears or sad looks on Christmas morning if the space suit isn't there. But if little brother and sister get a matching cowboy or Indian set, all will be happy before bedtime!" Parents, it seems, needn't hesitate to buy teddy bears for sister, nor sombrero for brother.

There is nothing wrong in any community that its citizens, by working together co-operatively and intelligently, cannot solve in due time. Individual and collective efforts, harmonized together through the process of self-government, spill out democracy.

## Square Dance Group Formed At Will-O-Way

WING LAKE-FOXCRIFT — Dressed in square dancing apparel, 31 couples will participate in an evening of fun and frolic at the Will-O-Way Playhouse. Subscription meeting for the newly organized "Square Dance" group was held in October under the supervision of Mrs. and Mrs. William Merrill, with 100 persons attending. From the group, the 31 couples signed to take instructions from the caller, Arthur Garty, and dance once a month for seven consecutive months. First official dance is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 19, with others planned tentatively for the third Thursday of each month. Dancing and instructions will be open to "couples" with reservations made through Bill and Martha Merrill at the playhouse.

One of the major activities of the Wing Lake Farms Association was the square dance held last Saturday in the Birmingham Community House. Joe Friehs was caller and Frank Chesquiere acted as social chairman. The event provides social entertainment for the area residents as well as a community project. Proceeds are used to develop and improve the beach area on Wing Lake road.

Newcomers were invited to the Association Board of directors meeting held Monday in the Wing Lake school. Purpose was to acquaint the guests and familiarize them with the functions of the organization. James L. Gillon is president.

Dinner guests on Tuesday at the Wing Lake home of Mr. and Mrs. Hilda Gordon were Mr. and Mrs. Charles White, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Jr. of 5961 Lahser.

Mrs. Elmwood P. Engel, 8005 Wing Lake, attended a choral production by "Little Singers of the Wooden Cross" from Paris at the Detroit Institute of Art. Mr. and Mrs. Engel were also guests at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Jack Patterson of Berkeley, prior to attending the square dance Wednesday at Franklin Village.

Editor's Note: Jill Roberts, who was the Wing Lake-Foxcroft correspondent for a number of months has discontinued her position to fulfill other duties. News will be handled from the Birmingham Eccentric office. We encourage you to call your items such as parties, births, out-of-town guests, civic charity and school affairs, and picture requests to Fran Maier, MI 4-1100.

## Conference Directed By Mrs. Alice Burlingame

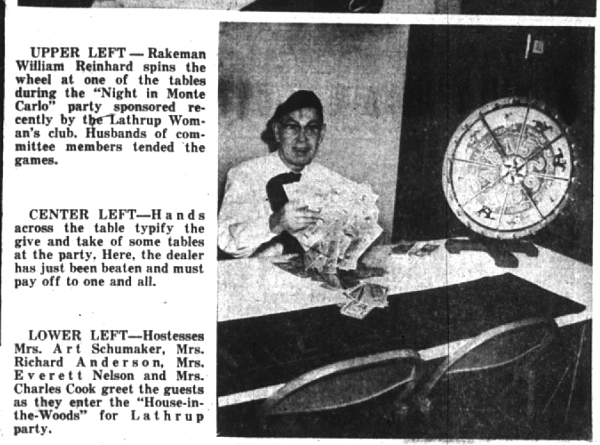
Six Birmingham women were among more than 20 gardeners from throughout the state who participated in a conference on horticultural therapy at Michigan State college Nov. 10 and 11.

They were Mrs. Carman Adams, 410 Fairfax; Mrs. Kathryn Brum, 1037 North Adams; Mrs. Alice Wessels Burlingame, 370 South Glenhurst; Margaret H. Hemsteger, 525 East 14-Mile Rd.; Mrs. William A. Hyland, 30620 Telegraph Rd.; and Mrs. George Weishald, 451 Pilgrim Rd.

The conference, sponsored by the department of horticulture and the continuing education service of the college, was directed by Mrs. Burlingame.

## Pledges Zeta Phi Eta

Mardia E. Booths, 4210 Sandy Lane, Foxcroft, was pledged to Zeta Phi Eta at the University of Michigan. It is a national professional speech arts fraternity for women.



UPPER LEFT — Rakeman William Reinhard spins the wheel at one of the tables during the "Night in Monte Carlo" party sponsored recently by the Lathrup Woman's club. Husbands of committee members tended the games.

CENTER LEFT — Hands across the table typify the give and take of some tables at the party. Here, the dealer has just been beaten and must pay off to one and all.

LOWER LEFT — Hostesses Mrs. Art Schumaker, Mrs. Richard Anderson, Mrs. Everett Nelson and Mrs. Charles Cook greet the guests as they enter the "House-in-the-Woods" for Lathrup party.

UPPER RIGHT — "Place your bets, ladies and gentlemen," says Richard Anderson as he waits for a guest to make her throw during the gaming evening.

CENTER RIGHT — This is one bank that wasn't broken as Art Schumaker checks up on his evening's "haul" of play money. A sum of fake money was given each guest with his dinner ticket.

LOWER RIGHT — Unfortunately, there always has to be a diswishing detail for every party. Caught in the kitchen are Mrs. James McCormick, Mrs. Conrad Bloom and Mrs. William Reinhard.

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Tickets for all performances may be obtained at the door the evening of the play. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Muir

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## Announce Theta Pledges in Area

Kappa Alpha Theta afternoon alumni group met Thursday at the new home of Mrs. Robert Nelson on Kenwick road in Bloomfield Hills. Mrs. Milton Coulson and Mrs. John Roehm assisted the hostesses with luncheon.

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Fred McCracken of Chesterfield road when he hosted a Theta board meeting in October.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all news—the society editor calls them—

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The Only Method Endorsed by  
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—SAFE  
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## In Journalism Honorary

David Hunt, junior at Ohio Wesleyan university, was initiated into Pi Delta Epsilon honorary journalism fraternity. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hunt of Cranbrook

road, he is also a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and associated with LeBeta, the campus yearbook. Members of the journalism honorary are chosen on the basis of their contributions to the various campus literary and journalistic organizations.

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VENTURE CLUB MEMBERS PRACTICE up on their culinary art in preparation for the Birmingham group's bake sale to be held at 9 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 21, at Nan's Hat Shoppe on West Maple. Pictured from left are Gail Rowe, Mary Elva Congleton and Marilyn Staley, club president. Initiation of new members into the Venture club was held Nov. 17 at the home of vice-president Nancy Dickson on Pine Street.