

**Christmas Floral For St. Margaret's Guild**

Mrs. Clara Distrow of Pearce (tions and give Christmas ideas for Floral will show floral demonstra- members of St. Margaret's Guild

Holy Name church at the 12:30 p.m. buffet luncheon on Dec. 1. Mrs. Frank J. McGinnis, hospital chairman, will be co-hostess with Mrs. Edwin J. Koran at her home, 680 Linden road.

**THE COMMUTERS' WIFE**

**Children Protected By State Licenses For Nursery Schools**

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Some mothers wonder why there aren't more nursery schools. One woman reasoned, "I could start one myself in my own home."  
But when she investigated the standards she would have to meet, the idea was abandoned.  
First she ran into zoning regulations. Neighbors objected to the noise and extra traffic that a school would bring. State licensing standards also are very high. Mrs. Nellita Fithian of the children's division, Department of Social Welfare, is most encouraging and helpful to anyone wishing to start a school. Yet, certain rules, made solely for the protection of our children, must be met.

**THE NURSERY** school must provide 35 square feet of floor space for each child, as well as 300 cubic feet of air space. It can't be above the ground floor unless the building is completely fireproof.  
Basements can't be used unless such space is more than one-half above the grade. Rooms must be well ventilated, lighted, and heated to at least 70 degrees in winter.

There must be one toilet and lavatory for each ten children. Adequate exits and other fire protection are mandatory. An isolation-room has to be provided for suddenly-ill children. Outdoor play space (75 square feet per child), safe and traffic-free, with equipment, must be available—preferably half of it hard surfaced for wet weather use.  
The nursery-school nap (that your lot perhaps hates to take), is required by law in day-long schools, and a washable cot must be supplied for each child.

**ALL PLAY** equipment and toys must be safe, easily cleaned and have their own storage-place. Sewage and garbage disposal must meet sanitation standards.  
Food-handling is closely supervised. All milk must be pasteurized, and perishable food stored under 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Water supply must be free from contamination. Dishes may not have cracks or chips and must be washed with soap and rinsed with water at 170 degrees Fahrenheit. These physical requirements (with other details not mentioned here) must be met and the premises inspected before a license to operate is granted.  
There has to be one adult for each 12 children, with children under adult supervision at all times. The head-teacher has to be state-certified, with at least two years' college work in Early Childhood Education (four years is recommended).

**HEALTH** examinations are required of both teachers and children. In addition a teacher must know nursery-school procedure, record-keeping, handling of the sick and "have a genuine liking for children, be socially well-adjusted—unhurried in speech and manner."  
Add to the above requirements, the worry over dangers to the precious children in their charge, irritations caused by unthinking mothers who don't observe the rules—the wear and tear of being with small children all day—and you know that the nursery schools earn their money.

**COMMUNITY HOUSE CALENDAR**

- THURSDAY, NOV. 19**  
6:30-8 p.m.—Buffet Supper (by reservation)  
6:45 p.m.—Business Womens Dinner  
7:30-9:30 p.m.—First Aid Class  
8:10 p.m.—Self Improvement Class  
8:10 p.m.—Friday Class  
8:10 p.m.—Creative Writing Class  
8:10 p.m.—Drawing-Painting Class  
**FRIDAY, NOV. 20**  
9 a.m.—Noon—Silver Class  
9 a.m.—6:30 p.m.—Saint James Banquet  
10:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.—Senior Workshop  
12:30 p.m.—Local Telephone Luncheon  
9-11 p.m.—Cooley Dance Floor  
**SATURDAY, NOV. 21**  
10-11:30 a.m.—Drawing Class  
**MONDAY, NOV. 23**  
9 a.m.—Noon—Sculpture Class  
9:30 a.m.—Musical Practice  
12 Noon—Retary Luncheon  
1-4 p.m.—Sculpture Class  
4-5 p.m.—Browne Troup 357  
3:30-5 p.m.—Drawing Class (children)  
6:30 p.m.—Hi-12 Dinner  
7 p.m.—Altrusa Dinner  
7-10 p.m.—Sculpture Class  
7:30 p.m.—Senior Activities  
8 p.m.—Stamp Club  
8 p.m.—B-9 Cub Scouts  
**TUESDAY, NOV. 24**  
10 a.m.—International Relations Class  
11 a.m.—Noon—Planned Parenthood  
12 Noon—Exchange Luncheon  
12:45 p.m.—Birmingham Mens Group of Christ Church Luncheon  
6:30 p.m.—Kiwanis Dinner  
7-9 p.m.—Girl Scout Troop 301  
7-10 p.m.—Ceramics Class  
8 p.m.—Michigan Station Luncheon  
8-10 p.m.—Drawing-Painting Class  
**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25**  
9 a.m.—Noon—Silver Class  
12 Noon—Lions Class  
1-3 p.m.—Bridge Class  
1-4 p.m.—Silver Class  
3:30-5 p.m.—Girl Scout Troop 362  
3:30-5 p.m.—Girl Scout Troop 388  
8 p.m.—Dedicale Bridge  
8 p.m.—Rebekahs  
**THURSDAY, NOV. 26**  
Thanksgiving—House Closed.

**BYE-BYE BIRTHS**

A son, Todd Edward, was born Nov. 4 to MR. AND MRS. CLARE EDWARD MORNINGSTAR (Sylvia Bellow) of 3268 Alpine road, Birmingham.  
A daughter, Barbara Ann, was born Nov. 8 to MR. AND MRS. ROBERT E. BRATTON of 3550 Wooddale court, Bloomfield Village. Mrs. Bratton is the former Bette Johnson.  
A daughter, Susan Marie, was born Nov. 5 to MR. AND MRS. CHARLES C. OLIN, JR., of Kelly Air Force base, San Antonio, Texas, formerly of Birmingham.  
A daughter, Jill Fenton, was born Oct. 31 to MR. AND MRS. ROBERT S. KENDALL, 1703 West Ten Mile road, Oak Park, formerly of Birmingham.  
A daughter, Susan Louise, was born Nov. 8 to MR. AND MRS. IRVING MENCUCCI of Sylvan Lake. Mr. Meneucci is administrative assistant at Vaughan school in Bloomfield Hills.

**Pledged to Omicron Nu**

Betsy Chanay, 1159 Cole street, was initiated to membership in Omicron Nu at Michigan State college on Tuesday. Omicron Nu is the national honor society in home economics and girls are selected for membership on the basis of outstanding scholarship in their college work.  
**Fergusons in Alpena**  
The Robert R. Ferguson family of Chesterfield road is visiting in Alpena. Ferguson has gone north for deer hunting at Philip K. Fletcher's camp Hi-Banks. Mrs. Ferguson and daughters, Barbara and Carol, are staying with her mother, Mrs. Stanley C. Wilson of Alpena.  
**Entertain at Cocktails**  
Mr. and Mrs. George Roeper of Franklin road gave a cocktail party Sunday afternoon celebrating the completion of the new dining room at the City and Country school. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. South, Mr. and Mrs. John St. Clair and Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper.

**BITS OF BIRMINGHAM**

IN HER COLUMN this week, Lydia King Frehse, author of "Nature Now", mentions the ginkgo tree she saw in the nation's capital, and commented on the southern climate treating it favorably. Birmingham's Shain park boasts such a tree, too, which seems to be thriving on the more rugged weather it is subjected to this far north.  
FOR THE BENEFIT of future barometer owners in the Birmingham area, the elevation of Birmingham at the municipal building is 781 feet above sea level. It seems that this bit of information is vital to making the proper adjustments on a barometer to get accurate weather forecasts. Since the barometer seems to be a popular type gift in this area, and since The Eccentric receives many inquiries about elevations each year, it is hoped the above information will prove of value during the coming Christmas season. Contributor of the facts on Birmingham's elevation was Mrs. David H. Goodfellow, 397 N. Woodward, who failing to get the facts from The Eccentric, did so by calling City Engineer Richard Gare. Mrs. Goodfellow then kindly passed the information along to this Wanderer.



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**Village PTA Observes National Education Week**

In conjunction with National Education Week, the Bloomfield Village school's November PTA meeting will be held in the form of an open house on Monday, Nov. 23. All parents are invited to attend and visit their children's classrooms, meet their teachers, and view their accomplishments. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. H. Broadwell and her hospitality committee.

**Trust Official Speaks On Wills and Estates**

Assistant trust officer of the Detroit Trust company, Edgar Galoway, Jr., spoke at the Nov. 16 meeting of the Birmingham Rotary An group.  
The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. William DeGraff, 951 Fairfax.  
The luncheon chairman, Mrs. William Rowland, was assisted by Mrs. William Knight, Mrs. Paul Grant, Mrs. Edwin Kipfert and Mrs. Charles Shain.

**WE HEARD IT SAID BY—**  
MRS. R. C. RANKE, 1436 Pierce: "Anyone who wishes may contribute woolen material for the Eisenhower or Lincoln rug. All I ask is that they do not use garments which have any further use as clothing. It seems a shame, to me, to deprive someone of a coat or skirt for a purpose such as this. However, those who do wish to give and have their names in the scrapbook may mail or bring the material to my home."

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