UF Torch Drive Starts Monday

"Bigger" is the word in every respect for the 1953 Torch Drive, set for launching next Tuesday in the Birmingham area.

Everell R. Fisher, general campaign chairman, said the annual United Foundation campaign in behalf of more than 150 health and community service agencies will:

(1) Enlist close to 1,000 volunteers in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area, the biggest team ever to work on a community drive here;

(2) Seek a record quota of $152,718 as this area's share of the $14,100,000 goal of the metropolitan area as a whole.

Hundreds of Torch Drive volunteers will begin their house-to-house canvass following the annual "kickoff" luncheon at the Community House at 12:30 Monday, Oct. 19.

Luncheon guests of the Great Lakes Tractor and Supply Co., the residential solicitors will hear George B. Finch of the Jam Handy Organization discuss the significance of the UF program.

ACCORDING TO Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn, campaign director, all workers are invited to be luncheon guests. Reservations are being accepted at UF headquarters in the Briggs Building up to Friday noon. Mrs. Quinn said a number of women have offered baby-sitter services to the Torch Drive, freeing others to work as canvassers, and that such aid is welcome.

Fisher said that although a major share of contributions in the metropolitan area comes from on-the-job sources, the residential nature of Birmingham and the surrounding communities places the chief burden on the residential solicitors.

"The remarkable teamwork of the women volunteers, coupled with the public-spirited attitude of our homemakers, has always accounted for the lion's share of our success in the past", Fisher said.

"THE FINE organizational work of our residential leaders makes the campaign committee confident that we are again headed for success in achieving the quota. Our bigger team has a bigger job—a larger quota and a greater number of homes to cover. But we're sure the bigger need will be matched by a combination of greater effort and bigger hearts".

Fisher said the business phase of the campaign, which began October 1 in advance of the actual Torch Drive, was moving very successfully. The campaign runs from Oct. 20 to Nov. 12.

Mrs. Paul L. Penfield is chairman of residential solicitation in Birmingham. Her area chairmen are Mrs. William D. Hooper, Mrs. Brooks Whipple, Mrs. E. L. Vincent, Mrs. Robert Bouse and Mrs. Robert H. Pease.

BIRMINGHAM'S area captains are Mrs. John Wilson, Mrs. Robert A. Cuddie, Mrs. Watson Spoelstra, Mrs. Gordon Love, Mrs. Harold Chalk, Mrs. Fred D. Sawyer, Mrs. Lane Hartwell, Mrs. J. J. Morse, Mrs. Jervis McMechan, Mrs. C. Charles Pendrey, Mrs. Arthur Chantler, Mrs. Dottie Button, Mrs. Mark Smith, Mrs. J. R. Alstrom, Mrs. James Keegan, Mrs. Charles Steffes and Mrs. Charles L. Richards.

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OTHERS ACTING as captains are Mrs. Frank Dombrowsky, Mrs. Harold Kennedy, Mrs. Edw. Jas. Delahanty, Mrs. Burl Schmidt, Mrs. John J. Zimmerman, Mrs. O. T. Thompson, Mrs. Arthur Thornbury, Mrs. John McNaughton, Mrs. Alice Lerminey, Mrs. John Krause, Mrs. John Tuthill, Mrs. Martin Archangeli, Mrs. Harry Stevens, Mrs. Joseph Dodge, Mrs. Joseph Wright, Mrs. William Hayes and Mrs. Elliott Kinney.

Mrs. J. Hawley Otis is chairman of the Bloomfield Hills solicitation.

Mrs. J. Graham Gurney is heading residential solicitation in Bloomfield Village and working with her as captains are Mrs. Haines P. Walmsley, Mrs. John G. Slater and Mrs. Jesse W. Eakins.

Mrs. Luther E. Lawrence is Wing Lake chairman. Mrs. William Springer, Mrs. Robert R. Kelley and Mrs. Donald Richards are Wing Lake captains.

FOXCROFT CHAIRMAN is Mrs. R. John Heber, with Mrs. John Black as captain.

Captains in the Oakland Hills area are Mrs. Haines P. Walmsley and Mrs. A.G. Fuhrman.

Mrs. Bernard Magruder is Franklin chairman. Her captains are Mrs. John L. Scolaro and Mrs. Preston Dozier, Jr.

The Beverly Hills captains are Mrs. Philip Detwiler, Mrs. Charles Vogel, Mrs. W. K. Ginman, Mrs. Clayton R. Lewis, Mrs. Paul E. Rebe, Mrs. R. W. Krogh, Mrs. A. P. Laffoon, Mrs. Charles E. Brook, Mrs. Alfred Hettel.

Song Is The Theme of Kingswood Show

Theme for the annual Kingswood festival to be held Saturday night, Oct. 17, is "I've Got Rhythm".

Each class has been given one line of the song's verse as its individual theme around which class members will construct their booths and select items for sale.

Heading the festival this year is Barbara Knoblock of Bloomfield Hills with Pat McKenna of Royal Oak as her assistant.

The show is put on by the junior class who will present a show during the evening based on the theme of the festival.

UF Essay, Poster Contests Planned

Hundreds of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills school children are putting final touches to their entries in the 1953 United Foundation editorial and poster contests, and area school officials predict a record number of entrants in both contests.

Faculty members of the participating schools are collaborating in organizing and running the contests, according to William Spence, schools and government chairman of the 1953 Torch Drive. Students in the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills public schools, Holy Name, Cranbrook and Kingswood schools are using their creative powers to produce posters and editorials explaining the advantages of united giving.

The editorials being submitted by the students through their English or journalism classes deal with the United Foundation or one of its allied charities. The posters depict the UF or one of the charities it supports.

SPENCE SAID the top three editorials will be selected by a panel of judges to be named later in The Birmingham Eccentric. The Eccentric has agreed to publish the winning compositions, and if possible, the top honorable mention editorials.

The winning posters will be displayed in local store windows. Students in grades six through 12 in the area schools are eligible for the poster contest. To encourage participation, students are free to select any medium of art for their posters, such as oils, water colors, crayons, chalk, pencil, ink, or linoleum or wood block prints.

High school students from the ninth grade up are eligible for the editorial contest. The teachers will make a preliminary selection of the editorials they consider the best, so judges can devote more time to selecting winners.

IN BOTH contests, judging will be anonymous. Editorials and posters are being assigned numbers by the teachers so judges will not see any names. Winning posters will be signed by the artists, however, before the posters are displayed in the store windows.

Spence said judging in the editorial contest will be based on general form and effectiveness, readability and grammar, and aim and theme of the composition. No restriction is being placed on the length of the editorials so that the writer can have an opportunity to develop his ideas as he wants.

Spence said he has been receiving extra cooperation in the contest from Ross Wagner, principal of Birmingham high school, Mrs. Mary Hartwick and Miss Vida B. McGiffin of the Birmingham high school English department; Mother M. Praxides, Mother Superior of Holy Name School; Miss Marion Goodale, headmistress of Kingswood School, Carl Wonnberger, head of the Cranbrook English department; and Richard Spiess, principal of Bloomfield Hills high school.

REV. R. D. DEWEY

Congregational Church Selects First Minister

The newly formed Congregational church of Birmingham announces the appointment of its first pastor, the Rev. Robert Dyckman Dewey.

A native of Emporia, Kan., he is a graduate of Kalamazoo college and Yale Divinity school, where he held the Oliver Ellsworth Taggett scholarship as the student most worthy in point of ability and promise of usefulness.

Mr. Dewey served two years as an Army chaplain's assistant with Gen. Patton's troops in Europe and received the bronze star for meritorious service.

IN 1948-49 he was pastor of a church in London's East End, under the Congregational Christian service committee. He has also been assistant pastor in Congregational churches in Branford, Conn., and West Dover, Vt.

Since 1951 Mr. Dewey has been minister to youth for the Ohio conference of Congregational Christian churches and has been responsible for the youth program in the state's 350 Congregational churches.

MRS. DEWEY, the former Eleanor Bowen Hootman, is also a Kalamazoo college graduate and studied at McCormick theological seminary. With their year-old daughter the Deweys will move to Birmingham early in 1954, when he will assume his new duties.

In the meanwhile, the Rev. Edward W. Willcox, D.D., secretary of the Detroit association of Congregational churches, will continue to preach. Services are held at 1 p.m., in the recently purchased First Presbyterian church on North Woodward.

UM Tickets Left

The Birmingham YMCA still has tickets available for the University of Michigan-Northwestern game Saturday, Oct. 17 at Ann Arbor. Tickets may be bought with or without transportation included.

Monthly Square Dances Planned At Y House

The Birmingham Y's Men's Club will sponsor monthly square dances at the Birmingham YMCA the fourth Saturday of each month from 8:30 to 12 p.m. Walter Allison chairs the committee that includes Wayne Mortimer and Ernie Robinson.

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Sun. Eve., Nov. 15	Mozart	In Italian	with WALTER CASSEL, ANNE McKNIGHT,
DON GIOVANNI			George Gaynes, Rudolf Petrak, Emile Renan, Wilhelmina Underkofler; Joseph Rosenstock, Conductor
Mon. Eve., Nov. 16	Puccini	In Italian	with ANN AYARS, DAVID POLERI,
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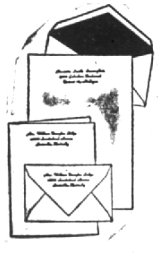

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