



JUNIOR LEAGUE OFFICERS PLAN VISION SCREENING PROJECT

Mrs. H. Kresge, Jr., Mrs. G. White, Mrs. J. R. Williams, Mrs. O. Thompson (Eccentric Photo)

## League Maps Bigger Vision Test Project

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Its vision screening program for pre-school children was top topic when Birmingham Junior League members met with members of the press on April 7, to discuss details of the 1954 project.

The Oakland Hills country club meeting not only laid the ground-work for the current campaign, but reviewed the history of the organization and this particular item of its work.

The vision screening program, as it enters its third year, has grown beyond the borders of Birmingham, and will encompass Pontiac, Waterford and West Bloomfield township areas as well. Designed to assist parents in detecting vision defects in their children during these critical years before school, the screening is available to all in the area without charge.

The current program will open in Birmingham on Monday, May 3, for two days. Children may be

ing outside of Birmingham for example to feel that their children are not welcome. This service is available to any youngster not yet attending school. We stress the pre-school child only because the schools conduct their own tests.

Ours, the Snellan test, is planned to catch defects before the little folks are getting their eyes to classroom work.

Mrs. Williams reviewed the program, stating that 1,000 children had taken the tests so far, about 10 per cent showing defects.

"Whenever a child has a vision defect," Mrs. Williams continued, "the parent is given a card to this effect. We are happy to say that the majority of parents follow up, either through their family doctor, a welfare agency or an area board of health."

"We feel that, in this way, we are able to perform a service which

brought to the Community House, without an appointment between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., either day.

FROM HERE the teams of testers will go to Pontiac for May 10, 11 and 12, at All Saints Episcopal church.

May 17, 18 will see them working the Waterford area with headquarters in the Community United Presbyterian church, Drayton Plains. On May 19 they will set up their equipment at Christ Lutheran church, Airport and Williams Lake roads.

The final day of the 1954 program will cover the West Bloomfield section. Testing will be done in the Town Hall, 4469 Orchard Lake road. As in Birmingham, hours for screening tests will be from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In speaking of the program, Mrs. R. Jamison Williams stressed that it is available for all school children.

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may save many persons a great deal of grief later on."

MRS. WILLIAMS pointed out that the four-year-old is the easiest to test, but that younger children do handle the tests satisfactorily.

Mrs. Gene White, co-chairman of the program with Mrs. Harvey Kresge, Jr., emphasized the need of constant vigil on the part of parents. Any signs of eye strain, squinting, rubbing eyes, and so on, should have immediate attention. In reviewing the history of the program they pointed out that the Birmingham Junior League, shortly after it became an independent unit, was the first group to accept whole responsibility for such an activity.

Since that time other League units as well as other organizations have taken over similar programs. All have received the backing of school officials and medical departments. The need for it and the good it does has been recognized and is highly rated.

THE BIRMINGHAM testing is financed wholly from monies raised at the League's resale shop, The Bargain Box, on South Woodward. This store is their sole means of raising funds and is operated by one paid employee and the League members, each of whom is required to serve in the shop a certain number of hours each year. To familiarize their guests with other League programs, reports were given on the work done in hospitals and children's homes, Red Cross automobiles and community projects.

The annual play for school children went into rehearsal on April 5. This year's production, "Hocus-Focus and His Magic Machine" was written especially for the League by Jervis McMechan.

The first performance will be at the Community House on May 8, for Birmingham children. Performances will be at 11 a.m., 1:30 and 3 p.m.

## Honored at Banquet, To Graduate in May

Jean Marson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Marson of Thirteen Mile road, will graduate in May from Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

A member of Alpha Xi Delta, she is secretary-treasurer of Triton, honorary swimming secretary, and is an honorary member of the Synchronized team. At a recent banquet she was awarded a 1954 swimming plaque and she is on the dean's list.

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