

He or she who allows a week to pass without reading, and pondering, something of a thrill and a splashing nature is like one who remains in the durance of darkness, away from the sunlight, in the world of ideas, things, require sunshine to grow—and people require spiritual food for their growth, as well.

Beads Lend Stylenote to Knits For A Hobbist's Winter Work

Beadery done in fashionable patterns on cashmere sweaters is Mrs. Garda Vereeke's project for her first winter in Lathrup in nine years.

Living with her daughter at 27711 Lathrup, this white haired widow has beaded and braided on sweaters for nearly a year now, since learning the craft in California.

She still sends to the west coast for the beads, pearls and imported monstones that she sews in simple, stylized rows in the deeper colored braid, ending soft sweaters.

BRANGLES and HUGLES adorn many of the silk scarves that she makes for friends or sells through a gift shop in Pontiac.

Intricate work, the beading is a bit hard on her eyes, this busy craftswoman says, but she enjoys the color schemes she can formulate.

THE ALFRED KAUFMANN home (Mrs. Kaufmann is Mrs. Vereeke's daughter, Betty) has many pieces of jewelry and colorful paintings done by Mrs. Vereeke. The paintings are of the "fill-in-the-number" but are fun to do, she says.

As she learned to do the beading while in California, so a year earlier she had learned ceramics. Her pots, curved from clay and glazed realistically adorn rapidly boxes and ashtrays, 7 mil, chaireux glass.

HAMPED FROM excessive walking by arthritis, and a dead nerve in the hip, Mrs. Vereeke finds the hand work an interesting

Area Handicapped Persons Organizing Social Club

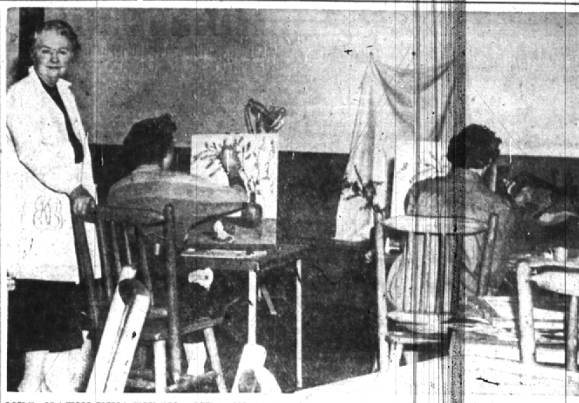
Handicapped persons in the area are invited to meet with the Metropolitan Activities club at 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon at the Birmingham YWCA building, 400 E. Lincoln.

Newest of the area clubs, it is planned for handicapped persons, to provide a social and recreational outlet for them.

Miss Harriet Decker, speaking for the group, said anyone in the

as well as profitable hobby. Driving across the continent to California presented few problems for her—she has spent five winters in Daytona Beach and several in California—last year she decided to return for her return trip. She sold her car just a half hour before taking the Super Chief, she says.

In California, she visits her son, Edgar J., his wife and little girl. She formerly lived in Pontiac, when her father and husband were operating the J. V. Pharmacy there.



MRS. KATHLEEN BIRCH, MRS. W. W. BROKENSHIRE, MRS. WILLIAM PADDISON. Instructor checks with group working on still life design.

Community House Closes '54 Crafts, Hobby Groups

This week marks the closing of the current series of craft and hobby classes at the Birmingham Community House, involving 453 adult students.

Thelma Anderson and one in this house-sponsored activity, said the current enrollment is about average for the 15 classifications which include more than 25 classes.

"A number of the classes," she said, "have proven popular enough that registrations are repeated several times. In most of them, subject matter is such that an instructor can work with beginners or advance students at the same time, with no devaluation for either."

"That is one of the things which tell us, here at the Community House, that the program is a really worthwhile one. If a class and its instructor can hold the interest of one person for more than one term, we know it is successful."

Wedding vows were exchanged by Edith Walk and Robert Allen at 7 p.m. Friday, in the First Baptist church. The Rev. Emil Kontz read the double ring rites before members of the family and close friends.

Edith chose a two-piece gray dressmaker suit with pink angora trim and a matching hat. She had corsage of red carnations.

Attending the couple were Mrs. Robert C. Brown, sister of the bride, and Jack Munger, brother of the groom.

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Canling, 560 Watkins. Robert's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Allen of Townsend street.

Following a honeymoon to Niagara Falls, the newlyweds will make their home on Ann street.

THREE CLASSES in sculpturing were taught by Sven King; two in silver by Mrs. Bea Roach; three in silver, Mrs.

MRS. ROBERT RIORDAN, MRS. DON GRAHAM, MRS. CARL SUNDBERG. Heating and polishing finished pieces in enameling class. (Eccentric Photos)

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MRS. DUNCAN HAMNER DOES COFFEE EASILY. Fireplace aids warm hospitality. (Eccentric Photo)

Calls Coffeetime Easy Entertaining

by DOROTHY BENJAMIN

Serving coffee and hot canapés is the easy way of entertaining that lets Mrs. Duncan Hamner face holiday festivities without needless worries.

Whether the group has four or 14 members, Mrs. Hamner welcomes the chance to entertain at her home at 5420 Longmeadow.

Coffees are simpler in scale than most gatherings, according to the attractive blonde woman whose husband is a General Motors engineer and whose two children attend Birmingham high school.

"I don't think it right to make entertaining so much work you do without hostess worries," she says. "I do it at least once a week. The more you do it, the easier it is."

PLACING HER SILVER TRAY laden with piping hot coffee on the small table at one end of her living room, Mrs. Hamner usually invites her guests to help themselves to hot canapés or pieces of her favorite Hungarian coffee cake.

For just a few friends, she will serve the hot coffee table between the davenport and fireplace, and for a more formal group of about 14, she will use the dining room table. For the larger group, she usually asks someone to take over coffee-pouring duties.

HER RECIPE FOR COFFEE is simply "I make it to suit me, the one of the stronger, full-bodied brands in either a percolator for small amounts or her 10-cup drip pot for larger amounts."

For each cup of coffee wanted, she uses a standard coffee measure full. The measure's equivalent would be a really heaping tablespoon.

HOT ROLLS OF SOME KIND are Mrs. Hamner's specialty. Using a standard raised dough recipe, she makes variations, or serves hot cheese or mushroom on small pieces of bread for morning coffee.

Her Hungarian coffee cake uses the same dough, sweetened slightly and rolled in little balls with sugar, cinnamon and chopped nuts. These are piled into an angel cake tin or other pan and baked.

Its fragrant and golden brown color makes it a conversation-piece for a large gathering, and guests can take one section off easily.

"THIS IS A FRIENDLY TOWN," Mrs. Hamner says and she recalls how the coffee-party idea she brought from a visit to her family in Virginia was accepted in Birmingham.

"Despite Southern hospitality, if you moved to my hometown of Lynchburg, Va., you wouldn't have had as good a time as if you moved into Michigan," she says.

She has used hot coffee hours to help newcomers meet friends in Birmingham.

"The stimulus of new faces" has led her often to take the membership chairmanship for clubs, she says.

ACTIVE IN LEAGUE of Women Voters, she has found it easy to entertain groups of league women on two succeeding mornings.

About 14 is an ideal number, she says, for chatting, and is "a little more stimulation than just four guests."

Hours for her coffee events usually are from ten to 11 o'clock.

Red Cross Planning Training Sessions

Joining other chapters in the country, Oakland county's American Red Cross has expressed its desire to have one person in every family trained in first aid work.

A step toward this goal is being taken with the establishment of seven courses; one advance and six standard, according to Ralph S. Postman.

In a related field, Mrs. Herminio Rodriguez, chairman of nursing service summer class in home nursing will be started on Jan. 17. Home caring for the ill will be the overall theme.



MRS. GARDA VEREEKKE, LEFT, SHOWS WORK Does craft at Lathrup home of daughter, at right. (Eccentric Photo)

Voices and Violins Unite for Musicales

The traditional Christmas Program of the Birmingham Musicales will be at 2 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Community house.

Features will be the group's Choral E songs by the choral quartette, and a double quartette, directed by Gertrude Heinze Greer and accompanied by Margaret Clifton and Fern Patterson.

As guest artist, violinist John Cataldo will play three Fritz Kreisler and four Giuseppe Allegro, Sion Rosmarin, and Gage Viennois. Cataldo will be accompanied by Dorothy Gillon, a member of the musicale.

THE CHORAL ENSEMBLE will present "I Name Thy Hallowed Name" by Loewe, "In the Carpenter's Shop" by Forster with its alto solo sung by Dorothy Mitchell, and "O Nightingale, Awake," a Swiss folksong from the 18th Century arranged by Dickinson.

The double quartette will sing "Adore and Be Still" by Coussot. Quartette members are Nancy Ranke, Gertrude Woodman, Ethel Ayres, Helen Bouchard, Marge Whitehouse, Josephine Lee, Harriet Fox and Molly Kinney. The vocal soloist will be played by John Cataldo.

NEXT, THE ENSEMBLE will render Tchaikovsky's "Nightingale Suite" arranged for chorus by Harry Simeone.

Conclusion will be the ensemble's presentation of three familiar and lovely Christmas carols.

Cataldo, whose violin music will highlight the program which is open to the public, studied with Lewis Ehrke, a pupil of Joseph Joachim.

Before moving to Birmingham, Cataldo was a member of the American String quartette and the New Jersey Chamber Music society. He is former concert-master of several New Jersey symphony orchestras.

THE CHORAL ENSEMBLE's director, Gertrude Greer, is also director of the Girls of the First Methodist church in Dearborn.

For many years she was choral chairman of the Michigan Federation of Music clubs and led the mixed choruses at many of their annual conventions. She has been

THEIR SONGS AND MUSIC WILL KEY CONCERT Soloists are Mrs. Rudolph Ranke, Mrs. John Mitchell; accompanists, Mrs. Donald Patterson, Mrs. Robert Clifton. (Eccentric Photo)

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