

Telecast Fetes Southfield Club

Southfield Optimists will be featured on the Feb. 9 telecast of "Club Night at Arthur Murray's", according to Alfred G. Bradbury, president of the group. The show will be on Channel 7 at 8:30 p.m.

Mistress of ceremonies Doris Eaton Travis will interview Bradbury and other club members.

Bradbury will tell the viewing audience of youth projects carried on by the group in Southfield townships.

The Southfield Optimists Club was named last fall as one of 39 honor clubs in Optimists International. It is the only club in the Southern Peninsula of Michigan to hold that distinction.

ON THE SHOW will be 10 boy scouts from a troop sponsored by the Southfield group. Four of the scouts will be given a free dancing lesson on the show and the troop will be presented a gift of camping equipment.

Among those participating in preparations for the show are Edward J. Bush, 2664 Forestview Drive; Mrs. James E. Ford, 25029 Ravine Road; George E. Jacquillard, 27600 Lathrup; Thomas H. Mack, 27631 Lathrup; Erling R. Paulson, 25740 Farmbrook.

Herbert C. Starkey, 18240 Coral Gables; William B. Hammer, 24800 Kinsel Road; James H. Davis, 24717 W. Ten Mile Road; Walter E. Lange, 25865 Forestview Drive; and Mr. Alex G. Billedon, 18860 San Jose.



SALLY HANSON

In home for Girl Scout activities (Eccentric Staff Photo)

What the Community House Means to Me

By SALLY HANSON
5643 Putnam, Walnut Lake

I've been a Girl Scout for 7 years and almost all of the Scout meetings I've attended have been at the Community House. They have a room especially for the Girl Scouts and about 50 girls from all over Birmingham and the surrounding areas meet there every week. The girls are from three different troops.

Our leaders meet there too, for their training courses. When my mother had her training course there, she was always talking about how cooperative and helpful everyone was.

We do all of our regular Scout work there. I'm 14 years old and a freshman at Birmingham High and I've worked at the House to get my merit badges and my 42 hours of service work. I'll start a training course in February.

Mrs. John St. Clair who is chairman of the Birmingham district of Girl Scouts said that the Scouts just couldn't function without the Community House. They started coming there 23 years ago. Leaders and trainers come for monthly district meetings and their recruitment groups meet there. They hold the annual Scout Fair and the Junior Needlework Guild in-gathering at the House.

There are too many of us Girl Scouts to meet at anyone's home so we are very glad that we have the Community House to go to. The girls, and our mothers too, want everyone to know how much we appreciate it.

Home Building in City May End in Four Years

By GIL HERMAN

House building within the city limits of Birmingham may become a thing of the past in about four years if trends indicated by reports from the building department continue.

Reports covering the past few years show that houses are being built in the city at the rate of about 215 per year. This rate is expected to continue, barring disruption of the home buying market, according to T. C. Brien, city building inspector.

Relating this trend to the fact that only about 980 residential building sites remain in the city, it appears that by the end of 1958 residential building space will be exhausted.

Figures on the availability of vacant residential property have been disclosed in a recent study conducted by Robert Boatman, city planning director.

IN ADDITION to the 980 housing sites, the study shows that 439 single owner lots remain unoccupied in the city. These lots in general, are owned by persons occupying houses on adjacent lots. It is, therefore, difficult to determine whether any of them will be made available for new building.

Property that would lend itself to production type construction is nearly gone, Boatman reported. He forecast that, from now on most

building will be done on a custom scale.

Area in which the bulk of residential property remains are as follows: the area north of Whimbleton and west of Adams, Birmingham Forest Hills subdivision south of Maple facing Cranbrook, Crestview and Birmingham Hills subdivisions in the area of Southfield and Northlaw, Birmingham highlands, No. 2, near Lincoln and Westchester, and in Pembroke manor along Derby road.

ONE FACT pointing toward the end of building activity in Birmingham is that during 1953, total valuation of building permits dropped by \$1,122,950 over 1952 totals. In 1953, building permits totaling \$13,232,055. In total valuation of \$7,232,055. In 1953 only 664 building permits were issued at \$9,109,105 valuation. These permit totals include gar-

ages, alterations, and business establishments is also pointing down, according to Boatman's report. Of the present property zoned for business development, only 23 per cent, 6 vacant stores occupy 41 per cent, major parking lots, 8 per cent, and 28 per cent is presently in residential use.

Bureau of the building inspector's office is expected to remain brisk for some time, however. Brien said that many garages will be added to recently new houses. This fact, coupled with a trend toward numerous alterations to houses, will call for the issuance of many building permits in years to come.

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Accused Driver Asks Jury Trial

A jury trial was demanded by a Pontiac man at his arraignment Friday in Birmingham Justice court on a charge of driving while under the influence of liquor.

Arrested on the charge on January 25, Herbert A. Shannon, 14 Romana Terrace, Pontiac, pleaded not guilty.

Trial date was set for Feb. 19 by Judge John J. Garfil. Bond was set at \$100.

Police are awaiting the results of an intoximeter test made at the time of the arrest.

Two Cars Stolen; One Is Recovered

Birmingham police still are searching for one of two cars stolen Wednesday night, Jan. 27, from the Harold Turner used car lot on S. Woodward.

One of the cars was recovered by Oakland county sheriff's deputies Sunday at Auburn and John R. roads in Troy township.

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