



A THERAPEUTIC RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY
Patients (backs to camera) enjoy square dancing.

Hospital Patients Dance To Health

It's an "allemand left to the corner" that leads to mental health for patients at the Pontiac State hospital. Square dancing as a therapeutic recreational activity has been going on for almost a year and a half at the hospital and the success of the program is, in large part, due to a small group of men and women from Birmingham and Franklin village.

It all began in December 1952 square dances and the rest helping when Christ Church Cranbrook patients go through the figures. sponsored a square dancing party for hospital patients. The party was a great success with some of the Birmingham folks calling the end and well qualified square

dancers who have learned their lessons well at the Adams school square dance parties which have been going on for the past 10 years.

"The square dances have been a lot of fun for the patients," said Miss Dorothy Roe, hospital recreational therapist. "The reaction of the patients toward these dances has been very good and they hate to have the parties come to an end."

"Didn't we have a wonderful time!" is one reaction I get frequently and "When are we going to have another square dance?" is another, just as soon as one party is over."

"Of all the volunteer community services, we have nothing better than these square dances," Miss Roe said. "The program is a part of our therapy in re-socializing the mental patients through recreational activities."

THE DANCES are held once a month, summer and winter, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. All patients who wish may attend, the only restriction being that they must participate in the program if they sign up for it. About 120 patients attend each monthly dance.

Most of the patients follow the caller to perfection but some require help. The dancing is best when each set can be guided by an experienced couple and the caller adapting his tempo to the ability of the dancers.

"While the group at the hos-

pital changes more or less each time, they have, on the whole, developed into good dancers and can perform quite intricate figures," said Fred Meyer, who has acted as chairman for the instructing group.

AT LEAST five couples are needed as instructors at each party. The Birmingham couples who have divided the responsibility of conducting these dances are:

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Don Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Leavenworth, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Manley Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Clair DeVai, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davison, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snead, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Millington, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dadd, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dingler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elterby, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rutten, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hollister, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Art Carty from Franklin and Dr. and Mrs. Carl Rice from Bloomfield Hills also have participated in this volunteer project.

★ Smile a Minute . . . Two kids watched a stout man step on a scale. The man dropped his penny in, but the scale was out of order. It registered only 50 pounds.

"Gee!" gasped one of the kids. "He's hollow."



George Jacoby, Jr.

Jacoby Selected For Research Work At Jackson Lab

A Birmingham boy, George A. Jacoby, Jr., 24½ Paritan is one of 25 young men and women nationally selected to help conduct research projects in psychology and medicine at the Roscoe B. Jackson Memorial Laboratory, Bar

Harbor, Maine. The Jackson Laboratory, a Torch Drive agency, is noted for its outstanding research in the fields of cancer and genetics.

Jacoby was graduated from Yale this June with a BA degree in psychology.

He finished first in a class of 800 and won the Warren Memorial high scholarship award.

Jacoby's appointment to the Laboratory was secured through the sponsorship of Dr. Frank Beach, head of the Yale psychology department.

His two main research problems will be a study of hereditary obesity and a study of the biological aspects of fear.

Aside from his research work, Jacoby will attend daily lectures on such subjects as genetics, socio-biology and endocrine function.

Jacoby will enter Harvard medical school after completing his summer research work.

Elected To Board

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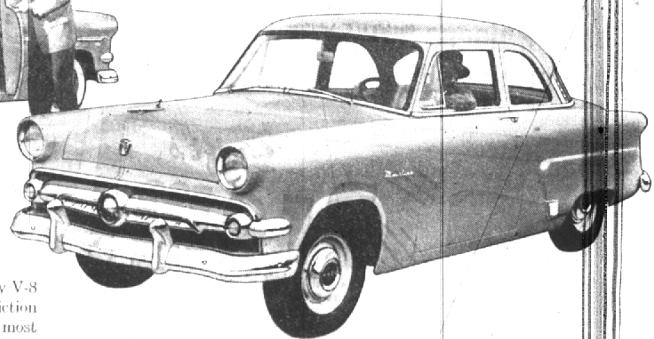
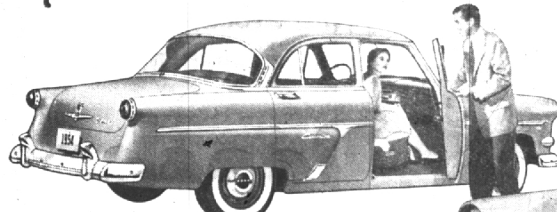
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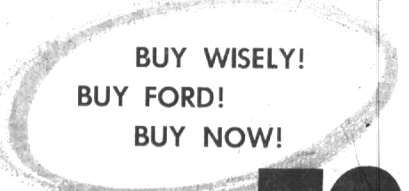
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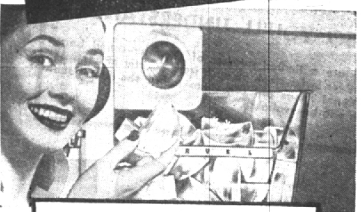
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