

A Wise Mother Sets Up Rules for Using Backyard Playground

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In Summer, mother is playground supervisor in her own back yard, and unless she puts some brakes on the situation, she'll be exhausted.

Some play equipment is a must. But not too much. It attracts too many kids.

One mother bought the works—enough play places for six or eight, and all the kids in the neighborhood there, all the time. Their own lawns were lovely, but hers was completely worn away.

A mother is justified in sending home those children who live many doors away, when kids get too thick.

Separate larger ones from smaller by saying, "Only those five or under may use the plastic pool this hour." Set aside another hour for those six and seven. Or rule that "only those eight or over may play on the tire-swing."

THESE RULES might help:

1. Quarrellers must go home for a half-hour. Your own will have to come in. This will teach fighters to settle their own difficulties rather than knock on your door every time they want you to arbitrate their troubles.

2. Kids must line up to share equipment, giving small ones a chance.

3. No sharp sticks, ropes or other lethal weapons allowed in the yard.

4. No orange peels, apple cores or candy papers are to be strewn on the lawn. Provide a container and teach the children to use it.

5. Some places in the yard are off-limits, such as the garage, flower gardens and so on. Turning on the hose is strictly verboten.

6. Neighborhood children may not tromp into your house for bathroom-going, drinks or snacks. They'll have to go home for these.

7. When you call your youngsters in at night, all others must go home and stay there.

WITH A FEW friendly backyard conferences, mothers can agree on a "sista time" for the whole block. During those hours, everyone stays home. No visiting, no slamming of doors, bickering, shouts of joy or yowls of sorrow. Mothers can put their babies down for naps and older children can do quiet things. Maybe mother herself (the poor soul) can get a bit of sleep. At least she can get some work done.

This quiet time has been actually implemented in some communities, and made to work. Along with it goes the unwritten, but effective, rule that all children stay out of the yard of one who is ill. Then he can recover without fussing to get up and be with them.

At best, summer will be rigged for the mother who spends most of it in town. But well enforced rules help. Happy summer, Mother!

If Nature had intended that mankind should look backwards as much as it should look forward, our world would have been constructed in the pattern of a sunset. Ahead lies the path that we must walk, for along it grow our opportunities.

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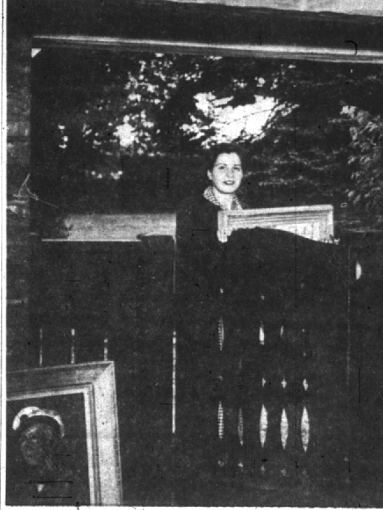
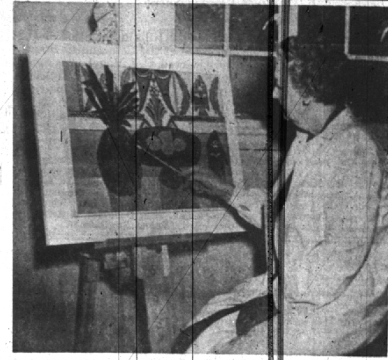
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Mrs. Brunson

PREPARATIONS for their first outdoor art show are occupying members of the Birmingham Society of Women Painters as the June 15 date approaches. Mrs. Philip Moses (upper left) at whose East Long Lake road home the show will be held, indicates that garden blooms should be in their prime for the event, while Mrs. Vinton P. Birch puts the finishing touches on her "Jamaica Impression" which she will exhibit. Mrs. George Cutter and Mrs. Cyrus R. Osburn (lower left) bring more paintings in for display around the pool area. Mrs. Donald Chaffee checks the placement of pictures for lighting. Open to the public, show hours will be from 2-4 p.m., and 7-9 p.m. Mrs. Osburn is general chairman. (Eccentric Photo)



Walnut Lake Luncheon Fetes Dr. W. H. Fisher

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WALNUT LAKE—Mrs. K. F. Werder, 4720 West Maple road, entertained more than 50 ladies from the Central Methodist church, Detroit, at a luncheon last week, honoring Dr. W. H. Fisher, who is making a nation-wide tour, lecturing for the Literacy Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Dean announce the marriage of their daughter, Mrs. Priscilla Dean Coffey to Dr. Daniel J. Hutton on May 15, Hyannis, Mass. The Huttons will make their home at Hyannis.

Mr. James B. Roberts of Lakeshore road will be the host to the Marshall Chess club at his home, June 6. The players are expected for the afternoon and evening and the Roberts are hoping for sunny skies so that the games and dinner may be enjoyed out of doors.

Happy birthday to Jill Morton daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morton, of Middlebelt road, who just celebrated her 18 birthday, June 29. Jill entertained with a luncheon party and later took her friends to the theater. Her guests were Virginia Irwin, Sandra Sweet, Joan Simper, Estella Quirk and Jill Oatland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Bunn of Kenmore road are sailing via the ship of Mr. Bunn's father, Mr. Albert V. Bunn of Dorset, England, who is making the trip from South Africa to the United States. Mr. Bunn was on a safari in South Africa and at the age of 75, he is very proud of bagging his first lion. Mr. and Mrs. B. Bunn are planning a trip to New York to meet their boat and will drive their father back here.

Nancy Phelps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Phelps, will do a ball dance in a ball room at the Lathrup village school on June 4. Nancy is a pupil of Carol Sanderberg school of ballet.

Mrs. Dora Irwin of Westmoor road entertained a weekend guest, Miss Eleanor Kiel, weekend teacher from Dearborn. Mr. Irwin is still in Europe on a business trip. His travels have so far taken him to Paris, London and Geneva.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. John Phelps had visitors from East Detroit. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hatcher and their six children.

Mrs. James Roberts had a very eventful week, trip camping with two other Girl Scout leaders. Their purpose was to find camping sites in the state parks, as they plan on numerous camps this summer with their Troop.

Did you happen to notice a delightful aroma as you passed on Lakeshore road last week? Girl Scouts of Troop 360 were at the home of their leader, Mrs. James Roberts and their baking trays, Buns and cookies out of doors in their reflector ovens. Mrs. Julian Ofenstein assisted.

Cotton Ball Attended by Berkshire Residents

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BERKSHIRES—Berkshire Hills Protective association annual Cotton Ball, held June 5, at the Birmingham Country Club, was really a gala affair. To open the festivities, each gentleman selected one geranium from a group of geraniums, and tucked among its leaves, he found a small slip of paper bearing the name of the lady who was to be his partner for the grand march. He then presented the geranium to his lady fair as her favor for the evening.

Among those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Hope Clarke, Dr. and Mrs. Otto Grob, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Herry, Mr. and Mrs. John Estinger, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Berg and their daughter, Ellen Berg, Miss Berg, who is an opera singer, sang a medley of songs.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Sullivan had in their party the Glen Dennings, the H. M. Dawsons, the Alfred Owens, the L. Stephensons, the Gordon Groves, the Louis Dempseys, the John Calhouns and the Donald Spragues.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wink and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reason joined the Gordon Nyquist at their table. Others seen circling the dance floor were Mr. and Mrs. James Traa, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keating, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Lee Keating and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Smith. It is reported that the affair was such a big success, that members are already looking forward to next year.

Mrs. Howard Keating, Jr., and Mrs. Henry Mayson drove to Washington, D.C., where they attended the tenth annual reunion of Georgetown Visitation junior college.



NEW OFFICERS OF THE LATHRUP Woman's club were seated together Wednesday afternoon, June 2, when the club honored incoming and outgoing officers at the annual luncheon at Oakland Hills Country Club. From left to right are Mrs. Alvin B. Plumtree, treasurer; Mrs. Albert J. McLaren, recording secretary; Mrs. Conrad Bloom, president; Mrs. William J. Reinhard, vice president and Mrs. H. F. Froelich, corresponding secretary.

Judy, who has just returned from a six-month vacation in Florida to their new home on Parkstone lane. While south, Mrs. Scott, a pantomimist and pianist, played a 17-week engagement at Piore's supper club in Miami and spent another 5 weeks at the Tatem surf club at Miami Beach.

In between engagements and on his days off, he played golf while Mrs. Scott and Judy enjoyed the sun and beach, but they're all glad to get back to their new home where they'll get their sunbathing and mowing the Scotti Acre.

To open its summer program the Berkshire Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association held a desert bridge at the house of Mrs. Walter A. Markin, 7355 Chula Vista lane. The hostesses for the affair were Mrs. Otto Grob, Mrs. George L. Wright, Mrs. Russell D. Hughes, Mrs. John E. McKenna, Mrs. John Schuchinger, Jr., Mrs. Ronald Bever, Mrs. Hope Clarke and Mrs. Archie B. McColl. Each hostess furnished the first prize for her table and the consolation prizes were furnished by Mrs. Walter H. Hedley.

The annual election of officers in the Berkshire Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association was held Tuesday, June 1, at the Birmingham Community House. Unanimous ballots were cast for Mrs. Archie B. McColl, president; Mrs. Otto Grob, vice president; and Mrs. John Hedley, recording secretary. Mrs. Walter A. Markin, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Buck Sullivan, treasurer, were re-elected. All of the annual reports were read at this meeting and new officers were installed. A moving vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers, Mrs. Walter H. Hedley, Mrs. Russell D. Hughes, and Mrs. Gordon G. Nyquist. Refreshments were served and the club adjourned its formal meetings until September.

Spring Flower Show At Rochester Lists Birmingham Judges

Four Birmingham women, Mrs. Frank Webb, Mrs. George W. Chesley, Mrs. Aaron Webster and Mrs. Lewis Dibble will serve as judges when the Rochester branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association holds its spring flower show June 12-13.

The affair will take place in the Avon pavilion, Rochester. Saturday hours will be from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., and is open to the public.

'Philadelphia Story' Will Open on June 11

June 11 is opening night for St. Dunstan Players' presentation of the Philip Barry comedy, "The Philadelphia Story". Four showings are scheduled, including June 12, and June 18-19. All will be seen at the Greek theater, Lone Pine road.

"The Philadelphia Story" will be directed by Nat Doughty, a native of that city and a resident of Birmingham for two years.

This is Doughty's third directorial assignment, having handled "Angel Street" and "Private Lives" last season.

An advertising man, Doughty has been active in theatrical work since his high school days when he co-authored a musical comedy. He continued his interest during student days at the University of Pennsylvania where he was a member of Mask and Wig.

He later held membership in the Philadelphia Plays and Players and the Colonial Players. With Mrs. Doughty, he was also a member of the Swarthmore Players for many years.

UNDER HIS direction members of the local cast are giving the comedy based on the life of a rather stuffy divorcee and almost professional touch.

Mrs. Wendell Clough, playing Tracy Lord, the feminine lead, says she has been interested in the theater as long as she can remember.

At Sweet Briar and the University of Indiana she continued her interest, adding dramatic study and speech therapy to her training.

In New York she gained stage, radio and television experience, appearing with Sir Cedric Belfrage in the Pulitzer prize play, "Shadow and Substance".

Marriage and two children took her from the stage, but she has been affiliated with dramatic groups in whatever community the family has settled. At one time she, too, held membership in Philadelphia's Plays and Players.

Thomas J. (Tim) King, former St. Dunstan president, is playing the role of G. K. Dexter in "The Philadelphia Story". He has appeared in several St. Dunstan roles and has turned his hand to directing. "Clatterback" having been produced under his guidance two years ago.

ANOTHER "old timer" to St. Dunstan audiences is Mrs. Charles Gieg, to be seen as "Liz". A resident of Birmingham for three years and the mother of four children, Mrs. Gieg considers theatrical pursuits "recreational". With her husband she has taken an active part in St. Dunstan affairs since moving here and next year will be in charge of play reading and casting. Gieg has been appointed to the guild's board of directors.

While living in Hudson, Ohio, HIS MEMBERSHIP in the

Annual Meeting Of Junior League Held on Tuesday

Birmingham's Junior League met at the Bloomfield Hills country club June 8 for their annual meeting and luncheon.

Mrs. Otis Thompson, who conducted the meeting, introduced new members Mesdames Roger Akon, George A. Cantick, Don A. Carr, John C. Emery, Frederick Erb, Peter Higbie, Hugh E. Mack, Jr., Maxwell Millard, Charles Handall, Harry Swan, Miles Thom, David White and Frank H. Tate III.

Other new members presented were Mesdames Mary Sue Ekelund, Sheila Flannery, Clara Gordon, Patricia McDonald, Mary Alice Stringer and Mary Taylor.

MEMBERS OF the coming year's provisional class, Mesdames Charles McCall, Robert H. Bookmeyer, Rockwood Shilard, Jr., Milton F. Coulson, Jr., Charles Duray, Jr., Howard H. Fitzgerald, Gordon T. Gettings, Ralph C. Gettings, John M. Holden, James B. Leahy, and Misses Margaret W. Manning, Laura Lee Raymond and Mary Elizabeth Smith, were also introduced.

Conference delegates summarized the four-day session they attended at Boca Raton.

Annual reports were given by board members each wearing a hat decorated to represent her particular office. The hats were presented to those who will hold the office for the coming year.

Orchid Greenhouse

A "Caravan" for Forest Lake country club women will go to Turlock, Calif., to visit the Forest Lake Leslie H. Green, where the highland visit to the orchid greenhouse, followed by buffet luncheon at the club. Hostesses will be Mesdames Stanley J. Gilson, David J. Underdown, John W. Holmes, Spencer Gates and Robert H. Walls.

Ansaman Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ansama, 1387 Melton, entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Kayasour of Ashtabula, O., over the weekend.

Guild began in 1947, and he has been frequently in demand as a leading man in the past. Among his past appearances has been "Born Yesterday", "Midsommer Night's Dream" and the wisecracking Irish soldier in "Yellow Jack".

Orders cast in the Barry comedy "The Philadelphia Story" were Dick Miller, E. A. Schirmer, Gordon Saunders, Jolly Kellogg, Al Benjamin, Mr. Frederic Pew, Johnny Knight, George Heideman, Liz Smith and Harry Booth.



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MRS. WENDELL CLOUGH