

Millions of human beings find great personal satisfaction in the out-of-door, whether it be gardening, fishing, hunting, exploring, or just walking. There is an affinity in such an environment for people that exceeds the lure of wall-to-wall space.

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THE COMMUTER'S WIFE

Small Fry Birthday Party Needs A Bit Of Careful Planning

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Birthday parties for pre-schoolers sometimes prove to be an ordeal for mothers, but there are ways to make them fun. First, try not to have a party until your child is four. At two or three, children are so individualistic that they don't fit well into group activities. At these ages too, mothers must often stay through the party with the children, and while adult talk is going on, children's activities suffer.

Try to limit the guest-list to six or seven children, as near your child's age as possible. A group with some two-year-olds and some seven is hard to entertain.

Neighborhood children left out because of their ages can be placated with pieces of birthday cake.

PLAN A short party. Even one hour is long enough for these little ones. Serve the ice-cream and cake first, as soon as guests arrive. That will answer their constant inquiry, "When are we gonna eat the cake?"

If weather's fair, plan the entire party for out-of-doors. At this age, they haven't yet tired of the old stand-by ring game—Cat and Mouse, Blindman's Buff and Drop the Handkerchief, and will enjoy playing them.

But have some rainy day activities planned too!

Pinning the nose on the clown. (Make a life-size clown's face on cardboard with colored crayons, and some extra paper noses.)

Marching. Play music on piano or records and let children march, taking turns being leader. The game is to stop, without bumping anyone, when the music stops abruptly.

DROPPING clothespins into a milk-bottle is old, but children still like it.

Peanut Hunt. Hide them in some room where you don't mind the furnishings being disrupted.

Ring on string. Slip a ring over a long string and tie string-ends together, making a large circle. Players stand around the string circle, holding onto it with both hands, with one child, "It" in the center. At signal, "Go," the ring is passed secretly from one to the other, and the signal "Stop," "It" must guess who has the ring. Then that person is "It"—and the game continues.

HIDDEN TREASURES. Hide small toys about the room, with a long string attached to each and all strings leading to a central point. Each child takes his string and follows it to his prize.

Offer small prizes for winning games and contests, with "Only one prize to a person."

If some Young One wins a second time, give him a stick of gum as consolation.

Later on, pass out prizes to all children who haven't won any. It spoils their pleasure to be left out.

Often a mother can enjoy the party as much as the children do, her chief pleasure being the fun that they are having.



Mrs. Brunson

THOMAS SCHIPPERS MRS. NORMAN STROUSE

Guest conductor chats with hostess at party.
(Eccentric Photo)

Opera Association Has Tea for Area Chairmen

Divisional and vice chairmen of the Detroit Grand Opera Association, coming from Dearborn, Grosse Pointe, Detroit, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Pontiac, gathered at the Showhouse circle home of Mrs. Norman H. Strouse May 13 for afternoon tea.

Guest of honor was Thomas Schippers of the New York City Opera company who will conduct the Nov. 20 matinee performance of "Hansel and Gretel" at the Masonic temple. This is a new production in English and will star comedienne Anna Russell as the witch and Frances Bible as Hansel.

THE OPERA season will open Nov. 15 at the Masonic temple with Ferruccio Tagliavini in "Tosca." On Nov. 21, the New York City Opera company will present "Show Boat."

Vice chairmen in this area are Mrs. Richard B. Darragh, Mrs. Norman H. Strouse and Mrs. Walker A. Williams. Mrs. Gunnar Karlstrom is co-ordinator of activities.

Divisional chairmen are Miss Mary Sue Eklund, Mrs. Paul J. Shine, Mrs. Robert G. Harris, Mrs. Robert Wardrop, Mrs. Matthew Cammareri, Mrs. H. H. Gardner, Mrs. Harvey G. Luce, Mrs. Ralph L. Polk, Jr., Mrs. Henry M. Moore, Jr., Mrs. Whiting W. Raymond, Mrs. Charles F. Moore, Jr., and Mrs. Walter F. Skinner.

Assisting the hostess at Thursday's party were Mrs. Darragh and Mrs. Williams. At the tea table were Mrs. Philip C. Baker, Mrs. Samuel J. Lang, Mrs. Frank W. Donovan and Mrs. Donald F. Kehl.



MARY S. FISHBURNE AVA C. CASE
Present final concert of Cranbrook Guild

Two Piano Team Ends Music Guild Season

The two-piano team of Ava Comin Case and Mary Stuart Fishburne, both of the University of Michigan school of music, will present the final concert of the Cranbrook Music Guild on Sunday, May 23. The program will be heard at 4 p.m., in the Cranbrook school auditorium.

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Start to Plan Benefit Parties For Boys School

In Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, the week of June 21 will be Start Commonwealth week.

The customary pattern of 30 homes being opened during the week, and each hostess entertaining for 10 tables of cards will be followed in the area again this year. Still following old pattern, each hostess will be aided by five assistants.

Parties will be held in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Rochester, Wing Lake, Beverly Hills and Lathrup townships.

Working together on plans are Mrs. William L. Graham and Mrs. W. Whiting Raymond.

Chairman of prizes Mrs. Walker A. Williams, with Mrs. Edwin W. Clarke handling publicity.

HOSTESSES will be: Mrs. John C. Kinzel, Mrs. Earl Bartholomew, Mrs. W. S. Gilbreath, Jr., Mrs.

Local Lassies Form Polly Pigtails Club

The "Junior Miss" section of Birmingham has a new club—the Polly Pigtails club, composed at the moment of six young ladies, average about 10 years of age.

Charter members of the group are Beverly Hastings, Susan Foley, Julie Bennett, Marsh Muller, Caren Halvorson and Marlene Potvin.

Without revealing what the plans are, President Hastings said there were many fairs and outdoor activities being scheduled.

Ruth Sterling Saunders, Mrs. Walter F. Skinner, Mrs. R. J. Waterbury, Mrs. Arthur B. Tilton, Mrs. L. B. Sappington, Mrs. Howard J. Liverance, Mrs. C. C. Richard, Mrs. E. S. Wellock, Mrs. Frank J. McGinnis, Mrs. Thomas E. Wilson and Mrs. Max H. Fruhauf.

All monies raised during the week will be turned over to the Starr school for boys at Albion.



THESE BIRMINGHAM youngsters, members of the junior division, Teenage Theater Workshop, will present "The King's Cream Puff" at Baldwin library auditorium on May 22. The program scheduled for 2:30 p.m., will include "Easterbunny of Duncan Hall," presented by the intermediate group. Shown above are Erik Saarinen and Fluereite Lourim. (Eccentric Photo)

Lynn Issette Surprised On Her 14th Birthday

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EAST BEVERLY—Lynn Issette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armand Issette of Elizabeth, entered her home last Thursday evening with utter astonishment when she discovered that nine of her friends were there to greet her with a surprise birthday dinner party. Jacqueline Vaughn and Margaret Scussle planned and executed the party which consisted of planning the menu as well as cooking the dinner.

Other friends of Lynn's who helped her celebrate her fourteenth birthday were Gene Tomancik, Jack Davis, Jim Brown, Marilyn Gilmore, Jim Pass, Lorna Moore and Jim Tomancik. The evening was climaxed with records and dancing.

St. Gerard's Guild of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church held their meeting this month on May 17 at the home of Mrs. James Kelly. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Kenneth Smith and Mrs. Joseph Smith. Guild members participated in sewing cancer pads.

Mrs. Donald Custance, leader of Girl Scout Troop 374 reports that the fifth annual Scout council gave 23 fourth grade Brownies their By-up wings on May 24 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs social hall. The occasion will be marked by a flag ceremony and afterwards punch and cookies will be served.

May 9 was an eventful day for little three-month-old Russell Post, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Post of Verona Circle. On that day young Russell was christened at Kirk in the Hills and later went to the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Post.

Coming from Chicago for the occasion were Russell's maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton. Also on hand were Mr. and Mrs. James Martin, Miss Irma Post and Mr. Frank Post.

The year's big event in Scouting was the Boy Scout Exposition which took place at the Fairgrounds last weekend. Several local Scout commissioners acted as hosts at the Exposition representing the Birmingham area. Among them were Mr. Douglas Witters, Mr. Armand Issette, Mr. John Mitchell, Mr. Richard Hatch and Mr. Hugh Bailey.

Mrs. Robert Smith of Elizabeth entertained her sewing club Thursday, May 13, with dessert and coffee. Those attending were Mrs. Paul McDonald, Mrs. John N. Hode, Mrs. Harold Wright, Mrs. Roger Parker, Mrs. David Thompson, Mrs. Richard Devereaux, Mrs. Robert E. G. Pipp, Mrs. L. H. Stout, Mrs. James Siddall, Mrs. Robert Karp, Mrs. Dermott McCarthy.

Last week was a big one for boys participating in Little League baseball in Birmingham. After four weeks of tryouts the player auction was held in which boys were sold to the various major league teams. A number of boys from this area were among those chosen. They are Robert Alexander of West 14 M.H. road, and Larry Ward of Buckingham of the Tigers. Gerald Leupen of Beechwood of the Sox, Dennis Campbell of Locherlie, Doug Witters of Kirkshire, Charles Angell of Lauderdale.

Children's Theater Directors Selected

New board members were named at the May 19 meeting of the Birmingham Children's Theater group, American Association of University Women held at the Lake home of Mrs. Carleton Scott. She had as her assistants Mrs. Howard McDonald and Mrs. E. G. Pipp.

Chairman for the year will be Miss Louise Hershey; co-chairman and business manager, Mrs. Jack Kleene; treasurer, Mrs. Claude Urevig; business manager, Mrs. Pipp; school representative, Mrs. Lawrence Mather; program chairman, Mrs. F. N. Mosher; social, Mrs. K. W. Pierce, and membership, Mrs. Granville Ryan.

Summer Theater Announces Plans Of '54 Programs

Plans for the 13th season of the Cranbrook Summer School of the Theater have been announced by Director Carl Wonnberger, to include a course in directing for a specially selected group of college and more experienced theater school students.

Starting June 21 in the Greek theater, the course will be offered as a laboratory project, working on production technique in a series of arranged projects giving members experience in carrying through productions.

William Hollingsworth, senior production director, has planned a series of projects to allow the top 15 students of the school to participate. Age, experience and position in the school will be factors in selection.

ASSIGNED to the junior division, Camille Sink of the University of Arizona will have charge of creative dramatics and pantomime. Alice Shaw of Northwestern university, will take charge of intermediate productions with Nancy Alice Wonnberger of MSC, assisting.

For the weekly series, Fred Bornhoeft, technical director, and Richard Booth, assistant in charge of junior productions, have arranged special section, with places still open to older students and boys in several divisions.

New students are still welcome in the youngest and oldest divisions; boys in all divisions and girls in youngest and oldest.

The program offers full-day activities for from six to eight weeks including swimming programs under the direction of Barbara Busch, MSC water ballet staff.

Altrusans Take Part In Varied Programs

Attended by more than a hundred Altrusans from Ohio and Michigan, the Birmingham chapter was represented by Miss Helen Hartman at the recent workshop in Mansfield, Ohio.

Another recent club activity included the observance of Michigan Week and National Health Week. A group attended the annual open house at Pontiac State hospital and took part in the tour.



MRS. CHARLES SHAW ROSS A. WAGNER
High school principal receives scholarship forms.
(Eccentric Photo)

AAUW Branch Offers Teaching Scholarships

Birmingham branch of the AAUW announces that it is offering two new scholarships totalling \$1,000 to girls living in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area. These scholarships will aid and assist young women who qualify and are interested in preparing for the teaching profession.

AAUW provides funds annually for international fellowships and scholarships through proceeds of its two money-raising projects: the fall book sale and a spring benefit show. In addition, this year the organization's aim is to promote and stimulate interest in teaching during this critical statewide and national shortage.

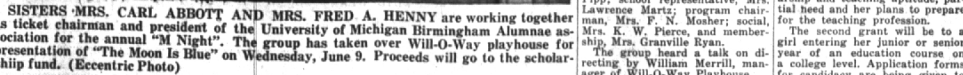
DR. DWIGHT B. Ireland, superintendent of Birmingham schools, recently reported that by the fall of 1954 there will be a shortage of 2,500 teachers in the state of Michigan alone.

The amount of \$500 will be given to a girl in this June's graduating class on the qualifications of scholarship and teaching aptitude, partial need and her plans to prepare for the teaching profession.

The second grant will be to a girl entering her junior or senior year and an educational course on a college level. Application forms for candidacy are being given to

Heads PTA Slate

Harry J. McGowan was elected president of the High School PTA at the final meeting of the season. Others on the slate are Mrs. T. C. Good, Jr., mother vice president; J. Robert Ryan, father vice president; and John S. Killy, secretary; and James J. O'Hara, Jr., treasurer.



SISTERS MRS. CARL ABBOTT AND MRS. FRED A. HENNY are working together as ticket chairman and president of the University of Michigan Birmingham Alumnae association for the annual "M. Night." The group has taken over Will-O-Way playhouse for ship fund. (Eccentric Photo)