

To go out of one's way to help to-day's youth is only to do what one ought from the adults of yesterday. When today's grownups are young, helping youth to help their better lives over well-earned and safe roads is to insure one's own late life; for the young are the ones who will be the generations who keep lighted our lamps.

## Christ Child's Society Garden Fans Glean Table Ideas 4 Area Clubs Gather

When the some 85 Birmingham members of the Christ Child's society start making toys, they do it in mass production, and a good idea is done over and over again.

That's what they've been doing in the basement at the Lloyd H. Diehl, Jr., family on Saffold for months now—night or afternoon finds the suburbanites stitching up felt skirts for colorful pillows, straining eyes over tiny cutouts for two dollhouses, or cellophane-wrapping cloth dolls.

They're ready to go on sale tomorrow at the Zavin Quarter in Detroit, with the Birmingham unit joining with the main society for the annual toy sale. Funds are used in the society's work with children in its camps and its shelter for the homeless.

**HUSBANDS HAVE HELPED** too, for Mr. Diehl and George Shanahan have both built dollhouses, which the women have decorated with tiny patterned wallpaper, miniature furnishings, and scented-curtain details. Details of the Georgian and the modern homes could please any little girl.

Mrs. Robert Wolcott is chairman of the project, assisted by Mrs. Joseph Paulus of Bloomfield village.

The sale, taking the form of a Winter Carnival, allocates the children's corner to the Birmingham unit. Sale is from 1 to 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Pillow slips in delicate colors for little girls, pictures for nursery and youth's rooms, gay painted ribbons with cork ends for teenage girls to tie under their collars, are among gift ideas.

Holiday table arrangements and settings were the center of attraction at a special meeting Oct. 29 in the Birmingham Community House.

The meeting was sponsored jointly by the Berkshire, Wing Lake, Northwood and Foxcroft branches of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association.

Describing in detail the table arrangements was Mrs. Walter D. Byrd of Royal Oak, and she was assisted by Mrs. William C. Barry, Mrs. Byrd was introduced by Mrs. H. L. Lowry, vice president of Northwood club.

**SETTING FOR THE TRADITIONAL** Thanksgiving feast was a simple and beautiful one done by Mrs. Byrd. Dinnerware and crystal glassware edged in gold were tucked on a brown cloth, with groupings at each end of the table.

In one, a brass candelabra held seven brown candles by a pair of Puritan figurines. In the other, a shock of wheat was surrounded by colorful gourds, grapes, Indian corn and autumn leaves.

**ACTS IN COMEDY** Miss Maria Parks Rising, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watson Rising of 1020 Brookwood, was a featured actress in "The Year's End," a musical comedy written and produced annually by the junior class of Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass.

Miss McGray, major, was on the business committee for the show in which approximately 100 juniors participated. A graduate of the Birmingham High School, Miss McGray was an officer in her dormitory last year.

**USING BRILLIANT COLORS** was advocated by Mrs. Byrd's talk, and illustrated in 195 shows and rows of the fall arrangements, and the bright reds for Christmas and the Christmas Day.

Variety in fabrics appeared in the cloths and napkins which she made herself, often from drapery fabrics, and even from old curtains.

**AT THE THURSDAY** program will sing selections by Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven and Haydn.

Miss McGray's accompanist will be Margaret Anderson, former pupil of Anna Hallman and Leo Hitzky. She worked with Paul Brink and Fred Patton and has played in concerts for the St. John's, Philip Alban and members of the Detroit Symphony.

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COPPER SCREEN PROVIDES HOLIDAY GLITTER Mrs. W. Byrd, left, and Mrs. Russell Olm eye tree. (Eccentric Photo)

## Musicale Members Planning Program

With several members scheduled to appear on the program, members of the Birmingham Musicale will have their monthly session at the Community House on Thursday, Nov. 11. The program is slated for 2 p.m.

Among the program participants will be Margaret Anderson, former voice teacher at Syracuse university and the Detroit Institute of Music. She studied in New York after being graduated from the University of Michigan.

Miss McGray sang and studied for several summers at Plymouth, Mass., where she was a member of "The Secret of Suzanne," by Wolf Ferreri.

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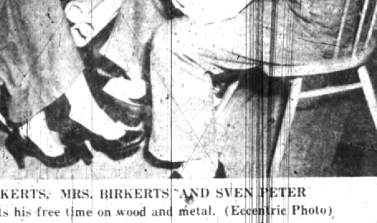
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GUNNAR BIRKERETS, MRS. BIRKERETS AND SVEN PETER Young architect puts his free time on wood and metal. (Eccentric Photo)

## MRS. MARY P. BLISS Afghans for veterans (Eccentric Photo)

## Busy Fingers Knit Afghans for Vets

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Miles of yarn slip between the fingers of busy knitters, going to tuberculosis patients at the veterans hospital in Dearborn.

Among the busiest of these workers is Mrs. Mary-P. Bliss, daughter, Mrs. W. M. Lee, at 327 Southfield.

Mrs. Bliss is a bright-eyed little lady with a ready wit who admits to being "over 80." She has made well over 1,000 of these six-inch afghan squares since she began her work not quite three years ago. And since early September has turned in 244 of them. It takes 65 squares and 70,000 stitches to make an afghan.

As she talks, her fingers fly, and now after row of loosely, even stitches marsh up and down, completing another block for another afghan.

"I JUST knit," she says, her eyes sparkling. "I think I'm honored to have the privilege of doing this for those poor boys."

"You know, there are a lot of them who are a long way from home. Their families can't come to see them and they take no friends around here who can call. They go on loneliness."

"When the Business Women send the afghans to them, the boys know they aren't forgotten. They know someone, even a stranger, is interested in them. It helps boys like that to get better."

**A FINISHED afghan** lay across the arm of her chair. It's colors were bright and gay. Some blocks a solid color, some in stripes. It was soft and warm, light weight—snuggly. Surely it would brighten someone's life and add to his physical comfort.

Mrs. Bliss touched it lightly, saying, "The way the blocks are put together makes it so strong. The actual construction is done by Mrs. S. K. Bird of Park

## TOYS GALORE Held by Mrs. Stranahan



## A MODEL MODERN HOME IS NEARLY COMPLETED Mrs. George D. Shanahan eyes her husband's handiwork.

The latest we get from the boys and sometimes from their mothers are heartwarming. We have found the gifts mean so much to the boys like the bright colors, jokers, who are patients there, select softer shades, and give more for solid colors. The afghans with the striped blocks of two or more colors are favorites with all the men.

"They are proud of them and they're quite a bit of jealousy among those who have not yet received one. Seldom is one delivered without a note of thanks coming to us."

**BOTH WOMEN** stressed the need of yarn.

"It's hard," they said, "to keep enough yarn on hand to meet all that need for afghans."

Without saying so, both indicated that gifts of yarn from anyone would be most welcome. The club had odds and ends left over from home knitting projects.

## U-M Unit's Guest on Fund Use

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Carlson will open their home on Country club drive, Bloomfield Hills, on Nov. 10 so that University of Michigan alumni and friends may hear details of a special project.

Dr. Henry Gombosi, the assistant director of the Michigan Memorial Phoenix project, will be speaker.

He will tell details of use of the over \$6,500,000 fund established at the close of World War I through the solicitation of funds from alumni and friends of U. of M. He will summarize the activities made possible through the fund.

**THE EVENING'S PROGRAM** is being sponsored by the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills association of the University of Michigan Women, whose husbands will be special guests.

Mrs. Arthur McDonald, Mrs. Russell Strickland, Mrs. William Johnson and Mrs. Marjory Faulkner will assist the hostesses at an informal coffee hour after Dr. Gombosi's talk.

**PATERSONS SHARE MB Parents Day** Mrs. and Mrs. Hamilton Paterson, 885 Westwood drive, Birmingham, will attend the second annual Parents' Day at Mary Baldwin College at Staunton, Va., on Saturday.

A program will give guests an opportunity to attend classes and chapel exercises, tour the campus, and visit the college Nursery School. President and Mrs. Charles W. McKenzie will entertain at tea, and in the evening the Glee Club will direct the direction of Gordon Page will perform.



## LAUGHING PUPPET IS AMONG SALES' FUNNIEST Mrs. Diehl waggles toy. Mrs. Paulus holds doll. (Eccentric Photos)

**Adams Opens Radio Commentator's Classroom for Parents**

Adams School's open house scheduled for Nov. 8, to coincide with the 8 p.m. Parent-Teacher association meeting at the school.

The entire meeting will be devoted to visits to classrooms, give parents opportunities to meet the teacher that guides their children and to see samples of work that has been done thus far in the school rooms. Plans for the remainder of the school year will also be outlined.

Parents will gather before their visits in the Adams gym for a brief business meeting. Refreshment committee will have a refreshment table in every hall on each floor.

**Youth Musicale** The Keynote Musicale is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Nov. 4 at the home of Susie Rippenhagen, 508 Colonial court. The concert group, formed of ninth and tenth graders, is open to any in that age group interested in music.