

## Chairmen Named for Seasonal Garden Activities

Mrs. Robert Watt, new president of the Birmingham branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden association, has invited all members of the board to her home for lunch at 12:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 27. Mrs. Charles Hood and Mrs. William McCallum will act as co-hostesses for the day.

The first general meeting of the year will open at 1:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 11 at the Community House.

The new group of officers planning activities for the coming season besides the president are Mrs. Mark Kraus, first vice president; Mrs. Robert Mason, second vice president; Mrs. Everett Wallis, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Thom, corresponding secretary and Mrs. G. A. Weinhold, treasurer.

COMMITTEE chairmen for the group have been appointed as follows: Mrs. Herbert Wood, civic improvement; Mrs. Charles Davis, conservation; Mrs. Robert H.

Poise, education; Mrs. Robert Mason, exhibits; Mrs. Stewart Gascon, business; Mrs. Frank Webb, flower show; and Mrs. C. B. Harmon, garden center.

Mrs. William A. Hyland will superintend the growing department of horticultural therapy, while Mrs. Lloyd Lake will handle horticulture. Mrs. John Maynard will act as hospitality chairman; Mrs. Howard Liverance will take care of international cooperation; Mrs. Royce E. Paulette, junior gardening; Mrs. Fred Harley, marketing; and Mrs. Mark Kraus, membership.

Completing the list are Mrs. P. Gordon Davis, program; Mrs. I. W. Robertson, publicity; Mrs. William McCallum, revisions; Mrs. Charles Hood, special; Mrs. William Farrington, speakers bureau; and Mrs. George Limp, ways and means.

## New at Dartmouth

Birmingham high school graduates, who have enrolled at Dartmouth college in the class of 1958 are Donald E. Dorough, son of Mrs. T. Dorough, 32295 Beaconsfield, and John B. Hubert, son of Forrest Hubert, 439 Tibbury. Among 791 new students, they enrolled last week, began classes last week, began classes yesterday.

## THE COMMUTER'S WIFE

# Mother Must Be A Super-Salesman For Her Family

By HELEN BRUNSON  
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Mother is often on the receiving end of a sales pitch. All day long she's advertised at—on radio and TV, in the newspapers and from billboards. That's why mother so seldom thinks of herself as a salesman.

But if she wants to make her household run smoothly—and to her liking instead of to that of others—she must subtly develop the art of salesmanship.

First, she probably has to sell her husband on every purchase she contemplates making—from clothes for herself to every item of household furnishing that costs over \$5.00.

NEXT COME the children. Baby Sara must be coaxed, persuaded and cajoled into eating every spoonful of food that ever goes into her mouth. And if that isn't a job of selling!

Next comes Johnny, who is two and a half and definitely in the "negative" stage, which means that he says "No" to everything, from "Shall we put our coat on now?" to "Let's pick up the books."

Mother, since she's been through this phase with two other kids, knows that it will pass away (unless she does first).

But in the meantime, she has to use all her persuasiveness and selling ability to get Johnny to do what she wants him to.

THEN THERE'S the two-year-old of 10. She must be sold on wearing that plaid skirt she's taken an aversion to. On playing with the nice little girl next door when she prefers the ill-behaved one three blocks away.

On not stopping for candy on the way home from school. And on doing the home work when TV seems so much more attractive.

Then there's mother's teen-ager. Now, no one over 20 has the vaguest notion of what goes on in the mind of this age child. For this strange creature, half child, half adult, has definite ideas of his own on how his life should be run yet sometimes lacks the judgment necessary to do it right.

HE MUST HAVE certain clothes and above all, certain companions and amusements, exactly to his liking. And if mother thinks differently, she must employ her powers as a salesman in order to keep him on the right track. Here comes the supreme test of her ability to sell.

And all this time, while she takes most of the burden of raising the children, chiefly thought selling them the right ideas, she has to sell their father. Not only on her judgment and her methods in regard to them, but on the idea that his help is badly needed in bringing them up.

And so in every course in family living or in home economics, there should be one subject labelled, "How to be a good salesman," for if mother wants to succeed in her job, that is what she has to do all her life.

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**Herbs and Vinegars Shown At Berkshires WNFGA Meet**

Members of the Berkshires branch of the Woman's Farm and Garden association had a rare treat at their first meeting of the new season Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Birmingham Community House.

One of their members, Mrs. John P. Hobart, who has quite a background in the study of herbs, brought some samples of different vinegars. There was Burnett's (a cucumber flavor), Basil, Orange, Tarragon and a delicious mint sauce. She also displayed some potted herbs, French and English thyme and some fresh basil and sage.

Everyone lined up for the nose test and from the way it looked, Mrs. Hobart's kitchen will soon look like a bottling and packaging plant. The secret of herb cooking, reminded Mrs. Hobart, is their sparing use.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mildred Davies, widow of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davies of Jackson Park drive, celebrated her ninth birthday Friday afternoon with a party of buddies. Jim Falconer, Doug Miller and Joe Thomas joined him in roasting hot dogs and shared ice cream and cake with him and it reminded Mrs. Hobart, is their sparing use.

Last Sunday's wind really fanned a grass fire on Orchard land when a prospective home builder decided to burn off his lot before the build- ing crew moved in. He realized too late that the wind velocity was 22 miles per hour and the fire was out of hand when the Bloom- field township fire department was called to put it out.

As a reminder to the Berkshire residents, a burning permit is required before any burning takes place, and can be secured from the Bloomfield township fire department on Telegraph road.

The power failure last Sunday

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**Friendly League Plans Fall Party**

September meeting of the Friendly League, an organization of women devoted to helping border-line families, was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Thomas J. Peterson of Royal Oak.

There were 30 members present to make plans for the annual fall party to be held Friday, Oct. 29. The dessert bridge and bake sale is planned for 1 p.m. at the American Legion hall, corner of Rochester and Twelve Mile road, Royal Oak.

General chairman of the affair is Mrs. Otto P. Dallavo. Assisting chairmen will be Mrs. Virgil Schuitz and Mrs. E. R. Moore, bake sale; Mrs. R. C. Nordstrom and Mrs. F. H. Saylor, a dessert; Mrs. Fred Jenkins, table accessories; Mrs. Arthur E. Moore, tables and chairs; Mrs. A. H. Williams, tickets; and Mrs. Gilbert H. Davis, prizes.

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