

COMMUTER'S WIFE

Clubs Have Their Role in Community And Personal Life

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Poor old Mom!

Just when she was settling down to enjoying another year of club work, comes a blast out of Western Reserve University saying that mother's motives are all wrong, and that the end result of the year's work will be frustration.

First comes the charge that Mom is sort of bonodoggling when she does club work. So much idle time on her hands that she's looking for ways to waste it. This idea is pretty hard for mother to buy. Most of us busy homemakers, when we do get out for an afternoon with the girls, have to pay a good price for it, in this way.

We have to scramble around to arrange care for the children, then either do extra duty on housework or, perhaps, leave dishes or ironing unfinished. Many times the whole process hurries us so that when we start out we wonder if our clothes are on straight.

Another criticism of mother's club-work is that she hopes to gather through it, a little synthetic culture. For example, a book review that she substitutes for reading the book on tape. Or a glimpse of some good painting or its reproduction that she hasn't had time to look at since her college days.

May say that a busy mother, who associates largely with cleaning, children's talk and the supermarket, has to get her culture this way? She doesn't the time to read the book or to become a student of the arts. If club programs bring her these things, even in small doses, they're all to the good.

Another accusation (this one I consider to be quite serious) is that mother hopes to make the social register via the club and charity route. There may be a few women who do, but we have news for our accuser.

A big project or drive takes expert managing. Its leader is highly vulnerable to criticism and she must exercise the utmost tact. And she must contribute endless hours of hard work. This heavy responsibility is freely given by club members to a woman whom they know can carry it, not to some figure-head or dilettante who just wants to get her name in the papers.

AND AS FOR assisting in these projects, if you've ever addressed envelopes for hours, hauled heavy loads of books or rummage, or sat in long-winded committee meetings, you know you did it with the idea of serving your community rather than for the recognition you'd get.

How about frustration? We don't believe it!

Our real reason for going to clubs is to be with our friends and to meet new ones, to get away from the loneliness, and yes, the frustration of unending housework, even if we have to work double when we get home. And we truly do hope to do some service.

Moreover, we think that women will still be going to club meetings long after our critic has turned to other ways of finding fault with good old Mom!



JULIA KIENE

Food, Styles Highlight Coming Show

Fashion trends in cooking and clothing will be combined for the women of Birmingham in a two-day event scheduled for Oct. 5 and 6.

Under the sponsorship of the First Presbyterian church women's groups, the "Fall Fashion Festival" will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Birmingham theater.

Each program will include a speaker and demonstration in styles for the homemaker's work and dressing.

Each program in food and equipment will be presented by Mrs. Julia Kiene, director of the home economics institute, Weingarten Electric, in Mansfield, Ohio.

Well known as a lecturer and writer, Mrs. Kiene has found a way of putting her work and knowledge into words that make her recommendations simple to understand and easy to follow.

SHE HAS written two cook books, one with Betty Furness, both of which are now being distributed nationally. She is also the author of a special book for children, the 32-page "Sugar and Spice and All Things Nice". The book was written in response to a challenge by one of her grandchildren for a book on cooking instructions that a child could understand.

Working with Dr. Pauline Beery Mack, director of the Ellen H. Richards Institute, Pennsylvania State college, Mrs. Kiene has prepared a family nutrition study showing how to improve the level of physical well-being through proper planning, preparing, serving and storing of foods.

Trained at Kansas State college, Mrs. Kiene has been a teacher of home economics, has prepared many booklets for the field, conducted home demonstrations and served as home editor of a national magazine.

During her appearance in Birmingham she will be assisted by Miss Ermalee Moore of Westinghouse, Miss Ann Ryan, home economist for the company, Detroit office, and Miss Belle Hannigan, home service staff representative for Detroit Edison.

THE SECOND feature of the program will be a showing of the latest in fall fashions.

Sherwin Davidson, in charge of

this section, says, "There are different looks in this fall's fashions but there are no drastic changes, contrary to Paris inspired releases."

This section of the show will introduce the new lines in gowns plus information on the value in new fabrics, weaves and colors.

See Braces Play

Mr. and Mrs. Max Bader, Jr., of Buckingham avenue returned Sunday after visiting friends in Wisconsin for the weekend. They attended Milwaukee Braves and St. Louis games on Saturday and Sunday.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

Hobbies in the Home Reported by Women

The Birmingham Child Study club will study hobbies at its first meeting of the year on October 5 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Edgar Eberole, 119 South Adams.

The program will be "You, Your Children and Hobbies," a membership participation event. Five members taking part are: Mrs. Eberole, who will talk on Antiquing; Mrs. Noah Blosser, on leather craft; Mrs. Robert Ellerby, on rug hooking; Mrs. Thayer Cowman, on painting; and Mrs. W. S. Purvis, on four-D Bible story dolls. Assisting the hostess will be Mrs. John E. Easterbrook and Mrs. Don Lightner.

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Delicate Jars and Flowers Adorn Tables at Oakland Hills Luncheon

Delicate gold-touched, hand-painted candy jars were table prizes for the 243 members of Oakland Hills Country club and their guests who played bridge and canasta at last week's bridge luncheon at the clubhouse.

At the first fall event for the club's women members, fall flowers were decor at the tables. Attendance was termed exceptionally high by committee women.

Among those hosting guests at the event were Mrs. James McPhail, Mrs. Warren Pease, Jr., Mrs. Gib Bergstrom, were Mrs. Read Jenkins, Mrs.

Burns, Cueny, and Mrs. Charles Dyer.

Mrs. FRANK W. LYNCH was chairman of the committee planning the event. It included Mrs. Robert Rourke, Mrs. Thomas E. Shuman and Mrs. Louis A. Bauer. Mrs. Frank A. McGinnis is social chairman for the women's group. After fall luncheon meeting, which will be held for Oct. 20, concluding the fall schedule.

Have You Met

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