

APRIL 7  
Westminster Guild of First Pres-  
byterian church, program on  
Dodge Community House, speak-  
er is Rev. Charles T. Leber, meet  
8 p.m., home Mrs. Donald Plum-  
stead, 596 Glenhurst.

APRIL 9  
Rebekah bake sale, 9 a.m., F. J.  
Mullholland Co.

APRIL 12  
Blomfield Hills alumnae club of  
Pi Beta Phi, 8 p.m., at Lauder-  
dale, Beverly Hills home of Mrs.  
C. Phillip Bartlett. Committee is  
Mrs. Richard Featherstone, Mrs.  
Noel Haberkost, and Mrs. Ed-  
ward C. Monahan, Jr.

**S. America Subject**  
The April 12 meeting of the Ruth  
Shain International Relations class  
will feature a talk by Mrs. F. G.  
Garrison on current affairs of  
South America.

# Sandbar Gives New Vacation Twist

## Von Maurs Among 7 Passengers as Ship Grounds in Small Harbor; Natives Visit



(While travelling through Panama on their recent vacation, the Robert von Maurs of Hamilton boulevard, Bloomfield village, were aboard a ship that became stranded on a sandbar in a little-visited harbor. Mrs. von Maurs' letter to their daughter, Franca, at home, included these excerpts about meeting these natives who had never seen a ship lighted at night.)

Dear Franca: It is 3 a.m. We have left the sparkling lights of Panama on the shore of the harbor. We regret our colorful shopping in the French Bazaar and the East Indian shops is over. There were seven of us that came back to the ship in a hardworn horse and carriage driven by a sad faced colored man.

The Tradewinds, our cruise ship, rode the waves with confidence and was small so could take us into harbors that a larger ship could not enter. Next morning, our ship had followed the coast along the Republic of Panama and was pulling into the little harbor of San Blas Bay.

OUR TRADEWINDS came in slowly to small islands, and we could see in the distance coming to meet us, small canoes and canoes with sails. On the islands we saw grass huts built snugly together.

In the canoes were small, brown people. The women wore shawls wrapped around their heads and over their faces. Their bodies were covered with bright, multicolored quilted cloth. The men wore t-shirts and shorts, or army pants, probably purchased from Panama. MOST OF THE PASSENGERS stayed on the shore side of the ship and threw coins when the Indians called out "Monasi, Monasi." They dove for us in the clear water, bringing up the coin, coming up with a smile on their brown, round, mongolian faces. Passengers by this time were being let down the gangplank to

the dingies to be taken ashore. Being Americans we were in such a hurry, the pilot was asked to move in closer to the mainland. Now the sand bottom of these waters is shifting. The pilot, so familiar with these waters, was embarrassed, for he ran the tradewinds smack into a sandbar that wasn't there two weeks ago.

SO THERE WE WERE. We were told that there we would be until they sent for a tug from Panama to pull us off. So for 19 hours we watched the Indians and they watched us. Our cruise manager turned what might have been a weird evening into an interesting and unforgettable one when, after talking with the pilot who knew these people so well, he invited them aboard our ship.

IN SPITE OF ALL efforts at towing out the anchor and tugging on the ropes, the Tradewinds nestled harder on her sandbar. I was glad because I wanted to see the natives dance. After dinner the passengers assembled on top deck, in a beautiful tropical starry night. After the German quartet played a few cards, the pilot explained the situation and called to the Indian men who came and stood in a row beside him.

They did this hesitantly. Dressed in shirts that needed much more tucking in at the waist and ill fitting trousers and felt hats, with bare feet, their glamour was gone but their faces were interesting. WE HAD THE LEADER, and teacher who spoke to us in not too understandable English, the "police of chiefs," and the Mayor and his committee and the medicine man.

Four played on bamboo reeds and danced in a very rhythmic, swaying motion around the circle, into the circle and out, keeping a drum beat with their feet. The reeds gave a hollow breathy tone. The dance was finished and our audience applauded. The natives in their canoes were applauding their show by hitting their paddles against their canoes.

THEN THE WOMEN danced in a row and in a circle with their arms about each other's waists, kind of a follow the leader. Among the natives there was no applause for the women, and when they finished they took their places in back of the men. That was all, but I never expect to see anything like it again.

### Family Kitchen Greets DAR Unit

Mrs. Walter A. Kleimert's family style kitchen will be scene of the tea that follows the business meeting of Piety Hill chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution on Tuesday.

The room's rocking chairs and rag rugs set an old style mood for easy living at the Snowshoe circle home, according to Mrs. Steele R. Sellers, chairman of the tea committee.

She and Mrs. John W. Knecht, Mrs. W. W. Barton, Mrs. William J. Taylor and Mrs. Elsworth Cramer will serve. Reports by Mrs. Robert Kohr, who chaired the recent state conference, and others who attended, will be heard at the 1:30 meeting.

### Smith Localities Hear 2 Lectures

Local members of the Detroit Smith club, who will take part in Wednesday's "college for a day" program at Kingswood school, Cranbrook, are Mrs. Truman Eakin, Mrs. Richard H. Kallfas, Mrs. John Brown, Jr., Mrs. Howard Robinson, Mrs. Colin Campbell, all Birmingham, and Mrs. Harry Hoey, of Bloomfield Hills.

Topics for the 10 a.m. event, open to public, are archeology, by a professor of art who regularly goes on research trips, and after the 11 a.m. coffee break, Victorian literature by James Durbin. The event will conclude by 1 p.m.

### Junior High Plans Win Design Award

Design of Birmingham's new \$2 million junior high school to be built at Adams and Derby brought one of four awards in a nationwide poll by the American Association of School Administrators for "architectural excellence."

The Eberly M. Smith Architectural firm, headed by design captain Peter Tarapata, submitted the plans for the school which this week received the honors at the AASA convention in Cleveland.

LETTING OF bids is expected April 13 when the architect reports with final plans.

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### Woman's Clubbers Visit Junior Unit

Officials of its sponsor, the Birmingham Woman's club, will be guests when the Junior Woman's club meets at 5 p.m. Tuesday night at Mrs. Robert Falberg's home, 1902 Birmingham. They are Mrs. Carl H. Rice, president and Mrs. Watson Pratt, advisor to the junior group. A take-off on the Easter parade is planned in the skill by four members, sharing the program with a white elephant sale. Co-hostesses are Mrs. Robert Forbes and Mrs. James Lowman.

### Birthday of Twins Marked by Trip

Twins daughters' birthday celebration took the George W. Webster family to the Homestead in West Virginia last weekend. The twins, who live on Hampstead, Judy, Jean and son Robert, 10, drove down and back after picking up the two girls at University of Michigan, at the start of their spring cavation. The twins will complete vacation days at home. Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all new—call the society editor about them.

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