

Club's Self-Study Can Explain Lack Of Leader Interest

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Mary women's clubs have a hard time finding a president. This is true of several groups in this area. It takes a myriad of phone calls, much arguing and persuading, and some times a little browbeating, to find a head for some groups.

These groups might ask themselves just why it's so hard to find a leader. Why don't members want to serve? And what's the remedy? If you'd look into the mind of a club or PTA member, qualified for office, you might find these reasons:

First, it's the time and work needed for the job. Work loads of clubs have increased with the years and with prosperity, and being a club president is almost a full-time job.

Some women have become so "involved" that their mates have begun to "make noise" like a husband "in protest" against their mother's companionship and attention, and a look she wears on her face.

There is endless telephoning preparation for club meetings, the meetings themselves, and committee and board meetings.

Then there are the money-making and community projects that take so much out of a president.

There is also the battle against the apathy that grips about half of any club's membership. A president wastes a lot of energy trying to get this bunch off dead center.

She never succeeds. Then there is the extra money a club president spends out of her own pocketbook. She "absorbs" endless items of expense, such as postage, stationery, phone bills, gasoline, meals, convention incidentals and gifts to various persons for favors done the club.

If this money expenditure is any hardship to her, the club member refuses the office.

She also must buy more and better clothes than she ordinarily would need, for she knows that other members are likely to show up dressed to the teeth, and she must do likewise.

Incidentally, younger club women now display more sense than their mothers in their attire at meetings. They usually wear simple sports clothes, and no hats.

There is also the matter of criticism which nobody likes to receive. After persuading a member to take the presidency, some club members like to make her a target for critical remarks on her performance of duty, and have been



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Kirk Art Show Has Tour, Music Besides

Sidelights to the outdoor art show in gardens at the Kirk of the Hills will be tours of the church, an organ recital and a carillon recital on each of the three days, Sept. 15, 16 and 17.

Plans for the Kirk's annual outdoor festival specify that all artists, both professional and amateur are eligible. Last year, nearly 1,000 entries were received, nearly 400 in the crafts.

Although it is a non-jury exhibition, over \$1,000 in prizes are offered for outstanding works. Exhibits will be in prices for sale.

THE EXHIBITS will be open to the public from 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. during the three days of the show, with guided tours of the church scheduled from 2 to 6 each day.

Promising additional pleasure to visitors, an organ recital at 4 o'clock in the church chapel and a 15-minute carillon recital at 5:00 p.m. have been scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Kirk In The Hills is on West Long Lake road in Bloomfield township, approximately 1/4 mile west of Telegraph.

Other prizes, to be for outstanding works, are \$150 from the Fruehauf Trailer company, \$100 from Mr. and Mrs. John C. Palmer; \$100 from Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mealey, \$50 from New Center Studios, Inc., \$50 from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thom.

Others are \$100 for the best watercolor from MacManus, John & Adams, Inc.; \$50 for best modern painting from Devon Gables, and \$50 for an outstanding oil painting as J. W. Hughes Galleries, Bernard J. Thompson Studios, \$50; Green's Artist Supplies, two picture frames.

In the crafts division, Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Wellock, Kirkway; Mrs. Herbert Mason, Franklin road, and Mrs. Carl J. Sawyer, Pembroke.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Awrey, \$50; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Myers, \$50; and C. R. Hill Co., \$25.



AMONG ARTSHOW planners are, left to right, Mrs. Edward S. Wellock, Kirkway; Mrs. Herbert Mason, Franklin road, and Mrs. Carl J. Sawyer, Pembroke.

Miss Elliott Has Parties Ere Wedding

The week before her wedding is being a busy one for Margaret Beverly Elliott who became the bride of Jay S. Vashdyk on Saturday.

Today she is being honored guest at a spicier dinner hosted by Barbara Bookbinder, for 17 guests at her home on Highland.

Miss Elliott, daughter of the Ernest F. Elliott of Stratford Lane, Bloomfield Hills, will join with her mother to entertain at the Fox and Hounds.

THAT SPICE will be the hot holiday dinner to be given with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Vashdyk as host and hostess.

Last week a Thursday dinner shower was hosted by Mrs. Robert McCabe and Mrs. Arthur Higginbottom, both of Birmingham, at Plum Hill golf club.

Yesterday, Barbara Stauffer had 231 guests to her home on Bryn Mear for cocktail and buffet supper.

Miss Elliott, who graduated this year with her father, from University of Miami in Florida, has spent several weekends this summer with her parents at their summer home at Houghton Lake while making her wedding plans.

Carl Bradts Visit Music Tent in East

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bradt, 267 Aubrey, Birmingham, recently on a tour of the East visited the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis, Mass. They were staying at the Stone Inn at Harwichport.

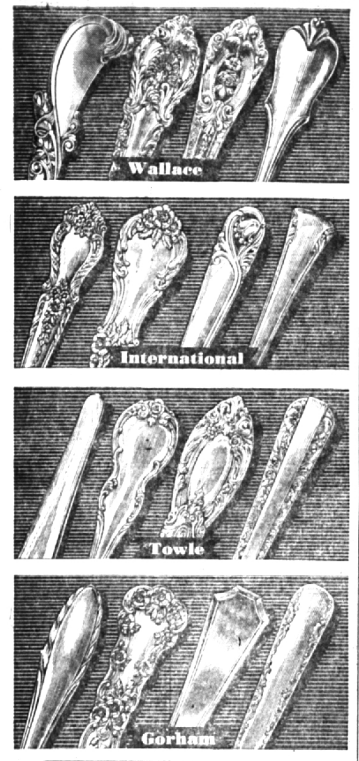
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