

# See Cranbrook House, Grounds

## Garden Club Leaders Hear Henry S. Booth

By DOROTHY JEAN ZACK

Garden club leaders turned an eager ear to Henry S. Booth's talk last week on how the gardens about Cranbrook house were planned.

"One of my father's pet peeves," Booth told the women in an indoor talk while rain poured down on the gardens, "was people who remove all semblances of changes of level of land."

"A knoll at the far end of the brook house, the home of the garden suggested the West terrace. Cranbrook Main gold, Kingswood race where the ridge are around about and the Cranbrook faculty parties and meetings."

Paintings by famous masters, wood carvings, and family portraits adorn the walls of the home built in the time when old English and European fancies were being coupled wisely. All the woodwork and carvings are American made. Booth told the women, but in the have tea.

The garden tour was rained out, but guests boarded instead of a

Cranbrook from 1904 when his father brought his family there for summer living through building of each of Cranbrook's six institutions.

He contrasted the early, intended farmland, in an area where farms were not too successful, and where a barefooted "character" was owner, to the result of his father's gardening and building ideas.

He told how plans made possible water flowing from many fountains, how wells provide water and filters, how the water for the fountains, how tops of knolls were cut off for the garden terracing, how tulip bulbs are replaced with fall blooming plants, and how three gardens, and the Cranbrook house, stand.

ELIEL SAARINEN and other architects and artists began gathering at the buildings developed, and became the nucleus for the art academy there.

Christ Church might require a choir, the Booths thought as they looked at the church's preliminary plans, and so they started a choir school. Next thought was that a school should have facilities for sports and other activities, so the present schools were developed.

Another reason for Kingswood's development, Booth jokingly told the women, was when his mother said, "Where are the grandchildren going to go to school?"

A TOTAL of 350 acres comprise Cranbrook's six institutions and the homestead property, Booth estimated.

Following his talk, the four Kingswood hostesses served tea and tancy punch to the garden club leaders. By then, rain had ceased and they strolled onto porches and patios to view the many leveled gardens and the pool below the stone stairways.

Mrs. Robert Dusseau was chairman for the event, with Mrs. Donald Matthews, Mrs. Charles L. Wilson, Jr., and Mrs. William Van on her committee. Mrs. Jack B. Balaban of Detroit, chairman of Kingswood alumni garden committee, was present to talk to guests.

NEARLY ALL garden clubs were represented, with summer shoes and floral prints worn with white shoes by most Mrs. J. Hawley Otis, of the Bloomfield club, wore a pale gray tailored cotton, with matching shoes. Mrs. Wilson's sunback cotton was of dark green with gold print.

Scholarships for Kingswood are supported partly by funds collected from those taking the Saturday and Sunday tours of the Cranbrook grounds. The alumnae were seeking to encourage garden clubs to take individual or club tours of the gardens.

Society deadline is 1 p.m. each Tuesday.

## Reveal Betrothal To German Student

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Burlingame of Oakhill road announced the engagement of their daughter, Gail, to Hans Wolmer. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wolmer of Dusseldorf, Germany.

Both young people are seniors at the University of Michigan. Hans has attended the University of Cologne and is completing his training in architecture.

A summer wedding is planned.

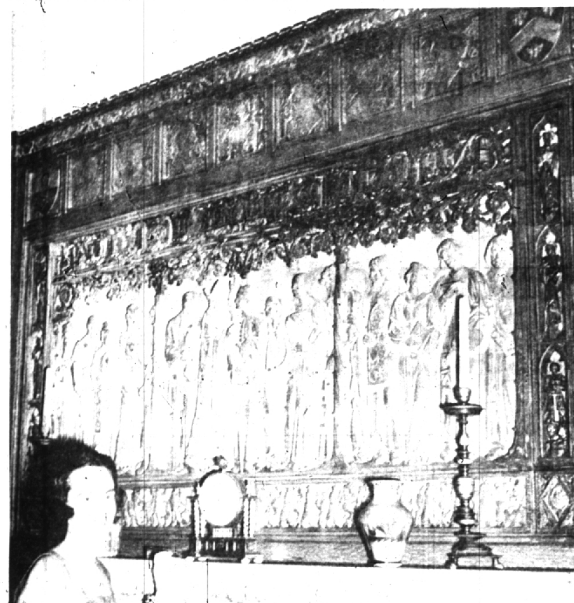
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HENRY S. BOOTH explains how Cranbrook gardens are tended to, center, Mrs. William Compton of Beverly Hills garden club and Mrs. Robert Dusseau, chairman.



BERKSHIRE Garden club members drinking tea on Cranbrook House's porch are, left to right, Mrs. Otto Grob, Mrs. Walter Markin and Mrs. Buck Sullivan.



WOOD CARVING depicts Cranbrook house's architects, builders and craftsmen in its center panel, while above are family portraits of the Booths. Mrs. Charles L. Wilson of Kingswood alumni committee takes a look. (Eccentric/Photos)

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Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fox and their two children, who are now living at 206 Merrill. The Fox family moved from Cleveland on June 15. They have two daughters, Kelly, 12, and Cathy, 7. Fox is an account executive with the Lampbell-Ewald Advertising Agency. His wife says that he is very interested in guns and hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bentley, who moved to their home at 2512 Whiteleigh from Detroit in May. Bentley is district manager of the Townsend company. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bentley attended Wayne University. The Bentleys are members of the Birmingham Country club. Both enjoy golf and fishing. Trout fishing, that is.

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TEA AND PUNCH were served following Booth's talk. Mrs. Oliver Garwood of Franklin's garden association fills a teacup for Mrs. John Preen, who aided Mrs. Dusseau.

## Pre-Nuptial Parties Fete Bride-elect of B'ham Man

Sarah Donaldson Wood of Gross Pointe who has completed plans for her marriage to Richard Clarke Riley will be honored by a series of pre-nuptial parties.

Sarah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Win. Frank Wood of Gross Pointe, her fiance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Riley of Kenosha, Wis.

The wedding, planned for August 29 at St. Paul's church in Gross Pointe Farms.

On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. W. Gordon Ingraham will entertain at a cocktail party at their home on Gross Pointe boulevard.

Mrs. William Leach will hostess a tea and kitchen shower at her home on Lincoln road on Wednesday.

On Aug. 6 Mrs. Wm. F. Austin Jr. will be the hostess for a round the block shower at Sarah's home at the Detroit Boat club.

Mrs. Theodore James and Jill Freeman will be a hostess for a supper party at Mrs. Papp's home on Mt. Vernon road on Aug. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted O'Connell and John Inoué will entertain at a cocktail and party at the O'Connell home on Bayard boulevard on Aug. 14.

Mrs. Frank Clark, Blair and daughter Mary Baker, Sarah's maid of honor, will host the pre-nuptial dinner at their home on Lakeland

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