

### Alpha Xi's Plan Couples' Party

Birmingham Alumnae chapter of Alpha Xi Delta will hold a dinner meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Dreifuss, 3604 Rockingham, Royal Oak.

The occasion will mark the annual couples' party to which members will bring their husbands.

Featured speaker for the evening will be Chet Sampson, who will speak on his experiences on escorting groups of young people on "Station Wagon Tours of the West."

Mr. Sampson has taken 75 local young people on such tours in recent years, visiting such places as

the great national parks, stopping over in Hollywood where the group visits the movie studios and meets many celebrities.

Assisting as hostesses will be Mrs. George Lytle, Mrs. William McDowell, Mrs. Frank West, Mrs. Weber and Mrs. Arthur Held.

### Have You Met

The Robert D. Wilsons and 15-month-old son, Robert John, who are busy getting settled in their new home at 2226 Derby road? A manufacturer's agent, Wilson is self-employed. He is a golf enthusiast and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

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February 28, 1955 is the last day for payment of the 1954 County and School taxes without penalty or interest.

After this date taxes are payable only at the Oakland County Treasurer's Office, Pontiac, Mich., with a 4% penalty and 1/2% per month interest charge added.

Buy your dog license by Feb. 28, 1955 and save the penalty, also have proof of rabies vaccination.

ARNO L. HULET  
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP TREASURER

### REGISTRATION NOTICE

### CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS BIENNIAL SPRING ELECTION

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1955

Notice is hereby given that any person wishing to vote at this election must register on or before MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1955 at 5:00 P.M.

Any person who is a citizen of the United States 21 years of age, will have resided in the City of Bloomfield Hills 30 days and in the State of Michigan 6 months prior to the date of election may register by calling at the City Clerk's Office in the Municipal building between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Those persons who have already registered under the permanent registration system, and have voted within the last four years do not have to re-register.

Robert Stadler,  
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### Three-Act Play Has Three Casts For Closed Show

Village Players involved in producing "Bell, Book and Candle" for a closed performance at 9 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Playhouse, are experiencing something of the bewilderment and enchantment that comes from playing with magic.

"We picked this witty and delightful comedy as good entertainment for our members and ideal for experimental purposes," Mrs. George F. Green, Players vice president said in announcing the selection of the John van Druten comedy.

"Our closed performances give us a chance to work with original plays and musicals, do a series of one-act plays or produce single acts from longer plays.

"Sometimes, as in the case of 'Bell, Book and Candle,' we use a different cast for each act, giving more of our members a chance to get stage experience."

DIRECTORS of the three acts are having difficulty working rehearsals in around each other and the production staff, since there is but one stage for all.

The directorial staff consists of act one, Mrs. John Hall and Miss Sue Wandas; act two, Granville Ryan and Henry J. Crichton, Jr.; and act three, Mrs. Albert Ribbling and Mrs. Russell M. Richardson.

The lead, the young and attractive Gillian, is played by Miss Marcia Rouse, Mrs. Milton Masley and Mrs. Marcus W. Arthur. This is the role made famous by Lilli Palmer and in a later movie by Rosalind Russell.

THE AUNT, Miss Holroyd, vague and fluttery witch, has Mrs. Charles S. Shaw, Mrs. William S. Howell and Mrs. Franklin Butler portraying her role.

Nicky, Gillian's impertinent brother and a male witch known in informed circles as "Warlock" is played by Don Popplesing, Warren Hersey and Harry Wieting.

The "masculine attraction" who causes the conflict between magic

IMPORTANT ROLES in the winter show, "The Royal Family" being staged Feb. 21-25 by Birmingham high school's Prosser club in the Baldwin school auditorium at 8 p.m. Among the cast are (front row) Carolyn Hunter, Steve Tucker and Dave Dixon (rear) Clare DeNador, Doug Austin, Ruth Heller, Bob Krohn and Linda Lewis. (Eccentric Photo)

### East Beverly

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Tonight will be a gala evening for members of the Pierce School PTA as parents and teachers will join forces in presenting their musical-comedy offering of "Out of This World."

The play, with script and songs written by Mrs. Hugh C. Bailey and Mrs. John E. Lage, will feature a large cast and a plot centered on some unusual activities in a college town.

Highlights of the show will be take-offs on current TV and movie personalities as well as some lively skits ranging from the Charleston to an outer space routine. The original entertainment promises to attract a large audience, which will later be served refreshments in the school cafeteria.

Last Thursday night members of the Beverly Hills Branch of the National Farm and Garden association gathered at the home of Mrs. Howard Palmer to hear an enlightening talk given by Harold Weber on the subject of "From Seeds to Flowers in the Garden."

A Valentine motif was the theme of decorations as the John Gates entertained with an open house for 25 couples in their Rutland road home Sunday. Included among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Post, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reynolds, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Art Price, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dewar.

Two-year-old Percy, son of My and Mrs. Perry W. Guest of Kirk shirt, was overjoyed with a three-day visit from his grandmother, Mrs. Lloyd Smith who was here last weekend from Iowa.

Billy Featherham, secretary of the Youth Club of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension reports, a special family night was arranged by his organization last Friday, when they sponsored through their own treasury, a full-length color film of the "Life of Christ" for the viewing of members and their families.

GREENFIELD-BEVERLY IMPROVEMENT ASSN.

An important pre-spring meeting was held this month by the Greenfield Beverly Hills Improvement association. Mrs. Grant Harsh reports that bids are now being taken for the spraying of elm trees along the boulevards against the Dutch elm disease.

Also of interest to Beverly Hills residents is the fact that petitions are now being circulated for the road-resurfacing project and more are available. These may be secured from Mrs. Robert Malin, president of the association, or from Mrs. Harold. On the social side, plans are now underway for a dinner dance to be held in May.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moffett of Rutland have become the proud parents of their first child, a

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and love for Gillian, Shepherd of superficial best sellers in the Henderson, is played by Robert field of magic. Halstead, John Hall and Richard Only one role, that of a character in all three acts, has but one John Blakey, Albert Ribbling player assigned. That is the role share the role of Redlitch, writer of Pyewacket, Gillian's cat.

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### BOIDS

Hear de little boid sing.  
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Well, it sings like a boid.

With this classic conversation recorded for posterity we wish to enumerate a few facts regarding our useful, entertaining, melodious friends.

1. The skeleton of a bird is well suited to flying. (Think what would happen if this were not true.)
2. More than half the bird's weight is muscle.
3. The leg muscles are arranged so the bird cannot fall off its perch while asleep. They keep the toes bent and the toes cannot open until the bird raises itself into the air.
4. All birds have feathers. They provide warmth, make wings large and flat, fill in hollow spots to provide better streamlining. They grow only in certain body areas (except on penguins and kiwis). If you catch a penguin out back you will see that the feathers grow evenly on all parts of the body.
5. A feather is dead once it is fully grown. It contains no nerves and no blood supply. It is held in place simply by the socket in the skin. All feathers are shed once a year—but, not all at once so the bird can keep on flying. Could you keep on dancing the Mambo while changing your clothes?
6. Birds are warm-blooded and keep their bodies at the same temperature at all times. The CHICKADEE can keep his body temperature at 105° even when the weather is 10° below zero.
- 6-A. They keep their temperatures high by EATING MUCH FOOD. Some birds will starve if they cannot eat several times an hour. They eat more food in proportion to their weight than any other animal. (It's strange but we noticed this.)
7. Speed of flight: Robins, blackbirds, 30 to 40 M.P.H.; swifts, 60 M.P.H.; ducks 60 to 70 M.P.H.; black swif of western North America, over 100 M.P.H.; duck hawk in a dive, 180 M.P.H.
8. One bobwhite will eat 5 to 15,000 weed seeds in one day.
- Birds eat tussock moths, tent caterpillars, army worms, click beetles, leaf beetles, scale insects, plant lice, slink bugs, etc. Rose-breasted grosbeaks are fond of potato beetles. Robins and bluebirds like cabbage worms and leaf beetles. Nuthatches pick out tree-damaging insects from under the bark. Chickadees eat plant lice and scale insects. Woodpeckers dig in for boring insects.
9. The only reason for giving you all this info, is to make you realize that while birds are entertaining and fun they are also a tremendous economic asset.

SPECIAL NOTE: Mrs. Elizabeth Dowling, East Long Lake Rd. was an unexpected hostess to a most unusual flock of guests last week. FIFTY BOHEMIAN WAXWINGS swooped in from the North and devoured all of the berries on her "rose" hedge. It is probable that very few of you have ever seen this bird on the loose.

SUGGESTION: Do not interrupt your feeding of the birds. Once started it should continue steadily into the spring season. If you encourage them to come to you in the winter when ground food is hard to obtain then you must not turn them loose until plenty of natural food is available.

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