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SECTION 2

MRS. K. ERWIN IN BEAUMONT KITCHEN
Billington Court resident on new staff. (Eccentric Photo)

1954's Christmas is now a part of history . . . but did it bring to that deeper part of yourself an inner thrill, a sort of spiritual uplift, that can be a part of Christmas? Indeed, these feelings can come any day when one is truly a Good Samaritan.

Dietitian Oversees Cookery by Gallon

Cookery by the gallon is simple—it just takes machines and methods, according to one petite brunette dietitian who lives on Billington court and works at the new William Beaumont hospital.

Mrs. Kathrine Erwin has been watching the installation of the elaborate cooking equipment, talking over processes in the fast preparation of patients' foods, and readying the staff and equipment for the hospital's opening.

She is one of two dietitians working under Mrs. Margaret Sabin in the modern, colorful kitchen.

During Beaumont hospital's open house last Saturday and Sunday, she explained details of the cookery, service, and arrangement of trays for patients.

A FIVE-FOOT HIGH mixer will handle meatloafs of a size that could not be mixed by hand, will beat cakes, and will mash potatoes.

That and its adjacent five-section unit of pressure cookers dwarf the small, attractive cook who has had 12 years of hospital cookery, but says she has never worked with such a complete set of equipment.

A CONVEYOR BELT is what she considers a major advance against public criticism of the food served in hospitals.

Hot food will be placed on trays, Mrs. Erwin points out, by 11 or 12 people, with one serving soups, one meats, and one serving vegetables, and so forth. A dietitian will check the trays just before they are slid into a dumb waiter for transfer to the floor kitchens.

SECRETS OF SUCH cookery could well be applied to home life, according to Mrs. Erwin, who has kept house alone since her husband died three years ago.

Plates kept hot by a steam chamber and pushed up into place by a spring, coffee and hotwater for tea served in small teapots, almost no time between tray assembly and service to the patient, are among suggestions.

LOOKING AT THE SHINING stainless steel and the smoothly moving conveyor belt, Mrs. Erwin said, "It's an assembly line—you might know in the Detroit area."

There are no steps between preparation and service, she points out of the close alliance between the cooking area of the kitchen and the windows and doors opening into the cafeteria where hospital staff members will be eating when the hospital opens later this month.

A BAIN MARIE IS a recessed steam table into which pans will be placed to keep them at even heat—as when a white sauce must be held, without letting it separate until its flavorful ingredients are added.

Dishwashing without noise another thing that Mrs. Erwin is looking forward to in the huge kitchen, for there will be no scraping of plates in the floor kitchens. Coming down on dumb waiters, the trays of dishes land on another conveyor belt, run through brushes and sprays, and finally are set into "fingers" for final rinsing and air-drying.

MRS. ERWIN WAS at the Sinai hospital in Detroit when it opened two years ago, and previous to that was in Grace hospital in Detroit.

After her day's work, she does her own gardening and landscaping in summer months, and bowls and sews as winter hobbies.

Joint Installation Slated for Jan. 15

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of Metropolitan club 9 will install officers for the ensuing year at a joint ceremony at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 15, at The Cheltham hall, Pontiac.

Mrs. Fred Kemp and Mrs. Howard Furman, past national presidents, will officiate at the installation ceremonies.

Accepting offices will be Mrs. Glen Foltz, President; Mrs. E. S. Mulholland, vice president; Mrs. Merlin Holmquist, recording secretary; Mrs. Milford Fuller, financial secretary; Mrs. Robert Schaule, treasurer; Mrs. Earl Mudge, chaplain; Mrs. Ralph Bell, sergeant-at-arms; and Miss Lee Carroll, Miss Winona Singers and Mrs. Willis Mae Dunn, all auditors.

Entertainment and refreshments will follow.

Memories of Europe For Rotary Ann Meet

Rotary Anns are meeting Jan. 17 with Mrs. John M. Wakeman, 507 Linden.

Mrs. Ruth Shain will speak on her recent European trip, illustrating her talk with pictures.

Assisting with arrangements for the potluck luncheon are Mrs. L. D. Hanson, Mrs. G. T. Overgard, Mrs. Edward Hoenicke, Mrs. Eric Bergishagen and Mrs. Frank Hubble.

World-Travelers Join Homefolks on Ski-Trip

DOROTHY JEAN BENJAMIN

The Maxwell E. Feads of Orchard way in Bloomfield township, who returned two weeks ago from a world-wide trip, are among skiers heading their cars towards Otsego Ski club this weekend.

Their skis are still only half unpacked, unused since last year's skiing in Switzerland, where three of the Fead girls were in school.

Now, after the 16-day voyage home from Japan and the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Muzzy's uncle, Morris Muzzy in Phoenix, Arizona, the Feads again are picking up their home activities.

WITH AN EASE in speaking in French from their Swiss schooling, Susan, 12, has been enrolled in Kingswood's seventh grade, and Sally, 10, and Beverly, 9, have been enrolled at Brookside, also at Cranbrook.

Little Eddie, 2½, speaks more French than he does English, according to his mother.

"IT ALL WORKED OUT very well and the children got a lot out of it," says Mrs. Fead, whose husband is an attorney with Detroit legal firm, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone.

The family toured the East on their way home, seeing India, Bali, Hong Kong, and visiting an uncle of Mrs. Fead's who is director of the University of Michigan research center at Okayama.

HEADING NORTH for the Otsego weekend will be the Raymond Perrings of Yarbrough, Bloomfield Hills, and the Robert Muzzys of Quarton. Mrs. Perring will be staying for the ski week.

Also expected at the Northern Michigan resort are Mrs. Fead's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lurchigs and their children, and the Graf Muzzys.

The Perrings and the Robert Muzzys were among Birmingham area skiers at Otsego for New Year's weekend.

SPENDING THE HOLIDAY WEEK there were the Edward J. Haleys of Braun apartments on North Woodward in Bloomfield Hills, with Haley and their son, Michael, 9, taking full advantage of good skiing conditions.

Every weekend, the Russell Stricklands head north for Otsego, using as much of January, February and perhaps part of March for the sport they took up just four years ago.

WHEN THE STRICKLANDS went to Mt. Tremblant for New Year's week, with other ski enthusiasts from this and the Grosse Pointe area, they took Kent, an eighth grader at Vaughan along, but left John, 9, and Sherry, 6, at home, occupied with their brand new puppy.

But the youngsters are along on weekend trips, for Mrs. Strickland says, "It's a wonderful family entertainment. And at Otsego every member can participate at one level or another." With another year's skiing, the children will probably go along on next year's Canadian ski trip.

The James K. Campbells of Hiddenbrook estate farms near Franklin, the Robert O. Fishers of Glengary circle and the Roy A. Fruehaufs of, Middlebelt road, were with the Stricklands over New Years. Going north with them last weekend were the James Nunneleys of Bingham Lane.

YOUTH IN ANTIQUITY
Donnie Bronson at home

St. Dunstan's Rehearsing 'Country Girl'

Hectic times hold sway again at the Pavilion as St. Dunstan's guild plunges into rehearsal for Clifford Odet's much publicized "Country Girl". The play is Bing Crosby's current movie hit.

"Country Girl" concerns the rehabilitation and come-back of a middle-aged Broadway actor, Frank Elgin, played by Nathaniel Doughty.

Complications arise as two people, his wife Georgie, and a Broadway director, Bernie Dodd, work to pave the road for his return to success. The situation grows tense since, while each has faith in Frank, they have none in each other.

THE MARTYRED wife is played by Charlotte Mrs. W. H. Adams, with Jervis McMechan as the bitter, bullying director.

Others working under the direction of Robert Garrison are Mary Kay Hain, James Fox, Walter Skinner and Bart Clough.

Mrs. David Burnett is production manager; Maurice Smith, Jr., stage manager; James Schneider has charge of lights; Mrs. Jervis McMechan, properties; Steve Manhard, set design and Ray Base, set construction.

The play is scheduled for four performances; Feb. 11 and 12, and has been postponed until the February meeting.

Scouts Donate to Camp Oakland

Girl Scouts going to a good cause were the members of troop 312 of Baldwin school, who on Monday afternoon presented a check for funds to Postmaster Rolland Reese, for delivery to the Camp Oakland fund.

The girls had decided that their money, earned by neighborhood Christmas caroling, should go to children having less advantages than they had.

So Reese's suggestion of the camp farm where children without parental care are sent under an idea begun by Oakland county Judge Arthur Moore, was welcomed wholeheartedly.

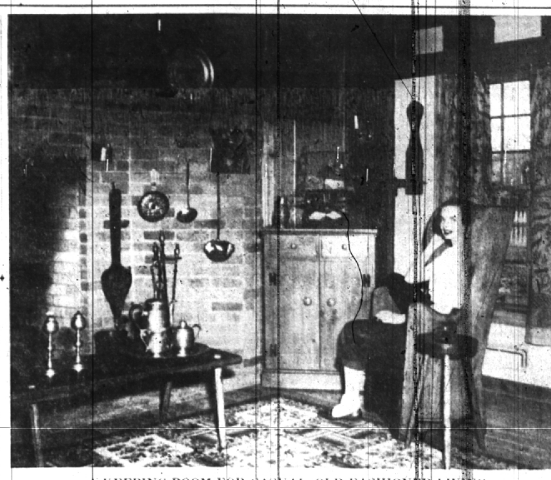
Patricia Harcourt presented the check, while nine girls and Mrs. Elwood Lindow, their assistant leader, watched. The troop's leader is Mrs. Grace Dailey.

Named President Of Organ Society

Floyd Burt was elected president to head the slate of officers for the Birmingham Hammond Organ Society at Tuesday's meeting. Assisting him will be Carl Stringer as vice-president, and Mrs. Leslie Jones, secretary-treasurer.

For the evening's program, Porter Heaps' registration and tonal effects were demonstrated by D. J. Garretson and Mrs. H. D. Terkeurst.

Previously programmed was a sound movie of the Hammond organ and its various uses in which Porter Heaps featured. The movie has been postponed until the February meeting.



A KEEPING ROOM FOR CASUAL, OLD FASHIONED LIVING
Mrs. William Bronson relaxes in a wooden wing chair. (Eccentric Photo)

Charm of Antiques Balanced By Modern Comfort in Home

"You sit in this wing chair for about an hour and then you can't sit down anymore," laughed the youthful housewife as she pointed to one of her favorite antiques.

The reddish-toned wooden chair, shown in the photo is formed with curved arms and a flat seat as comfortable as a sturdy box.

The practicality of antiques, other than hard-seated chairs, is displayed in her home on Lone Pine road, where a keeping room has become the spot where she, her husband and their two children spend most of their time.

Dr. and Mrs. William Bronson have only recently moved into their new home that overlooks Lone Pine road on a hilly slope just beyond Lahser.

THE COLOR OF THEIR house, which was designed to fit their avid antique-collecting hobby, is a grayed navy blue, accented with a white trim. Of ranch type, it combines the convenience of the modern home with the charm of olden times.

Candlelight is enough for dining at the antique table at one end of the keeping room, the Bronsons have decided.

A hanging ring of candles, adjustable on chains of black wrought iron, is used, rather than install a too-modern-looking ceiling fixture.

LAMPS ABOUT THE ROOM made of antique bottles and other old items give sufficient light for the reading, television watching and many other activities in the room. "We just live in here," Mrs. Bronson says.

A living room for more formal entertaining provides space for shelving to hold their glass collection, silhouetted against large windows.

A MIRROR SEEN from the balcony above the living room, reflects the huge, carefully-weathered and hacked beams above the room, and the fireplace beneath the balcony.

Finishing their own antiques has been the family's interest since their marriage six years ago, have entertaining family members. Since Dr. Bronson's mother once operates an antique shop at Lahser and whom the Bronson practices. Their Grand River, he was interested al- formal housewarming is still in ready. His wife, who is only 26, planning stage.

THE FIRST PIECE they purchased together was a pewter teapot, unless for a collection that lines the huge timber forming the mantelpiece for the red brick fireplace.

Oldest is their Jacobean or Italian table—they can't decide which it is—that dates to the early 1600's.

Since they moved in Nov. 15 with their two children, Donnie, 2½, and Jimmy, 8 months, the Bronsons quickly became an avid antique collector.

Three Flags DAR Names New Slate

Mrs. Harry Alger has been named regent of Three Flags chapter, DAR for the coming year.

Others elected to office at the Monday meeting were Mrs. Carl Bush, vice regent; Mrs. Richard Barges, chaplain; Mrs. Harmon Barnes, recording secretary; Mrs. Raymond Bodine, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Lyle Brown, treasurer; Mrs. Lee Stowell, historian; Mrs. Frank Goldberg, Mrs. Ronald Ellas and Mrs. C. A. Robitaille, directors.

Mrs. Robert Hauser, who continues as publicity director, will be hostess at the installation meeting next month.

The Monday meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Bush, 27775 Rackham, with Mrs. Ralph E. Zimmerman, assisting.

Poppleton PTA Square Dances

The Poppleton Parent-Teacher association's regular January meeting will feature a square dance at 8 p.m. tomorrow evening.

The school's new all-purpose room will be scene of the dancing, to music by the Tunebeats, led by Ed Medin of Hylane drive. Calls will be by Ray Ernst.

The public is invited to participate, with under-16-year olds accompanied by their parents, since proceeds will be turned over to the Troy Recreational fund.

Refreshments will be available.

League Unit Meets

Sustaining members of Birmingham Junior League are planning a Jan. 19 meeting. They will gather at the home of Mrs. Warren Booth, Martel drive, at 12:30 for luncheon.

MRS. ARTHUR OTIS, JR. MRS. EDWARD LERCHEN
Preparing for Jan. 26 bloodmobile (Eccentric Photo)

Junior League Sponsoring 1955's First Blood Bank

The importance of an adequate blood supply is outlined by Mrs. John Bagby, chairman of the Jan. 26 blood bank being sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham.

Mrs. Bagby points out blood is especially needed at this time due to a blacking off of donors during the holidays.

Local banks, establish a reserve which can be drawn upon by residents of the Birmingham, and Bloomfield Hills area whenever the need arises. Calls are placed through the Red Cross office at Pontiac.

"Donors of these banks may designate," Mrs. Bagby said, "where they wish the blood to be used.

"AS A SPECIAL aid for donors, reserved parking areas will be arranged and a nursery provided for the care of young children who cannot be left at home."

The bank will be held at the Community House from 2-8 p.m.

Others serving on this committee, with Mrs. Bagby are Mrs. Donavan Brown, Mrs. Robert Martin, Mrs. William Douglas, Mrs. William Long, Mrs. Arthur Otis, and Mrs. Robert Taylor.

Mrs. Bagby (Midwest exchange) and Mrs. Richard Kern (Mayfair) are accepting donor reservations.

TRADITIONS OF CARD PLAYING were being emphasized by this group of Birmingham women preparing for a Charles Goren bridge session, so The Eccentric turned to the old masters for a traditional pose. Shown as the Card players of the famed painting by Cezanne, are, left to right, Mrs. William Eyler; Mrs. John Finegan, and Mrs. Malcolm Moore, with Mrs. William K. Ginman as bystander.

Cardplayers' Traditions

The cards are sorted ready for the three-day session in which Charles Goren will impart some of his bridge playing know-how to members of the Seven-college committee.

Mrs. John Finegan, general chairman for the event of the Detroit area group at the Veterans' Memorial building's ballroom, met with the card sorting committee last week at Mrs. William K. Ginman's home on Beverly road.

With Mrs. Malcolm Moore, card sorting chairman, and Mrs. William Eyler, of Mrs. Moore's committee, the women arranged dozens of decks so that all attendees will be playing with identical hands of cards.

First session is at 2 p.m. Jan. 18, and others at 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 19 and Jan. 20.

The John Finegans will have Goren among their guests at dinner on Jan. 19 at the Harmonie club in Detroit. The dinner precedes that night's bridge session. With many of the attendees meeting there, with members of the Harmonie club.

Others on the Finegan guest list are Mr. and Mrs. William S. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wyckoff, Mr. and Mrs. Dave R. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grant.

Other reservations are for Mr. and Mrs. Eyler and their guests.