

In this modern day of materialism, it has been found that many things, we say and do are measured from the amount of personal vanity? Too much, I must confess, have I bowed before the idols of a materialistic world.

951 in Area Garden Units; 5 Admitting More

By DOROTHY JEAN ZACK

Of the nearly one thousand Garden club members in Birmingham and the towns surrounding, about half are in clubs that have limited membership and waiting lists.

But, as one membership chairman explains, most women who want to be club members are admitted relatively soon after they move into the area.

In some zones, like Foxcroft, there are 46 members living in the area, which includes 192 homes. This near-half membership is a contrast to the 150 members in Bloomfield Hills Garden club, where there are nearly a thousand families.

SPACE SEEMS a problem to most clubs—East Beverly is faced with overcrowding homes if it opens its membership beyond its 25 membership, but it may obtain the Community House for its meetings. In that case, says Mrs. William Compton, new president of the group, the club may raise its membership to 50 or 75 members. She points out that because of the smaller homes in the area, about 30 people is all a living room will hold.

Living rooms are larger in Bloomfield Hills. There, the 150 limit, with about 70 to 100 of the members attending regular meetings are taken care of in the homes.

The waiting list of the Bloomfield Club has 15 names on it, according to Mrs. Horace P. Shaw, the club's membership chairman, but those 15 women are invited to the meetings and social activities. "They take part in everything except voting," Mrs. Shaw says.

Suburban Scene

Student Families Planning on Trips To Coast, Europe

By FRAN MAIER

A family with much activity planned for the summer is that of the Edward S. Reids, Jr., of Bloomfield township. Mrs. Reid has been busy caring for her daughter, Claudia, who had a broken ankle. She returned to her home in Grosse Pointe Sunday with her husband and daughter, J. L. Upper and Nadia.

Another son, Edward S. (Ted) Reid III, and his wife are expected this week from Cambridge, Mass., where Ted is attending Harvard Law school. They will spend their time between Birmingham and Grosse Pointe where they will visit her family, the R. Gerry Grylls, before leaving for San Francisco. Just completing his second year at Harvard, Ted will spend the summer working in a law office on the west coast.

The Reids' other son, William O., and his bride, Ute, are expected to arrive today for a brief visit before they depart June 23 by plane for Europe, a delayed honeymoon part. William just completed exams at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and en route home visited Ute's family in Hampton, Va. He has to return to Philadelphia for his national board exam before his departure.

London, England, their first stop will be in London to visit Ute's uncle, also another young man and his wife, the Anthony Hurlties.

In France the Reids will visit the Durand family that Bill stayed with in 1952 under the "Experiment in International Living Plan." They will continue by bicycle through Germany to Buckeburg where they will visit Arce Musso, who spent the summer of 1953 in Birmingham with the Junior Reids as a student.

Still more bicycling will take them to Lubec to visit members of Ute's family and then to Strausberg where they will attend the Music Festival. What time is left will be spent touring the Scandinavian countries before Bill's return to Medical school.

A Golden Event
A family celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamel, Sr., was held at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, the Neil Marshalls of Riverside drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamel's three children, Mrs. Neil Marshall, Mrs. Eugene Moak of Port Huron, Fred Hamel, Jr., the three grandchildren, Neil Marshall III, of Allen Park, Nancy Marshall Moffatt of East Northport, N. Y., Robert Moak of Port Huron, and three great-grandchildren, Wendy and Janet Marshall and Jimmy Moffatt; the entire family, were all present.

Dinner was served at the Birmingham Country club, where yellow roses, carnations and tapers carried out the yellow and gold theme.

Piano Major Prepares for Recital
Carolyn Anne Burroughs, arrived home last week from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., where she has just completed her junior year, a piano major in the School of Music.

Carolyn is vice-president of her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, and treasurer of the Associated Women Students at Northwestern. During the past year she has served as Scholarship chairman of the Associated Women Students and was active in organizing the AWS Big and Little Sister Conference and the AWS Big and Little Sister Program at the University. She has maintained an A average and has received Mortar Board and University recognition for her grades. On May 22 she was honored in the annual Northwestern May Week Honors Day Ceremony. An active participant in music activities in the Chicago area, Carolyn has been chosen to perform in several piano contests. Recently she was initiated into Sigma Alpha Iota, a professional music sorority.

Carolyn plans to attend the Alpha Chi Omega National Convention at the Greenbrier hotel in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., from July 5 to the 10th. Miss Burroughs will be at her home in Birmingham during the remainder of the summer where she plans to teach piano and prepare for her senior piano recital which she will give next spring in Evanston.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Burroughs of Hamilton road, Bloomfield Village.

WHILE SOME HAVE been on the waiting list for two years, the club has admitted about four in the past year.

Mrs. Shaw says about ten letters proposing members are on file, and those ten women may sometimes soon be placed in the waiting list group.

Women with children have problems with attending some of the garden clubs, and the Bloomfield Hills unit usually meets from 1:30 to 4:30 or 5. Several young mothers asked to join have pointed to this as their reason for declining, according to Mrs. Shaw.

But where suburbs are growing, the garden clubs grow too. In Franklin, the only town with two garden clubs, the branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, to which all others previously mentioned belong, has had about 20 members admitted this year.

"The two-year-old club has about 45 members and meets in the Community church, so has no limit to their membership.

"THE GROWTH has been quite astounding," says Mrs. Carl Rasmussen, retiring president of the Franklin branch. Limited membership in the other Franklin unit, the Franklin Garden club, is because of home meetings and because "if a club gets too large it loses its fellowship," according to Mrs. Homer Hyde of the club. Exceptional, because it has members, the Franklin Garden club is headed by William A. Hyland of Telegraph road this year, and has 40 members. The club, which recently admitted two couples, concentrates on gardening in evening meetings.

Several groups have sprung up because of waiting lists and closed memberships. One is the Suburbia Garden club, of which Mrs. Robert VanderPyl, of Lake Park, is president. The club meets usually in Grosse Pointe, where many of the 12 members live, and where most garden clubs have closed membership and longer waiting lists than here.

IN THE CLUBS in Grosse Pointe, she says, "you had to wait until some member died and even after that you waited." The Suburbias now "are as bad as the ones we were trying to get into before," she says. Because our homes are small, we closed membership at 18."

In Beverly Hills, Mrs. Jack Gierhardt formed a small club of 12 members because the Suburbia meetings were too far away.

Of the 951 members in area garden clubs, 400 are in Birmingham's branch of the WFNGA.

THE LOCAL CLUB has no limit to membership since members are in the Community House. The club's Mrs. William McCallum won the national honor for formation of new garden clubs several years ago when she was instrumental in forming 12 clubs in the area.

According to Mrs. Robert Watt, president of the Birmingham club, the club doesn't make special efforts to build membership, for "It's hard to serve teas to so large a group." But with two people sponsoring each new member, there could be 200 new members admitted in a year, for an extreme example. (See GARDEN CLUBS, Page 2, Sec. 2)

It's Barbecue Time Outdoors



MRS. ROBERT COVERT PREPARES BARBECUE. Chicken cooks and bastes slowly. (Eccentric Photo)

Bob Coverts Find Roasting On Spit Gives Tenderness

"Everything tastes better when it's cooked on our barbecue," says Mrs. Robert Covert of Lenox road in the North Adams area.

And follows that premise the family takes its meals out-doors, enjoying the tenderness of spit-roasted meat and the flavor of fresh air.

But the barbecue that the Coverts have has not gone unused all the year. Mrs. Covert says she and "Bob" cook most of their meals on it in its winter resting place in their glassed-in porch.

"We seldom use the oven anymore," she says.

HER RECIPES are simple for barbecued food, for she and her husband, who does most of the meat-cooking for the two and their two girls, Kitty, 6, and Mary, 3, feel that self-roasting the meat on the spit does the best of it.

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FOR LEGS OF LAMB, Mrs. Covert suggests simply putting the meat on the square rod that is the spit, securing it with its two pronged arms, and sprinkling with salt, and with salt and pepper.

Barbecue sauce she uses for chicken, beef, pork, mutton, and the family prefers simply self-basted and seasoned.

Her sauce recipe calls for a quarter pound butter, a third cup vinegar, juice of a quarter of a lemon, salt, and pepper, and a dash of Worcestershire sauce. She also uses a quarter teaspoon of onion powder, a dash of cayenne, and a dash of paprika.

Another table, low like a coffee table but heavy for weathering, stands out on the spacious lawn, amid spanking white wood chairs and lightweight aluminum ones.

By D. J. Z.

Rushing Counselors At U-M Next Fall

To help reduce the bewilderment of women students who will go through sorority rushing at The University of Michigan next fall, the Panhellenic association has selected two girls from Birmingham to serve as rushing counselors.

Linda Jean Miller, 959 1/2 Pilgrim, and Sally Wilkinson, 443 Arlington, will be the counselors in the college of literature, science and the arts, and two of 19 girls who have been chosen to advise the approximately 1,200 women who will rush next fall.

Party Series Starts for Starr

Following the custom of 22 years, women here are starting a series of benefit parties for Starr Commonwealth for Boys. The events will be staged in homes beginning the week of June 14.

General chairman Mrs. Morgan J. Hammons, photographed at right, and her co-chairmen, Mrs. John E. Eckenrode and Mrs. J. R. Wagner met at the Hammons home to discuss plans, has organized committees for the parties.

Working with the trio are Mrs. Norman Lyle, Mrs. J. R. Garrison, Mrs. Philip J. Kent, Mrs. William L. Graham is in charge of prizes.

HOUSES TO BE opened during the month are the Vincent Blairs, the Alexander S. Z. Bolds', the James J. Vance's and the Max H. Freuhfuchs'.

First party will be held at the home of Mrs. T. H. Gushing, and among those playing will be Mrs. Philip Maxwell, Mrs. Ralph C. Getzinger, Mrs. Rudolph Eberstadt, Jr., Mrs. Rodgers J. Emmert and Mrs. John K. Bagby.

Other hostesses will be Mrs. Henry S. Booth, Mrs. F. C. Garrison, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Alan Loff-borough, Mrs. W. M. Milligan, Mrs. Charles H. Preston, Mrs. William R. R. Wagner and Mrs. John Palmer.

Later on, homes of Mrs. R. M. Hood and Mrs. J. R. Waterbury will be opened.



MRS. ROBERT VANDERPYL IN HER GARDEN. President of Suburbias. (Eccentric Photo)

Fresh Humor Keys Staging At Playhouse

By DOROTHY JEAN ZACK

Freshness of the humor in well-known "The Moon Is Blue" being staged at Will-O-Way Playhouse this week is appropriate to the fresh start of a play series at the theatre in Bloomfield Hills.

The play runs through this Sunday and gives a good vehicle to the husband-wife team taking the lead in the play's four parts.

Maggie (Hazel's happy-go-lucky first start of a play series at the theatre in Bloomfield Hills).

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Special Features For the Family At PTA Carnival

A "Carnival of Colors" will be the theme of the annual City and County school PTA carnival, Sunday, June 19, from 2 to 5 p.m. on the school grounds in Bloomfield Hills.

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Shepherds Move to GP

Hectic days of moving set nearly over for the John L. Shepherd family, shown here on a recent vacation in Pompano Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, Susan, 14, and Bobbie, 7, are natives of this city who are moving soon to 774 Westchester, Grosse Pointe Park, to be close to his business, the Johns Bros. Ford dealership on Gratiot in Detroit.

Parties for them have been given by the F. Melville Smiths at Pine Lake, Dr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Deer, at dinner at their Midland street home, and Mrs. H. H. Friedman at Devon Gables. The latter was for Beverly Hills neighbors.

OTHER PARTIES have been a Saturday night dinner hosted by the John McKees at 316 Puritan, a Sunday picnic by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hickey of Dogwood lane, and on Tuesday, a farewell family dinner given by Mrs. Shepherd's mother, Mrs. Robert N. Johns, at her Waltham road home.

The moving van came yesterday to their 1946 Warwick drive home, where Mrs. Shepherd says they hope to see their Birmingham friends.



SHEPHERD FAMILY MOVES TO GROSSE POINTE. Parents, Susan and Bobbie. (Eccentric Photo)

MRS. M. HAMMER

MRS. J. WAGNER

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Planning parties for Starr (Eccentric Photo)