

When you are in the company of an angry person, you can help to overcome such anger by refusing to become angry yourself. Anger is like a fire; if you refuse to add fuel to it, it will burn itself out in its own brief time.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

SECTION 4

Thursday, May 12, 1955

## Learn from Old, Says Novel Writer

"I think every young one should be apprenticed to a top-notch old one," is the idea Mrs. John Cooper offers to would-be successes in the writing field.

Mrs. Cooper, who has written "Thunderstone," a novel being published today by Simon and Schuster, learned much of her writing know-how from Arthur Brisbane.

Brisbane, whose column was carried in prime position in the Hearst newspapers for many years, had Mrs. Cooper as his assistant in the office that linked his business and newspaper activities.

MRS. COOPER as she looked back over the writing in her upstairs room and the rewriting with publisher's editors, said "I try to write close to perfection." "Imagine being like Einstein and knowing you had gotten close to that Unified Field theory," she said, "Or imagine being as good a hockey player as Gordie Howe, do admire competence."

She and her husband are hockey fans, and occasionally take daughter Maud, a Cranbrook student down with them for weekend games.

THE NEW BOOK is fourth for Mrs. Cooper, who writes under the name Sylvia Cooper. Her first three were published in the 1930's when she lived in New York. Only recently, she says has she

appreciated a quiet place to write. Those early books were written mainly on the subway, commuting into New York City. She held a full-time job and kept house, with three children, at that time.

Mrs. Cooper, whose home at 333 Pilgrim, is surrounded with flowers, another hobby, moved her writing materials into the room vacated when her son, Tony Ripley, was married last year.

"AT FIRST I paced and dallied around before writing," she laughs, "but now I get right down to writing in the quiet room."

Relatively new to Birmingham, she says she enjoys the people here. "I'm fond of people and the people here let you be fond of them," she says.

The new novel is the story of a doctor and his decision. "What do you do," Mrs. Cooper asked as she describes the theme, "when you have more, customs, of your times tell you to do one thing, and you feel you must do something else?"

## Graefield

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## Evening Bridge Club Meets At Miller Graefield Home

Last Thursday evening Graefielders and former residents here met at the Graefield road home of Mrs. Joseph Miller for their monthly bridge session.

Members included Mrs. Thomas Stroma, Mrs. Chester Shelley, Mrs. Walter Flinn and Mrs. A. A. Wayne of Birmingham; Graefielders Arthur Kaufman, Mrs. Budd Eichner and Mrs. Joseph Miller. Mrs. Robert Waggoner of Birmingham was guest; fog member Mrs. William Carey who was unable to be present.

Winner of the first prize was Mrs. Shelley, and second prize went to Mrs. Eichner. Desert and coffee were served before the bridge game.

Major and Mrs. John Saefke journeyed to Battle Creek last weekend where they were the houseguests of Mrs. Saefke's mother, Mrs. Lloyd H. Ordway. While there Major and Mrs. Saefke attended the Chesterfield dinner dance held at the local Lake County club. The Chesterfield club is made up of former classmates of the Saefkes.

The Eugene Pritchards, who are relatively new to the area, are returning to Euclid, Ohio, because of a change in Pritchard's assignment.

The program committee of the First Methodist church's newly formed women's circle, Group 7, met at the Graefield road home of Mrs. George H. Mosher, Jr. last Tuesday evening, to discuss plans for their first meeting, May 17.

Guests present were Mrs. Harold L. Irlin, Mrs. Herbert R. Bengt, Mrs. James Gaddis and Mrs. Donald B. Moore.

CALIF. HOLIDAY The Sherman McDonaldis recently returned to their Graefield road home after a two-week vacation in the west coast. They divided their time by spending one week in Los Angeles visiting their son, Robert, and the remaining sight-seeing in the Saefkes.

A week's vacation took the John Adams of Graefield road to Niagara Falls last Friday, then on to Louisville, N. Y. There they will be houseguests of Mrs. Adams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Cunningham.

When Mr. and Mrs. L. C. K. Thun gave a birthday party May 2 at their Graefield road home in honor of their son Ludi's tenth birthday, a maypole decorated with pink and green streamers was the center of attraction.

Several games, with prizes for everyone, balloons, hats and noisemakers added to the gaiety of the celebration. After Ludi opened his gifts, supper was served. Guests were Penbrooke classmates, Michael Phelan, Barbara Harpster, Barbara Brewster, Jeffery McFarlin and Charles Atkin; Graefielders included Barbara Chapman, Jan Ekberg, Joe Halterman, Michael and Roberta Moore.

BROWNIE NEWS Mrs. Gerda Schairer, Brownie leader of Troop 386, met with Brownie mothers at her home Wednesday morning to discuss

## Go A'Campin'

Girl Scouts of troop 372 of Quarton school went camping at Camp Narrin, north of Pontiac, W.Va.

last weekend. They were accompanied by their leader, Mrs. Thomas Stroma, and co-leaders, Mrs. Charles Payton and Mrs. Robert Camp.

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## Hosts Sigma Kappas

Mrs. Bruce Hayward, 2420 York-shire, was hostess for the regular monthly meeting of Sigma Kappa sorority on Tuesday night. Her co-hostess was Mrs. Richard T. Hannerster of Huntington Woods. The group held a rummage sale of children's clothing, and plans were formulated for a June box social meeting for Sigma Kappas and their husbands.

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## 150 Attend Tea At OC Hospital

Upwards of 150 women attended the tea last week at the Oakland Convalescent hospital in Pontiac, at which displays of ceramics done by patient-students of Mrs. Adele Davis, 636 Landon, and other craftswomen were sold.

Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills women were among those attending the event, aimed at acquainting public with items made by the patients.

Mrs. Davis, who is a professional ceramics teacher, visits the hospital each week, bringing with her materials and equipment for use in making pottery.

ITEMS DONE by the elderly or infirm persons are taken home for baking in Mrs. Davis' kiln.

Other crafts on display were needlework done by women and woodwork done by men in craft classes. The occupational therapy work is supervised by therapist Marion Hagen.

Have You Met Mr. and Mrs. Buddy C. Mohney, originally from the East, who have come from Detroit to make their home at 1771 Haynes? Mohney is a sales representative for the Haloid company, Detroit. Mrs. Mohney is a former nurse and was teaching nursing at Ford hospital before coming to Birmingham. Photography is Mohney's interest during his leisure time.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

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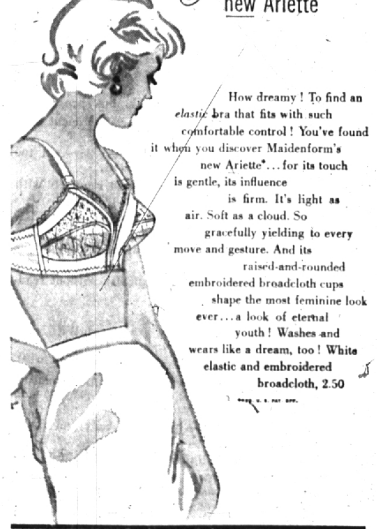
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