

## Suburban Scene Coral and White Decorate Table At Farewell Tea

By BETTY DUPUIS

White snapdragons with coral carnations decked the tea table and a white cake bore the inscription "bon voyage" in coral-tinted frosting last Wednesday in the Brookside drive, Bloomfield Hills, home of Mrs. John Anderson. Mrs. Anderson invited approximately 20 ladies to tea so all could say "goodbye and have a wonderful trip" to Mrs. Lila Ecker, of Haynes avenue, Birmingham. The latter leaves early next week to sail out of New York for Europe. She will be visiting eight different countries on her 1-0-0-n-g two-month tour abroad.

## Another European Vacation

Also Europe bound are Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Staub, Merritt lane, Birmingham, and daughter, Carol. The Staubs sailed on the Mauretania Tuesday. Ireland, England, Holland, Belgium, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy are on their itinerary. While in Ireland and France they plan to look up distant relatives. Longest stop en route will be in Switzerland where they will visit friends in Lucerne and Lugano. An audience with the Pope has been arranged for June 2; this having been arranged by a former college professor of Carol's presently teaching there. They plan to return from Naples on the SS Independence.

## Suburbanites Tour Mexico

When W. F. Newell, assistant general secretary of Detroit Y.M.C.A. escorted a group of 50 to Mexico recently, our suburban area was quite well represented. Localities who accompanied the tour were: Marion Cannon, Suffield road, and Mrs. E. A. Miller, East Maple road, both of Birmingham; Mrs. E. F. Berger and Mrs. Ralph A. Wilson, both of Riverside drive, Southfield township, and Professor and Mrs. G. K. Kingsbury, Lathrup road, Lathrup Village. With Mexico City as a focal point, they spent eight days in sightseeing, visiting the ultra-modern residential University city as well as many "old-world" spots. At the massive marble Palace of Fine Arts, Mexico City show place, the group viewed the famous Tiffany stained glass curtain used on the auditorium stage. Another point of interest was the Cathedral of Mexico, which wasn't completed until 240 years after its foundations were laid in 1578. Variety was the keynote, as the entourage visited bull-fights, the floating gardens of Xochimilco, pyramids of the sun and moon, the temple of Quetzalcoatl, the Shrine of Guadalupe, Camp Camomihla, an American YMCA project, and Taxco, the silversmith's town. They caned three days of swimming, sailing and relaxing at Hotel Palacio Tropical in Acapulco.

## No Lines For Sarah's Role In Village Players' Show

Competition is keen between the cast and a "model" who doesn't speak a line in the Village Players' presentation of "The Fifth Season", scheduled for April 27-28, May 4-5. The show revolves around the New York office of Goodwin-Pincus, manufacturers of ladies' garments and the scuttlebutt of a models' dressing room. "Sarah" stands mute on the whole situation, as she is in reality a dressmaker's mannequin. The cast also includes two live models, played by Mrs. Henry J. Crichton and Mrs. Richard Netze. DR. JACK HASSBERGER portrays Pincus, or "Uncle Pinkie", with Bob Halsted as his able partner, John Goodwin. Jess Eakins is Dr. Prince, interior decorator, who makes things financially uncomfortable for the clothiers who are practically down to their last bolt of material. Goodwin's life is complicated by his wife, Mrs. Gordon Jones, who keeps getting in the way of his



A MOUSEIE LITTLE man named "Uncle Pinkie" is here portrayed by Dr. Jack Hassberger, who plays the role, complete with Yiddish accent, in Village Players' "The Fifth Season" this weekend and next. Here Bob Halsted (center) and John E. Hall discuss the dressmaker's mannequin, used by New York ladies' garment manufacturers in the story centered in a models' dressing room.



MEMBERS of the Royal Family in velvet and jewels.

## Soroptimists To Attend Conference

Delegates to the 45th conference of the Midwest Region of Soroptimists International, representing the Birmingham club, will be Marion Schmidt and Nina Noble. Conference will be held this weekend, April 27 through 29, at the Sheraton-Mayfair hotel in Akron, Ohio. Others attending from the local club will be Helen Larkin, regional governor; Mary Dewey, Maxine Luscombe, Nan Degan and Marion Meadowcroft.

THE GROUP recently elected officers for the 1956-57 season and heading the slate as president is Marion Smith. Assisting her will be Mary Dewey, first vice president; Maxine Luscombe, second vice president; Dorothy Dunbar, treasurer; Irene Hanley, recording secretary; Fern Hutton, corresponding secretary; and directors, Helen Reve and Nan Degan. Serving as two-year delegate is Maxine Luscombe with Nina Noble as alternate and one-year delegate, Barbara Carleman and Mabel Sorenson.

## Inspiration—April in the Attic

### Doll Collection Growing From Spare Time Babysitting

By FRAN MAIER

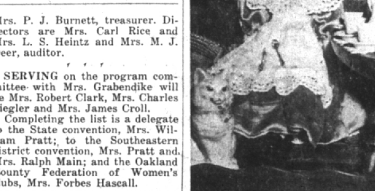
April in the attic has different meanings to many people, but to one it is a collection of dolls . . . "just for joy" and in each of them there's a story. Mrs. Annette Anderson, 789 Southfield, Birmingham, has an attic room converted to a doll room which has become her hobby. In this little room is a book called "Gold Dust" which the collector says best expresses her feelings—"What are the joys which thou hast to tell me? Let me share thy treasures with others."

"My dolls bring joy and relieve gloom, not only to me but to others," remarked Mrs. Anderson. "THE HOBBY began as a need for happiness to overshadow the illness of her mother, Ada H. MacDougall, who was confined to her bed. Mrs. Anderson used to hook rugs for a pastime and as friends dropped in to see her mother, she would drop the rug, then go back to it. Mother decided that was just a nuisance and encouraged her to get out her dolls and start working on them. With that she ran upstairs and got Ruthie Daniels out of the trunk. LITTLE RUTHIE, given to her mother as a Christmas gift, had been in the attic from 1920 to 1942. Given to a friend and retrieved a year later, the dollie was broken together bit by bit . . . thus joy began. Then Ruthie was resurrected from the attic for the second time. There was the recreation . . . with glue and patience Ruthie was put together bit by bit . . . thus joy began. Her first bits of material gathered for the clothing of the little china France, pink doll were wool challis, pink lawn and fine lace from a alp worn by her first child. Since daddy always thought the doll looked like her, she dressed her in an exact replica of a childhood picture . . . her hobby had begun.

SHE STARTED collecting heads for little women and her friends called her the "head hunter." With only the heads to work with Marjorie was her first attempt at making a doll—skin and all. She was dressed in black silk and her shoes were of silk moire and black taffeta. Meg's ensemble was made from Mrs. Anderson's old dancing dress, with the ribbon from her first party dress and a lovely founce of lace. JO, WHO WAS known for her sewing in the attic and writing a book, called her the "head hunter." A blue flannel petticoat was topped by a dress made from an old printed quilt. Amy, the theatrical one, had everything blue. Her blue chiffon gown was the doll's dress. It was by Ruth Daniels, a neighbor who lived across the street. Then there was Beth in a plain simple printed chalice. These little women were dressed, perhaps not

as one would imagine, but just as they impressed the collector. Each piece of material used in making the costumes was handed down by a friend or a member of the family, thus having a special meaning to Mrs. Anderson. AS MRS. Anderson was completing these her mother wrote a poem which seems so appropriate for the occasion and is called: LIVES GIFT Give me the gift of simple grace. The blessed smile of a friendly face. Give me a light and happy heart. A chance to practice my favorite art. Smiling through weary pain, A voice that sings a sweet refrain. A tongue with words and phases of Expressions colored with pure wisdom, patience and love. Let me climb the upward hill In wisdom, patience and good will. That my activities may Give me the gift of simple grace. And keep the sunlight in my face.

FELICIA is the first and only doll among her collection which she bought. The Spanish and French Creoles is dressed in alpacas and pearls carried by her sister, Mary Queen of Scots came about in an unusual manner. "I wanted to give my husband and myself a wedding anniversary present, and she was it," remarked Mrs. Anderson. . . . Her husband is from Scotland so I got around that. I married Washington is dressed in a blue velvet which is part of Mrs. Anderson's evening dress when she went to Scotland in 1928. Alice in Wonderland sits at a table set with miniature tea service made in France and a gift from a friend in Oak Ridge Tenn. "I LIKE SMALL dolls best," remarked the hobbyist, "but Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria are really lovely. The inspiration for dressing them came from a sunburst pin and a pair of old ruby earrings. All of these things are silverstuds of joy." Even Jerry the cat enjoys the hobby. He likes to sleep on the queen's velvet robe of royalty. There are so many dolls in that attic room that Mrs. Anderson is willing to share her joys with others. To continue purchasing needed heads and parts for the doll family . . . Mrs. Anderson babysits in her spare time.



HOURS OF JOY for Mrs. Annette Anderson and others are found in the attic doll room.

## B'ham Woman's Club Stages Fashion Show, Meet

Birmingham Woman's club, of which Mrs. Lawrence Heintz is president, will hold its annual business meeting and luncheon at noon, May 1, at Devon Gables. Members and guests will be entertained by a fashion show staged by Mary Heisling Inc. Chairman of the day is Mrs. William Grabendike, assisted by Mrs. Charles Woodall, Mrs. E. J. Kempf, Mrs. M. J. Murphy, Mrs. Frank Russell and Mrs. James Lowman, Jr. MRS. WARREN Pratt will be installed as president of the 1956-57 season. Assisting her will be Mrs. Ralph Main, first vice president; Mrs. George Steelman, recording secretary; Mrs. John Sinclair, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. P. J. Burnett, treasurer. Directors are Mrs. Carl Rice and Mrs. L. S. Heintz and Mrs. M. J. Deer, auditor. SERVING on the program committee with Mrs. Grabendike will be Mrs. Robert Clark, Mrs. Charles Ziegler and Mrs. James Croli. Completing the list is a delegate to the State convention, Mrs. William Pratt; to the Southeastern district convention, Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. Ralph Main; and the Oakland County Federation of Women's clubs, Mrs. Forbes Hassall.

## Golf Is in The Air For Feminine Set

Women golfers of Orchard Lake Country Club will meet at the club for their opening luncheon May 3 at noon. Gathering to make plans for the new season will be the regular players, new golfers, and new members. Mrs. Vernon B. Myers is general chairman of this year's committee. Mrs. James R. Alexander is vice chairman. Mrs. Reilly Bird, treasurer, and Mrs. Robert S. Glover, Jr., secretary. Mrs. Ferd Broock and Mrs. Genaro A. Florez are working in an advisory capacity to the board. OTHER COMMITTEE chairmen are: Mrs. Dietrich Kohlsaat and Mrs. Douglas Holmes, handicaps; Mrs. Edward A. Proctor, rules; Mrs. Ferd M. Broock, women's district representative; Mrs. Morgan Collins, district team captain and junior golfers' chairman; Mrs. A. McCall, social chairman; Mrs. James C. Wright, prizes; and Mrs. Robert D. Reinhardt, friendship tournament; Mrs. Wright Young, Caddy-Ladies' Day; Mrs. Frederick M. Adams, finger scores; Mrs. Sylvester F. Leashy, Sunday mixed events; Mrs. Robert E. Leashy, weekly events; Mrs. Chauncey G. Burke, summer tournaments; Mrs. Wesley Z. Grover, approaching driving, and putting contests; and Mrs. John W. Fitzgerald, publicity. MRS. BROOCK and Mrs. Walter V. Broock are women members of the Derby Day committee. Chairman for the nine hole golfers is Mrs. Gervais W. Trichel. The first event of the women's golfing season will be May 4.

## Oakland Hills CC To Honor Bowlers

Oakland Hills country club women will have their spring golf meeting and bowling awards luncheon tomorrow, Mrs. E. H. Wilcox of Glenhurst drive, Birmingham, chairman, will conduct the business meeting, scheduled for 10:30 a.m., at which the golfing program for the year will be outlined. The day's events will continue with punch bowl at 11:30 a.m. After the 12:30 luncheon, bowling awards will be presented by Mrs. Fred Sheldon, Jr., Burning Bush, Bloomfield township, bowling chairman. Mrs. J. P. Staphchinskas of Westwood drive, Birmingham, is co-chairman for golf activities. The first golf date of the season is planned for the morning of May 4.

Delta Zetas Meet Next Wednesday Delta Zeta Oakland group I will meet next Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Royal Oak home of Mrs. William Konde. Mrs. Robert Kerley, Pierce street, Birmingham, newly installed Oakland man, will take charge of the meeting. She will report on the recent province convention in East Lansing. Group plans for the coming year will be discussed.

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## Fifth Year Marked By Brownie Fete

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## Troy Mothers Have Election

Mrs. Charles Martz of Cole avenue, Birmingham, was elected president of Troy pre-school mothers at the group's meeting last week at the school. Serving as secretary will be Mrs. Lawrence Toutant, Holland avenue, Birmingham. Also chosen for the coming year were Mrs. Robert Clark, Cole avenue, program chairman; Mrs. Ellen Hardenbrook and Mrs. Robert Senglaub, both of Melton road, membership co-chairmen; Mrs. Thomas Russell, Eton road, and Mrs. William Shorden of Emmons avenue, hospitality co-chairmen, all of Birmingham.

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