

Whole Family Combines Talents to Beautify Their Home

Parents, Children Share Fun of Creating Together

By BETTY DUPUIS

Imagination plus a concerted family effort with a liberal sprinkling of talent have made the home of the Reilly B. Mead family on Birwood, Southfield township, a most interesting and individual house.

They make a hobby of working together, creating delightfully unusual items for their own use as well as for gifts. Mr. Mead, who is product manager for Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing company, has a downright professional home woodworking shop, in which he turns out the larger projects. Then, Mrs. Mead takes over, putting on the paint, decorations and finishing touches, with an assist from daughter Cynthia.

Ted, who is nine, is highly interested in making model automobiles, at this point, and shows signs of following in his father's mechanical apt. footstep. Seven-year-old Cynthia reflects her mother's artistic talents and does all the same things Mrs. Mead does: painting, embroidering, sewing, decorating with beads, shells and the like.

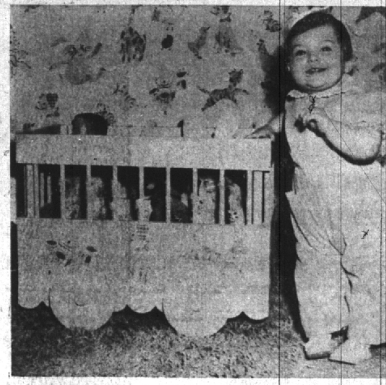
Jana is not quite a year old and still too small to do much but admire the efforts of the others, but dollars to doughnuts she will be joining in the fun before long.

EVERY room in the Mead's attractive home contains examples of the artistry and ingenuity of this family. In the living room, for instance, stands a most unique floor lamp. An antique yarnwinder, which in Mr. Mead's family, has been wired and put to practical use. It's quaint and interesting shape blends perfectly with the early American decor. Legs added to a breadboard—the kind with the handle—make an amusingly practical stool. Over the sofa, shadow box frames, made by his dad, are currently displaying a group of Teddy's model autos. Later, they will be used for samplers his mother is making.

SILHOUETTED above the dining room buffet a gargantuan rooster struts and crows. Black painted wood fashions the effective plaques, outlining the gigantic cock and tiny musical notes.

Matching racks, in maple, one for spices above the stove and a corner spoon rack, are featured in the kitchen. Proof that the functional can also be decorative is the collection of jars, bottles and boxes (for bath salts, creams, klenex, et al) in the bathroom. Shells, beads and jewels in lighthearthed designs done by the distaff side of the family, lift these completely out of the common-place.

ANOTHER Mead family heirloom, a muzzle loading rifle used in the revolutionary war and prod-



JANA, too young to help as yet, takes great pride in her toy cart, a family creation.

CYNTHIA finds the breadboard stool a fine girl-size perch. Floor lamp is made from a family heirloom—an early American yarn winder.

ly handed down the generations, holds great interest for Ted. Still intact is the original powder bag filled with paper twists containing the powder charges. This is displayed on its own rack of antiqued wormwood.

Downstairs in the recreation room there is a change of pace with contemporary design prevailing. Here are exceedingly handsome Mead-original matching end and cocktail tables of cork topped, black painted aluminum. An interesting notched rectangular toy is featured on the cocktail table and the end tables are fashioned in a step design.

POLISHED brass fire extinguishers with black baked enamel bases became a pair of unique tri-column lamps for the end tables.

But little Miss Jana has no difficulty stealing the whole show with her toy cart these days. Her delight in the latest creation of her parents combines with her quite evident, gay and colorful, miniature circus wagon is a sturdy enough for the little one to load with her playthings. Bright animal designs ornament the scalloped body.

It is indeed refreshing to find a family so wholeheartedly united in creativeness and enjoyment; for these must surely be the elements that make a house a home.



MR. AND MRS. Reilly B. Mead in their recreation room. Handsome brass lamp is one of pair made from fire extinguishers on baked black enamel bases. Cork topped tables are of black painted aluminum.

Bailey-Smith Vows Exchanged Friday

White lace over satin was worn by Sally Bixby Smith for her marriage to Floyd Allen Bailey at Kirk-in-the-Hills Friday. The Rev. Mackay Taylor read the double-ring rites before 100 wedding guests.

The gown featured a mandarin collar, fitted bodice and a full ballerina length skirt opening in front to show tulle accordion pleats. A crown of orange blossoms caught the fingertip veil and she carried a cascade of white carnations.

Parents of the bride are the James Morgan Smiths of Denbar road, Bloomfield Hills. Her husband's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burdette Bailey of Rochester.

MATS OF HONOR and only attendant was her sister, Nancyrye Smith, wearing aqua crystallette. The princess style ballerina length frock was styled with a rounded neckline and small bows accented the puffed sleeves. In her hair was a tiara of white rosebuds and white carnations and red rosebuds comprised her cascade bouquet.

George Bernard of Western Michigan college, Kalamazoo, was best man. Seating the guests were Eugene Tomko of Rochester and Larry Hilliker of Pontiac.

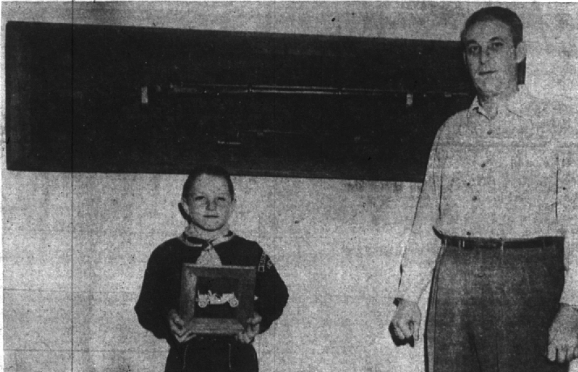
SALLY'S MOTHER chose navy blue taffeta for the wedding and reception, following at Bloomfield Open Hunt club. Mrs. Bailey wore light blue taffeta. Both mothers pinned red rosebuds to their shoulders.

To start her wedding trip to Northern Michigan, the new Mrs. Bailey donned a light blue wool suit with navy accessories.

Out of town guests at the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. Percival G. Bibby, grandparents of the bride; Mrs. Edward Rogerson, Wesley and Suzanne Rogerson, aunt and cousins of the bride, all of Derby, N. Y.



PUTTING HERSELF in her son's place, literally, helps Mrs. Jamieson Williams, Yarnmouth road, Birmingham, understand a student's point of view. She is attending a class and sitting at her boy's desk during Cranbrook school's parents night. Peter De Witt is the instructor.



RIFLE used in the American revolution is displayed on an antiqued wormwood gun rack. Ted made the model auto mounted in shadowbox. His dad made the gun rack and shadowbox frame, which is one of a set.

Suburban Scene

Future and Past, Fun and Frolics

Mark a big red circle around the date of March 3 on your calendar! That is when the Pontiac Skating club will put on a gala ice show at the Eaton Park rink.

There will be comedians, figure skating, dancing, the works, all in costume. Starting at 8:30 p.m., the show is open to the public and there will be an open skating session for everyone afterwards.

All this promises to be fine fun.

They Had Their 'Druthers'

Bonnie Brook Country club's ballroom was an amazing scene last Saturday night, with Arabian sheikhs, harem girls, a lamp post and some wondrously weird animals—all dancing and making merry.

It all came about as a result of invitations, designed and illustrated with clever cartoons by Dick Allman, sent to members of the Dance club. "No, we haven't flipped," these announced. "It's really the 'druther' hall—a costume dance, wherein you can dress as what you'd druther be and not what you is."

Frustrations bit the dust right and left, with brunettes turning blond for an evening and vice versa. Bridey Murphy was there. So were a pair of monkeys, whose fur bore a striking resemblance to a couple of antique raccoon coats.

Dancing Horse and Dr. Kinsey

Club members and guests were delighted with the clever dancing and cavorting of a horse that was really Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Waggoner; they were that good.

Back to the good old days for the W. A. Doyles, he in derby, spats, weskit and moustache, she in high button shoes, Gibson girl shirtwaist and long skirt, complete with maribou stole.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rahley were pink elephants in red and white polka dotted ballet skirts, while Mrs. Walter Stocker "druthers" be a can can dancer.

Dr. Kinsey, with notebook, stethoscope, spectacles, white coat and notebook, proved, upon closer inspection, to be none other than Chalmers Brown.

Several rabbits came to the party; the Jack Clarks were a pair of pink bunnies. Mrs. Richard Spire and William Page were cottontails of a more conventional hue.

Animals Were in the 'Pink'

In fact, pink was a popular shade in the make-believe animal kingdom that night. Mrs. Rod Turner was a giraffe's copy attired in pink felt, with a wonderful pink outfit flannel head and 10-0-0-n-g neck.

"Don Cargill 'druther" disappear, it would seem, since he was an invisible man. His pulled down black felt hat, black trousers and cape were accentuated by a metallic mesh mask that obliterated his face completely.

Covering the entire field of behaviorism, the O. Adamsses were gotten up to represent "sinner and saint." Mr. O., the "saint", was robed in monk's garb, while his "sinner" wife wore a short dress of scarlet velvet, long black mesh hose, fake eyelashes and a plumed hat.

Spectacular spoofing, this; but, just like Cinderella after the ball, everybody turned back into what "they is."

Piano Pupils Present Recital

Mrs. Donald B. Patterson presented some of her piano pupils in recital Saturday afternoon in her Pembroke avenue home.

Among the students participating were Sherrill Smith, Carol Egan, Patty Sievers, Kenneth Sieving, Wendy and Jonathan Miller, Karen Jarvis, Lynne Lowman, Ce-Ce Smith, Beverly Page, Lucy Anders, Janet Lienkugel and Dianne Sturman were also on the program.

Franklin Couple Plan May Wedding

Robert Mason announces the engagement of his sister, Betty Ann, to George R. Ziegelbauer, son of the Paul Ziegelbauers of Franklin road.

Betty Ann is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mason and has lived in Franklin all her life. She is a graduate of Birmingham high school and the Wayne University school of Nursing. Presently, she is a nurse on the staff of the city of Highland Park.

Cotillion Dance Set for March 9

Date of the fourth and final dance of the season for the Cotillion club has been moved up to March 9, Bloomfield Country club will be the place and dancing will be from 9 until 1.

Originally scheduled for March 16, the date was changed because of exams to be held that week.

As an innovation, midnight supper will be served this time.

Chaperones will be Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hargreaves, the E. Durits Mathews and Mr. and Mrs. Semon Knudsen.

Piety Hill DAR Fetes 'Citizenship' Winners

"The youth of today are the sturdy oaks of tomorrow" and in this interest the daughters of the American Revolution sponsor a good citizen program, was the comment of Mrs. Clyde Bennett, Jr., as she presented the pins at the 21st birthday luncheon of Piety Hill chapter.

DAR Good Citizenship award winners were Ann Gardner of Birmingham high school and Cathy Dynl of Clawson, who is the third member of her family to win the award.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP medals are awarded to boys and girls of all races and creeds who show quality of honor, service, courage, leadership and scholarship. Through work for these medals the ideas and ideals of good citizenship are impressed in the minds and thought of youth. These fundamentals of character learned in the formative days of early life are never forgotten.

Candidates are elected by the students of the high school... the faculty then selects the good citizen who is to represent that particular school in the DAR state conference. From this group one student is chosen to receive the good citizen state bond award.

THE DAR Good Citizens committee conducts nationwide con-



GOOD CITIZENSHIP WINNER, Nancy Dynl of Clawson, is being pinned by DAR chairman, Mrs. Clyde Bennett, Jr. Ann Gardner (right) is Birmingham high school winner.