

Thursday, April 18, 1957

## Suburban Scene

by BARBARA GANSCHOW

### Breath of Spring

Newcomers club board members will be decked out in fancy crepe paper Easter bonnets for luncheon today in the Community House. Cleverly executed by Mrs. Ralph O. Moore, ingenious chairman of the decoration committee, the hats are fashioned in pastel hues with flower trim. An all-white creation will grace the head of Mrs. Robert Silbar, co-publisher of the Fenton Independent, who joins George R. Averill, editor and publisher of The Eccentric, at the speakers table.

The mood created by the spring toppers will be carried over to the tables set for about 200 members of the club, with forced branches of forsythia arranged along a light green picket fence running the full length of the tables. Also accenting the fences, to tie in with the day's speakers, will be tiny black mail tubes with Birmingham Eccentric lettered on the sides. Mrs. Moore's assistants were Mrs. George Monroe, Mrs. Peter Good and Mrs. Loren Iverson.

### AAUW Brings 'Beanstalk' Here

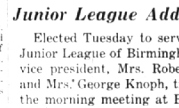
Specialty constructed equipment will enable the magic beanstalk to grow on stage for actors to climb, when "Jack and the Beanstalk" is presented at the Birmingham theater Monday. Scheduled for two performances, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., the show is being brought here by the Children's Theater of the American Association of University Women, as the third and final offering of the current series. Presented by the Wayne State University players, the production is part of a 15-year-old project of the WSU Theater. Tickets for the morning performance will be available at the theater boxoffice.

### Wilkinsons Announce Daughters Troth

Planning a July 27 wedding are Sally Gene Wilkinsons and Dr. John Masters Harper. Their engagement is announced by the bride-elect's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Paul Wilkinsons of Arlington road, John visited in Birmingham last week, when Sally was home on spring vacation from the University of Michigan.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Blaine Harper of Fort Wayne, Ind., John received his degree, as a doctor of medicine, from U of M, where he was a member of Nu Sigma Nu fraternity. He is internist at Philadelphia General Hospital in Pennsylvania.

Sally, a senior student is affiliated with Pi Beta Phi sorority.



SALLY WILKINSONS

### Junior League Adds to Slate

Elected Tuesday to serve two-year terms as officers of Junior League of Birmingham were Mrs. D. Pierson Smith, vice president, Mrs. Robert Baxter, recording secretary, and Mrs. George Knopf, treasurer. A coffee hour preceded the morning meeting at Bloomfield Open Hunt club.



BRIDE-ELECT Polly Ann Vliet serves punch to her grandmother, Mrs. Archie C. Utter, at a mother and daughter tea last week in Mrs. Utter's home. At right, completing the three generation picture, is Polly's mother, Mrs. Mark B. Duffield.

### June Bride-Elect Honored

Showers and parties for brides-elect dot the calendar in great numbers this month as preparations take shape for traditional June weddings.

Typical of these prospective June brides is Polly Ann Vliet, who was honored last week by her grandmother, Mrs. Archie C. Utter, of Norwood road, Southfield township.

Bouquets of blue and yellow spring flowers decorated Mrs. Utter's home for the mother and daughter tea. Polly's mother, Mrs. Mark B. Duffield, made it a three generation event for their family. Three generations of another bride-elect were also represented among

### Quota Club's Parcel Post Auction To Benefit 'Girls Ranch' Project

A new idea in fund raising will be tried Wednesday night when Quota Club of Oakland County conducts a "Parcel Post Auction."

The event is one of several fund-raising endeavors planned by various women's organizations to provide funds for establishment of a Girls Ranch.

Bill Weston will conduct the auction following dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Farmhouse, East Nine Mile road in Hazel Park.

Idea for this type of program came into being when members were looking for a new and novel way to earn money for club projects. It gained momentum as they traveled to other states and countries in business and pleasure trips, mailing back packages to the club. These were then listed and stored, unopened and contents unknown.

MRS. HERBERT Walczak and Mrs. Samuel Scherer are handling tickets. Dr. Donna Young and Mrs. Katherine Floyd will be emcees.

### Florida Holiday

Vacationing in Florida are Mr. and Mrs. Horace Holmes and daughters, Joyce and Lennie, of Haverhill road, Bloomfield Hills.

The Holmes' son, Dale, has returned to St. Johns Military Academy in Wisconsin after a week's vacation.

### Rehearsal for 'Seven-Year Itch'



IN REHEARSAL FOR "SEVEN-YEAR ITCH" are Birmingham Village Players actors, left to right, Mrs. William H. Brech, Mrs. George S. (Pat) Dix, and William H. Brech. The Breches are cast as an husband and wife in this comedy opening April 26. Mrs. Dix plays "the girl upstairs."

Itch may be obtained at Grinnell's, at 9 a.m. evening. Birmingham, or by writing Mrs. Furniture for this three-act play. Marcia W. Arthur, 18601 Dun, has been loaned by an interior decorator, Birmingham. Curtain design firm, W. E. Turley Co.

TICKETS for "The Seven-Year"

### GOP Women's Finance Drive To Kick-Off

Larry Lindsey, chairman of the Republican State Central committee, will be the speaker when the Oakland County Republican Women's Finance Drive holds its fifth annual Kick-Off meeting at the Birmingham Community House Thursday, April 25 at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Brooks Marshall, chairman of the Oakland County committee, stresses these three reasons for raising funds this year. First, the Republican Party needs funds with which to work throughout every year, not just an election year. Second, it is imperative to drive to support their party financially. Third, by contributing to the drive all Republican women can discharge in greater measure their political responsibility which does not end with simply casting a vote.

Assisting Mrs. Marshall will be Mrs. Howard Liverance, vice chairman of the committee, Mrs. Hines Bannard, secretary, and Mrs. Charles Burgess, publicity.

RECEIVING the all important "work kits" at the meeting will be the area chairmen who have been named for each township in Oakland county. Among these busy captains are Mrs. Richard Eberline for Avon township, Mrs. W. W. Williams for Birmingham, Mrs. Theron Van Deusen, Bloomfield Hills; Mrs. Edward Moeman, Farmington; Mrs. Belle Smith, Clarkston; Mrs. Arthur Dodge, Lake Angelus; Mrs. Haley Davidson, Orion; Mrs. Grace Benner, Oxford; Mrs. H. A. Knight, Beverly Hills; Mrs. Roger Hubbard, Milford; Mrs. Herbert Smith, Franklin; Mrs. J. H. Strensen-Reyer, Troy; and Mrs. Walter Appel, Orchard Lakes.

The campaign for funds will continue for six weeks with a luncheon at Devon Gables on May 24th. For the first time Oakland County will hold its luncheon separate from that of Wayne County.

### Adelaide

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## Kappas Plan Spring Ball

### Butterfly Mobiles To Accent Decor At Orchard Lake

Evening group of the North Woodward Alumnae association of Kappa Kappa Gamma will sponsor the "Butterfly Ball" May 11 at Orchard Lake country club.

Last fall the central committee was selected and in November the decorations committee began its work designing the butterfly that are to be used in carrying out the theme of the ball. Selection of an orchestra was made in January with Don Lierkiss being the choice.

THE BALL was underway by February with members being asked to help in some small way so they would all feel they had a part in the ball.

Chairman of the evening Kappa group, Mrs. Gordon C. Boling, is helping the decorations committee. Because of the one and work involved in the decorations, many friends and husbands have helped with the sewing, painting and other jobs which the members were not able to do alone.

DECORATIONS of the Butterfly Ball are designed to blend and accent Orchard Lake Country club's decor. There will be 30 butterfly mobiles made of translucent netting and wire in shades of turquoise. Three sizes of butterflies will be suspended from the ceiling at different heights and will swing and glow like the lights play off them.

The band will be surrounded by a white picket fence with flowers interspersed with large machines with spring bouquets. Behind the band will be a wall mural depicting the various bandstand with fins and flowers.

Table decorations will be bowls of colored bobbing balls, with the butterfly motif repeated on the lower half of the bowl.

MRS. Peter F. Givels of Chester street and Mrs. John C. Stegansky of Mrs. William A. Mara, Jr., and Mrs. Richard Craig, decorations: Mrs. William Decker, tickets; Mrs. C. R. Gaville orchestra; Mrs. Arthur Prime and Mrs. James E. Temple, publicity.

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The ball will be held at the country club. Mrs. Robert D. MacGregor, Mrs. Karl R. Zint, Jr., and Mrs. Thomas R. Homan, first and second vice presidents; Mrs. Donald D. Hurd, Mrs. Marshall G. Wicks, Mrs. William R. Moore and Mrs. William E. Ludwig, decorating the club.

Assigned to the task of decorating the ball are Mrs. Robert K. Frierson, Mrs. Gravelle P. Barker, Mrs. Paul C. Faebel, all of Birmingham and Mrs. Harold L. Walters of Lathrup Village.

### Spring Vacation

Enjoying the advent of spring in the beautiful Allegheny mountains, at the Homestead in Hot Springs, Va., are Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H. Goethling of Lake Park drive, Birmingham.

## Heart Surgeon Will Speak To B'ham Wellesley Club

Dr. James B. Blodgett, of Reynolds, Birmingham, will speak on "Heart Surgery" at the April 25th meeting of the Birmingham Wellesley club. Dr. Blodgett performed the marvelous operation on the vital valve of the heart which was presented recently on television, from Grace Hospital, Mrs. Blodgett is a member of the Wellesley club.

Husbands of the club members will be special guests at the program which will be a supper meeting at 7 o'clock at the home of Mrs. John M. Campbell, 1333 Giengary Road, Birmingham.



DR. JAMES B. BLODGETT