

Some men, consumed with idealism and a great desire to serve uselessly in public office, find themselves annoyed against many of the little and big forces of life. It is not because most public officials have no principles that government lags in improving the status of society. Rather it's because society itself forsakes idealism.

## Scouts Instigate New Program

### International Friendship Through Pen Pal Project

Southern Oakland County Girl Scouts will instigate a new program in International Friendship through a pen-pal project to American girl scouts living in France, according to Mrs. Robert L. Garrison, Birmingham district chairman of the Southern Oakland County Girl Scouts.

Wendy Westraie, age 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Westraie, 1685 Buckingham, Birmingham; Susan Monroe, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Monroe, 1656 Yorkshire, Birmingham; and Sally Garrison, 14, 3240 Franklin court, Franklin, will become the first pen-pals of four American girl scouts now living in France. Wendy Evans, Katie Kane, Connie Cooper, and Jeanne Harvey, whose fathers are attached to the USA military services there.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garrison of Franklin, parents of Sally, made a trip to Paris last month. Mr. Garrison, who is vice president of an advertising agency in Bloomfield Hills, was expediting production of a client's film being produced there. While her husband was attending to business affairs, Val Garrison investigated girl scout activities in France.

IT ALL BEGAN with the Memorial Day parade on the Champs Elysees in Paris. As Mrs. Garrison watched the procession move toward the Arc de Triomphe, she saw dozens of American Girl Scouts march toward the tomb of the Unknown Soldier to pay homage. This started her thinking about girl scouts in Europe, since a great deal of her time at home is spent in volunteer work for the Southern Oakland County Girl Scouts.

On the following Sunday, the Garrisons attended church at the George Sing American Cathedral in Paris, where Mrs. Garrison asked the vicar to help her locate a district chairman of girl scouts in Paris, so that she could invite her to tea. The lady was found, and she turned out to be Mrs. David W. Evans, deputy commissioner for the Northern France district, Girl Scouts of the USA. Mrs. Evans and her husband are from Idaho.

LT. COL. AND MRS. Evans drove to Paris from Versailles every day to join the Garrisons for tea. It was a natural result that these two American women, living so far apart, thought of writing to each other, and also thought that girls in their respective districts

stressing troop camping. It is one of the most satisfying fields for the youngsters because they work up to total responsibility for the troop camp. The SOGS day-camp is at Indianwood, north of Pontiac; and the established camp is Camp Narin at Ortonville.

ACCORDING to Mrs. Garrison, troop leaders are very important to the girl scout program. Girls in the sixth and seventh grades are the biggest challenge to leaders, because it is at this age girls suddenly discover there are "so many things to do." "The program must be very interesting, because girls at this age are beginning to realize they will soon be adults, and want to grow up fast," she said.

While it is a national rule that girl scouts must be 12 years old to participate in a pen-pal program, there are a total of 12 program fields for "intermediate" scouts to work toward. They are arts and crafts, literature, dramatics, music and dancing, community life, international friendship, nature, sports and games, outdoors, agriculture, health and safety, and homemaking.

AGES range from 7 to 17 in the American girl scout program. The Girl Scouts are grouped by age, but Girl Scouts usually are grouped by school classes. Brownies are usually from the second, third and fourth grades. Intermediate scouts are from the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Senior scouts are from the high school classes.

After graduation, if a girl wishes to stay in the organization, she can become a troop leader, or she may go on to college and become a professional scout. In the most part, the Girl Scout organization is made up of volunteer workers, but some paid professional people are necessary to support the troops. These people usually have sociology degrees.

The Girl Scouts of America is

an independent, non-profit organization, supported by the United Foundation. UF pays professional scouts, but like other youth organizations, the Girl Scouts organization is community supported. Camping programs are supported through the district sales of cookies and calendars.

BROWNIE scouts wear a "Brownie" world pin. As a Brownie, they are introduced to the girl scout program and are trained in group situations. The program begins to take on more adult character at the "intermediate" stage. Intermediate scouts must earn badges. Brownies call these merit badges, while girl scouts call them proficiency badges. A badge signifies that a girl is able to perform service in a field of knowledge.

Brownies can "fly-up" to the "Tenderfoot" rank in intermediate scouting. "Fly-ups" are around 11 years old and wear felt wings, which are sewn on their uniform sleeve or badge sashes. When scouts reach the intermediate group they may wear the scout pin called the "trefoil" pin. Adults wear this same pin.

The "curved bar" pin is the highest award obtainable in intermediate scouting (ages 11-15). The "5-point" program pin must be earned by a culmination of efforts in senior scouting in five fields of interest. After a required number of hours service, a senior scout can then earn the "Aide Bar."

IN THE BIRMINGHAM district, Mrs. Garrison serves 2,169 children, 14 neighborhoods, and about 160 girl scout troops. There are 791 scout troops in the Southern Oakland county, and 11,250 children in the Southern Oakland district.



## Pen Pals of Girl Scouts in France

Mrs. Robert L. Garrison, Birmingham district chairman of the Southern Oakland County Girl Scouts, gives the address of three American girl scouts living in France to Wendy Westraie, 1585 Buckingham, Birmingham; Sally

Garrison, 32960 Franklin Court, Franklin; and, Susan Monroe, 1686 Yorkshire, Birmingham; to start off a new project in international friendship.

## Medical Students Travels to Europe

Joseph Haehman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bachman of Lahser road, Birmingham, and Roger Park of Benton Harbor left recently for a trip to Europe.

Joseph, a medical student at the University of Michigan and Roger, a student at Benton Harbor will travel to London, Scotland, Holland, Denmark, Switzerland, Germany and many other places. They will return the first of September to continue their education.

## Suburban Scene

by Fran Maier  
Society Editor

### Here with Parents

The Ted Greers, including children Meg, Amy and Jo, are visitors this week at the home of Mrs. G's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Murray of Tibury, Bloomfield township. Before returning to their home in Edina, Minn., the Greers will also have a brief stay with her brother and family, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Murray of West Maple.

### Cinderella Ball Set for May

Mrs. Roy A. Fruehauf will again be chairman of that fabulous Cinderella ball sponsored yearly by the Women's committee of the TB and Health Society.

The ball has always been a fall event, but because of other worthy and charitable events scheduled the group is concentrating its efforts on a spring affair—the date selected being Saturday, May 24.

One of the many new exciting plans for the '58 ball is the inclusion of an attractive souvenir program, which will not only serve to increase profits, but be a handsome and treasured remembrance," comments Mrs. Fruehauf.

Going all-out on decorations will be Mrs. Lee Hill, Mrs. Edgar Flint and Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Twyman and putting their heads together on the program are Mrs. Warren Avis and Mrs. William Breach.

### Grand Opera Tea Time

It's Grand Opera time again and teas will set the mood for the women's committee to gather and report on ticket sales progress.

The first tea will take place in Grosse Pointe the day before Mrs. F. C. Reith opens her Lone Pine road home in Bloomfield Hills on Sept. 25.

Women's committee chairmen are Mrs. James B. Webber, Jr., and her co-chairman, Mrs. Waker A. Williams, will attend both affairs.

Other committee vice chairmen besides the hostess include Mrs. Abraham Cooper, Mrs. Charles J. Fellrath, Mrs. Gorden F. Knight, Mrs. Willis E. Morgan, Mrs. Miles M. O'Brien, Mrs. Roy T. Feralta, Mrs. Ralph L. Polk, Jr., Mrs. Challenger Rainey, Mrs. Carl O. Van Leuven and Mrs. A. D. Wilkinson.

Mrs. John S. French, 3755 Lahser road, Bloomfield Hills, is serving as area secretary for Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and surrounding areas, receiving and recording all memberships, appointments and special assignments.

The Detroit Opera season opens with "Faust," Nov. 19, featuring Metropolitan soprano Dorothy Kirsten. This will be followed by "Turandot," "The Merry Widow," "La-Boheme" and Mozart's "Il Seraglio"—a gay choice for Detroit. Three others will be presented between Nov. 23 and the closing opera "Carmen" on Thanksgiving eve.

### Table Setting Winner

Pat Baverville, 1471 Glengarry, has been selected a winner in the third annual Creative Table Setting contest sponsored by producers of the china dinnerware and gift items in Trenton, N.J. She was awarded Lenox china in the pattern used in her contest entry. Lenox is the company famous for making the official china for the White House since the first set was ordered by President Woodrow Wilson in 1917.

### Mother and Baby Tea

The Rev. and Mrs. James E. McCobb and four children are here from Boston for a month's visit with Mrs. McCobb's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Milo M. Bostwick of Linden road. Mrs. Bostwick has arranged a mother and baby tea Aug. 14 for her daughter's Birmingham friends. Rev. McCobb left for Boston on a religious assignment.

## Jane Seymour Feted at Showers

Bride-elect Jane Seymour, daughter of Mrs. Vera Seymour of German Mill road and the late Lee J. Seymour has set Saturday, September 7 as the date for her marriage to Robert Hamilton Barry, son of Mrs. Ruth Barr of Pinckney and the late Robert E. Barr.

The ceremony will take place at the Franklin Community church at three o'clock.

A linen shower will be in Jane's honor this Friday, August 9 at the home of Mrs. Lynn J. Roberts on Ramble road with Mrs. Jack Roberts and Mrs. Vernon Converse as co-hostesses.

Other parties are being planned. Beverly Bell and Sally Roseberry set August 30 for a shower and friends will gather at Mrs. Jean Susalla's home in Hazel Park with gifts for the bride-to-be.

The couple expect to make Ypsilanti their home following their honeymoon.

## Club Splash Party

Suburbia Garden club members met at the home of Mrs. Robert A. Vanderly of Lake park Tuesday afternoon for a swimming party. Refreshments were served to the 80 people attending.

## Journeys to Alaska With Group of Ten

By ELIZABETH YATES

Seeing a part of the world is a wonderful experience for anyone, and even more so for 11-year-old Gerald Pawlus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pawlus, 1272 Lenhill court, Birmingham.

His journey began three weeks ago when he left Detroit for Alaska with eight other boys and Edward Kuhn, a Hazel Park high school student teacher.

THEIR TRIP took them through the Canadian Rockies to Banff Springs hotel, Alberta, Canada. Jerry recalls the fun they had there as the boys took part in a snow ball fight. Another stop was Lake Louise.

At Vancouver, British Columbia, they boarded the Princess Louise, the boat that took them on to Ketchikan, Alaska. From there they traveled to Juneau then on to Skagway. Other stops were at White Pass Yukon and White Horse.

ON THEIR return trip they passed through Mount Rainier National Park in Washington. In Oregon they found Bonne Dam and a salmon hatchery most fascinating. The group boarded the vista dome train in Portland, which brought them into Detroit last week, where many anxious parents awaited.

Among the souvenirs Jerry brought back with him were a totem pole, Eskimo dolls, a tomatowawk and a small canoe. Jerry also has many movies.

THE OTHER boys enjoying the experience were Bryce Greenewyer and Jay Kuhn of Detroit; Paul T. Johnston of Berkeley, Russell E. Cleveland, Jr., of Farmington, Jack MacLellan of Livonia, Fredrick P. Warrick of Clarkston, Arthur L. Schwartz, Jr., of Bay City, Gary D. Armstrong of East Point, Ga.

## 'Acting' Is Aim of Norwegian Girl, Studies at Will-O-Way Playhouse

By FRAN MAIER

Although she came to America to study dramatics, a young Norwegian girl is intrigued with the All-American sport baseball. "Is this a baseball," she commented, and "what do you use this thing for?"

She is blond 23-year-old Mette Janson of Oslo, Norway. Mette is here as a trainee on an American-Scandinavian foundation and has

THE ONE stipulation of her visa

is that she must earn a living while she receives an education. Mette is at Will-O-Way where she has had a role in one production and at present is working with props.

Mette will remain there until the season closes in September and hopes to locate another work-study job in the theatre line, radio or television.

"THE PRACTICAL professional theatre training offers a way to have fun while learning," commented the blond beauty. Her aim is "acting."

Mette was graduated from Oslo Cathedral school, the oldest in Norway, and studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London.

METTE'S FATHER, Gunnar Janson, is a sculptor and it was through his friend, Marshall Fredricks of Waddington road, Bloomfield township, that she happened to come to Will-O-Way.

When Mr. Fredricks visited her home in Oslo last year, he helped her family make arrangements and she sailed on the Swedish boat "Kungsholm" and landed in New York in May. She came to Detroit by train and was headquartered at the Fredrick's home until she located her apartment at 459 Park, Birmingham.

"IF YOU VISITED our home you may find the whole family around the piano," relates Mette. "My mother is a teacher and concert pianist and my brother, Alfred, is studying music. Dad plays the piano—that's his 'big' hobby. Mette also has a sister, Lillie Jo.

The one thing Mette misses beside her family is the long nights in Norway. In the summer there are only two hours of darkness and that's really dark.

"Life in Norway is not too different, except for our pace of living," commented the student. "You Americans, race, race, race, everywhere you go."

## Nursery Meeting

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—Northland Cooperative Nursery school will have a meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry M. Clark, 25065 Larkins, Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Any interested mothers are invited to attend.



'Is This a Baseball'... comments pretty Norwegian Mette Janson



## What the Dog Days Do to People

Here's what happened when Mrs. Raymond Lotero, 212 Elm, Birmingham, asked her four youngsters to help her clean out a clothes closet one hot day last week. Before any garment could be disposed of, the young clowns wanted to try it on. The "blind" man at right is Robbie, 9, Ruth Anne, 10, models one of her mother's old dresses, while Ricky, 11, sports an old pajama top, ill-fitting blue jeans, and a slingshot. Below the Raggedy Ann wig is Ronnie, 12. Ronnie added to his "charms" with false buck teeth, and Ricky achieved weird effect by crossing his eyes beneath the fake rubber nose and spectacles.