

Man cannot outlaw the hope of reward for personal effort. That is why every government-controlled society, be it socialism, communism, or any other, cannot succeed. You cannot reward unless you put human liberty in a chain, and such chains eventually are unloosed.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

SECTION B

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## 'Beast of Basement' Is Sweet Music to Thine Ears

### 30-Year-Old Pipe Organ Is Hobby of Hills Man

By FRAN MAIER

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—"You get a lot more music for less effort," comments N. E. Brown, Jr., as he proudly "shows-off" his recently installed theater pipe organ. It is commonly called the "Beast of the Basement."

The two-manual, six rank Wurflitzer was taken from Northville theater where it was installed 30 years ago. It had not been played for the past 20 years.

REMOVING it from Northville and installing it in the basement of the family home at 245 Guilford road, became the hobby of Brown three months ago.

Piece by piece the organ was removed, then re-assembled by Brown and members of his family. He expects to "tinker" with its workings for another two years before he reaches perfection.

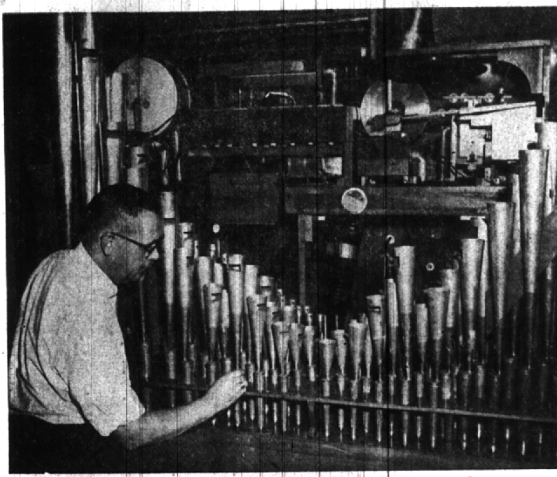
DAUGHTER Suzy, a junior at Bloomfield Hills high, helped in wrapping the pneumatics with tissue-fine leather and Mrs. B. . . besides moving the pipes each week to get to her laundry . . . spent many hours polishing the old orchestra bells. Another daughter, Nancy, missed out in the family project . . . she's at Stevens college in Columbia, Mo.



### Family Shares in Dad's Hobby

From jazz or combo to a "one-man or" or released by the original two-inch wooden shutters controlled by expansion pedals. According to Brown, there is something to satisfy whatever the mood. To jazz up the looks of the organ Mr. Brown has it painted gold and black. He also has a tape recording from the first sound up until the time it played.

AS SORT of a christening of the pipe organ, the Browns had planned a series of parties and the guests at last week's party did not want to let Mr. Brown get ahead of Mrs. B. in the music world. They presented her with a musical lighter which plays "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes."



### Toy Counter

ABOVE: In the background is the snare drum with other instruments which make up the "toy counter" of the theater pipe organ recently installed by N. E. Brown. Part of his efforts of the past three months are seen as he installs the trumpets . . . the cone-shaped pipes in the foreground with the tibia and vox humana.

### Hidden Scene

AT LEFT: U-shaped formation of pipes, which range in sizes from an inch to 16 feet long, is called the diapason and at the extreme left is the H & P. Hanging from the ceiling are the salicional or strings.

IN ADDITION to the musical notes there are such component parts as the harp, xylophone, chimes, orchestra bells, old snare drum, tamborine, castanets, Chinese blocks, tom tom, cymbals, sleigh bells, triangle, horse hoofs, fire gong, siren, boat whistle and bird whistle. These make up what is known as the "toy counter."

Besides the room where these parts are installed, there is another which houses the blower, the heart of the organ and the pneumatic equipment.

GREATEST FASCINATION of the electro-pneumatic organ, which operates electrically and by wind-blowers, besides the music produced, are the workings behind the scenes. The theater organ was designed primarily for two purposes—to give musical interest and to have such things in the toy counter to accompany silent movies.

FOR EVERY NOTE on the organ Mr. Brown can get six different colors or sounds. Sounds are held back or released by the original two-inch wooden shutters controlled by expression pedals.

According to Brown, old theater organs are being revived more and more and as a result will be played more for the public in the future than in the past.

BROWN started playing the organ about six years ago and never really had more than half a dozen lessons. He has had almost every type of electronic organ made, but gotten everything he wanted out of one piece of equipment. "For the first time in my life, I feel like a one-man orchestra," comments Brown.

BROWN ADMITTED that he really got his introduction to the organ the night before his wedding. At that time he was playing a saxophone and clarinet in an orchestra when the group obtained

its Hammond organ. "I was so busy installing the Hammond organ for our garden wedding in Pennsylvania, and paying little attention to my prospective bride, that I almost lost her before I got her," recalls Brown. MRS. BROWN says she can tell

what sort of day her husband has had by the kind of music he plays. According to Brown, there is something to satisfy whatever the mood. To jazz up the looks of the organ Mr. Brown has it painted gold and black. He also has a tape recording from the first sound up until the time it played.

## White House Member Speaker for AAUW

Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women is having as its speaker, Braulley H. Patterson, Jr., assistant cabinet secretary on the White House staff.

Mr. Patterson will speak on "The Nerve of the Government" after the luncheon meeting at 12:45 at the Community House on November 13.

MRS. CHARLES SHAIN, chairman of the International Relations group, will introduce the speaker. Mr. Patterson was born in Newton, Mass. and was educated in the public schools at Wellesley. "The Nerve of the Government" is a political science and German. After teaching here two years he left to become Auxiliary Vice Consul in the Department of State.

HE REMAINED in the state department as intelligence officer and foreign affairs officer until 1948. Following the office of the executive secretary in the department of affairs, Mr. Patterson became in 1954 the assistant cabinet secretary on the White House staff. It was Mr. Patterson who conceived the idea of organizing the cabinet as a unit with its own secretary and a previously arranged agenda that would be followed and discussed and on which the President and all members would be informed in advance.

### McKinley PTA To Meet Tuesday

McKinley PTA will meet Nov. 12 at 7:45 and William Hall's, Southfield and 10 Mile roads. A review of the curriculum by the entire school staff will follow a business meeting.

Refreshments will be served by Reva Elias and William Hall's sixth grade room mothers: Mrs. Joseph Dorjath, Mrs. John Pavlik, Mrs. J. M. Worwick, Mrs. C. E. Martinek, Mrs. Hugo Wendela and Mrs. Ruben Neressian.

### Delta Gammes Meet

Delta Gammes will meet at the home of Mrs. F. T. Harrington, 3708 Lincoln, Birmingham, Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. Assisting Mrs. Harrington will be Mrs. D. A. Taylor, Mrs. S. T. Ross and Mrs. Lovell Sisson.

## Women's Committee To Present Awards

November has been designated awards month by the Women's committee of William Beaumont hospital. The hospital board will present awards to volunteers in recognition of their services Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. in the hospital cafeteria.

A stripe will be awarded for each 100 hours of volunteer service. A sterling silver pin will be presented for 500 hours. Mrs. E. C. Leavenworth is chairman of the awards committee and Mrs. E. A. Laidlaw is co-chairman.

## Bham Musicales Plans Auditions

Birmingham Musicales will hold auditions for artists wishing to apply for active membership in the club, between 9 and 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 at the Birmingham Community House. Vocalists and instrumentalists, solo or in ensemble are welcome to perform for the committee on auditions and should make arrangements with Mrs. John R. Phelps, 2429 Walnut Lake road.

## Local Coeds Pledge

Three local coeds at Hillsdale, Marty Harrison, Jane Adams and Jane Harris are pledging Pi Beta Phi.

## Village Women Plan N.Y. Theatre Tour

The first New York Theatre party for members of the Village Woman's club and their husbands is slated for the week of Nov. 10. Transportation will be by train or plane with hotel reservations at the Paramount, due to proximity to all theatres.

Excursions for the Theatre party will be Norman Nadel of Columbia Citizens drama critic, and Charles L. Kauderer, Nadel's associate. Shows to be seen on the week-long spree are "My Fair Lady," "Auntie Mame," "Visit to a Small Planet" and "Long Day's Journey Into Night."

Still others are Mr. and Mrs. Ross Mack, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Beresford, Mrs. William Jones and Mrs. George Bee, Mrs. Otto Kern and Mrs. Harry W. Taylor, Mrs. Ronald K. Evans and Mrs. John V. Ingold, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Klein and Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Stuffer.

## Birmingham Musicales Presents Demi Opera

"Monette", a gay, melodic story of temperamental hat designers boasts a stellar cast, including Mary Parlee, Ruth Kileen, Beverly Stief, Mioma Sherman, Anne Molloy, Dorothy Mitchell, Marie Wilson and Nell Hertzberg.

Marie Wilson directs the production, written by Jeanellen McKee of New York City, who is herself producer of the musical "Kaleidoscope", and who is returning to her home town for the presentation of "Monette", by the Birmingham Musicales, at its Nov. 14 meeting at the Community House.

ALSO FEATURED on the program are Penelope Hall, Birmingham high school student, whose piano playing and composition have won her scholarships to Interlochen Music Camp; and John Boulton, Flautist, currently student-teaching in Birmingham in preparation of completing his public school music training at Michigan State University.

Mr. Boulton, accompanied by Ken McDonald, well-known pianist, organist and choir director at Birmingham's St. James Church, will present the Suite in A Minor by G. P. Telemann, for flute and piano.

Chairman of the Day, Mrs. Donald A. Harnsberger, will be assisted by Mrs. Charles Currie, Mrs. Joseph C. Richards, Mrs. Maurice Garabrant and Mrs. W. Gerald McCray with refreshments.

Pouring will be Mrs. Donald Bigge, Mrs. A. Edgar Ebersole,

## Mrs. James Preish Entertains Sorority

Alpha Omicron Pi alumnae had a luncheon and baby shower at the home of Mrs. James Preish of Royal Oak with Mrs. Albert Canfield as assistant.

The new layette were for distribution to babies in the Kentucky mountains. Boxes of warm clothing and toys for older children were also packed and sent to the "Tuckies."

## Named Treasurer

Adrienne Tuyn of Lahser road, Birmingham, is treasurer of Theta Alpha Chi, organization for students in the division of nursing at Mercy college.

Mrs. Donald T. Stanton and Mrs. William Busch, Hostesses will be Mrs. John Wright, Mrs. Walter Skinner and Mrs. Stanley Burton. In charge of House and Stage are Mrs. William Busch and Mrs. Frank Heath.

## Suburban Scene

By SHIRLEY ADAMS

### Night in Nevada

Members of St. Dunstan's Guild are being invited to "live like a millionaire" at a Night in Nevada party to be at the Playhouse, renamed the "Saints and Sinners Club" for the occasion Saturday evening. Each person will receive make-believe money to play the games. Music for dancing and refreshments will also be added to the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berno, co-chairman of the entertainment committee are being assisted by the Zoltan Sepeshy, the Stephen Manhards, the Richard Forbes, the Herbert Taylors and Mrs. David Dougherty. Mr. and Mrs. David Raymond and their house committee will also be active.

### Furs and More Furs

Novel invitations were sent to members of the Birmingham country club for a ladies' card luncheon and Fur Fashions by Dittreich's which is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon.

Invitations were designed in the shape of a woman wearing a full length fur coat—when opened, a smart two-piece suit comes into the picture.

Mrs. Ralph Reeves is chairman and serving on the committee are Mrs. John S. Larkins and Mrs. Jack A. Nancarrow.

PLUM HOLLOW GOLF CLUB will also feature a Fur Show and Bridge Party next Thursday. Highlighting the show will be Otto Shulhoff of the Christian Dior New York Salon presenting his collection of Dior Originals.

Mrs. Carroll B. Chapin is chairman of the party and serving on her committee are Mrs. William C. Shaw, Mrs. Henry G. Meyer, Mrs. Elwood V. Neeb, Mrs. William Christian, Jr., and Mrs. Robert H. Storch.

### Soft Blue Lights

Soft blue spot-lights on the silhouette of twin gothic towers and the music of the Glenn Miller orchestra will lend atmosphere and gaiety to Alumnae Hall on the Marygrove college campus as the senior class presents its annual Tower Dance Friday evening.

Dorothy Soma and Annerose Zoller are helping to plan the formal dance, the first of the new semester. Annerose is chairman of the refreshment committee.

### 'The Ham and I'

Experiences she and her husband have had with short-wave radio will be told by Mrs. Stanley E. Jacke of Milford to members of the Birmingham Wellesley club Tuesday evening. Befitting the program, she has chosen as her title, "The Ham and I." Opening her home for the dessert will be Mrs. Robert A. Jobson, 139 Pilgrim. Assisting as hostesses will be Mrs. Eleanor Gaffill and Mrs. Oliver Marcotte.



## Exchanging Ideas

Their nights are planned, but these mothers and daughters are planning their daytime ventures. They are members of the Village Woman's club who will be traveling to New York next week on the Theatre tour. Putting their heads together and exchanging ideas are (from left) Mrs. Robert H. Taylor and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Harry W. Taylor, and Mrs. Morgan D. Douglas, Jr., and her mother, Mrs. Ronald K. Evans at the home of Mrs. Douglas on Evergreen.