

Seldom a day may pass during which the average person has not failed to do and say, in kindness and unkindness, one or more things. None of us has yet reached perfection... so we fall somewhat short of our innermost, conceived goals. So, when close of day comes, in those few moments of recollection of this day, do we resolve to do better... do we have desire, faith, to improve?

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'Christmas in Other Lands'

Mrs. Otto Pokorny is using a theme of "Christmas in Other Lands" as table decorations for the luncheon of the Society of Engineers' Wives at 12:50 p.m., Dec. 9th. Milton A. Bertrando, George Pierro of Birmingham, who will speak on "Behind the Scenes with World Celebrities."

Dinner to Honor Radcliffe President

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford West have offered their spacious home on Pine road for a dinner to be given Tuesday in honor of Dr. Wilbur K. Jordan, president of Radcliffe college. Local alumnae of the college, parents of undergraduates and special friends of Radcliffe are invited guests. In charge of arrangements is the Radcliffe council of Detroit, which was formed this year to organize participation of the Michigan area in the college's "Ten Year Plan" to raise ten million dollars.

SERVING on the council from the Birmingham area are Mrs. John Fingard of Crabtree road, Mrs. William Eyer of Bedford, Mrs. Leonard J. Grabow of Squirrel road, and Mrs. Oliver Rodgers of Winton. Birmingham residents on the solicitation committee are Mrs. Paul L. Penfield of Lakeside and Mrs. Lawrence H. Hyde, Jr., of East Surrey.

The council was informed recently that among gifts and pledges already contributed from other parts of the country, two anonymous gifts have made possible the building of the Ada Constock dormitory.

Family Tradition for 53 Years

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Wessels of Devonshire, Beverly Hills, entertained at an old-fashioned holiday dinner last Thursday. As little Patty Wessels climbed upon her grandfather's lap, he told her how the family had shared the feast together for 53 consecutive years.

Others there for the treat were Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Wessels and family of Tottenham, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Burlingame of Oak Hill and their daughter, Gail Weimer with her husband Hans, from Ann Arbor.

Young Pianist in Music Festival

Penny Ball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ball, of Chesterfield, Birmingham, has been chosen to play Beethoven C minor piano concerto Op. 37 No. 3 with the high school orchestra in Boone, Iowa, on Feb. 24.

Konrad Scholl, director of music in Boone, contacts soloists throughout the midwest to play for their Music Festival week.

Penny was suggested by a friend from Interlochen and submitted a tape recording. She was selected to play and will spend a week in Boone... with all expenses paid.

The orchestra is outstanding in this area and has been chosen to give two concerts at the National Music Teachers' association, National convention in Kansas City on Feb. 27.

White Elephant Sale to Aid Crippled Children

Mrs. John Maynard will open her home at 919 Morgan for the Rotary Ann's Christmas luncheon at 1 p.m., Dec. 6. Mrs. Gerald Kirby of the Oakland County Crippled Children's home will be guest speaker.

There will also be a white elephant auction sale for the benefit of the crippled children. Luncheon chairman will be Mrs. G. William Averill with the assistance of Mrs. William Rowland, Mrs. Louis Hascall and Mrs. Thomas McDonnell.

Two Down, Seven to Go In Anniversary Dates

By CAROL DARLING
Eccentric Correspondent

GILBERT LAKE—Some people just love anniversaries and it's a good thing—the Harold Tanner of Ardmore drive fall in this category because they have nine very important dates circled on their calendar between this week and next July.

The anniversary whirl started full swing with the first celebration on Dec. 1. Ten years ago Tanner built his FM radio station, WLDM and it was on Dec. 1 that they first went on the air, being until Feb. 11 when they began regular broadcasts.

During the first five years of business there was little cause for celebrating as they swayed on the brink of bankruptcy. Since then they have been operating in the black. Dec. 1 has become a red letter day for Tanner—and especially so this year. He recently acquired the Muskat franchise, formerly his only competitor in supplying background music for business and industry.

NEXT on the list of anniversaries was Tanner's birthday on Dec. 2. With these two past the Tanners will plunge into the holidays with just a slight pause to remember that one year ago, Dec. 30 they moved into their new home in Chalmers.

Then there should be just a small lull in festivities until their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 25.

Another celebration will be on Feb. 12 since that is the date when 10 years ago WLDM began scheduled broadcasts. And it is not just coincidence that this anniversary falls on Lincoln's birthday—the name of Tanner's firm is the Lincoln Broadcasting Co.

WHEN MAY arrives it will be

Mrs. Tanner's turn for anniversaries. She has reserved May 14 for a trip to Chicago where she will attend her 30th class reunion of National Park college. Then home again in time to celebrate her birthday on May 22.

June 1 Tanner plans to attend the 30th reunion of his class at Drury college in Springfield, Mo.

IF BY this time the Tanners are

Board members of Camp Oakland Inc., together with a few dedicated friends, met Sunday at the Boys' Ranch in Oxford for dinner and to view the project now underway—The Girls' Ranch.

This Sunday, Dec. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m., the board of the local and county club women for Girls' Ranch will have a tea at the Birmingham Community House.

Among the 500 guests invited to become better acquainted with plans for Girls' Ranch will be representatives of the local women's service clubs. They are the Village Women's club, Zonta, Altrusa, Bus-

INESS and Professional Women, Credit Women's Breakfast club, Junior League, Soroptimist, Woman's Auxiliary of Christ Church Cranbrook, PEO Sisterhood, Metropolitan Auxiliary, MOMS and Quota club.

So far the women's groups have turned in \$14,500 of their original pledge of \$20,000.

LAST SUNDAY, Walter Gehrke,

president of Camp Oakland Inc., greeted the guests and spoke of the various programs, Boys' Ranch, summer and winter camps, and especially the Girls' Ranch.

This latter project has met with such satisfaction from many citizens and firms who have contributed generously. Numerous foundations have given their financial support as well as Birmingham area women's service clubs and organizations in Oakland County. Some money is still needed to complete the building and about \$15,000 is needed for furnishings. The

building will be dedicated in the spring of 1959.

AMONG those present for the dinner meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Manley R. Bailey, E. C. Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kimball, Mrs. Harold A. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Denton Hassell, Thomas E. Culbert, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Proctor, S. J. Lang and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Shenefield.

The list continues with members of the present board, Mrs. John P. St. Clair, the first president; Fred A. Erb and Judge Arthur E.

Moore, all vice presidents; Arthur J. Bassett, treasurer; James A. Aliber, assistant treasurer; Mrs. James E. Lansing, secretary; and James W. Hunt, assistant secretary.

PRESIDENT Gehrke called on Judge Arthur E. Moore, who for many years has felt greatly the need for a home for girls in Oakland County similar to Boys' Ranch.

Judge Moore spoke of the growth of population in Oakland County and presently the 3000 children who need the sound, healthy environment of a home. He asked everyone to remember, that it is not the fault of the child to be placed in the circumstances as existed, but it is our privilege and duty to help create better citizens for our own benefit.

CARL BARTON, board member, gave a comprehensive report on the construction of the building, its cost and facilities. He paid tribute to R. E. Green and John C. Thornton, who serve with him on the building committee and all devote a great deal of time to the project. Barton also mentioned the splendid cooperation from contractor Gerald Shell, and architects, Herbert and Frances Schmitt.

Gehrke expressed his appreciation to the many devoted friends of Camp Oakland and how encouraging it was to have their support and interest. WE NOTE that on May 7, 1951 the first meeting of the board of directors of Camp Oakland took

place at Christ Church. Much preliminary work had been done by members of the Social Service of the Woman's auxiliary and they had decided to take a more active part in the program for Camp Oakland.

Mrs. John P. St. Clair was the first president. Malcolm W. Welby, Rev. Robert Dewitt, Mrs. J. Hollister Mabey, Mrs. Neil McMath and Mrs. Edward A. Proctor served on the original board of directors and Camp Oakland continues to have their support. Judge Moore and the new director of Children's Services in Oakland County, James W. Hunt had presented the real need of Camp Oakland's work.

LATER Walter Gehrke became president and through his deep interest and tremendous foresight, together with the cooperation of the board members, the program expanded enormously.

He was well aware of the groundwork and labor of love that had taken place and the need of continuous efforts.

Last summer 3800 children enjoyed the opportunity of being at Camp Oakland for some of their vacation—much of which was due to the support of service clubs, headed by James W. Salinger.

William J. Matus is the dynamic director of the camp and you should hear the love and affection the boys have for him. During one of the many campfires, last Sunday, one chap said, "Mr. Matus says this is our home and its up to us to keep it nice. We will pitch in and work." Girls' Ranch is to provide the same atmosphere.



ABOVE: Birmingham area board members Mrs. John W. Shenefield (left), Mrs. Daniel E. Ford and James A. Aliber brave the 10 degree temperatures as they leave Girls' Ranch after viewing the new project Sunday.

AT RIGHT: Mrs. John P. St. Clair, the first president of Camp Oakland, and Walter Gehrke, present president, get table service from young chaps at Boys' Ranch, where they met for dinner. The boys helped play the role of hosts by taking coats and boots, conducting private tours, and assisting wherever those extra pairs of hands were needed.

B'ham AAUW Yule Luncheon

The Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its Christmas luncheon meeting on Dec. 10 at

12:45 p.m. in the Community House. The Reverend W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., of the First Presbyterian church of Birmingham will be the guest speaker. Dr. Harris' speech is entitled, "The Road to Bethlehem."

Dr. Harris is a graduate of Trinity university, Washington, Tex.; B.A.; Princeton Theological Seminary, Th.B. and Th.M.; and University of Pennsylvania, M.A. and Ph.D. He is a member of the board of directors, Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn., and McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.

not too fed up with anniversaries they can celebrate in July as it will then be 30 years since Tanner first started in radio as an announcer with WXYZ (then WGHF).

Then again it would be hardly fair not to mention one more possibility for an anniversary—"Squeaker", the Tanner's fat cat (25 pounds) and a thyroid pill daily, will be nine years old on Nov. 10.

Decor Sets Mood For Kappa Delta Yule Party

A miniature snow scene, mistletoe, and Christmas bells will set the holiday mood when Mrs. Robert E. Girardin entertains the South Oakland Kappa Delta alumnae association at her home, 1728 Bowers, on the evening of Dec. 9 at 8 o'clock.

Assisting Mrs. Girardin with the annual Christmas party will be Mrs. Otto C. Carlson, Mrs. Peter C. Kalinke and Mrs. Donald L. Walden.

Peter C. Kalinke will be guest speaker. He was the youngest war correspondent in the German army during the war. After graduating from the University of Frankfurt, he received the Fulbright scholarship and studied at the University of Michigan. His topic will be "Soviet Education."

The society will specially welcome the new Kappa Delta recently initiated at Wayne State university.

To complete the festivities, the society will exchange Christmas gifts.

Kappa Deltas not contacted are asked to call the hostess.

Alums Set Party

Birmingham alumnae chapter of Delta Gamma will meet Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Donald Smith, 3118 Overhill drive at 8 p.m. Assistant will be Mrs. John Mann, Mrs. James Carl and Mrs. D. L. Cole. Program will be "Christmas Legends." An exchange of Christmas gifts will follow.

Continental Club Schedules Dance

The Continental club will have its second dance of the season Saturday evening at Hickory Grove school. The couples will dance to the Johnny Titus' orchestra at 9:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schackel will entertain at a cocktail party before the dance. Attending will be

Dr. and Mrs. Lowell Eklund, the John Luomos, the Lyle Hopes, the Sam Sharanos, the William Beaus, the Leslie Wares, the Frank Niggemanns and the Donald Crabbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Graves will open their home to the Charles Robinsons, the Peter Morris, the

Robert Grahams and the William Harries. Guests attending the Richard Graves party will be the James McCarty, the Charles Hupps, the James Kelchners, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Nalepa and the Frank Monchers.

Leisure-Loving Hours In Glamorous Separates

The delight of every leisure-loving, fashion-minded woman... pants, pants, pants. Trimly tailored worsted wool pants by Harbut... washable orlon-wool pants by Davenport... paisley print corduroy pants by Korsay... and elegant washable velvet pants.

THE SLIM, trim pants come in heavenly colors such as marigold, red and blue, along with green, gray, black, brown, rose and multi-colors.

Top any of these with a color-matched blouse, color-blend cotton blouse in pastel, or a sweater with a contrasting chiffon scarf and you have a glamorous casual ensemble.

A FEW exciting sketches are the paisley print corduroys in blues and browns and the mad-plaid in multi-color wool. The pants are available in sizes 10 to 18 for \$7 and the fully-lined plaids range from 10-16 for \$20. Mr. Wick's cotton blouse, 10-18, is only \$8 and comes in pink or blue. They are available in Birmingham stores. For shopping information call MI 4-1100.



MSU-O A Sister To MSU

A fresh new approach to higher education at Michigan State University-Oakland was outlined by Dr. "Woody" Varner, MSU vice president, in an address to Birmingham PTA council members in the high school little theater.

"MSU-O will not be a daughter, but a sister institution to Michigan State University, with its own administration and faculty," Dr. Varner emphasized.

The new university, located between Pontiac and Rochester, will open in the fall of 1959 with an estimated freshman class of 562. Dr. Varner said degree programs will be offered in business administration, engineering, liberal arts and teacher education.

WITH no traditions to start from, MSU-O occupies a unique position on the educational scene today. Top educators from all over the nation are meeting in seminars at Rochester. It is expected that they will come up with an entirely new look in higher education, Dr. Varner said.

Too often in education we teach youngsters for yesterday instead of for tomorrow," he added.

A GREAT need for strong, responsible leadership will exist by 1960, Dr. Varner predicted. Because of this, the humanities and liberal arts will be stressed in each of the four curricular fields.

He pointed out the need for a post-high school facility in Oakland and Macomb counties, which would have a close relationship to one of the most rapidly growing areas in America, with almost 60,000 young men and women between the ages of 18 and 24 living within a 15-mile radius of MSU-O.

Estimates place this figure at 103,000 by 1970, Dr. Varner stated.

Club's Xmas Party

The Modern Living group of the Birmingham Woman's club will present its Christmas party on Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. Open house and refreshments will be served. The occasion will be Mrs. J. P. Grantham of 1515 Bowers. Assistant will be Mrs. Paul Annett and Mrs. John Olson.