Fast runs the time from youth to middle and later ages . . . yet to the imaginative minds life is less a span of years that it is a series of chapters in Life's Volume. The theme and story in that book is of one's own authorship, for the larger part. Each is the pages and the cover, and the binding . . . and the printer, too.

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SECTION B

Dream Phones Come True

Dream ideas in telephones have come true and are available to users who live in the Birmingham, Troy and MAfair exchange.

So new and so modern are these three new luxury type telephones . . . another convenience for Birmingham area housewives.

THE THREE new types are the Patio phone, mounted on a tripod stand and suitable for patios and recreation rooms; the Bell Butler, a door answering set; and the Living Room Speakerphone, a hand-free telephone suitable for the living or family room.

These three phones have passed the experimental stage and are being offered to residents in this area only on a test basis. Michigan Bell decided to make this a test area to see how the people like these new sets.

A BIRMINGHAM mother and housewife (in photos at left) getting a preview of the three different types of phones installed in the new model home on Twelve Mile road is Mrs. Donald E. Nanry, 925 Norwich, and her four-year-old twins, Pat and Mike.

The telephones are also on display at the company's business office at 160 Martin, Birmingham, and have been hooked up so that visitors may actually talk and hear on the various instruments. Since this is a market trial, only a limited quantity of these telephones will be available.

THE PATIO phone has a hinged door which covers the dial at the top of the phone. The tele-

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Patio Telephone

Strikingly designed, the Patio is tripod mounted with legs and telephone receiver-transmitter in smart Roman red. A hinged door covers the dial of the gold telephone set.

Living Room Speakerphone

Imagine a telephone so compact and strikingly designed it would almost pass for a jeweled cigarette box in glistening white and gold. There's nothing to hold while talking, you simply relax and speak in a normal tone. A microphone above the lucite dial picks up your voice. You hear through the small loud speaker found on top of the bookshelf.

Bell Butler

Now you can answer your doorbell by telephone. All telephones in your home . . . living room, basement, kitchen or bedroom . . . can be connected to a small, attractive speaker-transmitter at the door.

Suburban Scene

by Fran Maier, Society Editor

Beta Sigma Phis—All Set to Roar

Novel invitations have gone into the mail calling Birmingham's Eta Iota chapter members to a "Roaring 20's" party Saturday night at Dottie Smith's home.

Sketches of men and women dressed in costumes of "the year" add a gay note to the invitations along with this befitting poem.

Not so very long ago we looked at Mother and Dad's old pictures.
When they were dating, father wore tight trousers and a jacket buttoned high.
On fancy occasions a striped vest — you know, all the fixtures.
And mother wore—oh my!
BACK IN THE ROARING TWENTIES!
Her skirts were short and her blouse was baggy.
She wore ropes of pearls and hair cut shaggy.
Well—I sat back and laughed with glee
And then—I took a look at me!
WE'RE BACK IN THE ROARING TWENTIES!
We thought fashions had changed—we don't do the Black Bottom,
The Bunny Hug or the Tango—and a 'coon coat—who's got one?
But with the Ivy look for you men—and Paris fashions decree
We sure look like we're back in the nineteen twenties.
SO—LET'S HAVE A ROARING TWENTIES PARTY!
The speakeasy's at "1010 Puritan"—knock twice and ask for Smith.
Plan now to come to the party, on the 25th!
The Time is 8:30—and 20's costumes expected.
Be sure to come—or we'll be most dejected.
THIS PARTY WILL REALLY ROAR!
Beta Sigma Phi is your hostess—gramophone the musician
And with 1920 attire—you won't need a beautician.
Put on your patent leather pumps—We're gonna' dance with you—
Be sure to come, be sure to come—oh twenty three skidoo!

Dottie's guest list besides her date includes the James Balmers, Frank Barneses, James Careys, Robert Carleys, Leo Cases, Roger Clearys, Stanley Cregos, Donald Freemans, Robert Gasvodas, Lee Griffiths, Hugh Gollogslys, Stuart Hansens, Donald Johnsons, Jack Masdens, Robert Mooneys, John Phillips, Ted Suras, Charles Steins and the Donald Walkers.

On Stage

Two Will-O-Way apprentice students are making news this week . . . appearing at the Riviera with Katherine Hepburn and Alfred Drake in "Much Ado About Nothing."

They are Nancy Cowen, 15, of 3280 Bloomcrest and Ann Lawrence, 16, of 340 Ferndale.

Mid-Semester Vacation

When Paula Struck arrives home Tuesday for mid-semester vacation from the University of Michigan, she will bring along her roommate, Sally Stephenson of St. Petersburg, Fla. They will be guests of Paula's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Struck of Hamilton boulevard, Bloomfield township.

Winter Workshop for Children

Enthusiasm shown by the children during the summer workshop at the Bloomfield Art association has made a winter series a must.

Conducted by William McGonagle of the Detroit Institute of Art extension services, the workshop will open Feb. 1 at the BAA galleries on Woodward avenue.

Three five-week sessions are scheduled each Saturday morning and divided as follows—first and second grades, Feb. 1 through March 1; third and fourth grades, March 8 through April 5; and fifth and sixth grades, April 12 through May 10.

Hours on all are 10:30 to 12:30 p.m.

Anticipated Date Is May

Mr. and Mrs. Dale DeWitt Douglass of Hillwood drive, Bloomfield Hills, have returned from a three week's trip to Kansas City, Mo., Frisco, Oakland, Berkley and Fresno in California. The Douglasses formerly lived in Piedmont, Calif., and were entertained by many of their friends while at the Claremont hotel in Berkley.

Favorite spots were visited such as St. Francis hotel and Del Prado in San Francisco and Trader Vics, the Sea Wolf and Jack London's Last Chance and the Women's Athletic club in Oakland.

'TWAS INTERESTING being with Rosemary Clooney in the Ambassador club in the International airport, comments Mrs. Douglass.

The Douglasses left shortly before Christmas Day for their daughter and son-in-law's home in Fresno . . . Mr. and Mrs. James D. Kaufman and children, Kevin, 2½, and Karen, 1½.

Goodbyes were made after New Year, but these didn't seem as difficult this time as all the Kaufman family will be visiting the Douglasses for the first time since we moved to Michigan, related Mrs. Douglass. The happy anticipated date is around the first of May.

MARIA RISING

Maria Rising Engaged to Dartmouth Senior

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rising of Martell drive, Bloomfield Hills, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Maria, to John McKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil F. McKenzie of Appleton, Wis.

Miss Rising is a graduate of Birmingham high school and Wellesley college, where she was a member of Phi Sigma. For the past year she has been employed by Harvard university in Cambridge, Mass.

John will receive his master's degree from Dartmouth college this spring. He also attended Notre Dame and St. John's university. He was in Army Intelligence three years, serving most of that time in Europe.

The couple plan an early June wedding.

Delegates Gather For PTA Meeting

Civil defense, survival plans and tornado-trackers will be the subjects when the delegates from the more than 20 Birmingham district schools assemble Jan. 27 at Bloomfield Village school for the Birmingham PTA Council meeting.

Mrs. Richard Allman, hospitality chairman, Mrs. Richard Beaubien and Mrs. George McCuteheon, co-chairmen, and Mrs. Leland Beers, president of Bloomfield school will host the delegates.

Lewis C. Jarrendt, civil defense director, will speak on the new "survival plan" for the Detroit and Pontiac areas, now in its final planning stages.

W. W. Oak, meteorologists-in-charge of the U. S. Weather bureau in Detroit, will show the sound film, "Tornado," and tell about recent tornado-tracking radar installations in Michigan.

Larned J. Goodrich, chairman of committee on civil defense for Birmingham schools, will also speak and Robert Kenning, assistant city manager and civil defense director for Birmingham, will conduct a question and answer period following the speakers. Safety chairmen of all local PTA units are invited to attend the meeting.

Showers Honor Future Bride

Bride-elect Dorothy Ann Corbett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned A. Corbett of Cambridge road, Lathrup, was guest of honor at several showers before her Feb. 1 wedding.

A miscellaneous shower was given by Mrs. Edward Murphy at her Detroit home the first week in December. A luncheon and shower hosted by Rosemary Donaldson of Detroit at the Detroit Yacht club honored the future bride to be on Dec. 28.

A linen shower for Dorothy was attended by 25 guests at the City club on Jan. 8. Hostesses were Mrs. George Whitley of Huntington Woods, Mrs. Charles Foster of Grosse Pointe and Mrs. Robert Miller of Highland Park.

A spinster dinner for Dorothy at Kingsley inn was hosted by a group of school friends on Jan. 21.

Music Makers Name Officers

Officers were elected at the January meeting of the Merry Music Makers at the home of Judith Jesse on Larchlea road.

Sally Weiss was named president; Kathy Walker, vice-president; Phyllis Collins, secretary and Judith Jesse, treasurer.

Piano solos were played by Peggy Anderson, Janie Masters, Karen Jarvis, Judith Jesse, Marcia Schyler, Nancy Wilson, Phyllis Collins, Sally Weiss and Kathy Walker played a flute solo.

Color Guard Opens Meeting

A color guard opened the meeting of Girl Scout troops 304, 310 and 40 at Pembroke school Monday night. This was the first time a color guard had been used.

Taking part in the ceremony were Marilyn Watson, Beverly Page, Randy Sims, Janet Balmer, Mary Sieland, Nancy Evans, Diane Dickinson, Margie Logue, Kathy O'Brien and Susan Beard.

Towner Family To Join Father In Indonesia

Ten years of living abroad has not dampened the spirits or enthusiasm of Mrs. John Towner for a return trip.

She and her three children Bud, 11, Jane, 7, and Jeri, 6, will soon leave Feb. 3 for Palenbang, on the Island of Sumatra, Indonesia, to join her husband.

Towner is director of Standard Vacuum Oil company's Technical school for natives of Indonesia. The position is an unsought-for four-year stay in Indonesia where Towner established and directed the first technical teacher training institution in the town of Bandjarg, on the Island of Java with funds provided by the Ford Foundation.

AS DIRECTOR for Standard oil, Towner will locate for them an Indonesian capable of handling the teaching, in order to train an ever-increasing number of young people as technicians.

Having previous assignments in Japan and Korea, their last one kept them in Bandung, Indonesia, for four years.

THEY WERE fortunate in having Mrs. Towner's school located in Bandung, a beautiful town some 2500 feet above sea level in the mountains of West Java. Their home was on the Lembang road, about 1200 feet higher than the town itself, though only some 20 minutes drive down the mountain to the center of the town. As a result they had a truly magnificent view of both the city below them and the mountain peaks around them.

Of course, Mrs. Towner commented, "It was wise for one to fix one's gaze on the view and not regard the plumbing, sanitation, and general service facilities too closely."

THERE WAS NO running water at all, nor bathtubs—just a deep, square tank in the corner of a room, which held about 30 gallons of water. You soap your self all over and then threw bucket after bucket of water over you to rinse off. Naturally all of this was done in the middle of the floor, with a drain right there for the run-off. "But at least the bathroom had some resemblance of our own, but the kitchens bore none," commented Mrs. Towner.

TEMPORARY headquarters when they first arrived in '53 was a house on the edge of their property while waiting for theirs to be redecorated and rehabilitated. It had no indoor kitchen, so they built an Indonesian one outside. It was a bamboo lean-to with bamboo matting on two sides as windbreak and roofed with tiles. It did have a cement floor whereas the natives have only dirt.

IN ONE CORNER there was a huge basket of charcoal. Beside it stood a small charcoal stove, maybe a foot high. Behind the lean-to on a concrete porch were two pans for washing dishes, and an old margarine can containing soap bits and a bit of coconnut husk (that was the dish cloth), a trash basket and an old coffee can for garbage. On the table beside the charcoal was a drain rack for the dishes and a couple of pots and a kettle.

This was it! No sink, no running water, no cupboards, no shelves, no stove worthy of name, and no refrigeration.

THESE were only temporary conditions, but such that many Americans could, or would not happily adjust to. As time passed, they moved into their own home with seven acres of garden, four garden boys and an overseer, and four more maids to keep up with the cooking, ironing and cleaning. "Our servants came from the native kampongs nearby, with a natural graciousness and courtesy that we would do well to imitate," comments Mrs. Towner.

MRS TOWNER, trained as a chemist, and formerly with the technical service department of the Ethyl Corp. as a research engineer taught English to the engineering students at the University of Indonesia in Bandung.

In addition to teaching, she was on the board of the Womens' International club and active in the social welfare program. Through these activities she became better acquainted with most of the influential women in the Indonesian community and had the pleasure of being asked to help them during the Asian-African conference. "The conference was conducted entirely in the English language, and the need to act as hostess and discuss their country, its beauties, and its problems with strangers in the English language disturbed them all a bit," remarked Mrs. Towner.

"THEY ARE EAGER people to learn and willing workers. The islands have a culture all their own and the women are not, and have never been, beasts of burden. They are equal in education and property rights with men.

Women hold many positions, such as lawyers, doctors, dentists, ministers of education and governmental offices. One of the most highly regarded women in Indonesia is the Prime Minister, Maria Santosa. The general feeling is that everything would stop without her.

THE TOWNERS enjoyed the mountainside, the climate and the generally relaxed life that is possible to live in Indonesia.

Returning last spring, they summered in Castle Park and are making temporary headquarters at 607 Bates street, Birmingham, before another stint in Indonesia.

MRS. TOWNER'S last public speaking engagement before departure will be for Ruth Shain's class on International Affairs Tuesday, Jan. 28, at the Community House. They are currently studying the Orient.

ECCENTRIC PHOTO

Looking Ahead

Soon to begin a life in a new environment is the Towner family of Bates street . . . Mrs. John Towner and children, Jan, 7, Jeri, 6, and Bud, 11. Having previously spent four years in Bandung, they will join their father in Palenbang, Indonesia, where he is director of a technical school for the training of Indonesians. Mrs. T. is wearing a "kain" skirt, made from the material of the native woman's dress. These patterns are individually designed by the island people.