

Rotarian Hascall Always Shows Up

Birmingham Rotarian Forbes Hascall believes in keeping abreast of the club's doings—at least he has for the last 25 years. A recent report of perfect attendance records for the 1957-58 fiscal year ended June 30 showed Hascall's quarter-century perfect attendance record.

That's an estimated 1,250 meetings without a miss, and Hascall isn't about to start cutting just yet, either.

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Diana Would Like To Marry Again, Raise a Family

By **BETTY PAYSNER**
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At age 37, Diana Barrymore feels as if she's been born again. She can now face life with a confidence she never had as the daughter of a faded, flamboyant theatre great, John Barrymore and his socialite-auteurs 2nd wife, Michael Strange (Blanch Oelrichs Thomas).

Diana's new life began eight and a half months ago when she woke up feeling that a turning point had been reached in her well-publicized struggle against alcoholism.

Her doctor realized the strength of this conviction and prescribed daily antabuse pills (a medication which causes violent nausea if alcohol is taken). Diana still takes one antabuse pill daily, but she has not taken a drink since she began this treatment.

BACKWARD LOOKS of regret

are not for Diana. Past sufferings have simply strengthened her determination to be a better actress and a finer human being.

Famous and controversial as the author of the sensational best-selling autobiography "Too Much, Too Soon," Diana is now striving for professional and personal accomplishments.

Diana has the Barrymore sense of theatre," her manager claims. "These critics are agreeing with this statement. "A disciple of playwright Tennessee Williams" as she is, Diana is touring the country in "Gat On a Hot Tin Roof."

THIS WEEK (through Sunday, July 20) she is appearing in Detroit at Northland Playhouse.

Despite her "Barrymore" attachment to the theatre Diana deeply wants a happy marriage and family. At one point in the depths of alcoholism, she thought that motherhood would be the cure. Now, a self-reformed ex-alcoholic, Diana would like to marry again and raise that hoped-for family. Her third husband, actor Robert Wilcox, died of a heart attack two years ago.

At work, Diana has the surety and concentration of the serious, professional actor. Her arrival for rehearsal at Northland Playhouse was punctual and without theatrical fanfare. Quietly greeting her manager, she walked directly to the stage and began to rehearse.

IN APPEARANCE and manner, she suggests the poise, informality, and dynamism of an outstanding product of Eastern girls' schools.

As slender as a fashion model, dressed in a blue shirt and slacks outfit from Lord & Taylor's with her characteristic simple round diamond on a silver choker chain, Diana looked a part of the high society life she has rejoined.

"Suburban casualness" is the keynote of her wardrobe.

HER IDEA of recreation is also more like your neighbor's than like a star of the theatre world. Deep-sea fishing off the coast of Florida is a recent hobby. Diana boasts of a "Tuna Fish Award" for a whopper that didn't get away.

When home at 83 E. 91st St. in New York City and while touring, her photograph is on almost 24 hours a day. At the moment she is intrigued with the style of Sammy Davis Jr. Frank Sinatra is also a favorite.

Diana loves good, hearty meals. She has no difficulty staying slim since she stopped drinking.

Underlying the Barrymore traits which Diana has in full measure, are some simple tastes and fundamental drives for normalcy, sex, security, love, a family, and personal fulfillment—common to all of us.

Sidewalk Repairs

Size of Birmingham sidewalk replacement program is expected to be determined by city commissioners next Monday night.

City Manager L. R. Gare is recommending repair of faulty walks in an area bounded by Brown, Southfield, Lincoln and Pierce.

At the same time, the commission probably will decide whether to order walks constructed in front of properties where no walks exist now.

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Mrs. John Canavan, Beverly Hills; Mrs. Bennett; Mrs. Victor Marsh, county chairman; Mrs. Edward Hall, Oakland Hills; Mrs. E. J. Premo, Franklin; (back row, from left), Mrs. James Charbonneau, Bloomfield Village; Mrs. S. F. Rumsey, Foxcroft; Mrs. Vernon Bryant, Birmingham, and Mrs. Thomas Stacey, Wing Lake.

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Extend Public Utilities Near Postal Annex

A total of \$32,000 in special assessments was approved Monday night for extension of sewer, water and paving on Cole, east of Eton.

Birmingham commissioners also confirmed assessments for paving the short block of Commerce street.

A proposed post office annex is going to be located at the southeast corner of Cole and Commerce.

John Jehowski, real estate officer for the postal department's Detroit region, now is taking bids for construction and leasing of a 15,000 sq. ft. building at that site. Bid deadline is Aug. 15. Bidders may obtain further information from Jehowski.

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