

"How wonderful it will be when I can rise from my sick bed and take up my usual place again, just to be able to eat heartily, to walk and enjoy the out-of-door, to get back to my job . . . How often I wish I could see those who are ill. Alas! though, how quickly most of us forget to maintain our gratitude once we rise from that sick bed. Why does gratitude get sick?"

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Village Women on Theater Tour

The second annual "Theater Tour" to New York of the Village Woman's club will leave Sunday, Nov. 9, and return to Detroit on the 14th. Four Broadway shows on the agenda are "Touch of a Poet," "The Music Man," "West Side Story" and "Man in a Dog Suit." The group will consist of forty-four members.

Those who have already made reservations are Mrs. S. A. Strickland, Mrs. W. T. Jones, Mrs. M. M. Day, Mrs. George Bee, Mrs. H. G. Muzzy, Mrs. Sheldon Noble and Mrs. John Fauver.

Others include Mesdames F. B. Erb, Steele Sellers, R. G. Curtis, C. L. Chubbuck, Richard Craig, Herbert Mason, A. B. Knight, Benjamin Young, Harry Taylor, Otto Kern, Robert Muzzy, David Burton, John Fleischer, H. S. Nichols and Irene Murphy.

Still more are Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jacobi, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thom, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Fead, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dadds, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Houston and Mr. and Mrs. T. F. W. Meyer.

Also going along are Mrs. Langley Smart, Mrs. Glenn Davies, Mrs. John Yount, Mrs. William McCullough, Mrs. R. W. Nowels, Mrs. Charles Husband, Mrs. William Biggers, Mrs. L. K. Langdon, Mrs. R. H. Taylor and Mrs. Harry Coon.

Mrs. Robert Keyes will accompany the group as its guide.

Unusuals

The Village Players' show, which played to sell-out audiences for the past two weekends, starred Jack Hassberger in the part of Charles Gray. Jack has not revealed whether or not he was influenced in accepting such a long and difficult part by the fact that the script of "Point of No Return," which was handed to him last July by the Players board, was the Baldwin library copy bearing a plate in the front with the inscription "Presented to the Baldwin public library in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Hassberger"—his mother.

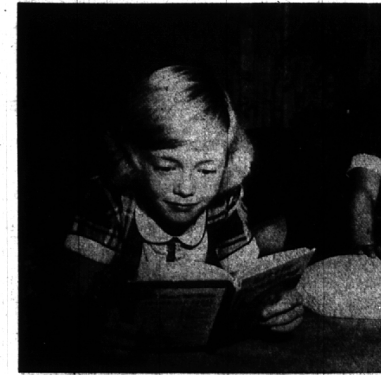
Tom Adams was not exactly type cast in "Point of No Return" as the elderly, relentless, unyielding Harvard graduate who refuses to let his daughter marry a graduate of Dartmouth. However, Tom did graduate from Harvard in 1925 and in the play he wore a maroon velvet smoking jacket which was a gift in his senior year from his wife, then his fiancée. It was a perfect fit . . . after the seams were let out slightly.

At 'Fall Drama Festival'

The Leon E. Jackmans of Beach road entertained at dinner at Little Harry's Saturday night before the showing of "Jane," presented by the Detroit Players, Fine Arts Society and the Theatre Arts club.

For entertaining Mrs. J. wore a black gown of simple elegance. Guests included Earle Stolle MacPherson of Bloomfield Hills and his wife who donned a black taffeta, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Forth Holley of Grosse Pointe . . . she was in candlelight satin, and the Stanley R. Andersens of Birmingham. His charming wife chose black and white lace.

Among other local families entertaining were the John W. Kinseys . . . he's president of Fine Arts, the Robert Vanderpys and the W. H. Cowgills.



BESIDES ALL THE SPOKS and goblins at Bloomfield Village PTA fair Friday night, Walt Disney's "Ugly Duckling" will be the feature movie event. Doing some advance research on the little duckling is

Broom Riding Friday Night Will Be to Village Fair

Witches and goblins in the Bloomfield Village area are in for a surprise . . . cause on the eve of All Saints Day, Oct. 31st, from five until nine o'clock, many little hobgoblins will not be riding brooms any further than the Halloween fair. The PTA sponsored event will be at the Village school, where there will be attractions aplenty to keep even the most rambunctious little spoon completely enthralled.

The witches children will be brewing while a fortune teller lures the young and old into her tent. A sugar plum tree loaded with goodies, a wishing well, a cake

walk and peanut grab will add to the gaiety of the evening.

The small fry can cast their brooms and ride real horses or watch Walt Disney's "Ugly Duckling," which will be the feature movie attraction.

A catered dinner will be served in the school multi-purpose room.

Mrs. Richard O. Straight is fair chairman and Mrs. George McCutcheon is co-chairman. Among those assisting are Mrs. Ivan Ludington, Mrs. Fred Cowan, Mrs. Gordon McCullon and Mrs. Thomas Restrick.



A TYPICAL WORK SCENE every Monday afternoon and evening since August in the basement of the Suffield road home of Mrs. Lloyd Diehl, Jr. These Christ Child Society workers, Mrs. Philip Huber (left) and Mr. Albert

Vanderbilt, along with many others, will continue their efforts until the day of the "Winter Carnival" on Nov. 7. Interested onlookers are Martha and Barbara Gagnier, twin daughters of Christ Child member, Mrs. Frank Gagnier.

St. Dunstan's Plan Second Show

Under the direction of Nat Doughty, St. Dunstan's will present its second show of the season—"Middle of the Night." It is a moving story of the deep love between a middle aged business man and his young recipient in the face of enormous obstacles. Robert Woodruff play the respective leads.

The show was a Broadway success starring Edward G. Robinson. It was presented in Detroit only last year.

Four auditions will be given by St. Dunstan's Nov. 14, 15 and Nov. 21 and 22.

Woman's Club Sets Dessert Luncheon

The Birmingham Woman's club will meet Tuesday at the YMCA on East Lincoln for a dessert luncheon and program at 1 p.m. Program will be "Behind the Scenes With the Detroit Symphony." Slides will be shown.

Chairman of the day will be Mrs. Glenn Coley. The chairman will be Mrs. John E. Martz. The modern living department has changed their meeting date to Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. They will visit the Oakland County Youth home for a tour headed by Leslie Johnston. Any interested club member may attend.

Alums Observe Founders Day

Alumnae of Oakland County gathered at the home of Mrs. Russell Costello on Pine Lake road recently to honor the founders of Delta Zeta sorority. Following the dinner, a candlelight service in honor of the sorority founders was held by Mrs. Winfield Hinman, local group president of the alumnae.

Mrs. George Betzer, Jr., presented a program on Delta Zeta standards, Special guests were members of the University of Detroit Delta Zeta chapter. Mrs. C. N. King of Birmingham headed the group preparing table settings and decorations.

The hostess, Mrs. Costello, recently completed her four years of service as National president of Delta Zeta sorority, and was honored at the Chicago convention on her retirement from that office.

Engaged to Hillsdale Senior



JOY VENOLA

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — The engagement of Joy Diane Venola to Bowen Rice Brock is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Venola of Tacoma avenue, Detroit. Bowen is the son of the Ferd M. Brocks of Lone Pine court, Bloomfield Hills.

Joy was graduated from Hillsdale college, where she was affiliated with Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The prospective groom is a Delta Tau Delta and a senior at Hillsdale. He is a member of Cranbrook and was graduated from Culver Military academy.

No immediate wedding plans have been made.

Past, Present and Future Of B'ham in Worn Pamphlet

Discovered among rare books that always come to light during the turnover of private libraries to the AAUW Book sale, in progress this week at Detroit Edison, was a worn pamphlet, "Birmingham—Its Past, Present and Future, 1898".

The publisher's note "endeavored to produce a work that will prove of lasting benefit to the community" was prophetic. Mayor Carl F. Ingram, a browsing bibliophile, recognized the pamphlet's value to the city records and purchased it for the Baldwin Library.

The pamphlet is an interesting account of Birmingham from its first significance as an Indian battleground to the industry and institutions of the "Present." 1898. It was here chief Pontiac planned his unsuccessful massacre on the spot at Detroit. First white settlers in 1818 were John Hunter, John Hamilton and Eliza Willis.

JOHN HUNTER built the first log house by some unaccountable mistake on the Willis tract instead of his own. The three men planted a first crop of potatoes and got a cow and yoke of oxen which were a great boon to the community known as Piety Hill—whether in reverence or sarcasm has never been ascertained. It was later named by R. T. Merriell after the town in England.

Erna Baldwin, Daniel Ball and Oliver Torry, who walked through Galesburg, Ind., from their original settlers and all lived to see the place become quite a village. A locomotive replaced horse power but passengers rode standing in boxcars which swayed so frightfully they could hardly keep their feet. Amusing tales are told of "Salt" Williams who is often credited with the first fire. His defense was "if your horse had not stopped to look back at the train, it would have overtaken and killed him." Mr. Williams often hitches up his best horse and beats the trail to Detroit.

Civic institutions give a picture of the town at that time. The water works had two steam pumps, five miles of main and 60 hydrants; the fire department had two hose carts and 1000 feet of hose. The

ed ice wagon to lessen the loss from the hot rays of the sun, and is progressive in all ways.

Whitehead & Mitchell, drug-graceries—crocker—books, with few dollars and unlimited energy and perseverance as their capital have built a sound reputation. No two men have done more in the interest of the town such as the bank.

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Ladies had a Cemetery association and a Library association with a hall and stage, 1900 volumes and membership of \$1.00 per year. The High school built in 1891 had 421 scholars. The Town Improvement society "recently placed wire wastepaper receptacles at the street corners which is a move in the right direction".

"THE EXCHANGE bank is a solid institution managed by gentlemen. Safety deposit boxes rent for \$1.00 and there are many who should avail themselves of this security. The Post Office is a model of convenience and everything is handled in first class manner. The Birmingham Eccentric has so well performed its duty as a live, thoroughly up-to-date home paper that it is a credit of another never been felt. It is a large 8 page sheet issued on Fridays by Messrs. Whitehead and Mitchell."

The oldest residents were Hugh Irving, Alanson Partridge, Mrs. Eliza Willis, James Grinley, Edwin Baldwin, John Bodine, Hubbard Lee, Orrin Poppleton. Twenty-five prominent farms are described among them: Watkins, Sheldahl, Pony farm, Peabody's Gilbert Lake Farm, Saterlee's Five Oaks and Frederick Joy's Longmeadows Stud farm.

The last pages of the pamphlet picture 27 prominent businessmen, three doctors and one dentist with a critique of each that will interest businessmen of today. "John Haney—meats and oysters in season, has been hustling ever since he was old enough to eat and is a genial jolly good fellow. Peabody—groceries—boots—bats—caps—jewelry, is kind hearted and public spirited serving on the school board, as trustee and town president."

Hagerman, drugs—groceries—paints—oils—cigars, has just enough push to make his cooperation valuable and not obtrusive and is never too busy to greet all with a pleasant smile and kind word. He is now town president which office came to him unlooked and without opposition. Parks—meats, also handles pure ice from a new cover-

Christ Child Home Benefits from Funds Of Winter Carnival

Busy Christ Child members have laid aside social and family duties to turn their hands to producing a colorful array of items to fill the "family corner" at their major fall endeavor.

The annual event, "Winter Carnival" is scheduled for the afternoon of Nov. 7 at the Latin Quarter in Detroit.

Although social in appearance, what makes the fair differ from most is its real purpose—to help maintain the Christ Child home on Joy road. The home is a temporary shelter for children, who find themselves in need of a home, through no fault of their own. There, a desperate child finds refuge, with no religion or color line to bar his entry.

WITH SO MANY little ones depending on them, it can hardly be understood why the members throw themselves behind the endeavor with real zeal.

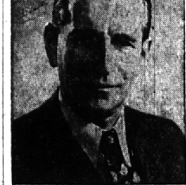
In the evening the carnival comes to a gala climax with husbands joining in the festivities.

Mrs. Lloyd H. Diehl, Jr., is Birmingham chairman, with Mrs. John Allston assisting her with the booth, which includes such items as decorated eggs, ornaments, stuffed toys, trays, stockings and Christmas cards.

A special feature of the day will be winners of "a weekend for two at the Waldorf in New York."

Among the many who will be attending are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mountain, Mr. and Mrs. George McDace, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Keating, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lewand and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gieryn.

Guest Speaker At Woman's Club



EDWARD WEEKS

Edward Weeks, who is now in his twentieth year as editor of the Atlantic Monthly, will be the guest speaker for the Village Woman's club on Wednesday at Oakland Hills Country club.

With a highly successful publishing career behind him, Mr. Weeks is the author of several distinguished books, the most recent is "The Open Heart."

Keeping abreast of discoveries and trends in the publishing field he is constantly on the watch, both here and abroad, for new writers.

HIS ENCOURAGEMENT of them has inevitably resulted in additional prestige for the Atlantic Monthly when his discoveries have become established in the field of literature. He will discuss "A Creed for Americans."

Luncheon chairman will be Dale O. Miller. Hostesses for the day are Mrs. Chad Ritchie, Mrs. Henry Woolfenden, Mrs. Lance Minor, Mrs. A. D. Kirk and Mrs. Art BeGole. Flowers will be arranged by Mrs. Percy Hamly, Mrs. Lee Durham is reservations chairman.

Gamma Phi Betas Annual Observance Of Founder's Day

Birmingham alumnae chapter of Gamma Phi Beta sorority are making plans for their annual Founder's Day banquet at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 11, at Greenfield's restaurant.

Mrs. Richard Reason and Mrs. Patrick Carnahan, head the event as co-chairmen. Their committee includes Mrs. James Morris, program chairman; Mrs. Lawrence Perry, decorations; and Mrs. Royal A. Wilson, publicity.

Mrs. Richard Nuffer, president of the local chapter will welcome the members, after which a brief ceremony will take place.

Guests will be seated at tables decorated with pink carnations and gold cressets flanked by pink tapered candles.

French Artist Exhibits Paintings

Due to the great interest shown in the paintings by the young French artist, Jean Lamouroux, his exhibition will be held over at Birmingham's Little Gallery for an additional week. The balance of the paintings from Lamouroux' Montreal exhibit will be added to the collection until Nov. 8.

The artist's drawings by Guivel, de Erdely and de Martilly will open Nov. 9 with a special artists' preview at 4 o'clock.



Decorative Uses of Carpeting

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—New national collection of handloomed, custom made carpets, were on display at the monthly luncheon and card party Wednesday at Bloomfield Hills Country club. Among guests who heard Mrs. Gay Yankee talk on the varied uses of custom carpets in today's living were hostesses (from left) Mrs. Lester A. Colman, Mrs. G. A. Brown and Mrs. J. Walter Bemb. Each carpet was displayed with a suggested coordinated color scheme of beautiful handwoven fabrics, lovely wallpapers and accessories. Mrs. Yankee, whose studio is on East Maple, explained how original and unusual designs in carpeting are creating a new trend in wall to wall carpeting and area rugs by a more decorative use of carpeting than in the past. The new designs can be used equally well in either traditional or contemporary homes.