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To maintain your own self-respect is of utmost importance—and this, of course, requires that one have a set of personal standards to follow. Few people can, without interruption, maintain involuntarily such high standards... and a slight deviation where others are not hurt may be pardoned or perhaps "twice better to say 'forgiven.' Self-respect must be measured against good standards.



Three Birmingham alumnae of Marygrove college spent a delightful morning at a North Woodward shop looking over and modeling which will be shown in the alumnae association's benefit fashion bridge to be held

at the college on April 25. Posing happily for our camera were committee members Mrs. Robert Faught (left), Mrs. Frank J. MacDonell and Mrs. Martin Reddy. Proceeds of the affair will go to the scholarship fund.

Marygrove Alumnae Set Fashion Bridge

"Elegance" is the word for the fashion show and tea to be held on the Marygrove college campus on April 25 at 1:30 p.m. The benefit affair sponsored by the college alumnae association is singularly different from the traditional scholarship bridge, but is identical in its goal, that of raising funds so that worthy students may continue their college educations.

Highlighting the festivities will be an unusual showing of furs by P. Noonan, B. P. Costello, James Gilme, Edward Kiefer, Carl Dams, Fred V. Gierny, Howard Ross, Richard Maher and Miss the alumnae who own them. A preview of what the bride of tomorrow will select for her wedding will be presented by Saks Fifth Avenue. Among Birmingham area alumnae who have worked on various committees planning and organizing the benefit are Mesdames John

New Class Set For Mental Health Week

Three Birmingham women have launched new therapy classes at Pontiac state hospital to mark National Mental Health week, April 26 through May 2.

A ten-week spiritual occupational therapy class, with an "Around the World" theme, will be begun under the direction of Mrs. Scott Purvis, 1447 Hendrix. Mrs. Purvis will be assisted by Mrs. William O. Levering of W. Lincoln. The program, designed to stimulate depressed minds into enthusiasm, will provide a situation in which women patients of the hospital will vicariously travel to new places and see new things. The group will dress dolls in costumes representing the countries which they "visit."

In the new program, patients will be reminded of the precepts of Christian love. Dressing dolls in the fashion of early Greece, they will be told of the work of St. Paul among that then-pagan people. The spread of Christianity throughout Europe will be explained as dolls of Holland, Scotland, France

Chamber Music Concert Set

The second program of the recently organized Suburban Chamber Music society will be held on Wednesday, April 22, at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Grinnell's, Birmingham.

The afternoon program will feature the following performers: Mrs. Phillip G. Stevenson and Mrs. Robert Jackson, piano; Mrs. William Hanford, violin; Mrs. James S. Harnett, viola; Mrs. Robert Turner, cello; Mrs. George Shimmin, piano; Mrs. Frank Herta, violin; Mrs. Lionel D. Thompson, violin; Mrs. Grayson Dashiell, cello; Mrs. Roger Harter, viola; Mrs. Frederick H. McKaig, soprano; Mrs. Henri Nosen, violin; and Mrs. Wallace Dolan, piano.

The society will present six programs yearly. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Dr. Paul Trimmer Assists Chairman For Emerald Ball

Dr. Paul Trimmer of Bloomfield township has been named to assist the general chairman for the fourth annual Emerald Ball, sponsored by the Detroit Osteopathic Women's club in co-operation with the Wayne County Osteopathic association.

Subscription to the ball is \$50 per couple. The black tie dinner dance will be held May 2 at the Sheraton Cadillac hotel.

Serving on the advisory committee for the ball are Mrs. Joseph A. Walker of Lathrup Village and Mrs. Richard A. Thompson of Bloomfield Hills. Mrs. Stanley Turner of Meadowdale road is a member of the co-ordinating committee.

Members of other committees are Mrs. Joseph Wyatt of Dorchester; Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Tull of Riverside drive; Mrs. Paul Trimmer; Mrs. A. P. Ulbrich of Susex; Mrs. Joseph Amalfitano of Inwood circle; Mrs. D. F. Christman of Cranbrook road; and Mrs. Paul F. Howe of Northgate drive.

The ball will benefit the American Humanities Foundation, the Osteopathic Research Fund and the National Osteopathic Scholarship program.

Cranbrook Concert

The talented Israeli pianist, David Bar-Illai, will be featured at the Cranbrook Music guild's final concert of the season on Tuesday, April 21 at 8:30 p.m. in the library at Cranbrook House.

U of M Elects Mrs. N. A. Host Alumnae C'man

BEVERLY HILLS—Mrs. Norris A. Host of 18935 Bedford has been elected chairman of the University of Michigan Alumnae council for a two-year term.

A further honor extended to the area by the university was the presentation to the U of M Alumnae club of Birmingham, of a silver bowl for the greatest membership increase during the past year.

In other elections last week, Mrs. John A. Williams of Cleveland, Ohio was named vice-chairman of the council and Mrs. James L. Frey of Detroit was chosen the council's representative on the board of directors of the U of M alumnae association.

Named to the council's own executive committees are: F. A. Heller, Ann Arbor; Mrs. Oliver D. Marek, Detroit; Mrs. John C. Seymour, Buffalo, New York; Miss Rosalynn Scott, Grand Rapids; and Mrs. John Bolock, Royal Oak.

Suburban Scene

By ELEANORE VINALL
Women's Editor

There are those who hold the erroneous conviction that creative and thoughtful writing is something accomplished in odd moments between telephone calls, visitors, coffee breaks and lunch. For the uninitiated, let me state succinctly that, for this writer, such is not the case. It is a hard business. Having something worthwhile to convey to a reader is, for us, the result of thought. There are no substitutes. Thought, in turn, is the product of experience. And experience is achieved either directly or vicariously through reading, meditation, conversation and contemplation.

Creative, productive thought which may be expressed in positive and clear written form is not easy to come by in every instance. And this week has been an "instance"! Small crises have made pertinent the phrase, "I don't have time to think. I just react." We find our nebulous thoughts well expressed by another.

So, forthwith, and with the gracious permission of Frederick Fell, Inc. we pass along the closing paragraphs of Lillian Roth's recent book, "Beyond My Worth."

"Speaking of a recent conversation, Miss Roth writes: 'It was enough for her to be warm and safe, she had said. But the truth was, there is no warmth and safety in this life. In the next one, yes, but not in this one. For us, now, life is a constant struggle and to stop struggling is to stop living. We may weary of it, we may denounce it, but if we are to live and grow, we cannot avoid it. And that struggle is not for money! At least, not for money alone. We struggle to realize the best that is within us—spiritually, physically, morally, artistically, in short, we struggle to create our best selves. And in this way we draw close to God.'

"He gave us our talents and by utilizing them to the utmost we follow His plan for us. To do this is to achieve peace of mind, almost a state of grace; failure to do this leaves us with a troubled conscience, an empty, rasping out-of-tune life that offers no rewards of any real value. These truths apply equally to me, trying to be a good actress, as to the stone mason trying to build a true, sound wall.

"How often have we seen a man with all the appearances of success, money, and position, yet about him is an aura of bitterness, a sourness of soul? However much money this man has made, he has not been a success in his heart because he had not made the most of himself. He felt cheated by life and he didn't realize he had only himself to blame.

"On the other hand, haven't you often seen a man in modest circumstances, who had a sunny disposition and seemed at peace with the world? Those were men who may have had limited capabilities but were using them to full capacity. They were getting the most out of life and they knew it.

"Looking back over the years, I see evidence of this on every side. Jean Thorney, strapped to a wheel chair, could smile at the world because she had been able to accept God's pattern for her. Eugene Logan, sentenced to prison for life, knows peace of mind because he was making the most of his God-given talents. Whatever his past sins, he is now closer to God than those men who are lazy and disrespectful of their talents. None of us can escape responsibility to God for the use of talents He gave us... We often go to elaborate lengths to fool ourselves, but we never really succeed. In our hearts and in our souls we know when we cheat.

"If there is one thought I hold closest, it is the knowledge that we never walk alone. We have but to look up and truthfully say, 'Lord, I am doing my very best here. He then gives us the serenity we all so desperately need. 'You try it and see.'"

Area Women Show Works in 55th Annual Exhibition

The Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors has announced its 55th annual exhibition which will be held at the Scarab club, 217 Farmsworth, Detroit, April 17 through 20. Excepting Sunday, the gallery will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The society has many members in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area. Among them are Mesdames D. J. Allison, James Allen, Paul Averill, J. Vinton Birch, Lewis C. Dibble, David H. Gee, William Griffin, Randolph Heizer, John Hoppin, Jr., and Thomas R. Kilgour.

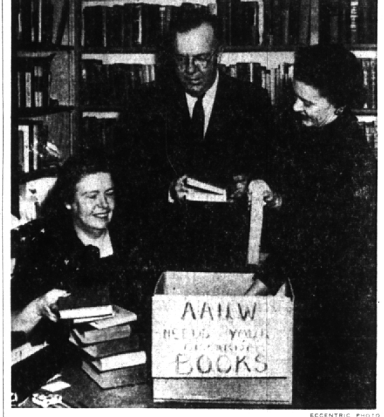
Others are Mesdames Kent McIntyre, Warren Pease, Jr., Warren O. Seelye, William A. Shaver, James S. Sifford, Lawrence H. Thomas, R. D. Williams, Miss Jeanette Goyss and Miss Mildred Williams.

Maplebrk WNFGA Slate Garden Tour

Members of the Maplebrook branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden association will meet Wednesday, April 22, at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. P. N. Currier, 297 S. Cranbrook road.

After the regular business meeting, dessert will be served by Mrs. Carl Neppach, co-hostess.

Mrs. Joseph Mooney, chairman of the nominating committee will report. Following the business meeting members will go to the gardens of Mrs. Kenneth Busha, 110 S. Williamson road. H. Thomas, Mrs. Will St. Clair, Mrs. Busha and Mrs. Wesley Rigby will discuss and demonstrate "Pruning and Care of Evergreens."



This being the season for spring house-cleaning, Mrs. Hoffman Stone, co-chairman of the AAUW '59 book sale, takes advantage of the now-is-the-time-to-get-rid-of-it spirit of Mr. and Mrs. Edger A. Guest, Jr. of 32651 Birmingham lane. A telephone call will bring a committee worker on the run to collect discarded books. This week, drop-off boxes will be placed at the McClellan-Ball Company, south Woodward; Kroger's, Maple east of Hunter; Franklin Village post office; Birmingham Cleaners, Maple and Cranbrook; and the Cheer Shop, Woodward south of Maple.

AAUW Members Work On Spring Fashion Show, Fall Sale

The Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women is involved in two major fund-raising activities this spring. Differing in approach, they aim at the same end—raising scholarship funds.

A large group is busy collecting used books in anticipation of the October book sale. Mrs. Lloyd R. Sturgeon is the newly appointed chairman for the '59 sale. Co-chairman for the project are Mrs. Hoffman Stone and Mrs. Arthur C. Burleigh, Jr.

Book sale workers have for some weeks been responding to calls from energetic housewives busy at spring cleaning and have been carting off cartons of books to be stored until the fall sale begins.

The 32nd annual sale will again be held at the Birmingham office of the Detroit Edison company, and dates have been tentatively set for the third week in October.

Workers for the sale have been asked to be especially on the lookout for books which will benefit school libraries, such as encyclopedias, reference texts, and top-notch juvenile literature. Fifty Oakland county schools were invited to last year's sale and selected over 4,000 books for their libraries.

Proceeds from last year's sale totaled over \$3,900, all of which is being used for AAUW sponsorship of scholarships for women. Co-operation from the total community and aid from local business firms have been prime factors in the drive's continued success.

Another AAUW contingent is busy selling advertising space for a fashion show slated for Wednesday, May 13 at the Cranbrook auditorium. Mrs. Robert K. Gohr, AAUW president, has taken on the job of show chairman. Mrs. Hans

All this activity takes great time and energy, but AAUW women feel strongly on the subject of education and are sure that both are well spent.

Girl Scout Camp Needs 143 Volunteer Counselors

Counselors are being recruited for the South Oakland Girl Scout Indianwood day camp. Two hundred volunteers are needed to staff four sessions of camp. Only 57 women have signed up at present.

The number of girls able to attend camp will depend on the number of adult volunteers obtained. Girl Scout standards require at least one adult to every eight camps. This year recruitment of counselors will continue through April.

Anyone 18 years of age or over, who enjoys working with girls, even on through teenagers in an informal atmosphere of outdoor living, may volunteer. The training course for new counselors begins at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 23 at Lincoln junior high school in Ferndale.

Indianwood camp is located on 45 acres just west of Lake Orion. Transportation by chartered bus is available to and from camp. Nursery units are available to care for counselors' children, both girls and boys, under camp age. Camp hours are 8:30 through 4:30 p.m.

Persons interested in counseling posts or in further information may call the Royal Oak Girl Scout office.

Mrs. Hugh S. Clark, 18700 Bainbridge drive, will be a director for the first camp session June 22-25 and June 29, 30, July 1 and 2.

Camp dates for the second session are July 7-10 and 14-17. The third session will run July 21-24 and 28-31.

Kappa Alpha Theta To Meet April 16

The afternoon group of Birmingham Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae club will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles E. Darling, 292 Yarmouth, for lunch April 16 at 12:30 p.m. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Ralph Fox and Mrs. Norman Frizzle.

Mrs. Richard Mier, 1064 Norwich, will be hostess to the evening group also meeting April 16 at 8 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served followed by a business meeting and program presented by Mrs. John Simpson, Mrs. Peter M. Davidson and Mrs. Montague Miller will assist the hostesses.

All area members of Kappa Alpha Theta are invited.

Nancy Norton Engaged to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Dana M. Norton of Bloomfield drive, Lathrup village, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to Richard L. Yancy of Oak Park, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Yancy of Decatur, Alabama.

The bride-elect, a 1954 graduate of Shrine high school, received her BA degree from Michigan State university, where she was affiliated with Phi Mu. She is a teacher at Edmondson school, Madison Heights.

Her fiancé received his BC degree from Alabama Polytechnic institute and is a graduate of the



NANCY NORTON

Merchant Marine academy. He is a member of Kappa Sigma and is employed by the Engineering division of Chrysler Corporation. The wedding is planned for August 22.



Enjoy An April Afternoon

The home of Mrs. James J. Nance on Lone Pine road is an especially busy spot this month. Among organizations to which she has opened the lovely home is the Bloomfield Hills branch of Women's National Farm and Garden Association which held its annual meeting on April 6. Early arrivals were Mrs. Percy K. Loud (left) and Mrs. Donald L. O'Toole.



Leaving For DAR Congress

Mrs. M. Miller Hanson checks the contents of her suitcase as Mrs. Francis M. Fisher looks over the highway route which the women will follow to Washington, D.C. this Saturday. Members of the Piety Hill chapter, DAR, they will serve as pages at the National Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Among those attending from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area will be Mrs. Newell Allen, first vice regent, and Mrs. William H. DeGraff, state treasurer, both delegates. Alternates will be Mrs. Dale O. Miller, past regent, and Mrs. Walter A. Kleimert, past regent and state chairman of approved schools. Also attending will be Mrs. Clarence W. Wacker, vice president general of the national society of DAR, and Mrs. Robert F. Hohn, national chairman of DAR magazine advertising and campaign manager for Kathryn Larkin Newland of St. Joseph, Michigan, who is a candidate for president general of DAR.