

Mixing and mingling among those who populate one's own circumscribed environment are all types of people. Some of them are materially wealthy, some aren't blessed with too much of this world's goods. Some are interesting and colorful, some are articulate, giving the real or fabled appearance of being ordinary, even dull. But appearances often are deceiving.

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SECTION C

Whose Who in Who's Who of American Women Pipsan Saarinen Swanson, Co-Ordinator and Designer

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Woman's Editor

A color co-ordinator and designer, she heads the interior department of her office. She has made outstanding contributions to the home furnishing industry. . . . Among those chosen for "Who's Who of American Women" . . . she is Pipsan Saarinen Swanson, wife of J. Robert F. Swanson, architect.

MRS. SWANSON'S WORK is mostly with institutional or industrial buildings, however, she has a keen interest in private homes.

She works with all types of home furnishings . . . glass, furniture, rugs, carpeting and draperies. Her most vital contribution at present is to Warwick Mills of Georgia, makers of fine carpets, where she is color co-ordinator and designer.

She is also working on MSU Oakland . . . wall colorings, materials for glaze tile, drapes and floor covering.

CO-PARTNER OF SWANSON Associates, local interiors done by Mrs. Swanson are those of the Birmingham National Bank, Torry elementary school, Birmingham high school, and Bloomfield Hills high school.

school. Last year she furnished the dormitory and science building at Eastern Michigan college in Ypsilanti, the children's psychiatric unit at the University of Michigan hospital, and the student activities building at U of M.

Residences include the J. R. Adams home in Bloomfield hills, Roger Marquis in Pontiac, G. Wellington Smith in Franklin, and recently the Rothman home in Bloomfield Hills.

BORN IN HELSINKI, Finland, Pipsan is the daughter of the nationally famous architect, the late Eliel Saarinen. She studied at the University of Helsinki and also Athenium School of Arts in Helsinki. Mrs. Swanson, whose home is at 955 Lone Pine road, is the sister of Eero Saarinen, architect, and the mother of Ronald, a student at Brown university, and Robert S., Jr., Karen Pipsan and Peter Denham.

RECIPIENT OF THE Louise Bolender award for outstanding contribution to the Home Furnishing Industry in 1957, Mrs. Swanson is a member of the American Institute of Decorators, St. Dunstan's guild and the Village Woman's club.



AT HER DESK where endless hours are spent dreaming up new ideas for design . . . Pipsan Saarinen Swanson.



A VOLUNTEER for 19 years . . . Mrs. William C. Sproull.

Gray Lady's Smile Boosts Morale Of Many Patients

Boosting a patient's morale is one of the greatest benefits gained by a volunteer . . . a volunteer who gives more than time.

She is an American Red Cross Gray Lady . . . who volunteers from the heart, with a warm, cheerful smile, and the enthusiasm to fill a "gap". The "gap" which comes to long-term patients, who never have anyone visit them, except "you"—the Gray Lady, who is their friend.

Amelia Earhart Week Proclaimed

Mayor Carl F. Ingraham proclaimed the week of Jan. 11 as Amelia Earhart Week in Birmingham. A volunteer in Birmingham and urged all citizens to join with the women of Zonta International of Birmingham . . . Bloomfield Hills in paying tribute to this famous woman pioneer of the air.

In 1928, Zonta International, an organization of executive and professional women pledged to activities that promote civic and social welfare, established the "Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award" in her memory.

Scholarship grants are awarded annually for graduate study in the field of aeronautical engineering to one or more outstanding young women.

Elison Coultree of Birmingham, who took her solo flight last week, is one of the girls which the national association will assist in furthering her education of aeronautical engineering.

First Wedding in Melrose Chapel

Mrs. William Marshall (Bessie) Dow of Huntingdon Woods and Harry Aten, 3935 Quanton road, Birmingham, were the first couple to exchange vows in the new Melrose chapel of Kirk-in-the-Hills. Vows were said at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Attendees for the couple were Mrs. and Mrs. William Heller of Hammond lake. A reception, followed the ceremony, at the Quanton address where the newlyweds will make their home.

Install Officers At Annual Dance

Mrs. Foster Raymond will be installed as president of the Auxiliary to Metropolitan club, Spirit 9, at the annual dance Jan. 17 at the VFW hall. Mrs. Frederick Kemp, past national president, will be installing officer with the assistance of Mrs. Merin Holmquist.

Other officers are Mrs. Donald Richardson, vice president; Mrs. M. G. Nunally, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Dunn, financial secretary; Mrs. Howard Hatt, treasurer; Miss Winona Singers, chairman; Mrs. Ambert Peterson, sergeant at arms; and Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. Stanley Church and Mrs. Samuel Leif, auditors.

Aline Saarinen Discusses Book At Lecture Hall

Aline B. Saarinen, author and art critic for one of America's leading newspapers, will discuss her recently published book, "The Proud Possessor, or Tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Detroit Institute of Arts. The event is sponsored by the Michigan Water Color Society and is open to the public.

Mrs. Saarinen, wife of noted architect Eero Saarinen, was educated at Vassar college and the Institute of Fine Arts of New York university. She was on the staff of Art News magazine from 1944 to 1948. Mrs. Saarinen served as an associate art critic for the New York Times for the past ten years.

Movies at Meeting

LeRoy Kiefer, executive in charge of product design at the General Motors Corp. and corporation consultant in the General Motors Technical Center, showed movies and gave a talk about the World's Fair at Brussels to the Altrusa club of Greater Birmingham Monday at the Community House.

Those Who Will Host Parties in Their Homes

Mrs. Muriel Brusie and Miss Jane Ward, counselor for girls and librarian at Barnum, respectively, collaborating (See SUBURBAN SCENE, Page 4-C)



Here's the Date . . . Don't Be Late!

It seems to be customary for guests to arrive late at bridge parties despite what Emily Post and Amy Vanderbilt say about the importance of punctuality.

However, there is one occasion during the year when all guests make a special effort to be on hand well ahead of the appointed hour.

The occasion is the Birmingham University of Michigan Alumnae "telephone bridge" which starts at 2 p.m. at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at many different homes throughout the area.

Late-comers will be whisked to their chairs and handed cards before they take off their coats.

The reason for such promptness . . . every party starts at the exact same time and the first person who bids and makes a grand slam, a little slam, or holds eight cards of one suit, or four aces, calls in their lucky hand to one central number.

This year the number is that of Mrs. Frederick Adams, alumnae president, who with her aides will deliver the prizes to the winners at their various parties. If the line is busy, time is to be noted by respective hostesses.

Even a booby hand of all cards of ten or under will receive a special prize, according to Mrs. Paul Robertson, general chairman.

Suburban Scene

By Fran Maier
Society Editor

PTA Leaders to Attend Conference in Ann Arbor

Mrs. Hugh K. Black, president of the Birmingham PTA Council, reports that the "Studying Michigan Schools" project of the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers is gaining momentum locally in the state.

Greenfield PTA was the first local unit to complete the project. Other units taking part are Adams, Beverly, Harlan, Midvale, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Penbrook, Walnut Lake, Bloomfield Village and Pierce.

Designed to inform citizens about public education in their community and state, the project was developed last summer by the Michigan PTA with the cooperation of the Michigan department of public instruction and state colleges and universities.

Officers point out. Results of the project and future programming will be considered at a series of regional conferences throughout the state.

LOCAL PTA leaders will attend such a conference tomorrow in Ann Arbor.

Among those attending from Birmingham will be Mrs. Black who will act as recorder for the conference; John Herberg, president of Greenfield PTA; Mrs. Joseph Schaffer and Mrs. John Vander Roost, past presidents of PTA council.

Message Targeted To the Homemaker

Has there been a fall in the appetite barometer since the feast of the holidays? Need new ideas for menu planning?

Homemakers, reserve one of these important dates—Feb. 24th or 25th. The Birmingham Eccentric is sponsoring a "Cooking School."

A Susan Lowe presentation, the school will be predominant with those ever-welcome recipes of seasonal flavor.

LWV to Vote On State Item At Next Meet

At the first meeting of League of Women Voters this year, all league members will have their chance to vote on the direction Birmingham would like the State League to take on the State Item.

Mrs. Thomas Snelman, president, will be guest speaker following the luncheon Jan. 29th at Birmingham Country club.

His lecture will be on the "Use of Music Therapy in Rehabilitation of the Mentally III."

Mrs. Dan Matthews, chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. Woody Miller, Mrs. James G. Nick, and Mrs. Charles C. Devine.

BCC Women To Hear Lecture

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SUE MILES

Sue C. Miles To Wed in July

Mr. and Mrs. George Miles of N. Gleggarry road, Birmingham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sue, to Robert C. Leonard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leonard of Ferndale.

Both graduated from Michigan State university. Bob was a Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sue was a Kappa Delta.

A July 11 wedding is planned.

INTERESTING to all Leaguers will be the report on voting records of Birmingham in regards to the Call for constitutional convention last November. The voting record of Oakland County will also be analyzed.

This is the chance for Leaguers to participate directly in the forming of League policy and direction. A vote will be taken to reach consensus on the recommendation that Birmingham will send to the State League.

Cranbrook Presents Leclair Trio In Chamber Music

Albert Tipton, the principal flutist of the Detroit Symphony will be featured in concert on Tuesday, Jan. 20 when the Cranbrook Music Guild presents the Leclair Trio in a program of chamber music at 8:30 p.m. in Cranbrook House.

Other members of the Trio are Tipton's talented wife, Mary Norris, pianist, and Seymour Benstock, solo cellist of the Toledo Symphony.

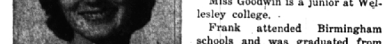
Their program will consist of works by Rameau, Vivaldi, J. S. Bach, Leclair, Chopin, Debuss and Damase.

Engaged to MIT Senior

The Rev. and Mrs. Shirley B. Goodwin of Portland, Me., announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara T., to Frank G. Rising. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Rising of Martell drive, Bloomfield Hills.

Miss Goodwin is a junior at Wellesley college.

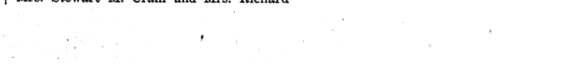
Frank attended Birmingham schools and was graduated from Hotchkiss school, Lakeville, Conn. He is now a senior at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he is a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity.



SHIRLEY B. GOODWIN

Typical 'Telephone Bridge' Scene

Ready to deal the cards and waiting for the clock to strike two are (from left) Mrs. Sylvester Trythall, Mrs. Robert A. Reid, Mrs. Stewart M. Cram and Mrs. Richard Strickland. There will be many such foursomes on Jan. 21st when the annual U of M alumnae telephone bridge takes place.



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