

Do you know anybody who is perfectly contented with his lot? Probably not for it is in the very deep nature of civilized people to be restless, to want a change, to be where they for the moment are not . . . to be without stresses and strains, or to be in the midst of new problems that bring stress and strains. Discontent may result in progress . . . or it may spawn troubles.

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Weaver and designer . . . Marianne Strengell.



Public Relations director for Cranbrook Foundation . . . Marion Bemis with pets, Moppet and Moppie.



Headmistress . . . Marion Goodale and King.

Cranbrook Boasts Area's Leading Women

This is the second in a series of articles on Birmingham-Bloomfield area women listed in Who's Who of American Women.

By FRAN MAIER
Woman's Editor

Cranbrook claims three leading ladies listed in Who's Who of American Women and each has a vital role in operations at the cultural center.

They are Marion E. Goodale, Marion Holden Bemis and Marianne Strengell.

MISS GOODALE, headmistress of Kingswood school, is not just a stern woman who administers discipline when her charges behave badly and a formal cup of tea when they behave well.

We call her a modern headmistress. The sort who wears crisp pink dresses on hot days and likes dogs and gardening and is no more fierce than your minister's wife.

And she lives, not in the dormitory keeping an eagle eye over the school's boarders, but in a small modern house by herself, while resident teachers live with the girls.

When Miss Goodale does entertain students in her home it is not for tea. It's usually for soft drinks and potato chips.

Miss Goodale was born in Salt Lake City and was graduated cum laude from the University of Michigan. She came to Kingswood in 1950 from Northrop Colli-

ery of Art, was born and educated in Helsingfors, Finland.

Miss Strengell arrived in the United States on Thanksgiving Day, 1936, via a small boat through the Panama Canal to see the new world and visit friends in Hollywood.

She liked the country so much that when she received an invitation to join the faculty at Cranbrook she promptly accepted.

The late Eiel Saarinen, an old family friend, was then president of the Academy, and Mrs. Saarinen headed the weaving department. Miss Strengell worked with Mrs. Saarinen for several years, and on her retirement, became head of the department.

At Cranbrook she has perfected a greatly simplified but thorough method of creative teaching which makes weaving quicker to learn than by the old Swedish and similar colonial methods.

As a result, the Cranbrook weaving department turns out accomplished, professional weavers and designers of both hand-loomed and power-loomed textiles so steadily that the ranks of prominent teachers and careerists in industry today are filled with Cranbrook graduates.

Miss Strengell is married to Olav Hammarstrom, architect, city planner and furniture designer. Together they have designed, built and furnished a summer place on the Dunes near Wellfleet, Cape Cod. They have two children Sandra and Chris and their home is on Academy Row, Bloomfield Hills.

MARIANNE STRENGELL, who heads the department of weaving and textile design at Cranbrook Acad-

emitted. Plans for the spring membership campaign will be made Monday when the representative from the national headquarters meets with the board at Mrs. Duncan's home in Birmingham.

Board members from Birmingham are Mrs. Herbert Gardner, Mrs. S. J. Duncan, Mrs. W. H. Hohmeyer, Kent McDonald, William Jiltolson and Mrs. Donald Koltke.

Suburban Scene

by
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California Sojourn

Mr. and Mrs. Dale DeWitt Douglass of Hillwood drive, Bloomfield Hills, just returned from a month's sojourn in California. Their first stop was Beverly Hills, then on to San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley and Piedmont. Many old friendships were renewed in Piedmont where the Douglasses lived for four years.

Then on to Fresno, the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Daniel Kaufman, Kevin and Karen, daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren of the Douglasses. The senior Kaufmans came down from their home in Alamo, too.

A party was arranged and all went to a spot on the way to Yosemite called Bit O' Bavaria, then on to a ski lodge for the rest of the night. "Picture an outdoor breakfast in the sunshine on a January morning—that's what we had," remarks Mrs. Douglass.

Before returning they made a trip to Yosemite with luncheon at the famed Ahwahnee hotel. Unusual experience there was that all the tremendous waterfalls were dry and there wasn't any snow.

Another highlight of the trip was conversing with Walter Pidgeon at the Beverly Hilton.

Follows Mother's Footsteps

Last Thursday at the annual meeting of the Franklin Settlement, an agency with a record of more than 70 years service to the community, Mrs. Leonard T. Lewis of Pilgrim, Birmingham was elected president of the board.

The occasion was a significant one . . . 14 years ago Mrs. Lewis' mother, Mrs. Leo Butzel, was elected president of the same board.

It is interesting to note that in these days of changing and shifting scenes, that the interest of the Butzel family has continued in the agency.

Ruin That Special Dish? Visit Our Cooking School

You'll have the "greenlight" to entertain by using basic menus—with a few additions for that "special occasion"—after attending The Birmingham Eccentric's Cooking school.

At the school, Susan Lowe, nationally known home economist, will present taste-tempting foods in a professional way.

Though most of the dishes are basic, women will appreciate the quick fill-in suggestions for surprised entertainment, too.

The Eccentric's first Susan Lowe school is planned for Feb. 24 and 25 at the Community House. Reserve a date and plan to attend.

Board Members On PTA Council Program Monday

Board of education members will highlight the program at the Birmingham PTA Council meeting Monday night at Barnum school.

Moderator for a panel discussion will be Mrs. Peter B. Lomis, school board president. Panel members will be: superintendent of schools, Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, administrative assistant, Dr. Richard L. Featherstone and Ben Root.

Of interest to local parents will be the three topics under discussion: the new Junior-Senior high school; current problems facing our school district, particularly in the financial area, and the future growth of our school district.

All PTA members are urged to attend the meeting to meet panel members and other school board members and to acquaint themselves with Birmingham's current school problems.

Barnum PTA Meeting

Barnum PTA is sponsoring a meeting for parents of 2nd graders today at 8 p.m. in the school. The program will be devoted to a discussion of "How Parents Can Best Help Their Children." Seventh grade room-mothers will be hostesses. Dr. Kenneth Bateman will be moderator and serving on the panel will be Mrs. Betty Riegan, Owen Manchester and Mrs. Albertina Mabley.

Training Course For SOC Mothers

A leadership training course will be held at St. John's Episcopal church at Woodward and 11 Mile road for all SOC mothers interested in becoming leaders of either blue birds or camp fire girls groups.

There will two sessions of basic training, Feb. 9 from 7 to 10 p.m. and March 23 from 7 to 10 p.m. attend the meeting to meet panel members and other school board members and to acquaint themselves with Birmingham's current school problems.

Woman's Club's Membership Tea

Mrs. Ralph Main, president of Birmingham Woman's club, will open her home, 1819 Fairview, Birmingham, Friday for a membership tea honoring members taken into the club last year. Old members are invited to bring as guests all prospective new members to meet the board.

The group will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. Assisting the hostess will be the membership committee, Mrs. Charles W. Hester, Mrs. Irwin Weiss and Mrs. Paul Annett.

THE AMERICAN Home group, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Thomas Hurns, heard a book review by Mrs. Frances Emery, Mrs. Dorothy McWood was the speaker.

Program was at the home of Mrs. P. T. Burnett and Mrs. Carl Binkle was chairman of the day.

Modern Living group met last week at the home of Mrs. Frances Cogsdill. Robert E. Girardin of the Birmingham board of recreation presented the program.

SOC Concert Names Officers For New Year

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the South Oakland county community-concerts association the following were re-elected to serve a three year term: Mrs. Everett Bangham, Mrs. H. S. Crawford, Mrs. W. H. Hohmeyer, Mrs. Mildred Klein, Mrs. Douglas Moore, Janette Tibbits and Mrs. Hugh Watson.

Members elected for three year terms were Mrs. George Mulqueen, Edward Klebba, Ronald Gross, Mrs. Albert VanRemnes and Donald Kohte.

Officers to serve for 1959 are Mrs. Carl Harding, president; G. Bruce Feighner, 1st vice president; Mrs. Benjamin Derrick, recording secretary; Mrs. C. C. Betzner, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Douglas Moore, financial secretary; and Janette Tibbits, treasurer.

MRS. HARDING has been an active member of the board since the association was organized in the fall of 1947. She has held the offices of corresponding and recording secretary and has served on many committees.

Scouts Present "Snowflake Swing"

The senior girl scouts of Southern Oakland girl scout council are presenting a semi-formal dance "The Snowflake Swing," on Saturday from 8 to 11:30 p.m.

Many Birmingham area senior scouts will be attending. District 1 of Metropolitan Detroit are invited. The date will be at the new YMCA building in Royal Oak.

Blue and silver will be the color scheme and music will be furnished by the Cavaliers.

Weather Is Right for New Dance Craze

Youngsters 'Snowball' And 'Freeze'

by FRAN MAIER
Society Editor

The weather outside was frightful . . . foggy, icy roads and near zero temperatures . . . the night I decided to peek-in on today's youth at Vaughan school.

I entered the hallway and listened—all I could hear was the echo of snowball, soda-pop, freeze. This was too much, I thought. How could I have goofed? I understood there was to be dancing, not a snowball party.

I OPENED the door to the gym, and there were 50 young men and women (ages 9 to 12) and Florence Schoolfield Young.

The ladies were in their dressy things—lacing slippers and white gloves, and the young men in suits . . . white shirts and ties, too.

The youngsters were learning all the dances that their parents know and a few more. They delight in the "Cha Cha

Cha" and really freeze in the "Soda Pop Freeze." When they "snowball"—one couple has the floor and to the call of snowball they break and each pick a partner, until all couples are back on the dance floor.

Learning to dance is like "party

time" with Florence Schoolfield Young as instructor.

LAST EVENING was the beginning of spring term dancing classes at Vaughan with openhouse for students, parents and friends and tomorrow will be openhouse at

Bloomfield Country Day. The 9 to 12-year-olds attend every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. and the teens take over at 8:15 at Vaughan. At Detroit Country Day the pre-teens dance every other Friday at 7:30 p.m. and the teens are supreme at 8:30 p.m.



FLORENCE SCHOOLFIELD YOUNG instructs youngsters in a "warm-up" life before they take partners. See additional photo on page 4-C.



JENNIFER JONES is John Coulson's partner for the "Cha Cha Cha".



DOING THE "Soda Pop Freeze" are David Carrick and Margaret McGaughey.