

The man or woman who offers himself in the performance of a local public service, either in or out of the environment of government, is measuring up to one of the many demands of a good life. This man or woman, when motivated by a sincere, unselfish desire to serve, should win the warm praise of his neighbors, his fellow-citizens. Serving is a fine part of living.

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## Birmingham: Increasingly Transient, Less Permanent

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Birmingham is a schizoid city. That's not to say it needs professional help. But an interesting condition prevails. The majority of Birmingham residents fall into one of two classifications—permanent or transient. Within the past 15 years the town has become noticeably more transient.

AT LAST COUNT, city officials estimated upward of 25,000 souls within the city limits. But the figure's dependable for only a matter of 24 hours at a time. Hardly an evening passes without the unusually early arrival at home of a "rising young executive" who, after the initial shock wave leaves his wife's countenance—declares, "I've been transferred."

Take, for example, the William W. Sabins of Pembroke. In November, 1955, Bill, a refinery technologist with Ethyl Corporation, his wife, Beverly, and their small daughter and son came to Michigan from Salt Lake City. At first they settled close to Ethyl's Eight Mile road offices.

AFTER months of weekend driving through residential areas and careful consideration of conditions in many communities, the Sabins over their children a way of life, which held meaning, growth and happiness for the family as a unit and for each as individuals.

THEY liked the small town atmosphere, the community advantages, the attitudes of its citizens, the excellence of its schools, the complete shopping facilities, its cultural, educational and recreational opportunities, the warm friendliness with which they were met. So—as many have done before them—they came into the community and made it theirs, happy in the knowledge that here they could pursue for themselves and create for their children a way of life, which held meaning, growth and happiness for the family as a unit and for each as individuals.

NINE MONTHS AGO the transfer came. Bill was promoted to chief refinery technologist for Ethyl Corporation's central region. A new baby in the nursery—the Pembroke street house to sell—

the search for a new home—all of these factors have kept Bill coming between Birmingham and Chicago for eight months.

On April 1 the Sabins will leave Birmingham, grateful for the happiness which they have known in the community in these past two years—sorry that friends must be

left behind—and hopeful that the new town awaiting them will prove to have qualities which have meant so much to them in this one.

A FEW BLOCKS south and west of the Sabins is the Carroll S. Anderson home on Buckingham. The Andersons came to Birmingham

two years ago from Toledo, selecting it as their home for reasons nearly identical with those which brought the Sabins here. Says Jean Anderson,

"It's small-townish without the small town atmosphere which—in some places—is depressing. In Birmingham you're free to set your own pace and live as you please. I don't mind living in a prescribed way of life, but I don't want to have to."

The Andersons lead a busy life. "Andy," a trust officer with Manufacturers' National Bank, commutes daily to downtown Detroit. Steven, 10; Bill, 12; Christine, 9; Tommy, 7; and Amy, seven months keep Jean Anderson more than a little busy around the clock. She manages to find time for a weekly bowling session with other BAC members, gets the family to Redeemer Lutheran church for Sunday services and special weekday activities and assists young Bill with his daily paper route.

THE ANDERSONS like their life in Birmingham. And they plan to keep it just this way. Permanent residents or transient, the happy consensus is that Birmingham is a wonderful place to live.

## Celia Turner to Conduct Symphony

Celia Merrill Turner of Bloomfield Hills will share conducting honors with Francesco di Blasi when the Pontiac Symphony Orchestra presents an all orchestral concert at 8:30 p.m. March 17 in the auditorium of Pontiac Northern high school.

Mrs. Turner has been associate conductor of the orchestra since its organization several years ago. She is a graduate of the Juillard graduate school of conducting, where she was a pupil of Albert Stoessel and Fritz Mahler. Mrs. Turner also graduated in violin at Juillard, studying with Michael Press, Hans Litz and Louis Persinger.

In 1956 Mrs. Turner was commissioned to write a symphony for the orchestra. The resulting "Chippewa Symphony" was the highlight of a concert the following year.

In Birmingham, Mrs. Turner is a member of the Thursday Musicale. She is perhaps best known as director of the Will-O-Way Apprentice theater.

At the March 17 concert she will conduct Bach's Suite No. 3 in D Major and Haydn's "London" symphony, "Danse Macabre" by Saint Saens, "Andalucia" by Lecuona and selections from "The King and I" by Richard Rodgers will be under the baton of di Blasi. Tickets may be obtained at the door.

## Cooking School Success! Overflow Crowds Pack Both Sessions

Two duplicate sessions of The Birmingham Eccentric sponsored Cooking School drew a total of well over a thousand women of the Birmingham-Bloomfield area. Conducting the two food forums at the Community House was culinary expert Susan Lowe.

Despite the pain of two cracked spinal vertebrae—result of a skiing accident—Miss Lowe's sparkling personality, easy presentation and delightful recipes kept her audiences raptly attentive through both two-hour sessions.

Community cooks found great appeal in food ideas

which, though stimulating in their newness, were practical, easy to prepare and of the kind which could be used every day, not just special occasions. The presence of 10 men in the opening evening audience added a pleasant dash of seasoning to the overflow crowd. Throughout both laugh-spiced programs, pencils flew as observers took notes.

It seems safe to conclude that area families have been enjoying a stretch of mealtime surprises—different and delightful. The picture above and the two below show the attention and pleasure of the crowds.



Popular points of interest were attractive displays provided by Birmingham merchants. Featured in the Ruth Shain room were displays from Birmingham Kitchens, Bleazby's, del Gaudio, LaBelles, Lakes' Jewelers, and Machus. Talking with demonstrator Sandra Michaels (above) are Mrs. Charles Young and Mrs. Anthony Foley.

Displays Popular With All Corners

## LWV Meetings Make Big Splash

Mrs. Harold Roehm, chairman of the LWV water study committee, will dive into the unit meetings this month with her programs covering water problems.

Mrs. Roehm's committee consists of Mrs. John Ormand, Mrs. Arthur Hinkley, Mrs. John Cooper, Mrs. Charles Tanner, Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. J. A. Warren.

Hostesses this month are Mrs. E. B. Schmitt, 1097 Chesterfield, March 9, from 1 to 3 p.m.; Mrs. James Engen, 26234 Vincennes, March 10, 1 to 3 p.m.; unit II, Mrs. Alfred Krueger, 1017 Brooklawn, March 10, 8 to 10 p.m.; unit III, Mrs. Herbert Fisher, 487 Arlington, March 11, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; unit IV, and Mrs. S. F. Rumsey, 405 S. Cranbrook Crossroad, March 11, 8 to 10 p.m.; unit V.

## Prizes Make Dinner Easy

Receiving as prizes dishes prepared at Wednesday's Cooking School program were Mrs. Robert B. Penny, Mrs. A. R. Shields, Jr., Mrs. W. B. Hudson, Mrs. J. C. Cook, Jr., and Mrs. R. E. Paulette. The opinion of all—"This is wonderful!"



Home-Bound Winner

Delighted winner of a delicious chicken and cream casserole was Mrs. Wallace B. Hudson, 2920 Stoneyridge, Troy. Among other prizes donated by Birmingham merchants were corsages, cakes,

