



2000 Attend Open House At New Franklin Interiors

FRANKLIN—The happy combination of artistry, imagination and money provided an uplifting experience for some 2000 visitors at the open house held three days last week at the new galleries of the Franklin Interiors.

Greeted by host James Branstrom and his gracious staff, guests from all over the southeastern part of Michigan had a luxurious time meeting in complete comfort and ease in the completely remodeled old nursery school.

For some, memory carried the transition back even further when the big white frame building near 14 Mile and Franklin road was just a dilapidated old inn, perilously close to crumbling into oblivion for want of care.

The glorious reincarnation is not only the expansion of a tastefully selected business project but indicates the warm hospitality of Franklin's new family, Jim and Doris Branstrom. On hand to share their son's elegant domain were Mr. and Mrs. William J. Branstrom, Sr. of Fremont, Ohio.

Many of the local visitors were delighted to be met by Mrs. Ambrose Butt, formerly of Bingham Farms who has joined the Interiors staff.

From 2 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday there was an endless unbroken flow of area people sipping endless cups of coffee and sampling an endless variety of cookies. A step onto the threshold of gracious living and dispelled (for a while at least) the gray, chaotic world outside. The Branstroms have beautifully welcomed Franklin and its neighbors.

Seeing her daughter Sally safely deposited in a new apartment and a new job in San Francisco, Mrs. Harold Roseberry returned to Franklin Saturday after a week of sightseeing the Golden Gate city.

Mrs. Frank Young urges all organizations planning to use space in the Franklin Community church to meet at 1 p.m. Friday to attend the dedication service of the new building.

Curious about the "Lawton" signs posted on poles "round town" this weekend? They pointed the way for 20 high-stepping Highlanders from Seaboard high to Nancy Lawton's home on Normandy where arduous rehearsal was held for an act in the forthcoming musical show.

Scottish dancer Mary Cook of Seattle is instructing the group in the intricate steps. Somehow, they're fitting it into the theme of "Alice in Birmingham"—not to be missed.

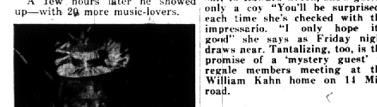
It's been a nerve-racking month for Franklin Players' program chairman Mrs. Len Madge. Having assigned the Nov. 20 meeting to Edward Green, she's gotten only a coo "You'll be surprised each time she's checked with the impresario. "I only hope it's good" she says as Friday night draws near. Tantalizing, too, is the promise of a "mystery guest" to regale members meeting at the William Kahn home on 11 Mile road.

There was no one to take the place of Howard Benedict at the last party, because he was the only bass player there. So Benedict slugged away for seven hours straight.

BENEDICT playing his regular nightly stand at the Club Berkeley, Benedict sells real estate for the Birmingham firm of Benjamin and Bishop in the daytime.

His long-time friend, Ewing, is not a musician—not even an amateur. "I just enjoy it all," he says. So does Ewing's 20-year-old son, Bryant. He called from the Sigma Nu fraternity house at the University of Michigan just before the last party and said, "Dad, can I bring a few of my fraternity brothers?"

A few hours later he showed up—with 20 more music-lovers.



Group Opposes Rosemond Estates Zone Proposal

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With only three of its nine members present, the planning group lamely attempted to conduct the scheduled hearing. It was forced to defer discussion and recommendation until next Monday night.

It was apparent that all residents of the Rosemond Estates subdivision were not in accord with the letter sent by the subdivision association to the council. The letter supported the Sparr's appeal to have the land changed back to commercial, as it was prior to 1956. The controversial portion of the lot lies to the north, affecting properties along Inkster road.

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Franklin's Firemen Assist at Plum Hollow

By NITA HARD
Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN—The records will show Franklin's volunteer fire department gave an "assist" to the Plum Hollow country club fire in Southfield last week.

The "assist" entailed four hours of volunteer time for 12 men who scrambled to the call in the middle of the night. They fed 1000 feet of hose to fight the blaze that destroyed the clubhouse. Auxiliary fire led Tom Burdick of German Mill road was among the casualties. Tom required several head stitches after colliding in the smoke and dark with another fireman and fast-moving equipment.

It was 2 a.m. before all the Franklin crew had the truck back along the side of the church office checked and ready for the next emergency.

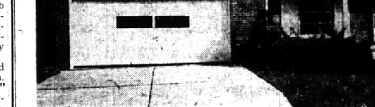
With so many vying for time and space it is important that groups, related or otherwise to the church, check the calendar before scheduling meetings.

IT WAS AN assist—just one neighbor helping another and glad to do it. It is routine, inglorious and strikingly unselfish. It is the kind of episode that makes Franklin's Volunteer Fire department one of the most respected units in the state.

And this is why, in the past few Sundays, when a truckful of business men spend their precious day off calling on residents who neglected to pay their annual \$15 contribution, they get 100 per cent cooperation.

THE VISITATION program will continue till every home owner in the fire district has done his share. The department has all but finished the erection of a fine new fire hall on Franklin road with resorting to an extra fund raising campaign to accomplish it.

IT MAY BE early December before the contributing members will be invited to attend an Open House, fire marshal William Albee guesses. But finished or not, it is a ready monument to the unswerving spirit and dedication of the many and the few.



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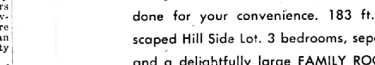
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Southfield News Briefs

Never to Northland Plan Counsel Says

SOUTHFIELD — When Southfield plan commissioners discussed shopping centers last week, they learned that the city's plan consultant A. E. Munson had never been to the Northland shopping center.

The consultant, who is being paid \$15,800 to prepare a city master plan, told members he had been in the parking lot once.

Councilmen Increase S'field Court Staff

SOUTHFIELD — Councilmen in Southfield decided last week to hire a new employee to help catch up on the six-month lag on reporting city traffic violations to state authorities. The new employee will work in the municipal court.

Municipal Judge Clarence A. Reid, Jr., said he now has two women working in the court but

that he needs help handling traffic violations. Southfield police issue more than 600 tickets each month. Five new policemen will start in January.

New cases of TB reported in the continental United States in 1957 totaled 86,861.

Fire Official To Talk To Franklin Scouts

FRANKLIN — Franklin Fire saving techniques will follow Marshall Hill Albee will talk to award ceremonies and a skit by pack B-11 cubs at 730 tonight at den 2. Christmas gifts for boys the monthly meeting held in the Room will be brought, wrapped Franklin school multi-purpose and girls of an orphanage in the Room will be brought, wrapped room. A film on mouth-to-mouth life- and marked by each club.



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