

Being a successful public official is an achievement of no small stature... whether it be as occupant of the White House or a humble member of some local governing body. Men and women in public life are "puffed and haughty" every which way by voters... not all of the voters, but rather by small minorities often for reasons not in the total public interest. Saving "No" requires an intelligent independence.

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## Headmistress Brightens School

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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—"I'm a displaced New Englander, and I don't care who knows it," said Patricia Fulton, headmistress of Bloomfield Country Day school for girls, with charming frankness.

It has taken her New England qualities of quiet strength, dedication and determination to guide the newly established school through the first two of its four-year existence.

CONCRETE EVIDENCE of the result is the new, modern school building, with a capacity of 100 pupils for which dedication ceremonies will be held April 24 at 3 p.m. on the school grounds at 1050 East Square Lake road.

I visited the 29-year old school-head in her office at the school, to learn what steps had brought her in so short a time to her high position in the educational world.

A tall, slender brunette—serious, but with a decided sense of humor—she answered my questions with genuine openness.

"BEFORE I CAME here I was head of the science department at National Cathedral Seminary in Washington," she said. "I think what brought me here was the challenge the position offered. And I like change, too," she added thoughtfully.

Two changes she made in the school curriculum when she came were a greater emphasis on art courses and the addition of two years of Bible as required subjects for students in the upper school.

Miss Fulton teaches the Bible courses, as well as biology and chemistry.

We took a peek in the school library.

"These are in constant use by the students," she said, handing me a Bible.

SHE IS PROUD of the results of the school's art classes. "In the recent national Scholastic Art contest, we had 17 entries accepted. We won nine awards, two of which were finalists."

With the busy schedule she sets for herself, Miss Fulton does not have time to follow her own particular gift, physiological research.

While she lived in Washington she did research at George Washington university under a grant from the Heart Institute.

"TEACHING, as a career, didn't enter my mind at first," she said with a smile. "I only thought I'd be at it for a year or two... but that was before I tried it."

That she has found it as a career is evident when she speaks of "her girls" at the school, and a warm glow lights her brown eyes.

Preparation for the job she holds was received at Goucher college, and at Wesleyan university at Middletown, Conn., where she earned her M.A.

A NATIVE of Essex, Conn., Miss Fulton is now in her 29th year.

Officers Elected

The April meeting of the evening group of Alpha Omicron Pi was held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. John Kneazy of Bloomfield Hills.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. John Kneazy; vice president, Mrs. Carl Holdampf; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Louis Trudell.



## To Kick-Off Luncheons

Mrs. Norris A. Host (left) and Mrs. Robert F. Watt talk over final plans for the April 22 luncheon which will benefit the Alice Freeman Palmer professorship fund at the University of Michigan. They will be hostesses in the Yorkshire road home of Mrs. Watt. The alumnae council's goal is to increase the fund so that a permanent appointment of a woman professor in history may be attained at the University of Michigan. Spearheading the project are Mesdames Franklin Butler, Paul Robertson, Robert E. Klintworth, Robert C. Wyatt and Marcus Cunningham. On May 5, Mrs. Edwin O. George of Barden road, Bloomfield Hills, will entertain at a luncheon.

## Spring Is Busy Time in B'ham

### Planning April Dance

Orchard Lake country club will be the scene April 29 for Birmingham athletic club's annual dinner dance. Committee members discussing the final plans are (from left) Mrs. Herbert Fisher, Mrs. Donald Parsons, Mrs. John Gelder and Mrs. James C. Holmes. A buffet style dinner will begin at 9 p.m. and Dave Farley will provide the music from 9:30 until 1:30 a.m. Several cocktail parties are planned preceding the dance. The event is limited to 150 couples.



### Alpha Phi Schedules Luncheon

Members of the North Suburban chapter of Alpha Phi will meet Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Donald R. Borgeson (right), 18301 Riverside, Birmingham, for their annual spring luncheon. Co-hostesses for the event will be (from left) Mrs. Paul J. Rich, Mrs. Richard Speir and (sitting) Mrs. Walter Fry Jr. Mrs. Thomas Stolberg will also co-hostess. Following the 1 p.m. luncheon, planning will continue for the April 30 rummage sale, which will benefit handicapped children in this area and also the National Cardiac foundation. Election of officers is also in order for the day.



## Planning International Tea

Taking just a moment from their Tea plans are (from left) Mrs. William L. Mosher Jr., Mrs. Marvin Katke, Mrs. F. G. Garrison (standing) and Mrs. F. Gordon Davis (sitting). Members met at the home of Mrs. Katke on Kirkway drive last week to discuss the annual International Tea of the Michigan division of Women's National Farm and Garden association which is scheduled for April 28 at Cranbrook school

auditorium. The 1:15 to 5 p.m. event will benefit the International Farm Youth Exchange program. Music and dances from other countries are on the agenda for the day. The program will feature German folk dancers, Spanish guitarist, Serbian accordionist, Czech folk songs and Hungarian music. There will be four International Farm Youth delegates to talk about their experiences in foreign lands.

## Suburban Scene

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### Main St. Turns into Hollywood

It isn't often that our town has the temerity to take a great big bow, but thanks to the Women's committee of Camp Oakland, Inc., (plus a guiding hand from localite Robert W. Chambers) Birmingham can afford to preen just a little, for on the evening of May 10 at 8:30, a world premiere showing of "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" will take place at the Birmingham theater.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is sending its new release here preceding a June opening at the Adams in Detroit, and proceeds from the benefit will help swell the building fund at Camp Oakland. Specifically, the ladies have in mind replacing a building which was destroyed by fire last winter.

MRS. BEN D. Mills heads the committee which is planning to turn Main street into Hollywood for one glamorous night and there'll be all the contingent fanfare... the inevitable revolving spotlight, cameras searching out celebrities and an audience at its black tie dressing.

Festivity is further being accelerated by invitations to pre-movie dinner parties and after-theater breakfasts. Thinking in these terms are a number of committee women, some of whom include Mesdames Walter Gehrke, Arthur E. Moore, Russell Nowels, Harold Fitzgerald, Parbury Schmidt, John St. Clair, Robert Chambers, John Shenefield and members of the Birmingham Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae group. Others are Mesdames James Wright, John Kerr, John Barrett, Morgan Collins, John Green and William Simpson.

### 'April in Paris' Festival

In honor of President De Gaulle's visit to the United States, the Kingsley Inn will be transformed into a beautiful Parisian Panorama Tuesday evening for an "April in Paris" festival. Special decorations were done by students of Cranbrook Academy of Art.

A TREAT is in store for guests, when Claire Pearson presents a very... very... unusual fashion show with commentary by Betty Lou Shaw. She will present summer fashions of Paris including originals of Pauline Trigere. Chief designer, Robert Trigere of Paris, will be among the many celebrities at the gala affair. Men and women both will be intrigued over the latest hair styles which will be done by Mr. Toma of Toma hairdresser in Birmingham.

Among the many Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills guests attending will be the James H. Grahams of Hillcrest drive, the Frank Bridges of Glenary road, the R. M. Richards of Birchwood drive, the Leman Hunts of Dublin, the T. C. LeMessuriers of Barbour terrace, the Vaughan Greens of West Maple, the B. A. Waderlows of Southfield, and the Charles Whites of Parkstone lane.

DUE TO AN overwhelming demand for reservations, the Kingsley Inn will repeat this same event on May 2. Until Tuesday evening... au revoir.

### Spring Is in the Air

After a busy winter working in the interests of its beloved Detroit symphony... who can forget the Symphony Ball or opening night of "Music Man", the Junior women's association for the orchestra will relax with an informal spring buffet dance for members and friends May 6. The event will take place at the Maplewood club house.

"THIS ONE IS just for fun," Junior president Mrs. Thomas T. Restrick reported when she announced the party date. Mrs. George Kalb and Mrs. L. R. Lenhard, co-

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## Tintinnabulary Collection

WEST BEVERLY—Thirty years ago, Dr. and Mrs. William N. Bralley of Riverside drive started to collect bells from various places they vacationed. Today they have well over 300 of various shapes and sizes augmented by those given them by friends from all over the world. Mrs. Bralley helped organize the Highland Park music club 40 years ago and still directs the choir. She spends one day a week directing hymn singing at the Arnold Home or reading stories and inspirational poems.