

Contemporary to Colonial In Planned for Living Tour

Twelve charming area homes will be open in a Planned for Living tour sponsored from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. May 17 by the Oakland county chapter for planned parenthood.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Nurne, 1417 Cedar Bend drive, Bloomfield Hills, will open their unusual home designed in contemporary style by Olaf Hammarch and decorated by Sterling Lavigne. Its unusual features include a sunken tub in the marble bath, an imported chandelier and a Finnish steam bath on the lower level.

ANOTHER CONTEMPORARY designed by Dean Eby, is the house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Peterson, 1224 Juniper lane, in the Hills. The hill-top home has one room devoted to family heirlooms and the functional kitchen has an electronic oven. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Lang, 1065 Bathmore road in Bloomfield Hills will show their handsome new colonial with its oak kitchen. Its feature is a center cooking unit and built-in grill.

AN OLDER HOUSE of particular charm is that of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Coffin, 1774 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Its 22-inch thick walls allow space for gracious living and its family kitchen gleams with copper. An old ice house has been converted to a bathhouse to serve the swimming pool.

On the south side of Vhay lake, Mr. and Mrs. George Wayburn, 1770 Hammond court, Bloomfield Hills will greet guests with their contemporary home designed by Anne C. Krebs and Lester Feder. Its contemporary furniture, fabrics and paintings are used in daring contrasts.

THE UNITARIAN church north of Lone pine on Woodward, designed by Mirra Nurne, features a contemporary cluster of clerical rooms arranged in an interior courtyard leading to the yet to be completed sanctuary. The meeting hall has a glass ceiling panel designed by Pittsburgh architect Bieman and benches by Hutch Adson.

By way of contrast, the older home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford West, 221 Lone pine road in Bloomfield Hills remodeled by Robert Swanson, houses their fine collection of painting, sculpture and weaving, much of it commissioned by the Wests. The huge mirror in the "French Baroque" parlor was the first large glass made in America by Mrs. West's inventive ancestor. Mr. West's studio will not be open.

MR. AND MRS. C. Theron Van Dusen, 625 Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, will show their delightful yellow farmhouse colonial, designed by Edward B. Bissell. The home is furnished throughout with choice antiques. The loom room and recreation room given over to a Decapogue class reflect the varied interests of the Van Dusens.

Mr. and Mrs. Denton Anderson, 750 Lone pine road in the Hills, also home, one of the oldest in the area. The French and English antiques and fine paintings are well worth seeing as well as the circular brick terrace built around a huge tree with a swimming pool beyond.

AN EXCITING contemporary is to be shown by Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Cantor, 4850 Charing cross road, Bloomfield Hills. Built on a soft curve it has a soft Japanese roof and features paintings and sculpture by Mrs. Cantor as well as an interesting mosaic over the library fireplace, also executed by her. Mr. and Mrs. James Morrison Taylor's small gem of a house in white clapboard will show at 1094 Lincoln court, Birmingham. Contemporary art will be on display and there has been tastefully combined.

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A MOST UNUSUAL production technique will be used in that movie sequences will be interlarded into the show. These hilarious scenes, already filmed, feature St. Dunstan's members as the heroes and heroines of silent screen days.

Included in the cast are a number of the stars of "The Birmingham Eccentric," the hit musical presented by St. Dunstan's a year ago.

WRITTEN BY George S. Kaufman and Marc Connelly, "Merton of the Movies" was first produced on Broadway in 1929. It involves the search for fame of Merton Gill, a clerk from a small town in Iowa who arrives in Hollywood with a diploma from a mail-order drama school under his arm, intent on achieving success as a star of the silver screen.

JERRY McMECHAN, highly experienced in both amateur and professional theatricals, will direct this rollicking portrayal of the movie capital, vintage 1920.

Richter is also on the tour. Tickets are available through Mrs. Charles W. Renfrew, 987 Arden lane, Birmingham, or Mrs. Merrill O. Bates, 920 E. Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills. Funds will help support the Oakland county clinics and aid national research of Planned Parenthood. Refreshments will be served in the meeting hall at the Unitarian church.

THE HUNTINGTON WOODS

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FRANKLIN—Modeling mommas Mrs. Robert Anderson (left), Mrs. Robert Searls and Mrs. Howard Rex, Jr., made summer fashions attractive and practical, when shown at the May 10 fashion show and tea held at the Franklin Community church. Casual cottons, sportswear and afternoon frocks had added interest as members of the Friendly, Evening and Fellowship Circles showed them off for Alvin's of Pontiac. Sponsored by the WSCS, the event was arranged for by Mrs. Robert Swift, Mrs. Wendell Lloyd and Mrs. Fred Boynton. A program of special organ music lent additional entertainment.

U of M Alumnae to Host Area Senior High Girls

Old and new board members of the University of Michigan alumnae association of Birmingham will join in entertaining Birmingham-area girls who plan to enter the university in the fall at a tea May 17 in the home of Mrs. Jean S. Greene, 645 Arlington.

Eighty invitations have been issued to graduating Seniors from Birmingham and their mothers to meet with Miss Deborah Bacon, dean of Women, and learn answers to questions they may have about Ann Arbor.

On hand to help with the answers will be Mrs. Alison T. Myers, executive secretary of the alumnae council, and Mrs. Edna Henry, Sylvia, who is a senior, and Pat, a sophomore, have served during the past year as liaison agents between the students and the local alumnae.

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Mrs. Norman J. Fredericks of Lansing will be the featured speaker at the May 19 tea given by the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor at Ossining, N. Y. Celebrating its golden jubilee, the organization has grown to 16 foundations in six states. Various local groups are joining the building drive with local fund-raising activities.

AREA RESIDENTS assisting chairman are Mesdames John F. O'Hara, A. F. Boening, J. Fred Blumstein, Paul O'Hara and James (See TEA, Page 3-C)

Suburban Scene

By Shirley Adams Society Editor

Bennington Tour a Success

There's a glow on the faces of co-chairmen Mrs. Roy G. Leitch, Jr., and Mrs. Gordon T. Getsinger as they reflect on the very successful Bennington Arts for Leisure tour. The May 1st affair raised \$6000 for Bennington scholarships and according to reports all the husbands of committee members deserve a hearty round of applause for help contributed. Over 1000 people attended the tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Leitch entertained the alumnae committee members and their husbands for dinner at their Bloomfield Hills home following the tour.

Mrs. Harlan Holds U of D Tea

Mrs. C. Allan Harlan of N. Adams road, Birmingham, had a full house at the Father Joseph A. Foley, S.J., scholarship tea at her home, May 11. The tea was given by the University of Detroit women's guild.

City and Country to Expand

It's exciting to hear the City and Country school for gifted children have readied plans for school building expansion. They are preparing to enlarge their scholarship program also.

Washington Cathedral Group to Convene

Cranbrook house will be the scene of the annual meeting of members of the National Washington cathedral association on May 20 at 12:30 p.m.

Mrs. A. M. BeGole has been appointed chairman for the luncheon meeting by Mrs. Luther R. Leader, regional chairman. Mrs. Leader, Mrs. BeGole and Mrs. Edward Proctor are now attending the annual meeting in Washington.

Present Tables to Community House

The Earl of Bessborough chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire presented 24 card tables to the Birmingham Community House Monday. The women sold table top advertising to local merchants to finance the project.

Kinneys Celebrate 30th Anniversary

The Elliott S. Kinneys of Walbridge drive, Birmingham, chatted up their 30th wedding anniversary on Tuesday. To celebrate, they dined with the Rev. Cannon Irwin C. Johnson and his wife.

Founders Day at Cranbrook

Observing annual custom, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Booth will honor the graduates of Cranbrook's four schools at a (See SUBURBAN SCENE, Page 3-C)



Birmingham Mayor Florence Willett (left) declared a four-hour moratorium on parking meters in the area of the Community House last week for the hundreds who came to honor Mrs. Ruth Shain (right) who celebrated her 40th anniversary of teaching international affairs.

One-Woman Alma Mater Honored by Her Alumnae

By IRMA DAVIS Special Writer

"Will she or won't she continue leading the class?" is the unresolved question revolving around Mrs. Ruth Shain whose class in international affairs bears her name. More than 275 alumnae and guests were present at the ruby anniversary of the class at a breakfast last Thursday at the Birmingham Community house.

It was unofficially stated to the Eccentric that "if Mrs. Shain is up to it in the fall, she may go on with her classes."

Mrs. Shain accepted a surprise donation of more than \$1000 to be given in her name to her favorite charity, World Neighbors, Inc. It is dedicated to improving the lot of under-privileged areas throughout the world through programs of self-help. The fund was donated by Mrs. Robert Searls, 800 former class member.

Dr. Roger Hilsman, research associate in foreign policy for the Library of Congress addressed the group on "American Policy in a Changing World."

GUESTS REPRESENTING 41 organizations accorded her a standing ovation and Mrs. Preston West of Bryn Mawr, Birmingham, chairman of the day, noted that a four-hour moratorium on parking meters in the immediate area had been declared by Birmingham's Mayor Florence Willett to accommodate the crowd.

Dr. Dwight Ireland, superintendent of schools in Ireland, superintendent of the Birmingham school the evening of Miss Louise C. Grace, president of the board of education in Detroit who said, "I feel she has been invaluable and has an unusual ability to inspire other people."

FOUNDER OF THE Birmingham chapter of the AAUW, Mrs. Shain took on the first class in international affairs 40 years ago on a "temporary basis." She has missed less than 10 of the more than 800 classes that have been held since. Her remark that "her

Y-Teen clubs from the Detroit metropolitan area will be addressed by Mrs. W. L. Lowrie of Hilltop Lane, Birmingham, at the May 13 tea held at the Central branch YWCA. She reviewed her observations of girls in India made during a recent trip there.

The members of Y Clubs collected \$1200 for their project "The Hungry India" in April.

Mrs. W. L. Lowrie Addresses YWCA

United Foundation Tea Held at Romney Home

Mrs. George Romney was hostess to nearly 60 community leaders in the United Foundation women's organization last week in her hill-top house at 1830 E. Valley road in Bloomfield Hills.

Tea as part of a stepped up public relations and education program leaders came to tea to learn more about United Foundation. The tea program including girls from grades three through six. (See ROMNEY, Page 3-C)

Committee Convenes to Make Plans For Gala Arts Festival Formal Ball

Plans for the first Arts Festival Ball was the topic of conversation last week when Mrs. Don E. Ahrens, ball co-chairman, brought together 40 women who are working on committees.

If the attendance at Mrs. Ahrens' tea last Tuesday at the Bloomfield Hills country club is a preview, the Arts Festival Ball will be the most exciting social affair of this season.

The formal dinner-dance is scheduled for Monday, June 13 at the Bloomfield Hills country club, on the opening night of the Birmingham Arts Festival, which will run through June 19, climaxing and closing with a presentation by the Sandberg, famed poet and author, at Cranbrook.

PATRONS OF the arts in this area will have an opportunity to show their dedication by attending the \$100-per-couple gala affair. The Bloomfield art association, sponsors of the Birmingham Arts Festival for the third year, hopes to net \$10,000 on the ball.

Proceeds will be added to profits from other festival events and used to further the goal of establishing a community cultural center building fund in the area.

Mrs. C. R. Osborn and Mrs. Don E. Ahrens are co-chairmen of the Arts Festival Ball. The invitations committee co-chairmen are Mrs. Edward Wellock and Mrs. John Blumstein. Jean DiMarco and Clifford West



Hostess Mrs. Don E. Ahrens of Haverill road, Bloomfield Hills, greeted friends Mrs. George Trumbull, 365 Dunston road, Bloomfield Hills, and Mrs. Max Fruhauf, Brookside, Bloomfield Hills, when more than 40 women met last week at the Bloomfield Hills Country Club to discuss plans for the Arts Festival Ball.