

Coffees Perk For Franklin School 'moms'

FRANKLIN — Franklin school non group met at the home of room-mothers open their homes this month for informal coffee. First grade mothers met this morning at the homes of Mrs. Agnate volunteer help for the year's David Wirth and Mrs. James school functions. The coffees also Auchterlonie, Mrs. J. Koch and afford mothers an opportunity to Mrs. Barnett are the first-grade meet with their children's teacher.

This week Mrs. Gardner's second-third grade and Mrs. Zeder's third grade met Monday at the home of Mrs. Thomas Sullivan Rasmussen. Miss Froelich's second and Mrs. Dale Carse, respectively, grade mothers are gathering at Wednesday, Mrs. Harris' after-

On Oct. 17, Mrs. Raymond Marx will host Mrs. Giguere's fourth grade mothers. Mr. Pokornowski's sixth grade mothers and Mrs. Meisker's fifth grade mothers will have Mrs. Armand Qualtiere and Mrs. Paul O'Connor as hostesses.

Mrs. Frederick Ziegel will be hostess to mothers of Mrs. Brundage's fifth grade class on Oct. 21 and Mrs. John Murray will do things up with a morning coffee for Mrs. Richards' fourth grade mothers on Oct. 24.

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Mrs. Carl Kalmbach at home with some of her "questings." (ECCENTRIC PHOTO)

Questers Collect Curios; Heed Hallmarks, History

By NITA HARD
Franklin Correspondent

BINGHAM FARMS—"Once upon a time, many long years ago..." is not just a beginning of a fairy tale. It will, however, be the probable preamble to the monthly discussions of the newly formed Questers group who held a charter meeting Wednesday at the Hickory Hollow home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kalmbach.

The group is comprised of neighbors and friends, some 30 in number, who have accumulated collections of antiques and are in search of more. The local unit of Questers will affiliate themselves with the growing national movement, registered by that name.

And, let the perceptive seller beware! Members of this unique organization, dedicated to self-education on the fine points of hallmarks and history, will be wary buyers from now on.

SUBSCRIBING to the motto, "It's fun to search and a joy to find," the Questers will constitute a study club that hopes to enhance its members' appreciation of treasured items. Better yet, it will provide a basis for more selective collecting and the culling of imitations.

It should also broaden horizons. Mrs. Kalmbach, for instance, has made a gradual transition from early American to the more delicate, intricate workmanship of the baroque, Victorian arts.

Though the change came about prior to the formation of the new Quester group, she hopes to achieve more selectivity in future purchases as she enlarges her knowledge.

Following the pattern of Quester groups all over the nation, the Bingham Farms unit will invite acknowledged antique authorities to speak at their meetings. These, incidentally, will be held monthly in member's homes.

Membership will be carefully limited in number to conform to national policy.

THEY will also plan field trips to local museums, old houses, inns, potteries, glass works and establishments of reputable dealers. Each member will be encouraged to hunt as much as possible about items in their collections and to share pertinent information.

On Wednesday, prospective members and their guests were asked to bring an item for examination and discussion. This resulted in a kaleidoscopic view of cultures and history.

Some brought heirlooms. Others brought cherished "finds" from a summer's prowling in dusty shops. Most of the items were functional, hardy survivors of by-gone eras, when things were "made to last."

ALTHOUGH Mrs. Kalmbach has an enviable collection of antiques acquired with the thoughtful guidance of an uncle "in the business," she prizes most an amber quartz mason jar stamped 1878. She found the jar during one of her recent prowls.

She is also hot on the trail of more pieces of lustrous china known as "gaudy Dutch," hallmarked by Darby. An old gray crockery sour-mash jug lends a conversational note to the entrance of her 20th-century ranch house.

No matter where you look in the Kalmbach home, there is a congenial blending of old and new.

She hopes the local unit may be a pilot group for the area. The original Questers started in Fort Washington, Pa., in 1944. The idea of enlightened antique-hunting spread so fast that the National Questers organized in 1950. Thus, papers developed and many important restoration projects were accomplished at historic sites.

EVENTUALLY, the Bingham Farms questers will adopt a name which will be in character with a local historic interest or personality. If necessary, they will hold the membership to 20 or 30.

And in their own quiet, browny way, they expect to have an exciting time blowing the dust off their American history books.

She is fully aware that many residents in our much-maligned suburbia value their heritage, and would be interested in joining the

Girl Scouts And Brownies Start Season

FRANKLIN—The ten Girl Scout troops of the Franklin-Valley Woods neighborhood are busy starting meetings and planning their activities for the coming year.

First to go camping this season were the junior high girls of Troop 115. With their leader, Mrs. Arthur Marshall assisted by Mrs. Gordon Titworth and Mrs. F. Lorenz, they spent the weekend of Oct. 7 at the Franklin camp near Jasper.

Campers were Gail Winkler, Jan Small, Linda Marshall, Jan Titworth, Linda McManus, Dorothy Harris, Kay Lorenz, Margaret Brantstrom, Carolyn Taylor, Jerleen Handblad and Sandy Tschler.

OTHER TROOPS starting their meetings this week are intermediate Troop 816, under the leadership of Mrs. Peter Finn and Mrs. Dale Carse. Troop 843 meets with Mrs. William Worcester and Mrs. George Altmanberger.

Mrs. Mary Lencislar and Mrs. Chester Sharp head Troop 244, while Troop 248 works with Mrs. Russel Selhaas.

Senior troop 747 will continue its activities with Mrs. Edgar Guost, Jr. and Mrs. Carl Kalmbach.

BROWNIE troop 405 with Mrs. Maurie Clemons, Mrs. John Anger and Mrs. Frank Taylor as leaders have three new sister troops this year. Not assigned numbers as yet, the new Brownies will meet with Mrs. Robert Fisher and Mrs. A. Touchette; Mrs. William Walker and Mrs. John McColl and with Mrs. Ludwig Tschler and Mrs. Frederic Schuchman.

Troops in the Franklin-Valley Woods neighborhood are sponsored by the Valley Wood school PTO and the WSCS of the Franklin Community church.

Mrs. William Bammel is continuing this year as chairman.

Hold Ingathering

WOOD CREEK FARMS—An ingathering of needlework highlighted the Oct. 4 meeting of the Wood Creek women's group held at the home of Mrs. James M. Tenney on Washington. Mrs. Vernon Fisher was in charge of the ingathering, which resulted in many handmade garments for distribution among the needy.

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All This and Time Out For Men of Village

FRANKLIN — Breadwinners of the community can plan on a "night out with the boys" of the Franklin Community association, Oct. 20.

Following the traditional smorgasbord dinner at 7 p.m., the "for men only" program will include the annual election of officers, a concert by the Franklin band and a rosy report of the 1960 Roundup by John Menrath and his committee.

New male residents are urged to latch on to an association meeting that night and come as his guest. Once more, the Franklin Community church offers its social hall as the meeting place.

However, this Friday, "togetherness" will prevail as the members of the Mr. and Mrs. Club hold their first fall event—a harvest moon high-ceiling starting at 8:30 p.m. from Rice Barn on 11-Mile in Novi.

The Wally Barringers, Leonard Pogues and Gordon Titworths have been taking reservations and anticipate a good turnout for the party which will include a hot lunch afterwards.

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John Adams, Groves high school junior, was re-elected president of the Franklin Junior High, Sunday afternoon. With the addition of Mrs. Grant Sivier to the adult advisors for the group, plans were formulated for the annual Christmas show.

Director of "Curious Savage" and "Goodbye My Fancy," Don

One of the many sectional gatherings for the Needlework guild was a luncheon held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Harlow Bates on 13 Mile road. Arriving with two new articles of clothing or household linens, were Mrs. Homer Heideman, Mrs. Stanley Krentel, Mrs. Alice Allen, Mrs. P. Ross, Mrs. Edward Doherty, Mrs. Robert DeLonge, Mrs. Tillie Merkel and Mrs. Phil Vanlyke.

Program chairman Mrs. Adam Schubel tells us the Hannah guild, chairman of the Redeemer church in Birmingham will hold its Oct. 19 meeting at the home of Mrs. Ernest Hillborn, 32350 Suzanne, starting at 12:30 p.m.

"A Devotional Story in Ceramics" will be the topic of guest speaker Miss Gloria Anderson, chairman of the Christian Business Women of Detroit.

Appointed Chairman Of State Committee

BINGHAM FARMS — Richard C. Van Dusen, 32205 Bingham road, Bingham Farms, has been appointed state chairman of the Judge James R. Broekley, Jr. for supreme court committee.

Van Dusen is a former member of the Michigan House of Representatives, a faculty member of the Detroit college of law and is a member of the Detroit and Michigan Bar association.

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