

Perhaps our confused world would attain greater satisfaction if more of our leaders—especially in education—were possessed of something of the zeal of a star cadet who really is interested in his product. To be sure, some educators often are what they are because of poor parental training, plus inadequate scholastic preparation. How then, can they exemplify enthusiasm, zeal, dedication?

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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## A Tour of Old and New Homes Planned for May

May 9 will be marked on many calendars in the area for a tour of old and new homes in the Birmingham and Bloomfield area. "The Planned for Living" tour is sponsored by Planned Parenthood League Inc. The hours are from 10 a.m. 'til 4 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Eero Saarinen, 1045 Vaughan Road, Bloomfield Hills, will open their home to the public. Outside, this house is Victorian, the exact antithesis of the inside, which Mr. Saarinen has made cool, clear contemporary—a beautiful laboratory for modern design in which the Saarinens thoroughly enjoy living as well as working.

It is tested Mr. Saarinen's furniture experiments—the pedestal tables and chairs. The brilliant austere decor also reflects the taste of Mrs. Saarinen, who is an art critic and author.

MR. AND MRS. John Hopkin's "glass house," completely contemporary, by architects Verne Sidnam and Fred Stickel, is also on the agenda. Their home features large open decks for living and dining in the tree-tops. White walls are the background for their collection of large, colorful modern paintings.

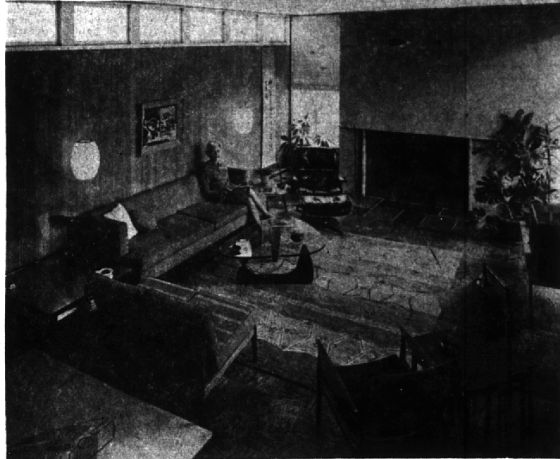
Mrs. Hopkin is known for her painting, which she does in the living room. The wallpaper in the lower hall and powder room is painted by Mrs. Hopkin on white plaster. They live at 1515 Lone Pine Road.

with spacious, high ceilings and handsome paneling. Their address is 455 Goodhue Road.

It reminds one of the days of more formal living, yet it is comfortable and convenient today, says Mrs. McEvoy, with its inter-room telephones and a thermostat in every room. There are interesting family heirlooms: a tall blue-and-white Meissen comport, inlaid dining-table and matching chairs.

THE HOME OF Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hewlett, 951 Twin Oaks Lane, Birmingham, is also on the list for the tour. An older house remodeled by Mr. Hewlett for his talented family. He has added a dining-family room, with terracotta floor, copper fireplace and a "floating" bookcase in the window. Also, a large studio off the second floor, where they all pursue their arts and crafts. There is intriguing evidence of family talent wherever one looks.

MRS. ORASMUS Voorhies of Vinsetta Avenue, Royal Oak, will open her house. Her home is a veritable museum of Early Americana. The glass collection is more than outstanding in color, pattern and workmanship. The careful selection of rugs and wallpaper makes the house a unique and complete whole. This is a must house for those who are interested in early American culture.



In the heart of Birmingham, yet with great privacy, overlooking its lovely, brick-lined garden, Mr. Luckenbach has made this old house on 424 Willits, into a very attractive contemporary interior. The dramatic addition of a lower-level, two-story

studio will be of interest to the public. Situating in the living room is Mrs. Luckenbach. The interior features unique inside shutters, varying wall textures and hand-wrought fire screen.



Mrs. Walter Truettner, 3541 Lake Crest Drive, Birmingham, will open her house for the May tour. Quietly contemporary, this is a house of quiet dignity and charm designed by architects Tarapata and Mac-

Mahon to take advantage of a hilly, wooded site overlooking a small lake. Of special interest are the details and features which simplify housekeeping, maintenance and storage problems.

## Red Carpet Out For Bridge Party

A desert-bridge, sponsored by the Birmingham Musicale, will be held Monday at 1 p.m. to benefit the Musicale's philanthropic projects.

Nearly 400 members are expected to participate in the program under the chairmanship of Mrs. Robert F. Connor. She is being assisted by Mrs. Norman Lyle, hostesses; Mrs. Charles Erdmann, Mrs. Donald Bull, prizes and Mrs. Roland King, refreshments.

HOSTESSES are opening their homes for this event will be Mrs. Burke Bartlett, Mrs. Earl Bartholomew, Mrs. James Brudbury, Mrs. J. L. Brown, Mrs. Robert Connor, Mrs. A. E. Eberole, Mrs. John Edwards, Mrs. Fortenbaugh, Mrs. Howard E. Hallas, Mrs. William Hazer, Mrs. James Hogan, Mrs. Wendell Holmes, Mrs. William Jackson, Mrs. Walter Kaesten and Mrs. Leslie J. Kessler.

Mrs. Roland King, Mrs. Robert Livesay, Mrs. Norman Lyle, Mrs. H. S. McFarland, Mrs. Fredrick McKaig, Mrs. Howard Morgan, Mrs. A. W. Neef, Mrs. John R. Phelps, Mrs. Richard Ruppel, Mrs. Richard Post, Mrs. L. F. Svoboda, Mrs. M. G. Tammen, Mrs. John

Toomey, Mrs. Harold Webster and Mrs. John C. Wright.

SOME OF the members co-hosting for the parties are Mrs. Dorothy Lloyd Kemp, Mrs. Donald Bull, Mrs. Lawrence Middleton, Mrs. Elmer C. Rosenberg, Mrs. Colin S. Grant-Walters and Mrs. William Holmeyer.

Mrs. A. P. Fontaine, Mrs. Crockett A. Harrison, Mrs. Vern Richards, Mrs. Alfred Ruppel, Mrs. William Rudolf, Mrs. A. Lay Swartz, Mrs. Charles Erdmann, and Mrs. Bessie McMechan.

ANOTHER FEATURE of this benefit will be a music program given in the home of Mrs. Dorothy Kemp Roosevelt, Mrs. John A. Mitchell, soloist, accompanied by Mrs. John H. Schmidt, will introduce the music portion of the program.

Members of the string quartet are Mrs. Grayson Dashiell, Mrs. Roger Hartner, Mrs. Lohud Thompson and Mrs. Frank Herta.

Concluding the program will be a dinner in the home of Mrs. H. Hantson and Mrs. Dorothy Kemp Roosevelt.

## Springtime on the Avenue Will Be Viewed Indoors

Twenty local branches of the WNPGA will participate in the exhibition of flower arrangements and table settings on May 3, 4 and 5 at Wright Kay, a Detroit firm celebrating its 100th anniversary.

The Michigan division of WNPGA was invited to stage the event.

Mrs. Gordon Davis of Birmingham has asked Mrs. L. C. Namy to act as flower show chairman. Mrs. Namy will coordinate the efforts of some 92 branch state branches working on the exhibit, "Springtime on the Avenue."

Local women active on the committee are Mrs. Seth B. Slavson, Mrs. Earl MacPherson, Mrs. Irving MacKenzie, Mrs. George O. Cooter, Mrs. Lewis Dibble, Birmingham lecturer and artist. One will feature her own modernistic sculpture of St. Francis; the other will be an Oriental arrangement.

Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham will be well represented by some of their leading arrangers as well as flower show judges and teachers.

Participating are Mrs. John T. Tebben, former president of the Bloomfield Hills chapter, as well as Mesdames Robert Kilpatrick, Lee Carter, Albert Carr, Boris Drankak, John Lang, Frederick Stefanski, Russell Kaack and Richard Carkey as well as Mesdames Arthur Thurston, Lawrence Heman, Maurice Nalland, Thomas Ronk, Otto Mike and Henry Mika.

OTHERS ARE Mesdames William Dehm, Marcus Cunningham, George Goodwin, Wilson McClain, Raymond Roberts, J. Paul McConkie, Ralph Schiel and Irving A. Duffy.

Mesdames Donald O'Toole, Charles Chubbuck, Waldron Tompkins, B. W. Westcott and Russell Robinson are also participating in the event.

## B'harm Resident Is Chairman of Drive

Mrs. John S. Judd, 32075 Birmingham Road, Michigan-area chairman for Smith College's endowment and building fund drive, announces that \$126,166 has been donated by Michigan residents to the college in the past 13 months. Total collected over the country is \$6 million.

Assisting Mrs. Judd in this area are her vice-chairman, Mrs. Truman W. Eubank, 371 Linden, Mrs. George Hufferer, 1909 Dunblaine and Mrs. E. Steven Bauer, Orchard Lake.

## April Showers' Chosen as Theme of Annual Event

An "April Showers" theme became a damp reality at the party staged by the Detroit Athletic Club on Saturday evening.

Ingenious outlandish arrangements and a fountain in the center of the pool provided ample moisture atmosphere but members gilded to dance music rather than through the pool.

The black tie, annual event took place in the natatorium and nearby gymnasium on the fourth floor of the DAC and honored the wives of Beavers.

THE PARTY was a fun dividend for the Norman Frederickses—they were celebrating their wedding anniversary—and for the Carl Fishers. (It was his birthday).

Both pairs were in a group with the Joseph Faherty's of the Phil (See PARTY, 2-C)

## Series of Teas To Highlight UF Activities

A series of teas in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area beginning Tuesday, will highlight the United Foundation Women's Organization activities this spring.

Torch Drive workers will be organized in some of the county's most beautiful homes.

Teas in Oakland County are being planned under the leadership of Mrs. Worth Kramer of Bloomfield Hills, UFWO operating committee chairman; Mrs. John L. Sterling, 871 N. Glenhurst, Birmingham, the operating committee chairman for Oakland County; and Mrs. H. R. Stodrig, III, 1116 Pembroke, Bloomfield Hills, tea chairman.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS hostesses will be Mrs. John Blanchard, 680 Lone Pine Road; Mrs. William T. Gossett, 420 Goodhue Road; Mrs. Ben D. Mills, 780 Vaughan Road; Mrs. John F. Gordon, 1860 Bathmore; Mrs. Raymond Perring 545 Yarbrough and Mrs. M. M. Burgess, 1135 Country Club Drive. Mrs. Harry W. Anderson of Ann Arbor will assist Mrs. Burgess as co-hostess.

THE ROY FRIEHAUF's home, 5330 Middlefield Road, Birmingham, will also be the scene of one of the teas.

Mrs. Blanchard will entertain her Torch Drive guests and members of the county's advance gifts unit of the Torch Drive this afternoon.

Mrs. Gossett will open her home to UFWO volunteers on April 28, Bloomfield Village, Foxcroft, Wing



Tagged at Luncheon Mrs. Webster Buell, 1494 Buckingham, pins a name tag on Mrs. Wendover Holzworth of 239 Pilgrim, while Mrs. Edward E. Rothman, 3655 Lake Crest, watches just before luncheon at Kingsley Inn recently. The women are members of the alumnae group of Emma Willard School, Troy, N. Y. and are serving on a committee planning a fall scholarship program.

## Village Players Will Present 'The Henrietta'

Staged and costumed with all the elegance of New York in the '80s, the Village Players will present "The Henrietta" at the Chestnut Street theatre in Birmingham on April 28, 19 and May 5 and 6. The public is invited to attend this production which will end the 38th season for Birmingham Players.

Produced by Horton S. Allen and directed by Dorothea Nilsen, "The Henrietta" will be presented with the following cast: Jean Hall, Jodie Tucker, Helen Wainmoh, Ben Kingsbury, Carleton Scott, Howard Beer, Fran Matousek, Bob Davis, Bob Miller, Carlos McKaig, Nelson Kimball and Gordon Jerynes.

ASSISTING the director in the staging of the play is Howard Knorr.

The Players are claiming the rediscovery of Bronson Howard, Detroit dramatist of the last century, who was something of a pioneer in modern American drama.

Along with Clyde Fitch, Augustus Thomas and William W. Moody, Howard is credited with having written successful plays that helped to establish contemporary theatre in the United States.

"THE HENRIETTA," although originally presented at the turn of a century as a serious study of New York society, the leading characters of the day on Wall Street and the inner workings of the stock market, was set upon by the Village Players as the funniest—if not the greatest, melodrama of all time.

## Suburban Scene

By Shirley Adams Society Editor

**'O Frabjous Night'**  
Guests at the Mad Hatter's party Saturday at Pine Lake Country Club stepped through a magic looking glass, figuratively speaking, and enjoyed an "Alice-like" atmosphere, loaded with crazy chatter.

Prizes for best creations, buffet dinner and dancing to the music of Johnnie Titus and his orchestra were on the fun-filled agenda, with Don and Pat Morris doing their part as hosts.

**She's Engaged**  
Mrs. Wylie E. Groves announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Ellen Groves, to Harry G. Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hawkins of Saginaw.

Miss Groves is the daughter of the late Wylie E. Groves, after whom Birmingham's newest high school is named.

The bride-to-be is a senior at Michigan State University and is affiliated with Delta Delta Sorority. Her fiance is a graduate of Michigan State University.



MARY ELLEN GROVES

**Spring Showers**  
Another busy bride-to-be is Joanne Louise Moffett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Moffett, Jr., of Cranford Lane, who will become Mrs. Richard Turner Staunton May 6.

Parties began with a tea by her future mother-in-law, Mrs. Gardner S. Staunton of Bloomfield Hills and continued with a kitchen shower by the Craig Marks, a luncheon by Mrs. Thomas Driscoll; a luncheon and miscellaneous shower by Mrs. Galen Ohmart and a tea and pantry shower by Mrs. Jack Cowan.

Mesdames Leo Kay, Charles Mercell, Fred Rohm and Dean Alexander were co-hostesses at a DAC luncheon. Mrs. Octave Beauvais, Mrs. Leroy Schmeier and Mrs. George Ryerson also joined forces for a luncheon and shower.

Next came parties by Linda Theis and Mrs. Gerald Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Doss of Flint and the William Frutigs and Mrs. Mary Kellenny.

April will bring showers by Mrs. Harry Weech, Mrs. Paul Matchette and Mrs. James Cummins, Mrs. Ward Tollzien and Mrs. Neil Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stewart, Mrs. Ronald Waterbury and Mr. and Mrs. David Clark will also honor Miss Moffett.

Joanne's grandmother, Mrs. Alan Wales, and her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Davis, Jr., of Chevy Chase, Md., whose son John is to be ring bearer, will give the rehearsal dinner at the DAC.

Attending the bride will be her fiance's sister, Joy Staunton, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids will be Martha Doss, Linda Theis and Betsy Thomas. Jane Joki and Kingsley Ryerson will be junior bridesmaids. (See SUBURBAN SCENE, Page 2-C)