

If your life's habits have caused you to think rapidly, to act speedily, and to walk at a fast pace, if you want to "slow down," you must make conscious effort to do so. One then must continue to remind himself of the "slow down"—for in slowing down one is required to "break the habits of a life-time." But it can be done, and when even partially achieved, relaxation follows.

The Birmingham Eccentric

BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

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SECTION C

B'ham Branch Displays Holiday Arrangements

The show is over but the memory lingers on for members of Birmingham Branch of W.N.P.G.A. The Birmingham Community House was the setting last week for the group's annual Christmas show. Chairman was Mrs. Marvin Katke. Mrs. J. P. McConkie won a blue ribbon for her arrangement. It was a black wrought iron base which supported a Christmas tree with greens at the base and two bright red pixies nestled in the greens.

MRS. JULIAN Galley had small red candles of graduated heights with carolers surrounded by evergreens. Mrs. Nelson Mile's arrangement was a small Christmas tree with two sleeping children under the tree waiting for Santa. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Mason exhibited their collection of Bonzai trees. They exhibited a Japanese fir that was nine years old and only about 10 inches high. The

growing of Bonzai trees takes very special techniques, such as pruning roots and confining them in small pots.

NO ONE but true artists could have created the arrangements which Mrs. Lewis Dibble and Mrs. Seth E. Slawson did for the mantle and tea table in the Ruth Shan room. Shades of blue and green vertical glass and plastic panels, combined with branches of berried shrubs, voice candles and glass balls were used on a cloth of ice green satin damask, handmade by Mrs. Slawson.

One of the exhibits entered by Mrs. Royce Beers was a Madonna which she had bought while in Africa on the banks of the Congo River. It was in natural wood with a native face.

AMONG THE winners were Mrs.

Nelson Miles, Mrs. J. P. McConkie, Mrs. C. E. Nickel, Mrs. P. N. Asbourne, Mrs. Norman Berry, and Mrs. Robert Pokorny.

Judges were Mesdames William Boustead, George Coulton, Henry Mika, J. C. Calhoun, Lindsay Gay, L. E. Carter, Howard Crull, John Rindell, Paul Ziegler, Glenn Leland, Donald James and Earl Weston.

BAA Invites Community To Film Program

Now that the organization has larger quarters, Bloomfield Art Association is inviting not only its members, but also non-member residents of the community to its lectures, movies and other programs.

The first invitation went out this week as the BAA scheduled a pre-Christmas evening of films for 7:30 p.m. Friday, at the Birmingham Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook.

Festive Tea Is Planned

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church women and their guests will gather for a festive Christmas tea in the Bloomfield Hills home of Mrs. William L. Martin II on Bradford Road.

Open House Held

Kent Johnson of Glen Paulsen & Associates and Keith Brown of Birkers & Strub Architects entertained Friday at an open house on 112 Lincoln, Birmingham.

Rehearsing For Program

Mrs. Charles Erdmann (left), Birmingham Muscular Choral Ensemble member, organ soloist, and Mrs. Glenn G. Hill (center), organ accompanist, give strict attention as Miss Engram, director of the ensemble, indicates a point of emphasis in the musical score at rehearsal of one of the numbers to be performed during the Christmas program.

The concert takes place 1:00 p.m. this afternoon at St. James Episcopal Church and is open not only to members of the Musicales but also to residents of the Birmingham community. Mrs. Howard D. Ritter, organ soloist, will also be on the program. On Dec. 14, the choral ensemble will perform at a Christmas program at the Community House at 8 p.m. Guests are welcome.

Suburban Scene

By Shirley Adams
Society Editor

Volunteers Cheer Ill and Aged

Festive preparations for Christmas time are being made in most Detroit and suburban homes now. But in some homes there would be little cheer if it were not for the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor. And the Sisters this year are handing out large doses of happiness as they set up bedside Christmas trees and Nativity scenes for the patients. While the Sister-Nurses carry on their work among the sick of our city, distributing food and clothing and medicinal supplies throughout the year, at Christmas time they endeavor to include a few special treats to brighten the dull days of many an ill and aged person, or oftentimes a child who has never known a good day.

To aid in this work, once again, the members of the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor Auxiliary "Friends of the Sick Poor" are planning their annual Christmas Open House Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. On that afternoon, the doors of St. Anne's Convent, 700 W. Boston Blvd., will be open to welcome friends and benefactors.

ARRANGEMENTS are in the hands of auxiliary's board of director with President Mrs. L. V. Ansel serving as general chairman. Among area women serving on committees are Mesdames Albert Boening, J. F. Selman, Jerry Flanagan, Clifford Doty, Bernard O'Meara, Richard Mrowczynski, John Steiner and Lawrence Heintz.

A musical program by the Dominicanettes Choral group has been planned as the afternoon's entertainment. There will be the traditional tree and many surprises when Mrs. Edward Charron completes the decorations and Mrs. Jerry Flanagan distributes Santa's very special "Bag of Gifts". There will be usual Christmas goodies prepared in the kitchens of the members served during the afternoon. Cheery conversation with friends old and new, will be the highlight of the traditional Open House... this year's party being the 31st.

THESE SISTER-NURSES average some 5200 visits to homes of the sick poor and give approximately 22,000 hours of free professional nursing care in administering to the needy. They are supported solely by voluntary contributions and render their services without any remuneration to the needy regardless of race or creed.

Hawaiian Setting

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Avery and Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Borgeson entertained Saturday at a Hawaiian luau at the Waddington Road home of the Averages. Co-hostesses wore dresses specially designed and created for the party from an original ancient gown. Fresh flower leis were flown in from Hawaii, the recreation room was completely sodded with grass and palm trees and fruit and flowers completed the setting. Guests ate specially prepared Hawaiian food from pillows on the floor and sipped refreshments from coconuts.

Birmingham area guests attending the party were the John W. Butlers, John Pickels Jr., Robert Charltons, George Suters, Russell Posts, James Martins, James Cahills, Bliss Bowmans, Robert Carriers, James Quellos and the Charles McCaughs.

(SEE SUBURBAN SCENE, 2-C)

The stage setting at the Christmas show presented by Birmingham Branch of W.N.P.G.A. The festive event took place at the Birmingham Community House.

League Shop to Close After 40 Years

At the end of the last shopping day in 1961, the League Shop, 165 Pierce Street, Birmingham, will be closed for the last time.

With the turning of the key in the lock, a tradition that started in 1921 with service to the handicapped in the community as its goal and became, as well, a part of a gracious way of life of a city and its suburbs, those 40 years, will bow to the broader concept of the ends and means which inevitably developed.

THE LEAGUE Shop had its origin in 1921 when the Detroit League for the Handicapped came into being under the auspices of the Junior League of Detroit.

From that time, until 1931, when the League's retail operation acquired a physical entity, and until the last sale will have been made in December of this year, the effort that was mainly responsible for its development was contributed by a volunteer group of enthusiastic

Sleigh Ride On Agenda for Yule Party

The Birmingham Junior Women's Club will have its annual children's Christmas party Sunday at Upland Hills Farms from 2 to 4 p.m. The parents and their children will be taken on a sleigh ride where they will meet Santa.

Trinidad Student To Study Here

Fourteen year old Greta Brinker of Trinidad, British West Indies will arrive here in January to begin her high school education at the Dominican Sisters Academy, Oxford, Mich. She will be the first recipient of a scholarship fund set up by the Pontiac Missionaries, Inc., in cooperation with the Academy.

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SOME OF the early volunteers included Annette Dwyer Keane, Alice Woodring, Margarette Stroh, and Mesdames H. Stevens Gillespie, Sidney Miller Jr., Herbert Micos, Ford Hallattyns, Berrien Eaton, P. H. P. Newberry, Lawrence Buhl and Allan Shelton. Radio created a stir at the May sale in 1927, which Miss Frances Booth held at "Edgevale", the Bloomfield home of her parents, the Clarence H. Booths.

Mr. Booth and his son arranged the radio so everyone attending could hear about Col. Lindberg's arrival in Washington. They heard President Coolidge and Col. Lindberg speak.

IN 1955 the shop in the David Whitney Building was closed and headquarters established at 332 Hamilton, Birmingham. Birmingham Junior Leaguers aided other young women in that area in volunteering their services as shop saleswomen and worked on the special sales.

On Sept. 26, 1958, the shop moved to its last location, 165 Pierce Street, Birmingham. Added to the list of names of people who have played some part in the development of the Detroit League for the Handicapped and the League Shop itself are the following:

Mesdames Truman Barber, Frederick Colby, Christian Hecker, Thomas Petzold, Edward Rothman, H. Jansson Williams, James Pfohl Jr., Walter O. Briggs, Jr., Semon Knudsen, Harry L. Winston, Henry Forrester, Walker Casler, Emmett Tracy, Theodore Yntema, E. G. Hill and John Pinger.

THE DETROIT League for the Handicapped retail outlet will be no more but the public will continue to find the League's label on many things sold through local department and variety stores in Detroit and its suburbs.

Officers Named At Forest Lake

Donald P. Green has been elected the new president of Forest Lake Country Club. Serving with him in the coming year as vice president is Albert F. Meadows. Victor Cramer is treasurer and Richard Norris is secretary.

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Mrs. Marvin Katke (left) of Kirkway Drive, Bloomfield Hills, and Mrs. William McCallum of Westchester Street, Birmingham, admire a display designed by Mrs. Harry Hoyt. Mrs. Katke was general chairwoman of the annual Christmas show and Mrs. McCallum was national exhibit chairman.



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Leaving Mrs. George Kasun's home on Old Mill Road, Birmingham, (center) to attend a Christmas party and benefit tea for St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Home for Children are (left) Mrs. John C. Malpeli Jr., of Westwood Drive; and Mrs. Wayne Klein of Orchard Grove Road. Purpose of the tea Sunday was to raise funds to purchase gifts for the children.