

## Local Divorce Rate Defies Nat'l Trend

**NEW YORK** — In Birmingham, marriage is a more permanent institution than it is in most sections of the United States.

Local residents, once they get married, tend to stay that way. So the statistics indicate.

Data gathered by the Census Bureau last year shows that the ratio of divorced men and women in the local population is below average.

IT HAS NOT increased the way it has nationally, where the ratio has more than doubled in the last ten years.

The importance of an examination of our divorce rate was brought out last month at the 51th anniversary meeting here of the Family Service Association of America.

The association called family breakdown the number one social problem in the United States. At the present time, it pointed out, there is one divorce for every four marriages. And, along with it, we now have a delinquency rate that is triple what it was in 1940.

IN BIRMINGHAM, the Census Bureau figures reveal, 27 out of every 1,000 people over the age of 14 are divorced or separated. This does not include those who remarried after having been divorced.

The ratio compares favorably with that in the rest of the United States, where it amounts of 43 per 1,000. In the East North Central States it is 41 per 1,000.

The actual count shows, for Birmingham, a total of 288 divorced women and 91 divorced men.

IN ADDITION, the Census Bureau lists 55 women and 29 men who are separated from their spouses, legally or otherwise, because of marital discord.

"Behind these statistics," states the Family Service Association "are not only individuals, but whole groups of people—families—which are blighted."

"This disease of society requires a 'crash program' whose goal would be to inform the public of the enormity of the problem and to seek its support in a plan of education and prevention."

JUST SUCH a program will be undertaken shortly by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, with a fund of \$350,000 at its disposal.



**Kingswood Dolls**

Kingswood School Cranbrook doll dressing contest winners display their prize-winning entries. Pictured (from left) are Katharine McGregor of Rochester, Susan Wege of Grand Rapids and Diana McCullough of Rochester. Katharine is the 7th and 8th grade winner, Susan, the 9th and 10th grade winner. Dolls entered in the contest will go to various charitable organizations.

GOOD LUCK IN THE NEW YEAR

## LAKES' Jewelers

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### PR Chapter Elects Penfield President

**PAUL L. PENFIELD**, Birmingham, director of advertising at the Detroit Edison Co., has been elected president of the Michigan Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

Other officers elected are Raymond E. Hayes, General Motors Corp., vice president; Arthur R. Gloster, Arthur Gloster, Inc., secretary; and E. Leo Koester, American Society of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers, treasurer.

IN ADDITION, four new directors of the Michigan chapter were elected to three year terms. They are William Hankla, Automobile Manufacturers Association; Kenneth Drake, Kenneth Drake Associates; John Maxton, Michigan State University; and John Montsomery, Chrysler Corp.

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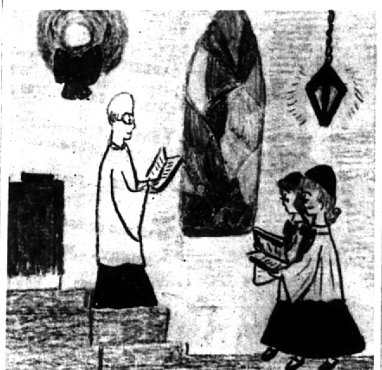
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Eleven-year-old Chalyce Ann Brown artistically expresses what Christmas means to her — "joyful chimes, candle-lit chapels, choirs filing into church and organ music."

### B'ham Girl Expresses Season Through Art

"Christmas reminds me of joyful chimes, candle-lit chapels, and choirs filing into church, while the huge organ sends strains of joyous music into the air."

This is what Christmas means to 11-year-old Chalyce Ann Brown, of 468 Golfview Blvd., Birmingham.

With crayons of red, green, blue, yellow, and purple, Chalyce Ann colorfully illustrated her feelings about Christmas, and entered her drawing in the seventh annual Christmas art contest sponsored for the children of Michigan Bell Telephone Co. employees.

CHALYCE ANN, a student at Midvale School, placed third among 6th grade entries, and received an Honorable Mention certificate. In 1958, she was a merit award winner and placed second in her age group.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Brown, she was one of 631 children in the state who submitted drawings, together with a short note of explanation, for this year's contest.

The contest was open to children in the first through the sixth grades who are related to Michigan Bell employees.

Modern push button homes are much safer than older ones, but it still pays to keep an occasional eye on what happens after the buttons are pushed. The Institute for Safer Living of the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company urges frequent home inspection of all electrical and gas appliances to make sure that they are not becoming worn or developing mechanical or electrical defects may cause an accident.

**INTERESTED IN HERBS?**

**HERB RECIPE OF THE WEEK:**

**PORK CHOPS ON SAGE DRESSING**

4 pork chops floured, 2 T sliced onion, 1 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper, 1/2 tsp. sage, 1 1/2 cups diced bread, 1 T butter, 1 tsp. minced celery, 1 tsp. minced parsley, 1 T milk, 2 T broth. Blend all ingredients and place in shallow dish, top with pork chops, cover and bake 45 min. 350°. Remove cover and bake 30 min. at 375°.

**FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES—JANUARY 9th (daytime and evening)**

JANUARY 10th (daytime). Limit of 15 per class so register early. 4-5 P.M. Classes \$6.00.

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Small neat texture patterns, thick soft tone-on-tone high-piled luxurious wiltons in loop or cut pile. Over 42 colors to choose from.

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