

# Birmingham - Bloomfield Hills Society Notes

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Wonder if there's any way I could win a scholarship to Main Chance? I'm sure Elizabeth Arden doesn't indulge in such philanthropies, but wouldn't it be nice if she did? We would all take competitive examinations and grants would be awarded on basis of need (general overweight, bulges and sags, split fingernails, dark roots, tired blood, groans' feet and other common winter maladies).

Others spotted at the luncheon tables included Mrs. Jack Sanders, Mrs. Richard Wagner, Mrs. Ben Brewster, Mrs. L. J. Minnet, Mrs. Richard Darragh, Mrs. Richard Teel, Mrs. William G. R. Alexander.

## Do Gooders

University of Michigan alumnae of Birmingham have undertaken a task of herculean proportions. It's the school's 144 anniversary and 6000 birthday cards have to be addressed in this area. Some of the committee members gathered at Mrs. Robert Von Maur's home the other afternoon to bend elbows (don't jump to conclusions — you have to bend your elbow when addressing envelopes). Among them were Mrs. P. H. Mashey, Mrs. R. J. Jenkins, Mrs. Carl Abbott, Mrs. Fred Henry, Mrs. H. Canfield, Mrs. G. P. Christian, Mrs. R. W. Carpenter, Mrs. R. J. Tompkins, Mrs. F. Adams, Mrs. R. C. Wyatt, and Mrs. P. Robertson.

## Dance for Ranch

Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae will have their annual dance at Orchard lake country club this Saturday, proceeds to further their work at Camp Oakland girls' ranch. Among the dancers will be Mrs. and Mrs. Murray Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Denison, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Leech, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Good, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Wrenn, Mr. and Mrs. John Aliman, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wallich, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sharpe, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Peirce and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Kendall.

## B'ham Soprano Chosen for 'Met' Audition

As a finalist in the annual Grinnell Foundation Scholarship contest Friday Mrs. Natalie Moeckel of Birmingham has been chosen to appear at the Metropolitan Opera national auditorium Feb. 26 in Cleveland.

Mrs. Moeckel was one of 12 finalists competing in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Detroit, for a \$2,500 scholarship.

SOLOIST at the First Presbyterian Church, Royal Oak, Mrs. Moeckel has had two engagements with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Eugene Ormandy. She studies with William Redick of Detroit. She has had 14 years of voice training.

Born in South Royalton, Mass., she received her bachelor of music degree in voice from the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston. She has also studied at the Academy of Arts, Philadelphia.

A mezzo soprano, she is affiliated with the Sigma Alpha Iota sorority and is about to join the Birmingham Musicals.

## Chosen As Delegate

Birmingham Credit Women's Breakfast Club held their monthly meeting last week at Devon Gables. Guest speaker was a representative of National Cash Register Co. Planning to attend the district meeting in Cleveland this weekend is Edith Hoffman, president of the group.

## Secretaries to Meet

The South Oakland Chapter of National Secretaries Association will hold their dinner meeting at Vannelli's restaurant 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. The initiation of 31 secretaries will be the highlight of the evening. A fashion show will follow dinner with members acting as models.

## Midvale PTA Meets

Members of Midvale School PTA recently met to hear foreign students speak on the American Field Service Program. Introducing the students was Mrs. Carol Darling, dean of students at Seaborn High School. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Edwin Gage, hospitality chairman.

## Have You Met . . .

The residents of 1295 Janlain Court? Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lack moved from Pittsburgh, Pa. on Jan. 7. He is employed by American Motors. They have two children Pat and Nettie.

## Village Cubs Hold Blue, Gold Banquet

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE—Cub Scout pack B-16 held its blue and gold banquet Friday at the Rotunda Inn. Ernie Harwell, play by play announcer for the Detroit Tigers, was guest speaker. Other entertainers included Dan Beaton and Eongo Bailey from WJKB. Thirty-six boys received awards at the banquet.

## Alums Plan Meeting

Detroit Alumnae Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon will meet 8 p.m. Monday at the home of Mrs. James Sagen. A musical program will be given by Mrs. W. Winkler, Mrs. Walton Cole and Anna Hubbard.

# Gettysburg: Civil War's Most Celebrated Battle

The time was the morning of July 3, 1863. The place was Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The words were those of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee as they approached the town and suddenly realized that they were not opposed by militia but by the Army of the Potomac. Thus began the Civil War's most celebrated battle, a three-day affair in which Lee was defeated.

The "Bloody Day," recognized by the Confederates on July 1, 1863, were the soldiers of the Federal army's most famous infantry brigade, the Iron Brigade, composed of five regiments:

The Twenty-fourth Michigan Volunteers, The Second Wisconsin Volunteers, The Sixth Wisconsin Volunteers, The Seventh Wisconsin Volunteers.

The Iron Brigade was the only all-Western brigade in the Eastern army. Originally commanded by General Rufus King of Milwaukee, the Western men had been later led by General John Gibbon, a North Carolinian who had stayed with the "old flag."

AT GETTYSBURG, they came onto the field under the command of General Solomon Meredith of Indiana, formerly colonel of the Nineteenth Indiana Volunteers. Behind them lay many bloody battles—Second Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville.

On their heads they wore the stiff black felt hat of the regular army, the Iron Brigade trademark, a headgear easily distinguished from the more typical Federal blue cap. This was why the enemy could recognize them as the fateful battalions at Gettysburg.

This week the Macmillan Co. published "The Iron Brigade," a history of the organization which contained one of Michigan's most celebrated regiments. Among the Michigan counties featured in the book are Clinton, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne, where the ten companies of the brigade were raised. Also involved in the story are the cities of Niles, Lansing, Adrian, Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids.

## Parents Announce Daughter's Troth

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Buchanan of Henrietta Street, Birmingham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith Anne, to John Allan Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jordan of Atlanta, Ga.

They are both graduates of Michigan State University. The bride-elect is affiliated with Pi Beta Phi Sorority and John is a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

## Garden Club Meets

The Oakland branch of the WNFPA met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Ruggles on Monday. Conception chairman, Mrs. Gerald Clark, introduced guest speaker, John Worthington, who spoke on the Four-H program in Oakland County. Co-hostess was Mrs. Charles Schuhl.

Twenty-fourth Michigan rendezvous before proceeding to Washington and the war. Surely some readers will be surprised to learn that July 1863 recruitment meeting on Detroit's Campus Martius was broken up by rioters and Southern sympathizers.

Among the great Michigan names in the history of the Iron Brigade are Michigan's War Governors Austin Blair, one of the Union's staunchest champions; the Honorable Lewis Cass, former cabinet member; army general and Democratic presidential nominee who helped to raise the Twenty-fourth Michigan; Colonel Henry A. Morrow, Judge of Wayne County's Recorder's Court, who commanded the Twenty-fourth and was thrice wounded in combat; Lieutenant Colonel Mark Hasliger, Wayne County Sheriff and Morrow's second-in-command, who lost a leg at Gettysburg; and General Orlando B. Willcox, originally colonel of the First Michigan Volunteers, also associated with the raising of the Twenty-fourth.

GETTYSBURG was the Iron Brigade's greatest day. Fighting on July 1 on McPherson's Ridge and Seminary Ridge as a part of the heavily outnumbered Federal command, the brigade played a key role in preventing Confederate possession of Cemetery Ridge until the attacking Federal army could concentrate there.

On July 2 and 3, the Federals, by then the larger force, succeeded in hurling back Lee's several major assaults on Cemetery Ridge, culminating in the defeat of Pickett's charge.

The Iron Brigade gave up 65 per cent of its number on July 1, killed, wounded and missing. This loss meant that the brigade led all Federal brigades in losses at Gettysburg. To this brigade loss the greatest contributor was the Twenty-fourth Michigan, whose casualties at Gettysburg constituted 80 per cent of those engaged.

THE LOSS AT Gettysburg was not unique insofar as the Iron Brigade was concerned. Indeed, for the war as a whole, the Iron Brigade's percentage of battle deaths exceeded those of any other Federal brigade. All of this resulted from the great valor of the Western men who composed the brigade and from the fact that the brigade was so often assigned to the hottest place on the battlefield.

As for the Twenty-fourth Michigan Volunteers, Michigan may proudly recall that it was one of the select "crack" regiments in the Army of the Potomac, a regiment of which Wisconsin's Colonel Rufus R. Dawes wrote: no soldiers ever showed themselves . . . worthy . . . of the Iron Brigade.

## Graduate Students Campaign for Jobs

John C. Brickson, 1054 Stratford Lane, Bloomfield Hills, one of 27 members of "Business Search," an organization associated with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is participating in a regular annual campaign to find positions in small business concerns.

The organization's purpose is to offer its services to small companies that have little opportunity to contact MIT's school of industrial management or to use the services offered by its placement bureau. This year the group has expanded to include a summer employment program.

## Want ads cannot be accepted after 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

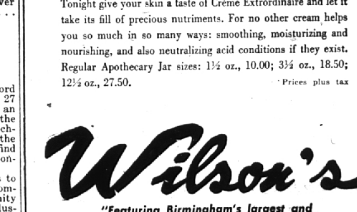
## W'ham Ford Division To Hold Open House

An informal open house of the Ford Tractor and Implement Division's new National Parts Depot at 2500 E. Maple will be held Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon for area residents, employees, suppliers and their families. A feature of the open house will be a display of two new lines of Ford industrial tractors and a new line of agricultural tractors and equipment. Amusements will be provided for the children and light refreshments will be served. The Parts Depot adjoins the division's general office.

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