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**Mother, Daughter Charged with Theft Of Men's Suits**

Alice Kifkey, 25, and her mother, Lucille Usher, 46, of Royal Oak waived examination in Municipal Court Wednesday on charges of larceny from a building. They were bound over to Circuit Court for Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Bond was set at \$250 and furnished.

Police said the two women stole two men's suits from Jacobson's. The daughter was picked up by police on Dec. 28 when she attempted to return the suits and obtain a refund from the store.

She also admitted the theft of a silver pewter set valued at \$39, from Unusuals Shop, Birmingham, police said.

Her husband, who was accompanying her when she was picked up by police, was released. Police said he had no knowledge of the thefts.

**Back on Campus**

Dick Rohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Rohn, 1809 Maryland, Birmingham, has recently returned to classes at Michigan State University. A freshman, Dick spent the holiday season with his family and friends.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Classes for adults in the continuing education program of the Birmingham Public Schools begin January 23, 1961. Details on page B-4, or call MI 4-9200, Ext. 40.



**Preview 1961 'Conversations'**

When community leaders gathered to preview the 1961 "Conversations in the Arts" last week, Birmingham's civic and cultural organizations were represented by delegates such as (from left) Head Librarian Jeanne Lloyd of Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham Mayor Florence Willett, Board of Education President Kathryn Loomis, and Bloomfield Art Association Director

Paul N. Averill. Forty local organization heads heard Director William Birenbaum announce Detroit Adventure's "Conversations in the Arts," some of which will be held in Birmingham. Area Adventure Chairman Mrs. James M. McHugh, 32205 Eastlady, Beverly Hills, was hostess for last week's tea at Birmingham Athletic Club.

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**House**

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ing the 12-month period ending May 1, 1960.

A total of 150,518 persons, 59,000 of them youths representing 217 different organizations—used the Community House during the period.

The 10, colonial-furnished meeting rooms in the two-story building have a capacity of 1,250 persons, including the auditorium. Each room was in use an average of 300 hours per month during the year ending last May, with educational use accounting for almost 50 per cent of the time.

EIGHTY-FIVE fall and winter Craft and Hobby classes were held during that period, attended by more than 1500 persons. Operating expenses for fiscal 1959-60 totaled \$39,975.51, including a heating bill of \$1,876.35.

Operation of the Community House is under the direction of Mrs. Effie Schaffer, executive director, who is aided by staff of 14 full-time and 12 part-time employees. Policies are set by a 17-member volunteer board of directors headed by President Eugene J. Barney.

The scope of activities, community participation and the 1959-60 operating costs were beyond the most optimistic estimates of Rev. McCurdy who conceived the idea, or of the group that reviewed the accomplishments of the Community House after its first year of operation.

EXPENSES FOR 1959 had totaled \$1,089.01, including a \$122 coal bill. A total of 20,000 residents had used the facilities in the frame building. Twenty plays and dress rehearsals had been staged by the Village players; the Episcopal Sunday School and the Catholic Holy Name Society used the house a total of 66 times; the Boy Scout held 35 meetings; and there were 25 meetings of the Bonstelle drama class.

One popular feature, it was noted, was that parents could leave their youngsters at the Community House for an afternoon at the nominal rate of 50 cents.

By 1956, with the population of Birmingham alone increasing to 5500, the frame building had become inadequate.

SAID ONE report: "It is probable that during the year plans will be made for larger quarters."

Mrs. Charles Shain, Mrs. John H. Madotte, Mrs. Harvey Whalen, Mrs. Seymour Adams, Mrs. Ronald Mann, Mrs. Howard Simpson, Mrs. Milton Shatz, Mrs. T. R. Donovan and Mrs. Joseph Donnelly comprised the executive board which had expansion plans under study.

\* Land at the northwest corner of Bates and Townsend was acquired, plans for a new Community House were drawn and a campaign was launched to raise \$125,000, enough to cover cost of construction and furnishings.

The campaign got an encouraging lift in November, 1957, from a benefit showing at the newly-opened Birmingham theater of Richard Dix in the quip "Shanghai Bound," which netted \$2,150.

IT WAS less than 12 months later, on Sunday, April 28, 1959, when an estimated 1,000 persons turned out in a rainy drizzle to watch Mrs. Charles (Ruth) Shain trowel cement into place at the laying of the building's cornerstone. It was the sixth anniversary of the founding of the Community House.

Mrs. Shain, one of the group that first proposed the idea and a leader in raising funds for remodeling the frame house, was president of the Community House board. She was the first president of the new Community House.

ON ST. Patrick's Day in 1930, a crowd of between 5,000 and 7,000 turned out for the formal opening. The Oakland County Council of Women was the first organization to hold a meeting in the new building. More than 50,000 persons visited the Community House the year of 1930. And the number has increased every year since.

**Janitorial Service To Cost City \$9900**

Municipal service for the Birmingham municipal building will cost the city less in 1961 than it did in 1960.

City commissioners Tuesday night accepted the low bid of \$9900 by Janitor Services, Inc., Detroit, to provide this service this year.

**Ingraham Chosen**

Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham will represent Birmingham whenever municipal matters are before the 1961 state legislature. He was chosen by fellow commissioners at Tuesday night's meeting to serve as legislative contact man with the Michigan Municipal League.

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