

So long as people are alive, in possession of their faculties, able to get around, they think and are doing something. During most of one's time of earning a livelihood, the job may keep him active. Alas! when retirement comes, voluntarily or forcibly, then what shall one do? Unless you have earlier developed other interests, you may be like a fish out of water.

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Suburban Scene

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Cheers to the Suburban Housewife

It's strange, isn't it, how fads in writing come and go. Remember when all the writers were raving about Momism? Good old Mom was to blame for everything. For awhile you didn't dare call your own mother Mom. The town-with-Mom fad died, of course, and Mom survived and is doing just fine, thanks, but I'll wager there were days when she wondered if she ever did anything right.

Today, there's a new whipping boy... The Suburban female. The suburban housewife, according to the current fad writers, is lazy, vain, materialistic and selfish. Machines do all her work for her (you've seen the automatic baby-changer, I presume, and the electric nose-wiper) while she spends her time playing bridge or viewing fashion shows with a martini in one hand and a cigaret in the other.

NOW IF ALL THIS were true, you can plainly see it would be difficult to find among such women even volunteers to push the 11,350 doorbells in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Foxcroft, Wing Lake and Beverly Hills for the Michigan Cancer Foundation's April Crusade. The kind of suburban housewife the fad writers like to complain about isn't likely to waste much time worrying about the health and welfare of other people in her community.

It's nice to report that the entire region is organized and that every one of these 11,350 doorbells will be rung on April 10-11. No matter where you live in or around Birmingham, a neighbor of yours will call on you on one of those days and deliver educational material concerning cancer. While talking with Mrs. A. Marriott Walker of Sheppard's Road, Birmingham, she remarked, that organizing this project has been a very heart warming experience.

ONE WOMAN'S RESPONSE, when asked to be a branch chairman, was "Yes, I think I'd like to do that. I lost a sister to cancer and I feel very strongly about cancer education." Another replied, "Let me think about it for a day or two. I've already promised to work on the April election." In a few days she called Mrs. Walker to say she would be a branch chairman... even though she was doing another volunteer job. In just one day, she had found nine women willing to be chairmen of the nine areas that comprise her branch.

There was the suburban housewife who hesitantly said she'd chairman the branch she lives in, but she couldn't begin that week because three of the children were down with the flu and the fourth would probably get it too. He did... and so did the mother, but in another week she was well enough to read the Crusade instructions and begin phoning.

DOES THIS MEAN that everyone who has been asked to work on the April Crusade has given a yes answer? No, not at all, but even the refusals have been enlightening, remarked Mrs. Walker.

"I'm afraid I won't have the time. I'm in charge of a Cub Scout annual dinner and program that week." Another reply was "I'd like to, but my husband is home sick. Here are some names to call."

"IF IT WERE ANY other month, I would do it. My daughter is being married in May and I'm giving all of April to her." When the 700 or more suburban housewives set out (train or shoe) to ring all the doorbells in this region, there will be no reward for them at all... except the satisfying knowledge that "Lives Can Be Saved by Early Detection of Cancer."

Easter Week Parties

Many Birmingham and Bloomfield members of the DAC are getting their reservations in for the club's April dinner, dancing and floor show event, which is to spark Easter week. With early reservations are the William S. Spiegels, the Charles Wiggins, the John C. Kinsels, the Drew C. Hanelines, Mrs. M. M. Burgess, the Sidney Norwoods and the Richard Perrys.

Two events which now are a DAC tradition will mark the Spring holiday time. First is the annual Fathers and Daughters party on April 1 and the other is the dinner-floor show on the same evening. Still a third event is to be the Easter Sunday buffet from noon to 8 p.m. with some entirely new facets planned especially for the children... a collection of live chicks, bunnies, ducks, geese and even a live "Mary's Little Lamb" complete with ribbon bow, each in their own pens.

Strawberry Festival Planned for May 13

Mrs. M. M. Burgess of Country Festival, has just returned from 10 days visit at the Fairmont hotel in San Francisco. Her committee includes Mesdames James B. Blodgett, Prescott Jordan Jr., Edward Sieber, Robert Bird and Lawrence Wood.

MRS. JOHN M. BOOTH, vice chairman of the Festival, has been meeting with the members and the mailing committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. William Bloch. Busy with the announcements for the Festival are Mrs. Nathan Shaye and Mrs. Robert F. Watt.

Mrs. Drew C. Haneline, treasurer of the Mothers Club, is being assisted by John D. Richardson, finance chairman, and Mrs. John J. P. Judd who have spent three weeks in Hong Kong, Tokyo, and other places in the Orient.

There will be many interesting items to purchase at the various booths erected for the Festival. Mr. and Mrs. Read Jenkins are in charge of the staging and decorations.

Mrs. N. B. Carroll, chairman of the luncheon to be served at the Strawberry Festival.



'Fun Time' at the Open Hunt

Peering through the decorations at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club's St. Patrick's party are (from left) Mrs. Rocco DiMarco's party and Mrs. Colin Campbell of Bradway Boulevard. Looking at the three-some is Rocco DiMarco, who made all of the decorations for the Thursday evening party.

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BAC's First Fashion Show

Arriving at Birmingham Athletic Club for the group's first fashion show luncheon are (from left) Mrs. Chester Wisniewski of Golfview Drive, Mrs. James Martin, Lake Park Drive and Mrs. Richard Kelley of Fair-

way Drive. Club members modeling in the show to day include Mesdames Margaret Maxon, Elmer Gerhard, Fred Mattheai Jr., Frank Murphy, William Beel, Thomas Bolton, Frank Boyer and Webster Buell.

Exhibition Opens at Cranbrook

A comprehensive exhibition defining the role of 16 architects of our time, opened at Cranbrook Academy of Art Galleries Tuesday and will continue through April 10.

The exhibition, "Form Givers at Mid-Century," is sponsored by Time, the weekly Newsweek magazine, and organized by Cranston Jones, associate editor of Time, in cooperation with The American Federation of Arts.

WITH THE opening of the new exhibition the new hours of the Galleries go into effect. They are 2 to 5 p.m. daily except Mondays and major holidays.

Among the architects and buildings to be featured is Eero Saarinen of Bloomfield Hills, and his TWA Terminal, Idlewild. Mr. Saarinen's father, the late Eliel Saarinen, was first president of Cranbrook Academy of Art.

AMONG THE GUESTS invited to attend a preview showing Monday were the Don Ahrens, James A. Beresford, John Blomquist, Ernest Breecha, John Bugas, James Carmela, Harry Chesbrough, L. L. Colbert, LeRoy Dahlgren, Marshall Fredericks, L. C. Goads, Thomas Hewitt, S. E. Knudsen.

Others were H. J. Klingers, T. H. Mahley, George W. Romney, Eero Saarinen, George R. Troost, Malcolm Wetlys, R. J. Williams, James O. Wright, James Rocha, Ralph Folks Jr., and Ray Eppert.

Junior Auxiliary Plans April Dance

The Junior Auxiliary members of the Village Woman's Club have launched heading into plans for their second spring dinner dance. The black-tie event will be held April 7 from 7 to 12:30 at the Birmingham Country Club.

A "breath of spring" atmosphere will prevail in the ballroom as couples dance to the music of the Allan Brass orchestra.

MRS. ROBERT G. CAMPBELL, general chairman for the dinner dance, has announced her committee chairmen as follows: Mrs. John Dixon, Mrs. Frank MacCartney, Mrs. Harry Winston Jr., Mrs. David Krupp, Mrs. James Hubbard Jr., Mrs. Thomas Clark, Mrs. John Bull, Mrs. Charles Gilbert, Mrs. Charles Jones and Mrs. Charles MacGregor.

Mrs. Campbell will entertain the dinner in her home on Park Drive in Birmingham on March 30 to finalize details.

Midvale Sponsors Benefit Movie

"Have Rocket, Will Travel" will be the feature attraction for the benefit movie at the Birmingham Theatre on April 21. The event is being sponsored by Midvale School PTA as a fund-raising project. Proceeds will be used to purchase books for the students' library at Midvale School.

Two performances are planned for 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mrs. George Malone, Midvale PTA ways and means chairman, is in charge of tickets.



Working on Program Committee

Busy working on the program committee for the National Open Golf tournament at Oakland Hills Country Club in June are (from

left) Mrs. Robert L. Redmond of Glenhurst Drive, Mrs. Chester Cahm of Westwood Drive and Mrs. Ray West of Oakland Drive.



Women's Committee for Metro To Present Black-Tie Event

It will be a spectacular Musicales that the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills Women's Committee for Metropolitan Opera will present the evening of April 27. The 400 guests invited will be given a musical treat. Karl Haas will present a short and sparkling lesson on how to listen to good music.

The party will be black tie and elegant, having for its setting the lobby of the Reynolds Metals Building.

IN ADDITION to Mr. Haas' presentation, Marjorie Gordon, director of the Detroit Opera Theater and an accomplished soprano, will sing several arias from the Metropolitan's 1961 Detroit repertory.

Mrs. Theodore Yntema is general chairman of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills committee with

Mrs. John S. French and Mrs. George T. Trumbull as co-chairmen.

OTHER MEMBERS are Mesdames James H. Carmel, Graham John Graham, John S. Kerr, Paul M. McKenney, Robert R. Nadaf, Raymond F. Penning, William A. Reid, John W. Sanders, Paul J. Shine, Carl W. Sundberg and Richard S. Teel. Mrs. Yntema said the committee

"has been at work for some months, raising funds to finance and sponsor music appreciation programs for both young people and adults. In sponsoring the April 27 musicale, the group hopes to stimulate new enthusiasm and interest for music and the forthcoming Metropolitan Opera performance."

FOLLOWING the musical program, flower-bedecked fountains will dispense champagne and a table from purple-velvet and metallic-draped serving tables. In planning the event, Mrs. Yntema and her committee have been assisted by a special committee headed by Mrs. John F. Gordon, and Mrs. Robert L. Graham as co-chairmen.

Assisting them are Mesdames Howard Barker, John Blomquist, LeRoy Dahlgren, Robert Fisher, Eero Saarinen, Robert Taylor, Richard Wagner, Willy Wagner and George Walker. Members of the Junior League of Birmingham will serve as ushers.

Patricia Harman Repeats Vows

Patricia Ellen Harman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Boyd Harman of Glangery Circle, Birmingham, will become the bride of Daniel A. Boone of Midland this evening at the First Presbyterian Church of Lansing. The couple will exchange vows at 5 o'clock.

Mrs. Al Smith, the former Patricia Hehn of Birmingham, will be matron of honor and Howard Sutton of Lansing was asked to be best man. The couple will reside in Lansing.

Flower Workshop

Members of the Pine Lake Branch of W.N.P.A. met Friday, Pontiac for an afternoon of flower making. Instructor for the day was Mrs. L. L. Carpenter.