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'An Evening with Mike Nichols, Elaine May' to Benefit Camp

Even harder to get than money is the kind of service that comes straight from the heart. So says Camp Oakland's Resident Director, William J. Matus.

Stop in anytime at the 300-acre camp near Oxford, and Matus will tell you about the straight-from-the-heart acts of kindness performed by the Women's Committee when they share their home, are for the camp.

Right now the committee is busy raising money for the camp's building fund by staging a benefit show. The energetic group headed by Mrs. Ben D. Mills, of Vaughan Road, Bloomfield Hills, has lined up a Broadway hit for a fund-raiser. It will be "An Evening with Mike Nichols and Elaine May" at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, at Fensdale High School, 881 Pinecrest.

ALONG WITH distributing tickets and inviting their friends to be patrons of the benefit, the committee also has underway the kind of projects that Director Matus talks about.

Like the open house which Mrs.

Robert W. Chambers, of Birtan, Birmingham, and her hospitality committee are planning at Boys' Ranch.

Two of the 20 residents of the home for boys at Camp Oakland will be graduating from high school in June. The young graduates, like the other boys with whom they share their home, are wards of Oakland County Probate Court because of difficult family situations.

PARENTS OF their senior classmates will be inviting them to open houses. And thanks to the Women's Committee, the boys will be returning the courtesy with open houses at Boys' Ranch. They will assume much of the responsibility of being hosts to their classmates and parents. But they will have the active help and guidance of the Women's Committee groups, some of whom will act as hostesses that day.

The fact that the Women's Committee stands ready to act in large and small emergencies makes the

group especially valuable to Camp Oakland, Matus emphasizes.

On a busy Saturday not long ago Matus made a rush call to Mrs. Mills. One of the teen-agers at Girls' Ranch had a last-minute invitation to a dance that night, and had no party dress (size 10).

"I DON'T KNOW what a size 10 is," said Matus later. "I guess it's difficult."

By that night, a young miss stepped out at Girls' Ranch door in a pretty party dress that was just right for the occasion. It was sewn a "difficult" size 10, and a perfect fit after some fast stitching.

More stitches are taken at Camp Oakland by the home arts group of the Women's Committee. Headed by Mrs. Forest W. Shen, of Piquette, Birmingham, the group of nine women spends a day at Boys' Ranch monthly to patch, mend and sew buttons.

Mrs. John St. Clair of Fairfax, Birmingham and Mrs. Austin Harmon of Bennington, Bloomfield Hills, head the important Christmas card and tribute fund committee. Each Christmas their group sends a card from the children to each of the camp's donors.

MRS. W. H. Calhoun, Jr. of Pine Tree Trail, Bloomfield Hills, and her memorial fund committee are preparing a catalog of special gifts or memorials. The catalog lists needed items—from picnic tables to tape recorders—for which young summer campers and Wards of the Court would give their heartfelt thanks.

When decorating advice is needed at the Boys' or Girls' Ranch, Mrs. John W. Shenfeld, of Bennington, Bloomfield Hills and her committee consult on color schemes and furnishings.

Confirmation dresses, Christmas wrappings, coaching on proper conduct at an elegant restaurant—all have been provided for the big family of Camp Oakland children by the Women's Committee.

THROUGH THE committee, Mrs. William H. Peirce and other alumnae Alpha Theta, who have the care of the birthdays and the annual Christmas party at Girls' Ranch.

As Matus says, "This is the kind of personal attention you can't buy, because it comes straight from the heart."

For the evening with Mike Nichols and Elaine May, Mrs. J. W. Newbern of Oak Hills Drive and Mrs. Parbury J. Schmidt of Wing Lake Road are chairman of patrons.

Seats are available at all Detroit area branches of First Federal Savings of Detroit, at the Wayne-Oakland Bank at Royal Oak, and at Pontiac Federal Savings and Loan's Pontiac and Rochester offices. Tickets may also be obtained by calling Camp Oakland.

Among the Birmingham area women who are giving a hearty support to the sale of tickets for the evening with Mike Nichols and Elaine May are Mrs. Robert L. Sauer, Mrs. John S. Judd, Mrs. J. Emmett Judge, Miss Roxanne Lambie, Mrs. E. N. Ward, Mrs. Norris Host, Mrs. Myron Snyder and Mrs. Robert Waltz.

May a Busy Month For U of M Alums

The Birmingham U of M Alumnae are finding their calendars filled up for May as they wind up their year's activities. On Tuesday, the group will meet at 12:30 for a subscription luncheon at the Kingsley Inn. In charge of reservations is Mrs. G. H. Pitts.

In keeping with the theme of the year "Up to Date with the University," Professor Marvin J. Eisenberg from the Fine Arts Department has been asked to speak and bring the alumnae "up-to-date" in the arts. His talk will be "Seventh Age of the Artist."

THIS AFTERNOON, Mrs. Fred Gould of Monterey Court is opening her home for a tea for girls who will be entering the University in the fall from Bloomfield Hills High School and Kingswood. Dean of Women Deborah Bacon will speak to the girls and their mothers and answer questions they may have on campus life.

Mrs. Jean S. Greene will open her home on Arlington Drive May 18 for a similar tea for graduates of Seaham High School who have been accepted at the University of Michigan. Dean Bacon and Mrs. Alison T. Myers, alumnae secretary, will also attend.

ALSO, ON May 18, prior to the tea, there will be a joint meeting of the retiring board and new board for the Birmingham U of M alumnae club at the home of the president, Mrs. G. T. Christiansen.

New officers for the year 1961-62 are Mrs. Carl Abbott, president; Mrs. G. H. Pitts, vice president; Mrs. E. J. Temple, secretary and Mrs. R. B. Carpenter, treasurer.

BIRTHS

A son, Robert Joseph Sader, was born May 2 to MR. AND MRS. RONALD J. SADER of Seymour, Conn. Mrs. Sader is the former Elizabeth Ingraham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Ingraham of Harmon Road, Birmingham. Paternal grandparents are the George Sadows of Seymour, Conn.

A daughter, Janet Lee, was born May 25 to MR. AND MRS. R. LARRY NUNN of Rossville. Mrs. Nunn is the former Elizabeth Buckner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Buckner of Walkley Drive, Birmingham. Paternal grandparents are the R. J. Nunns of Rossville.

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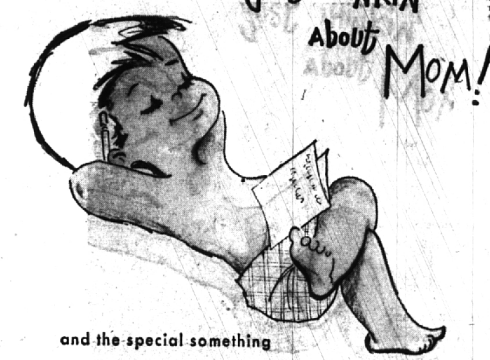
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