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Alums Gather for Tea

Birmingham Community House was the scene Friday afternoon when alums of The Ferry Hall School, Lake Forest, honored Mrs. W. Edward Fitzgerald (second from left), director of admissions. Pouring at the

tea is Mrs. H. Norman Fitter of Detroit; and chatting around the tea table (from left) are Mrs. John C. Washburn of Franklin Road, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. John Spencer and Mrs. John Knitter.

B'ham Women Visit Con-Con As LWV Observers

Thirty-six Birmingham women have journey to the Constitutional Convention in Lansing during recent months as participants in the Michigan League of Women Voters' unique Con-Con observer program. The League is the only citizen group attempting to keep observers at every session and committee meeting.

The Birmingham League covers Con-Con on the first Tuesday and Thursday of each month. Other Leagues on the lower peninsula take turns observing on other days.

BY 7:30 a.m. each of the assigned first Tuesdays and Thursdays since October, a carload of Birmingham women has been enroute to Lansing to reach Convention Hall by the 9:30 a.m. opening hour. At day's end each observer leaves a written report on the meetings she attended for the League's state legislative chairman.

In addition to the 36 local members who have attended sessions as official LWV observers, a large Birmingham group observed Con-Con sessions after a League workshop held at the nearby Lansing YWCA last month. Many other members have gone up individually to watch the convention.

Besides observing the League of Women Voters of Michigan has been studying before convention committees in support of the League's platform for constitutional revision. Two local women have appeared at committee hearings on behalf of the state League and their efforts in this area have helped with the preparation of testimony.

Mrs. Berrian Ketchum spoke before the Committee on the Executive Branch supporting a four year term of office for governor and his governor; an appointive state administrative board; four year terms for state senators; state elections in off years from federal elections; and reduction of state administrative departments to a maximum of 30—all planks in the League's platform.

SHE received rare applause from the Con-Con Committee on the Executive Branch for her presentation and handling of questions and answers. On another occasion she testified before the Education Committee asking for superintendent of public instruction appointed by the governor.

Mrs. Thomas Snelham spoke for the League before the Committee on Miscellaneous Provisions and Schedules on the subject of future constitutional revision by both amendment and convention.

She supported a Con-Con call appearing automatically on the ballot every 10 years which could be passed by a simple majority of those voting on the call.

SHE ASKED for non-partisan selection of delegates to future Con-Cons and for retention of provisions in the present constitution for putting amendments on the ballot by the legislature and by citizen petition.

Governor's Office OK's Charter Issue

Birmingham City Clerk Irene Hanley received notice this week that the governor's office has approved the proposed city charter amendment that will appear on the April ballot.

The amendment would make possible posting of codification of ordinances in a public place rather than making publishing of them in newspapers a mandatory action.

Amateurs Will Take Part In Arrangement Contest

An open contest in flower arranging for amateurs will be staged at the Builders Home, Furniture and Flower Show, to be held Feb. 25 through March 4 in Cobo Hall.

Chairman of the competition is Mrs. William H. Burlingame of Birmingham, who introduced the program last year after attending a similar open contest in Amsterdam. Robert Winder and Hugh Mick Jr., both of Birmingham, are in charge of the stock committee.

WINNER of the challenge class competition will be given a trip to London in May to attend the Chelsea Flower Show. Sponsors of the competition are the Michigan Horticultural Society and Allied Florists Association.

Contestants will prepare their arrangements in an open workshop area so show visitors may watch artistic creations being made between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. each day. Judging is scheduled between 1 and 2 p.m. daily.

Registration blanks may be obtained by writing the Michigan Horticultural Society office, 225 Classroom Building, U of M Dearborn Center, Dearborn, Mich. Leading clubwomen, who will actively participate in this year's show, will be honored Friday at a tea. Attending from Birmingham will be Mrs. Harry J. Nelderander, first vice president of the Junior Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

PR Director Visits High Twelve Feb. 19

The High Twelve Club of Birmingham will have Jerry Vanek, director of public relations for the Standard Oil Division of the American Oil Co., as guest speaker Feb. 19 at the Community House. He will speak on the history and current problems of the petroleum industry.

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of Birmingham. Her committee consists of Mrs. Hascal, Mrs. Earl Long, Mrs. George Skrubbs, Mrs. Herbert Schnetzky, Mrs. Winfield Hinman, Mrs. George Betker, Mrs. Robert Kerley, Miss Betty Hayes and Mrs. Lawrence Trevarrow.

Birmingham Travelers

Ski enthusiasts, the Willard E. Munros and children Andrew, Murtha and Mary, left Friday for a long weekend at Boyne Mountain. Mr. Munro is a Detroit attorney.

Vacationing in Acapulco were the J. V. Sanders of Knollwood Circle, Bloomfield Hills. They returned Saturday to the area.

Celebrate 40th Year

Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick R. Seghers of Pilgrim Road, Birmingham, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday at Oakland Hills Country Club. The surprise party was given by the Seghers' daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Richard W. Watts of Lakewood, Ohio. Among the 16 attending was Mr. Seghers' sister, Miss Fredericka Seghers of Chicago, who served as bridesmaid 40 years ago. The Seghers were married Feb. 11, 1922 in Chicago. Residents of Birmingham 20 years, he is employed with Hydraulic Press Mfr. Co. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church. The Seghers have four children.

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