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Many of us exclaim: "Oh, I didn't find time to call you up . . . write that letter . . . do that chore about the home . . . or apply myself to the task of self-improvement in many ways, including vocational work." Actually, to this extent is a foster of excuse, alibi, and more often than not false testimony—for one can make better use of his time than to waste so much of it.



## Taking Blue Ribbons? She Shows How

When blue ribbons are given out for indomitable courage and the spirit to go with it, our vote goes to brunette and petite Patty Mason, of the University of Colorado, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mason of Burning Bush, Bloomfield Village.

A victim of polio at the age of 10 and never before a skier, Patty was named the Week recently at Aspen Highlands, Colo., a recreation area near the campus where she is in school.

**PATTY LEARNED** rapidly, using only her good leg and ski crutches. She is shown with Margie Nordahl, one of her four Stein Erikson Ski School instructors, following a lesson.

Usually successful at everything she tries, Patty is an honor student at the University and last week, following in mama's footsteps, had the additional thrill of being initiated into Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. Mrs. Mason was a Kappa at Northwestern.



## Pint-Sized Models in Rehearsal

Dutifully tagging along under the guiding hand of Mrs. Thomas Munson (left), of La th r u p, Birmingham area youngsters Tommy Gasser and Sandy Forbush return to the latest in spring fashions this week preparatory to modeling March 22 at Pine Lake Country Club. Proceeds from the annual luncheon and style show, sponsored by Michigan State University Club's alumni, will benefit the school's scholarship fund. Mrs. Munson is a committee member for the affair.



## Mom-Daughter Team Add Glamor

Pretty Joan Smith (left) and her equally attractive mother, Mrs. William Smith, of 1690 Webster, Birmingham, helped launch Girl Scout Week, March 12-17, by taking part in the downtown parade Saturday marking the golden anniversary of Girl Scouting, U.S.A. Joan was a Girl Scout from third grade through twelfth. Her mother has been a leader for 10 years.

## Diamonds—Third Finger, Left Hand Worn by Three Bloomfield Hills Girls



AMANDA MATTHEWS



BETSY BLANCHARD



ANNETTE HAMMONDS

Romance in the news highlighted social activity over the week-end when three prominent Bloomfield Hills families announced the engagements of their daughters.

At a cocktail party given Saturday, Matthews revealed the betrothal of their daughter, Amanda Lucille Matthews, to Joseph Langhammer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Langhammer, of North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Mandy is a granddaughter of Mrs. Charles E. Wilson, of Bloomfield Hills, and the late Mr. Wilson, former Secretary of Defense. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Matthews, of Lincoln Road, Birmingham.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Kingswood, attended Finch College in New York and currently is at the University of Michigan where she is a member of Delta Pi Sorority. Her fiance is also a student at U. of M. in the School of Architecture and Design. He is a member of Delta Psi, honorary society.

The couple has set June 16 as the date of their wedding.

**MR. AND 'MRS. JOHN** Wild Blanchard of Loon Pine Road have announced the engagement of their daughter, Betsy to David Syrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Syrett of New York City.

A fall wedding is planned.

Betsy was graduated from Kingswood, attended Skidmore College and will be graduated in June from the Columbia University School of General Studies.

David is an alumnus of Putney School in Putney, Vermont, and Columbia University. He is currently serving with the Columbia University Press.

Ann attended Smith College, is a graduate of the University of Michigan and a provisional member of the Junior League. John attended George School, Bucks County, Pa., and is a graduate of U. of M.

Date for the wedding will be announced later.

### Suburban Scene

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**National Coverage**

Although it's as functional as the push buttons which help keep it in operation, the tri-level contemporary home of the Roger C. Crispells on Hawthorne Drive (Just off E. Long Lake) gives a warmth that delights even the most traditional-minded.

Perhaps it's the huge fireplace that creates the impression—built of used brick and hand-hewn timber, it dominates one end of the Family Room—or maybe it is just that any house that's home to four lively youngsters exudes a lived-in quality hard to formalize.

In any event, so impressed were the editors of House and Garden that they did a story and color layout in this month's issue, paying particular attention to Mrs. Crispell's kitchen.

**A HOUSE WIFE'S** dream comes true with such features as a pass-through to the dining room with counter wide enough for serving meals, a huge work counter with two sinks and chopping board top, plenty of storage space attractively camouflaged by louvered cabinet doors and, most impressive of all, an index system worked out in jewel tone colors which highlight the black and white decor of the rest of the room.

Above each work area is a painted panel, and on one wall is the key-a-chart that lists under each color what is stored in the area it marks.

In spite of all this studiously planned organization, however, our favorite touch is the sturdy little awning which swings out over a window in the sink area. Gay and giddy as anything, it is fashioned of fuchsia and white stripes and serves only to keep the sun out!

Frequently one-and-a-half-year-old Gar is plopped under her (see inset), while mama gets dinner under way.

**For Movie Fans Only**

Way back when (three years, to be exact) under the tutelage of former newspaper movie critic Helen Bowers, Cinema Guild of Birmingham acquired know-how in choosing high quality films for its subscription series.

Invitations are in the mail this week for the 1962-63 programs, which will be shown at the Bloomfield Theater, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. "Parent Trap" will open the series Sept. 12, to be followed by "The King and I", "Midnight Lace", "My Uncle" and "The Trapp Family".

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MRS. CLYDE C. BENNETT

## Mrs. Bennett Is Chairman Third Time

Mrs. Clyde C. Bennett, Jr., of 1274 Westwood, Birmingham, has been named Torch Drive chairman for the third successive year.

Mrs. Bennett was chairman for the Birmingham region before being elevated to the county chairman. Prior to that, she served as area chairman, district chairman, after starting as a solicitor in the first Torch Drive in 1949.

The Oakland County chairman, attributes her interest in the success of the Torch Drive to her belief that it provides the only sound, economical, sensible way to give.

"I want to see a continuation of the research into cancer, such as the Michigan Cancer Foundation is carrying on with Torch Drive funds," Mrs. Bennett said. "Having been treated for cancer myself, I realize the tremendous advances research has made possible, and appreciate the possibilities for a further breakthrough."

Mrs. Bennett is a member of the DAR and the Village Women's Club. She has served as a driver for the American Red Cross blood bank.

Outside of her home, where she lives with her husband and two children, eight and nine years of age, Mrs. Bennett rates the Torch Drive as her principal interest.

**Vacationing**

Mrs. and Mrs. H. J. Lowry, of 293 Westwood Drive, Birmingham, are vacationing at Del Monte Lodge, Pebble Beach, Calif.

## Anniversary Sparks Drive For Funds

Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass. is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year and simultaneously conducting a national fund raising campaign, "Fund for the Future." Michigan's campaign will get under way in April following an anniversary dinner April 6 at the Sheraton Cadillac.

Mrs. William H. Ducker, 1500 Henrietta, is general chairman for the state of Michigan. She will be assisted by Mrs. Leonard W. Horton, 1722 Washington, division chairman for Detroit; Mrs. Steele Starnes, 405 Aspen, division chairman for out-state Michigan; Birmingham campus captain is Mrs. Stanley Westberg, 4931 Burnley Drive, and Mrs. Gene A. White, 609 Safford, Mrs. Robert Cutting, former of Birmingham, is the chairman for Ann Arbor.

**THERE WILL BE** a captains instruction meeting at Mrs. Ducker's home Friday, March 23, with Mrs. Adrienne Lybarger, from Mount Holyoke's New York Fund office present. Mrs. Lybarger is the Mount Holyoke representative who will work with the committee during the campaign.

Local area girls now attending Mount Holyoke include Barbara Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Morgan, of 1343 Brookwood, Birmingham; Judith Newberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Newberg, of 1413 Kirkway Drive, Bloomfield Hills; Linda Smith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Carleton A. Smith, of 225 Guilford Road, Bloomfield Hills; and the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Walter O. Vogt, of 515 Puritan, Birmingham, Carolyn and Joe.

## Local Area Women Hold New Offices

Women's Committee of the Tuberculosis and Health Society held its annual meeting March 6. Elected to office from this area are: Joseph E. Radon, of Bloomfield, recording secretary, and Mrs. D. Richardson, Jr., assistant recording secretary.

Appointed to the executive committee were Mrs. Packer, Avis of Birmingham and Mrs. William J. Scripps of Bloomfield Hills.

## Junior Leaguers Tour With Chorus Throughout County

The Junior League of Birmingham Chorus is performing the month for convalescent and children's homes throughout Oakland County.

Under the direction of Mrs. Joe Whitley they have entertained at the Fairlawn School in Pontiac State Hospital, Villa Franconia, the Kirby and Alma Convalescent Homes, the Gables Nursing Home, George Maxted, Alfred Moore, Richard Page, John Pomeroy, Scott Runkley, Thomas Scripps, Harry Toumin, David J. Williams, William O'Brian, J. H. Weeks, Ronald Kasperak, Henry Whiting and Mack H. Wallace.

## Dartmouth Alumni Anticipate Concert

Birmingham and Bloomfield alumni of Dartmouth are looking ahead to Sunday, the Dartmouth Glee Club Concert to be given at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Gentlemen (and their ladies) who have played an important role in bringing the Glee Club here include Philip G. Moon, Joseph W. Kabat, Jr., Richard W. Brown, William B. Bachman, Jr., David B. Mott, Donald M. Selzer, John D. Holmes and Garvin Bowden, Jr.



## A Common Bond

At a coffee given in his honor Friday at the Village Bookshelf, S. L. A. Marshall took time out from autographing his new book, "Night Drop," to discuss painting, his latest hobby, with art enthusiast Mrs. Harvey Greene, of Bloomfield Hills.

## Co-Hostesses Plan Monthly Meeting

The Little Garden Club will hold its regular meeting March 19, at 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Program for the evening will speak on "Landscape With Trees."

Recently elected officers in the group include Mrs. Frank H. Boyer, general chairman; Mrs. John Loughey, vice-chairman; Mrs. Robert Lovell; treasurer; Mrs. A. L. Hopkins, secretary, and Mrs. W. B. Schmidt, Jr., program chairman.

## Local Women Flock To DAC Luncheons Before Style Show

Lunching at the DAC Tuesday before going to the J. L. Hudson Company auditorium for the first of the two-day "Fashionscope, Spring 1962" was a group of Birminghamites headed by Mrs. Charles G. Thom of Cedar Hill Drive. In this group were Mrs. Carl H. Humphrey, Mrs. William Flowers, Mrs. Robert B. Dow, Mrs. Charles P. Noonan, Mrs. Anthony G. Corn, Mrs. Roy Norton, Mrs. Harold Miliken, Mrs. Elgin Oehler and Mrs. T. N. Hubbard.

Mrs. Phillip B. Flanders of Brafferton Drive, Bloomfield Hills, entertained at luncheon at the DAC before she and her guests went on to the style show and following tea which benefits the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and is sponsored by its Women's Association.

Other "Flanders' guests included Mrs. Donald L. O'Poole of Bloomfield Hills, Mrs. John Finney of Birmingham, Mrs. Carol Traylor of Warren, Mesdames Harry J. Chapman, Robert H. Stoetzer, Bernard Bray, and Mrs. John Harrington, all of Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Helen Gregory and Mrs. Arvin L. Wheaton.

## Dessert and Cards To Highlight Party

Tints and Tones art group will give a dessert luncheon and card party March 16 at Parkland Recreation Center, 499 Parkland near Rochester Road.

Dor prizes will be an original painting done in pastels by Mrs. Michael Apostol of Royal Oak. Reservations are being taken by Mrs. Jack Fleischer, 207 N. Lafayette, Royal Oak.

## Pierce PTA

Pierce School PTA will hold its March meeting Wednesday, March 21, at 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Program for the evening will be entitled "For The Love Of Art." A coffee hour will follow in the cafeteria.