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# Eccentric and Local Composer Share Musical Limelight

At the annual fall meeting of the Southeast District of the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs on Oct. 24 at Orchard Lake Country Club, Mrs. John C. C. Brown, Jr., president of Birmingham Musicales, received from Mrs. Vernon L. Vennan, president of the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs, an award of Merit from the National Federation of Music Clubs for the Birmingham Eccentric's tour of Feb. 1, 1963.

Included in the cultural exploration she pointed out that there

has been a phenomenal growth of music in all phases in the United States during the last twenty-one years and that statistics indicate that the field of music has grown faster than the total economy during this period.

She also noted that the operative interest throughout the country has been characterized as a "cultural" explosion and that the new Lincoln Center for the performing arts is a status symbol, proclaiming that this country recognizes culture as essential to well being in these days of pressure and tension.

Mrs. Vennan stated that the National Federation of Music Clubs, with its state affiliates, is the greatest purely philanthropic organization in the world for the advancement of music. Since its founding 44 years ago, she claimed it has done more to promote American music, composers and young music artists than any other organization. The Federation of Music Clubs gives tremendous opportunities to our youth through thousands of dollars in state and national scholarships and awards for performance and composition.

She told the group that the National Federation of Music Clubs has official representation at the United Nations—the only non-government musical organization so accredited.

**IN CLOSING HER SPEECH,** Mrs. Vennan informed the audience that Music Clubs in the Federation are formed not only to provide opportunity for musical expression for the members, but they are instrumental in the musical development of a community. Hundreds of volunteer hours are being given each year through the music-in-hospital program in the Federation.

Finally, she stated, a most important objective of the Federation of Music Clubs is to bring the enlightening force of music to the inner life of our nation.

Mrs. Vennan resides at 439 N. Eton Road, Birmingham. She is a member of the Birmingham Musicales and a past president of the Tuesday Musicales of Detroit, Michigan's largest and next to oldest music club, which was founded in 1885.

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## NORTH ADAMS Tour Group Enjoys Reunion at Luau

By ELIZABETH YATES  
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While on the last leg of their fabulous Hawaiian trip last summer, the Francis Shaw of Meadwale drive invited their tour group to come to Birmingham in October for a luau party in their home.

The party with all the Hawaiian trimmings became a reality Saturday evening when 20 of the original group of 44 persons arrived. The guests came laden down with Hawaiian foods and an orchid bouquet from the islands for the occasion.

They came from as far as Akron, Cleveland, Defiance and Mount Pleasant. Others came from Detroit. A surprise weekend visit was also made by Orland of Fon du Lac, Wis., Shaw's brother.

After the dinner, the group settled down for hours of viewing all their Hawaiian movies, reminisced and made plans for another gathering in the fall of '63.

MRS. THOMAS HARRIS of Hickory Heights Drive decided on a spur of the moment journey to Chicago and surprised her son with a visit last week. Instead the surprise was on Mrs. Harris as no one was home! Her daughter-in-law was visiting in Boston and her son, Thomas Harris Jr., was in Minneapolis. He returned to Addison, however, when he learned of his mother's arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watt Jr. of Pine Hill Drive have returned home from a week in Nashville, Tenn., where Watt attended the World Secret Service Association convention. They chose the motor trip so they could visit the scenic, natural scenery, made a stop at Mammoth Cave National Park and toured Nashville.

KAREN SHAW of Meadowlane Drive and Chris Ryan of Townhill Drive are looking forward to this weekend when they will visit the University of Michigan. They will be guests of Chris's sister, Pat, while they stay at the dormitory, tour the campus and visit Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Booth Jr. of W. Orchard Hill Drive are home again after a scenic autumn trip through the New England states for 10 days recently. They lingered in Vermont to admire the brilliant foliage and then on to Portland, Maine, Cape Cod and Gloucester, Mass., for shopping and sight seeing.

THE HAROLD COOPERS of Meadowlane Drive have returned

from a busy week in New York City. They toured the city and attended the "Sound of Music" and "Camelot". They also visited friends, the T. A. Brownes of Syoset, Long Island, during their stay.

MRS. EDWARD FURBACHER of Keweenaw Drive entertained at a miscellaneous luncheon honoring her niece, Susan Wilson of Pleasant Ridge, on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Furbacher carried out a pink and white theme in her table decorations with miniature, gumdrop corsages at the 20 place setting.

Miss Willson and her fiancé, Lyle Devers of Berkeley, will be married at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Royal Oak, on Nov. 24 with a reception following at Northwood Inn.

NEWCOMERS TO Bloomfield Hills Estates are the Russell Boubert of Masfield Drive, former

residents of Pontiac. They have three daughters, Mrs. William Tuttle living in Pontiac; Brenda, a student at Highland Park College, and Debra, a pupil at St. Hugo. Boubert is a salesman with Allstate Insurance Co., and Mrs. Boubert and daughters, Brenda and Debra, are free-lance models.

The John F. Ivorys of Detroit are also newcomers to Masfield Drive. Ivory is in the moving and storage business. Their children include Helen, 18, attending the Henry Ford Community College; Michigan, a student at Marian High; and Janet, 11, a pupil at St. Hugo.

The Thomas Dunstons of Birmingham were just becoming settled in their home on Butternut Hill Drive when they learned they were transferred to California for a year. Dunston is a real estate agent for the Texas Co. The family, which include children Susan and Doug, will be departing for California the first week in November.

Girl Scout Troop 187 at the Bloomfield Village School has an ambitious and interesting program of fun and service outlined for the new year.

On Oct. 26 interested mothers of the girls met with scout leaders Mrs. James A. Neff and Mrs. Ivan Ludington, Jr. at Mrs. Ludington's home on Overhill Road. Plans were discussed for each month whereby the girls will earn credits toward their first class rank in May.

A party once a month at the Oakland County Children's Home, a progressive dinner and a large fashion show at the Community House, presented by B. Siegel-Kay Cooley, are among plans of the future. Skiing instruction and an overnight field trip are also planned.

THE TROOP PROJECT will be "Our Government", and in that connection Mrs. George Hilfinger, president of the Birmingham League of Women Voters, met with the girls Monday, Oct. 29, and explained voting requirements, state offices and the candidates in the present election.

On Saturday the troop will be on duty at the Bloomfield Vil-

## Girl Scouts Lend a Hand On Election

Birmingham Girl Scout Troop 1048 of Pembroke - Highland Neighborhood Association are learning lessons in citizenship and the procedures of elections.

An interested troop just graduated to Cadette status, they began work on the "My Government" badge. Under tutelage of Miss Irene Hanley, Birmingham City Clerk, the girls folded absentee ballots for mailing, stamped forms, prepared envelopes and checked voters lists.

Friday from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. and again Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., they will be at the Krogers' store at Maple and Hunter distributing the booklet about candidates prepared by the League of Women Voters.

Further plans for Troop 1048 include interviews with city and governmental officials and a visit to a council meeting. Also on the agenda is volunteer service at the Birmingham Parent-Teen Council.

Troop 1048 is led by Mrs. J. D. Moulough, Mrs. Donald Pennell and Mrs. George Frederick.

## Delta Kappa Gamma

Lambda and Kappa Chapters of Delta Kappa Gamma Society will celebrate their mutual birthday anniversary with a luncheon to be held at Lovett Hall, Greenfield Village, Saturday.

The speaker will be the State President of Delta Kappa Gamma, Florine Hall. Her topic will be "Strengthening Respect for Women's Capabilities". Assisting as a hostess will be Florence Duhn, of Birmingham.

## Convention Banquet Set

Highpoint of the 31st National Convention of the National Council of Catholic Women will be Wednesday at Cobo Hall, where a banquet under the chairmanship of Mrs. Carl Dunston, of Lathrup Village, will be held.

The banquet, open to all decency members and their friends, will have Esther Peterson, assistant U.S. Secretary of Labor, as its principal speaker.

## Attorney To Talk On Estate Plans

Birmingham Junior Woman's Club will hear a talk on "Estate Planning" from attorney John A. Gilray when they meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

The session will be in the Mary Griffith Lounge at Birmingham Community House. Hostesses are Mrs. Jack Berka, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Edward Donaldson, Mrs. Harold Hanson, Mrs. John Schuck and Mrs. Robert Oldani.

## Report for Dessert

The afternoon group of Delta Zeta Sorority will meet for dessert at the home of Mrs. C. L. Kidd of 569 Rivenook, Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. A report on the Founder's Day luncheon will be given and plans for the winter program will be discussed.

## Daughter Born

The birth of a daughter, Frances Elizabeth, on Oct. 16, has been announced by Mr. and Mrs. William Worthington Halsted, of Western Springs, Illinois. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Morris M. Halsted, of Dorchester Road, Birmingham.

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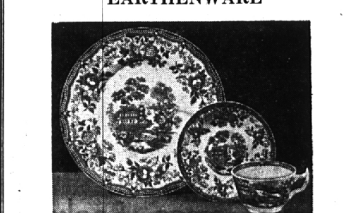
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