

Junior League Sets a Dynamic Pattern



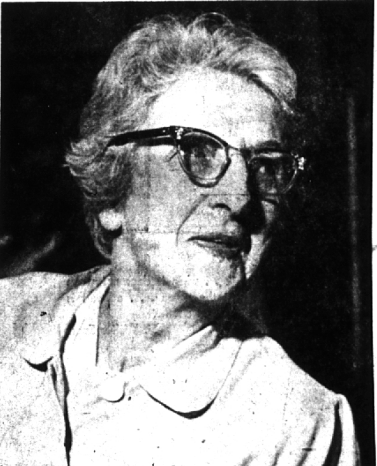
BARGAIN BOX: Junior Leaguer Mrs. Edward Purman with shoppers



ADVISORY PLANNING: Mrs. Henry McDonald, Jr. (from left), Mrs. Edward Emery, Mrs. James Dickerson



MUSIC, THEATER, PUPPETRY: Mrs. J. L. Whitley, (from left), Mrs. Stephen F. Booth, Mrs. Donald A. Bouchard



V.I.P.: Manager of Bargain Box, Mrs. Doris Duckworth



MEMBERS OF THE BOARD: In throes of typical three-hour, monthly session



THERAPY: Mrs. William V. Murphy with Lester

Fielding Yosts, Jr. Announce Betrothal

Of interest to their many friends here is the announcement being made by Mr. and Mrs. Fielding H. Yost, Jr. of Midland concerning the engagement of their daughter, Mary Walton, to Edward Douglas Parsons, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Parsons of Los Altos, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Yost lived in Birmingham on N. Glenhurst for nine years until 1953, when the family moved to Cleveland where Mr. Yost was head of the Cleveland office of the Dow Chemical Co. They have lived in Midland for three years, where he is presently assistant director of corporate relations.

MISS YOST IS THE grand-daughter of Mrs. Fielding H.

Christmas Decor To Be Theme Of Luncheon

Bloomfield Hills Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi will have its monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. W. L. Shaffner in Rochester on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Luncheon will be served at 12:45 p. m.

Each member has been asked to contribute to a potpourri of Christmas ideas — family traditions used in Christmas decorations — and explain how the particular article is made.

Mrs. Ronald Featherstone is chairman of the program, and those in charge of the luncheon include Mrs. David Meeker, Mrs. Robert Harvie and Mrs. William H. Leckie.

Players' Show Is Incentive For Festivity

The performances of Birmingham Village Players next production "Once Upon a Mattress", Nov. 16, 17, 18 and 24, are giving rise to a rash of theater parties.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Nelson Kimball of Bloomfield Hills will entertain a group of friends before the Nov. 18 performance. The Kimballs will serve supper, after which they and their guests will see the show.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Hard, Jr. will entertain two groups of friends, one for dinner before the performance on Nov. 17, and another group at an after theatre get-together Nov. 23. Mrs. Hard's sister, Mrs. George Ryder, is playing the leading role.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Neal will entertain a group of friends with cocktails and buffet dinner before the Nov. 23 performance.

Suburban Scene

by Mary Ellen Mead, Society Editor

An Unhappy Approach

"For too many years, Junior Leagues across the country have borne the stigma of fostering snob appeal, their memberships supposedly composed of social butterflies intent on climbing just one more rung of a ladder leading nowhere!"

Eyes flashing, so spoke Mrs. Sidney W. Smith, Jr., one day several weeks ago at an informal interview conducted over Caesar salad and ice tea.

This vital young president of the Junior League of Birmingham is fiercely proud of the work being done locally and backs it up with some pretty impressive figures:

Over the past 10 years, 300,000 volunteer hours have been racked up and \$131,000 earned for the community.

The Cure-All

All this takes work—hard work—at least half a day a week for members, and not a minute less than 60 hours (this following an eight-week training course) for provisionals.

Besides assisting existing agencies, the League has developed new ones, such as the Child Guidance Clinic, the Young Peoples' Art Center at Cranbrook, the Oakland County Legal Aid Society and Fairlawn Center (grade school through high school) at Pontiac State Hospital. The area has been enriched by these services and so have League members who helped bring them about.

How It Operates

Of interest to the uninitiated is the structure of the League, which consists of 20 committees whose officers and chairmen meet monthly for 3-hour work sessions in which present and future programs are mapped out.

In view of the purpose of the League—"to foster interest among its members in the social, economic, educational, cultural and civic conditions of their community, and to make efficient their volunteer service"—one of the most important committees is Advisory Planning.

Each month this group studies requests for assistance from innumerable agencies in the area, determines which can be handled to best advantage and presents a decision to the Board for final o.k. Because emphasis in League work is traditionally on volunteer service rather than outright financial donations, more interest is evidenced in projects involving active participation by members.

Landmark in Action

Most Birmingham-ites are familiar with the Bargain Box, re-sale shop sponsored by the League at 465 S. Woodward, and are equally aware of Mrs. Doris Duckworth who has managed it for the last eight years.

Her customers come from miles around, many of them "repeats"—so that firm friendships have been established.

Seldom do they leave, thanks to Mrs. D's kind concern, without the warm clothing, sturdy shoes or even a slightly used but shining clean party dress for a little girl who has never owned one.

When Mrs. Duckworth arrived in the States from her home in Birmingham, England, she had thought she was making a visit, only, to relatives in Pleasant Ridge. But she became intrigued with Birmingham, Mich., "it's like what we call our county towns," and has made herself a part of the community ever since.

Her shop is kept gratefully stocked with household goods and clothing contributed by League members.

Troupers, One and All

Familiar to local schools and hospitals are the Junior League's puppet shows, children's theater and choral groups. They troupe each year to enthusiastic response.

Additional service embraced by Leaguers is a continuing program at the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children, where members go each week to help the professional staff teach youngsters how to navigate on crutches or in braces.

Birmingham can be proud of its local Junior League, grateful for its honest contribution to the community, glad that its members truly uphold its original, national concept.

Washington Guest To Speak to WIL

Mrs. Annalee Stewart, of Washington, D. C., will be in Birmingham on Thursday, Nov. 15, at the invitation of the women's international league for peace and freedom.

Dr. Marjorie Howlett, of 18870 Riverside Drive, will entertain members of the league in her honor at an afternoon tea.

The public is invited to an evening meeting to be held at 8 p. m. at the YWCA, 836 Brooks Road. Mrs. Stewart will speak on "protection against accidental war—World Disarmament".

Mrs. Stewart is the wife of Dr. Alexander Stewart, who was formerly secretary of the commission on world peace of the Methodist church, and is a Methodist minister in her own right.

SHE IS THE ONLY WOMAN in the history of congress to have served as guest chaplain of the house of representatives. She has preached in Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Finland, and broadcast on radio in Germany and England.

As national legislative secretary of the WIL, Mrs. Stewart has her office in Washington, where she has daily interviews with congressmen and officials of the state department and foreign embassies.

Her feeling is that "war is not inevitable, if our leaders in government and we, as American citizens, help create the public opinion necessary to support constructive efforts for peace and freedom".

Festivities at DAC Mark Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ari M. BeGole of Covington Road, Birmingham, were hosts at cocktails and dinner at the DAC Saturday, the party being in celebration of Mr. BeGole's sixtieth birthday anniversary.

Red roses, the host's favorite blooms, centered tables in the Georgian Room where Mr. and Mrs. BeGole received some 47 guests including relatives and close friends.

Dinner was served at tables seating six, and between times the guests went to the club's main dining room for dancing.

Still others were the Louis Dahlings, Mrs. W. Lloyd Kemp, the Ezra Lockwoods, Paul Bells, Henry Woolfendens, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Backer, the George H. Carys, Howard B. Steergalls, W. B. Huges, Milton Manleys and Roy Stringers.

Wellesley Club Will Hear Color Stylist

Birmingham Wellesley Club will meet tonight at 8 p. m. in the home of Mrs. James J. Rodgett, 1911 Crosswick, Birmingham.

Lois Zollicker, color stylist for Chrysler Corp. will present the program.

Officers of the club are president, Mrs. Paul Cargo, Northville; vice president, Mrs. Harvey J. White, Birmingham; recording secretary, Mrs. Charles Mendelson, Huntington Woods; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Frederick Plumb, Birmingham, and treasurer, Mrs. Carlton Rasmusen, Franklin.

Gardeners Meet

The New England Estates branch WVEGA met Nov. 1 at the home of Mrs. Charles Peterson, 3960 Newland Drive East, Orchard Lake. Co-hostesses for the evening meeting were Mrs. Herbert Eddy and Mrs. Ray Whalen.

Mrs. O. K. Gardner showed slides on the Middleton Gardens in South Carolina.

Deadline Is Friday

Deadline for all organizational news, weddings and engagements for use on The Birmingham Eccentric's women's pages is 5 p. m. on the Friday before publication.