

## Panel of Judges Named for Homemaker Contest

### Parisian Beauties



MRS. NORMAN W. REECK



SHEREE WRIGHT WITH MRS. WILLIAM M. HUTCHINS

Accent was on style at last week's Parisian luncheon and fashion show given at Forest Lake Country Club, where members looked every bit as handsome as the models showing this season's lovelies. French posies in flower carts, red and white checked tablecloths and a menu as French as Maxim's helped create the proper international atmosphere.

### U. of M. Group Makes Plans For First Tea

The Birmingham University of Michigan Alumnae Club will hold its opening event of the 1962-63 season, the annual membership tea, at the Yarnforth Road home of Mrs. Marian J. Hill, Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 1:30.

A brief program, "Michigan Speaks", will be presented by Mrs. Sumner Myers, Mrs. Kathleen Sells, Mrs. William C. Walz, Mrs. F. M. Adams and Mrs. Norris Hook.

Following the program there will be a get-acquainted tea headed by Mrs. Palmer Bollinger. She will be assisted by members of her committee: Mrs. Robert Rouse, Mrs. James Johnson and Mrs. E. T. Burroughs.

### Bird's Eye View Is Given Via Colored Slides

A reception-orientation tea was given Tuesday in the Gleneyar Road home of Mrs. George W. Miller honoring new active members of the Child Research Center League.

Among newcomers from Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills were Mrs. James Cahill, Mrs. William D. Johnson, Mrs. Elmer McIlhenny, Mrs. William Fager, Mrs. Richard Poling, Mrs. Russell Post, Mrs. Richard Speir and Mrs. Gustave Wellenick.

Colored slides of the Center were shown during the afternoon.

### Garden Club Meets For Talk on Herbs

The Riverwoods Garden Club meets at noon Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Andy Broad, 24574 Edgemont. Mrs. Richard Arnold and Mrs. Walter Westphal will be co-hostesses.

Mrs. Mabel Schultz, owner of a garden and herb shop in Birmingham, speaks on "Herbs and Their Uses."



MAYOR WILLETT, WARD OURADNIK, DOROTHY MONTGOMERY AND DR. DICKEY

## Foursome Rolls Up Sleeves As Entries Begin Rolling In

By MARY ELLEN MEAD  
Society Editor

With the Suburban Homemaker of the Year Contest gathering momentum as it rockets through its first week (remember, contest ends midnight, Saturday, Oct. 20), our panel of judges has been catapulted into the limelight to handle entries already rolling in.

They include Florence H. Willett, mayor of Birmingham; Dr. Otis M. Dickey, superintendent of Birmingham Schools; F. Ward Ouradnik, director of the Community House, and Mrs. George E. (Dorothy) Montgomery, volunteer public relations director for St. James Episcopal Church.

### R. S. V. P.

Each indicated his recognition of the important role of today's homemaker by accepting The Eccentric's invitation to be on the panel.

Each believes in the importance of advancing family and community life.

Each believes that the best homes are in our suburban communities.

And each believes that the environment of suburbia is what it should be for family living, and where a home, thanks to a woman, is the basic block of a good society.

Their combined thinking is that:

"Today, we are living amidst great pressure—the husband and father working in highly competitive society, the children competing in school and in their many social demands. As a result, the homemaker becomes an individual with many obligations.

"Her duties call for training as an economist, physiologist, sociologist, psychologist and, above all, a family—and often a community—peacemaker."

"The problems and responsibilities of the homemaker," say our judges, "are many, in that we all know that the strength of our family life is the cornerstone and foundation of our entire social structure."

Capsul data for the uninitiated:

### Mayor Willett

Almost 10 years ago, The Eccentric carried a series titled "They Voluntarily Serve You", which featured the biographies of volunteer community leaders.

One of those persons named was Florence H. Willett, wife, a mother and recording secretary of the Community House.

Today, that biography would read Florence H. Willett; wife, mother, grandmother and mayor of Birmingham for a third term.

"Twink," as she is better known, is wife of Detroit manufacturer G. Howard Willett, Jr., and the mother of Mrs. H.

A. Miller of Missouri and Howard and Gordon, and grandmother of Eric Miller.

Her mayoral duties take from 20-40 hours a week and yet, "Twink's" office is in her HOME. It's there that she can be reached most frequently—not at City Hall.

When we called to ask if she'd judge the Homemaker Contest, she interrupted to take a bubbling apple pie (new recipe, which she promptly gave us) out of the oven.

### Dr. Dickey

A close-up look at the record of Otis M. Dickey reveals a wealth of administrative experience in education, government and business gathered over the past 24 years.

And in all of this, he has been in close touch with people and the community in which he served. He has been a high school instructor and principal, had a job in the department of agriculture, spent two years in the Navy and for a brief time was a real estate broker.

He lists as his hobbies, "reading, writing, youth groups, travel, mechanics, electricity, woodshop and family"—with emphasis on the latter. Besides his wife, he has a daughter 22 and a son 10.

### Ward Ouradnik

Ward Ouradnik attends meetings!

"But," says the director of Birmingham Community House, "Sunday night is family night! We (this includes Mrs. O. and daughter Sandra) also do lots of things together over the week-ends!"

Before coming to Birmingham, Ward was assistant director of alumni relations at MSU, which entailed many a meeting as did his intense interest in community affairs and organizations.

There were two things that influenced him to come to Birmingham: "first, there's the dynamic thinking of the Community House Board of Directors and then—well, this is just the type of community my wife and I like."

### Mrs. Montgomery

When Dorothy Montgomery was asked to be a judge for the Homemaker Contest, she laughingly replied, "Sure, I'll be glad to help, but with all those important people? I'll just have to represent the person nobody knows!"

Such reaction typifies the sort of person Dorothy Montgomery is: willing to serve her community on a volunteer basis, doing the job efficiently but with modesty and, best of all, always maintaining a terrific sense of humor.

It's pretty much of a full-time program Dorothy has embraced for one of the largest churches in the area but she also "runs the gamut of being a housewife"—sews, knits, cooks (there's no help in the house) and keeps a sparkling home for husband George and two daughters, Leigh, who is at Seaholm, and Lynn, who's at Derby.

### Modern Cinderellas



MRS. EDGAR B. FLINT

MRS. WILLIAM J. SCRIPPS



MRS. ROY A. FRUEHAUF

MRS. JOSEPH E. RISDON

Pretty as the Cinderella of storybook fame are the four women pictured today who are among dozens of Birmingham-Bloomfield women playing dedicated roles in sponsoring the Cinderella Ball to be given Oct. 6 at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel. TB and Health Society will benefit from the \$100 a couple event, at which Lester Lanin will provide the music and Zsa Zsa Gabor additional glamor.

### Woman's Club To Present Activities Skit

Village Woman's Club is sponsoring a noon luncheon program for members Oct. 2 and 3 at which time available class activities for the year will be presented.

In order to dramatize these classes and the varied opportunities offered, culturally, academically and for fun, Vanguard Players June Wisbey and Dorothy Reid will give a skit.

Present at the meetings, which will be identical for purposes of allowing greater attendance, will be the chairmen of all the class groups.

Mrs. Norman Ellis and Mrs. Carl Blauman are in charge of the program.

### Ohio Wesleyan Alumns To Luncheon

Mrs. F. H. Mellinger of Woodland Villa, Birmingham, is taking reservations through tomorrow for the Greater Detroit Monnetts Club's luncheon and business meeting.

The group invites alumnae and mothers of students at Ohio Wesleyan University to attend the season-opener Tuesday noon at Dearborn Country Club.

### Orient Sets Theme For Tea Honoring Past Presidents

Past presidents of the Bloomfield Hills Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will be honored at a meeting in the home of Mrs. Edgar Flint, 1440 West Long Lake Road, Monday, Oct. 1.

Highlighting the program will be a demonstration of Japanese floral arrangements by Mrs. Hanako Kodera of Kobe, Japan, who is visiting in the home of Mrs. Venon C. Genn of Bloomfield Hills.

Mrs. Lester Colman, Mrs. Genn, Mrs. Alfred Girani and Mrs. Russell Strickland will add an oriental touch in their Japanese kimonos while presiding at the tea table.

### Martha Cook Alumns Gather for Tea

The Martha Cook Alumnae Association of University of Michigan women met yesterday at the Grosse Pointe home of Adele Huether, President of the Association. The group raises funds for an annual scholarship awarded to a current Martha Cook House resident.

Pouring at the tea table was Mrs. Richard BeGale of Birmingham, vice president of the Association.

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