

Parties, Ski Trips Usher in New Year

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The stroke of 12 on Dec. 31 found many of our residents at New Year's Eve parties. One of the largest required the use of the Knights of Columbus Hall and was, according to all reports, "a very successful party."

Seen enjoying themselves among many other, were Mr. and Mrs. Adam Nowicki, Mr. and Mrs. George Prokopp, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. James Best, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rollins, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Deck, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Suda, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Marchetti.

activity during the past three weeks. Kathleen, a sophomore at Michigan State and vice president of South Williams Hall, was home until last Sunday. Mike, a junior at State and resident adviser at Snyder Hall, spent a part of his vacation skiing at Charlevoix.

Gay, a senior at Groves High School, had her friend Fran Balnaves, now of Wilton, Conn., as a houseguest until Jan. 5. Fran delayed her trip home to spend last Thursday and Friday attending classes with Gay and visiting former classmates.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were pretty busy themselves. They held their 15th annual Christmas morning open house for neighbors, and had a get-together for friends on New Year's Eve.

Together to welcome the new year at the Devonshire Road home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lampe were some good friends, who also happen to be neighbors. The couples were Mr. and Mrs. James Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Detwiler, Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck McGregor and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel White.

PEG CUMMINGS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Cummings, Pat Taggart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Taggart, and David and Richard Ladd, sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Ladd, all of Auburn Drive, also have just gone back to Michigan State University after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Peck of Locheble Road have just returned from a visit to Monroeville, Pa., where they stayed with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Capinola, former residents of Verona Circle.

THE CLIFFORD Prew family made several trips to Windsor, Ont., recently. Cliff, Barbara, and their four young sons visited her brother, Major Frederick J. McEwan, Jr., U.S.M.C., and his family who were able to spend their first Christmas at home since 1951.

On New Year's Eve, the Prews were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Prew of Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart, Jackie, 14, Beverly, 12, Gay, 11, and Carol 10, spent several days skiing at Caberfae, returning in time to prepare for their new year party. The Stewarts entertained 22 neighbors who played games and danced before and after the pot-luck dinner at midnight.

ALSO SKIING at Caberfae were Mrs. and Mrs. Ralph Carey and sons Douglas, 5, and Stephen, 8, who are "old hands" at the sport. Before the Careys headed for the slopes, they had as house guests Mrs. Carey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Wyman of Wolfboro, N. H., and were hosts of a holiday party for friends.

The Glenn Sawyers of Elizabeth Road spent a winter week end, which included New Year's Eve, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baker at their Walloun Lake home near Petoskey.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kirk, Kristine, 12, and Sandra, 5, drove to Weirton, W. Va., where they visited with Mr. Kirk's family, and same home to greet the new year with friends at Commerce Lake.

THE JAMES J. Kelly family on Auburn Drive had a lot of



Donation to Library

Mrs. Robert Nelson (left) of the Cranbrook Branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association presents a gift of \$100 to Mrs. Carl Theobald, treasurer of the Bloomfield Township Library Board. The gift, a memorial to two former association members, Mrs. Oscar Pocock and Mrs. Carl Theobald, will help buy books for the township library.

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Supervisors, and Bernard Kalahar of Mt. Clemens, chairman of the Macomb County Board of Supervisors.

The Home Rule Sub-Committee of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors has been studying county home rule for more than a year and has drafted a proposed enabling statute.

THE DRAFT was presented to the Supervisors Inter County Committee, consisting of representatives of the boards of supervisors of Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties. It received unanimous approval of the delegates. It was presented to the governor's committee in hearings in Detroit on Dec. 17.

The Citizen's Government Study Council, under the chairmanship of Homer Case, Bloomfield Township trustee and member of the board of supervisors, is studying home rule for Oakland County.

THE LEAGUE of Women Voters is working on a complete study of Oakland County government. We will attempt to provide you with a definition of terms and background information to assist you in understanding the reports from these committees.

We have stated that the new constitution provides for nonself-executing home rule. The term "nonself-executing" means just that. The provision in the new constitution must have statutory implementation, referred to as an "enabling act."

Therefore, there are four stages to be accomplished before a home rule charter comes to a vote of the people: statutory implementation by the state legislature, a resolution by the board of supervisors or a petition by the voters to place the question on the ballot, election of the charter commission and the drafting of the charter itself.

THE CITIZEN must be sufficiently well informed to consider and express his

Disabled Student Solves Problem

Jack Donaldson has solved his problem.

Jack, 160 Catalpa, Birmingham, is the 19-year-old student confined to a wheel chair because of polio who needed a ride to his classes at Wayne State University.

He received "four or five" offers, according to the physically disabled student office at WSU, and is currently riding with David Engloski, 2616 Dorchester, Birmingham. Engloski works for personnel services at WSU.

Early diagnosis and prompt medical treatment can prevent serious crippling in 70 per cent of arthritis cases, reports the Arthritis Foundation.

wishes in all of these. Since the immediate issue is that of enabling legislation, we will channel our thoughts in that direction first.

It is important that we understand that Michigan counties have, in the past, operated as general law counties. That is, they have functioned under uniform laws passed by the state legislature and applied equally in rural and urban counties.

Their structure and powers were carefully and specifically delineated by the 1908 constitution.

It is also important to note that the principle of home rule is not new to Michigan. This state was a pioneer in the granting of municipal home rule to cities and villages under a provision of the 1908 constitution and 1909 enabling act which implemented the provision.

It is evident that Michigan's cities have achieved a good record with municipal home rule. It is for the voters to decide whether home rule can be as beneficial to Oakland County.

NEXT, THE STRUCTURE OF MICHIGAN'S COUNTIES

GOP Finance Chiefs Named

Charles L. Lyle, Oakland County GOP chairman, has announced the appointment of Robert Critchfield, Pontiac, as the party's new finance director and Howard Liverance, 6900 Indianwood Trail, Bloomfield Township, as assistant finance director.

"This is all part of a totally new concept of fund raising for us," Lyle said. "We are going to use the united effort. In other words, we are going to give all Republicans of Oakland County an opportunity to support their party."

"This is all part of a building up development campaign," Lyle said. "We're building for total victory in 1954 by developing a stronger party."

CRITCHFIELD and Liverance will be raising the State central allocation, campaign funds and normal county operation funds.

"As a matter of fact," Lyle said,

"They've already started. Their first official act was to turn over the rest of the county's share of the budget to the State Central Committee."

Lyle said, "we were pleased that we were able in 1953 to meet our complete State central obligation. Everyone in the party has been working toward that goal for many years. We know it is just the first of many more successful years."

CRITCHFIELD RETIRED as vice-president of General Motors in 1950. His work for the GOP has been mostly on the township and volunteer level. Included in his non-political activities is membership in the Pontiac City Club, Board of the YMCA, Kingswood School Board, and the Engineering Society of Detroit.

Liverance retired in 1951 as vice-president of the Kresge Com-

pany. He was with the firm for 37 years. Liverance has been interested in politics for many years but has never run for public office. His Township, Liverance and his family lived in Birmingham for 20 social organizations.



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