

# B'ham Names Suburban Homemaker Of Year



She Sews: SUE AND MOM



They Rate Congratulations

MRS. RICHARD DICKENSHIED WITH DAUGHTERS PUNKY (LEFT) AND SUE; SON MARK AND MR. DICKENSHIED



She Cooks: PUNKY AND MOM

## Stars in Their Crowns

If it can be said that a contest is coming of age when it is only three years old, Birmingham's local judges for this year's Homemaker Search agree that caliber, not quantity, makes it so. Therefore, Mayor Charles Renfrew, Robert Kenning, Mrs. John Fauver, Mrs. Madge Davis, Robert Kilpatrick and The Birmingham Eccentric bow to the women who were runners-up and who made the final decision a difficult one.

Wearing stars in their crowns are Mrs. Richard Andrews, Mrs. Edward Talbert, Mrs. Lawrence Avison, Jr., Mrs. Howard Willett, Mrs. Betty Lifsey, Mrs. Ray Rice, Dr. Louise Kozlow, Mrs. Gloria Giles, Mrs. Edward Collins, Mrs. Mary Basse, Mrs. Dale Winnie, Mrs. Betty Musto, Mrs. William Saeffow and Mrs. Jane Lemis.

## People Are Talking...

About the grandson of an automotive giant . . . renowned for "putting-the-world-on-wheels" . . . who's giving up his Grosse Pointe mansion in favor of building a new one in the Bloomfield area . . . a wedding gift for his Italian bride-to-be . . .

About the local newlywed who never did get around to writing (tsk) those important thank-you notes . . . causing all sorts of concern in B'ham's plush emporiums catering to the bridal trade . . . turned out it was THEIR task to check dozens of deliveries . . . per store . . . in order to reassure puzzled donors . . .

And speaking of sterling . . . about the silver ice caddy sent to another bride . . . who promptly wrote a glowing letter of thanks for the "mimow bucket" . . . continuing to expound on an up-coming fishing trip . . .

About those cute, look-alike Symphony Dresses (classic shirtmakers) being featured all around the town since their introduction last week at the Junior Women's Association luncheon at BOH . . . candy striped, checked or solid color . . . take your choice . . . Susie (Mrs. Robert) Raish stands ready with order pad in hand . . . proceeds, of course, to the Detroit Symphony . . .

About avid golfers Tinka and Dave Falconer . . . back from a European jaunt still aglow over playing St. Andrews in Scotland . . . picked up daughter Barbara at the University of Heidelberg . . . where she's been studying for a year . . . brought her home to substitute teach in Birmingham high schools . . .

About flasks being back in style . . . as it's rumored they'll be for the Cabaret Concerts to be played by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in December . . . locale, the Light Guard Armory . . . music to be Gershwin opening night . . . followed by a Viennese program, Tchaikowsky, Rodgers-Hammerstein . . .

About BOH and that persistent rumor that part of the membership is not "crazy over horses, horses, horses" . . . just 'tain't so . . . according to sources . . . so, tally, ho! . . . see you at the Hunt Ball Nov. 21 . . . where it'll be pink coats for equine and anything floor-length for the ladies . . . just so long as it's the traditional black or white . . .

About leaders for the 1965 Metropolitan Opera season in Detroit . . . once again it's area women at the helm . . . with Mrs. Lynn A. Townsend of Birmingham general chairman . . . Mrs. Max M. Fisher of Franklin her co-chairman . . . Oakland U's Woody Varner is a new director . . .

About Mrs. Dick Freund's success with the teen-agers of our town . . . she's turning away applicants for the Young Junior Workshop . . . sponsored by B. Siegel at the Community House . . . where students from 13 of our local schools learn about retailing . . . modeling . . . the social graces . . .

About the University of Michigan marching band . . . and the thousands upon thousands who remain in the stands or flock to the playing field to hear its post-game concert . . . music from half-time is repeated . . . plus favorites featuring the percussion section and . . . always . . . another rousing chorus of "The Victors" and the "Yellow and Blue" . . . Saturday spectators were treated to a traditional band ceremony . . . last performance in the home stadium put on by seniors and graduates . . . Twenty-three strong they marched briskly down the field playing Michigan's great football song . . . then treated the crowd to a swinging rendition of "Hawaiian War Chant" . . . Next year don't hurry home . . .

M. E. M.



They're Musical: PRACTICING FREQUENTLY A FAMILY AFFAIR

## Contest Features Highlight Speakers

A highlight of the National Suburban Homemakers Conference in Chicago on Nov. 19 and 20 will be a luncheon address by the chief of a newly formed division of the Federal Food and Drug Administration.

The National Suburban Homemakers Conference is the culmination of the Suburban Homemaker of the Year program and is attended by homemakers who have been chosen "Suburban Homemaker of the Year" by their respective suburban communities.

On Thursday, Nov. 19, the homemakers will hear Shelby E. Grey, deputy director of the new Bureau of Education and Voluntary Compliance of the FDA, explain how this new bureau will function to inform and assist the consumer.

As "purchasing agents" for their suburban families, the homemakers will be interested to

learn how the bureau will conduct special studies and research to determine consumer preferences, attitudes and buying habits.

PRESENT ALSO at this luncheon session will be top level representatives of industry and business who will be interested to learn how the Industry Advisory Division of the new bureau will inform and assist industries whose products involve the Food and Drug Administration.

Mr. Grey has been with the FDA for 20 years, having entered its service at New Orleans in 1934. Subsequent assignments took him to Savannah, New York, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago as District Director in those areas. Since 1954 he has been division director and bureau director at FDA headquarters, Washington, D. C.

THE THURSDAY afternoon program of the Conference will feature subjects dear to every woman's heart—fashions, food and furnishings.

Local "Suburban Homemaker of the Year" finalists for the \$500 Award, and the Conference audience will see and hear about the newest developments in these three fields.

Fashions in clothing colors and in complementing make-up will be presented by Mrs. Carolyn Egan, a "Wendy Ward" Consultant for Montgomery Ward, & Co. Homemakers will go behind the scenes with Helen Wolcott, consumer service director for The Pillsbury Co., to learn something of the diversified activities of food research, and Miss Margaret Hutchinson, director of the Martin-Senour Company's Color Research Division, will speak on American color preferences and current decorating trends.



Award Day: JUDGES MRS. JOHN FAUVER (LEFT) AND MRS. MADGE DAVIS WITH A WINNER

## Neighbor Pays Winning Tribute To Entire Dickenshied Clan

"Oh NO—you have to be kidding" was Mrs. Richard Dickenshied's response when told she'd been nominated Birmingham's Suburban Homemaker of the Year and, as such, was headed for Chicago to compete in the national contest Nov. 18 and 19.

Typical of this woman, who wears her cloak-of-many-accomplishments lightly—was her shining disbelief that "anyone could possibly think this much of me."

It was her across-the-street neighbor, Mrs. W. H. Schoen III, who did.

THE DICKENSHIEDS live at 1235 Dorchester Road and have three children: Carol, 16, who has a preference for her nickname, Punky; Sue, 14, and Mark, who is 12. Petey (Mrs. D's given name is Martha but Petey has stuck since childhood) is a native of Detroit but she and her husband have lived in Birmingham for 20 years.

"She is obviously a kind, generous woman," wrote Mrs. Schoen, "who seems to enjoy most people she knows. She is very active in her church—St. James Episcopal—has been a Sunday School teacher

and president of St. Martha's guild, for which she still works.

"She has had many offices in Adams School PTA, including that of president, and is now corresponding secretary of PTA at Seaholm. She has done volunteer political work, belongs to a local book group and an organization called PEO. She is a good gardener and an equally good golfer."

"IT SEEMS to me, however, that as a homemaker she is really outstanding. She is a wonderful cook, without making a gourmet fuss about it; runs her household

with dispatch and efficiency (things are always shipshape) and never seems to spend much time doing it. I happen to know, enviously, that she has her menus organized so that she does grocery shopping only once every two weeks.

"She has a marvelous flair for the little decorative touches that make all the difference in a house and yard. Her home looks like her, which is a compliment, and she has no outside help.

"SHE IS a good seamstress, making many of her own clothes and those of her daughters (21 pairs of shorts last summer!); is good at things like flower arrangements, imaginative centerpiece and holiday decorations.

"And the nicest part of all, is that she seems to have such a good time doing all this. The whole Dickenshied family seems an unusually happy and congenial group. I think you'd know exactly what I mean if, like me, you lived across the street. I'm sure that all our other Dorchester neighbors agree."

And so did the judges.

## DAR Three Flags Meet for Luncheon

The Three Flags chapter of DAR held its luncheon meeting Monday at the home of Mrs. Harry Alger in Lathrup Village.

Mrs. Charles Fey and Mrs. Lee Stowell assisted. Mrs. Paul Cosper spoke to the group on her "Experiences as an Indian Daughter."