



Attend Luncheon Meeting

Members of the Auxiliary of the Oakland County Branch of the Michigan Children's Aid Society attended a luncheon meeting Friday at Devon Gables. Among Birmingham-Bloomfield representatives were Mrs. J. B. Nicolls, Jr. (from left), Mrs. J. W. Mull, Mrs. Roy Leitch, Jr., and Mrs. Nicholas Martin, Jr. Purposes of the Auxiliary as it goes into its second year are to establish a public relations program, fund raising and recruitment of volunteers.

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couple goes with them to a dance or a party. Mr. Echemers asked members of the panel to give their opinion of boy-girl parties for fifth and sixth grade students. They responded with vigor. John Ward said "Fire, if chaperoned. Be sure to create the proper atmosphere, let them know you're there."

SANDY MILLER disagreed. "Fifth and sixth grade is too early for boy-girl parties." Toni Fitch said, "OK, if it's a group - not dates. These boys and girls have known each other all through school."

"I went to dancing class when I was in the fifth grade, and at the end of the year we had a big dance, corsages and everything, and I don't think it's right to spend parents' money this way," advised Steve Green.

Sue Black said she believes dance classes give you poise and make you feel more at ease in a dancing atmosphere. "I think dancing is good. It's awfully, awfully important to know how to dance," exclaimed Greg Akin. "Boy-girl parties are OK if supervised."

PAM TULLER's lament was, "If you start parties in fifth and sixth grades, what do you have to look forward to in high school? By the time you're a senior, you're sick of parties."

Other questions concerning self-discipline, assisting parents, fads, pressures and study habits were also discussed. In summing up, Mr. Echemers made the suggestion that you cannot say the parents are pressuring the teen-agers, or that the community is pressuring them, but that they pressuring themselves.

Observed Mrs. Sharrard, "We have resolved none of the questions, but perhaps we've given you something to think about."

DR. JOHN B. SMITH, superintendent of schools, will be the speaker at Torry PTA Tuesday, March 17, at 8 p.m. Subject of his speech is to be "Educational Challenges."

Mrs. Jesse E. Murray, chairman of the nominating committee, will present the following officers up for election to next year's board: President, Lewis R. Robbins; father vice-president, Jack V. Walker; mother vice-president, Mrs. Robt. L. Senglaub; teacher vice-president, Miss Linda Zacharias; recording secretary, Mrs. Robert E. Yan Deven; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alex Nicholas and treasurer, Louis M. Randall, Jr.

A group of eleven and twelve-year-old children collected several bags of groceries from neighbors.

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Boys' Oratory Contest Sets First Stage

Some well-spoken 15-year-old boy from Birmingham may be the winner of the Optimist International Boys oratory contest to be finalized at Denver, Colo., in June of this year.

The contest is open to all boys who are still 15 years of age during all of 1964, willing to prepare a five-minute speech on the subject "Optimism—Formula for Freedom" and speak before the Optimist Club breakfast on April 21 at Greenfield's Restaurant.

THE WINNERS, as judged by prominent Birmingham citizens will then compete again April 22 with the same or similar speech in the district contest in Pontiac with other area boys.

That winner will again compete the latter part of May at the regional contest of winners from the Great Lakes area in Lansing in May. The final contest will be presented at the Optimist International convention in Denver in June, 1964. All expenses will be paid for the boy oratorical winner to attend the fall convention. Runners-up will receive a \$500 scholarship to the college of his choice and the winner will be awarded a \$1000 scholarship.

Entry blanks are available at The Birmingham Eccentric office and applications must be in by March 26.

Resident Gives College Grant

Spring Arbor (Mich.) College's multi-million dollar expansion program received another significant boost with the announcement that Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. White of 4800 Avondale, Birmingham, have made a major grant to the college for the construction of a new residence hall.

The 52-student unit on which construction will begin this spring, will be a companion to the \$127,000 Alpha House constructed last year. Both units will fit into a four-wing residence hall complex which will contain rooms for 275 women, a large reception lounge, and a resident advisor's apartment.

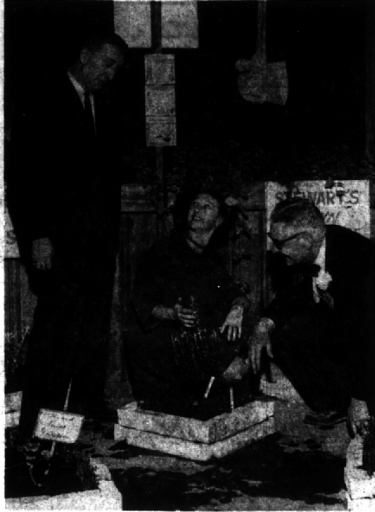
THE NEW HALL will be ready for occupancy this fall and will permit expansion of the enrollment of Spring Arbor College to 450 students for 1964-65. It is part of the institution's long-range development program which is planned to support an enrollment of 800 by 1970.

Donor Hugh A. White has been a member of the Spring Arbor board of trustees for thirty years and is currently chairman of the board.

Commissioned Lt. After Graduation

Thomas H. Leupen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Leupen of 17231 Beechwood, Birmingham, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force upon graduation from officer training school here.

Lt. Leupen was selected for the training course through competitive examinations with other college graduates. The lieutenant, a graduate of Birmingham High School, received his B.A. degree from Hope College at Holland.



A-Blooming Success

Practical lessons in home gardening is what several Birmingham florists offered to visitors at the recent Flower and Garden Show at the State Fair Coliseum. R. E. Bany (left), 190 Willis, and Stewart Schultz, of Mabel's Herb and Garden Shop, Walled Lake Road, were among several local nurserymen who donned overalls to demonstrate that what Detroit needed wasn't just flowers shipped in pots from the South, but lessons in how to get local gardens abloom this spring. Martha V. Hurd, 1021 Donmar Court, looks on.

Armed Forces Start Search for Queen

Roland A. Mewhort, general chairman of the Metropolitan Detroit Armed Forces Week Committee, has announced that a wide open competition would be conducted this year to select Miss Armed Forces Week, who will reign over the May 9-17 period in which Detroit will salute the Armed Forces.

Mewhort, 1083 Chesterfield, Birmingham, president of Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit, said that a committee headed by William J. Athanson has been given the responsibility for conducting the competition.

Candidates must be 21 years old or older, single and never married. To enter, they must mail a photograph and personal history statement to: Chairman, Armed Forces Week Queen Committee, Post Office Box 464, Detroit 32, Mich. Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight, Tuesday, March 31.

The oldest known town in the world is the village of M'lefaat, in northeastern Iraq. Dug out by archaeologists in 1955, it is believed to have been built some seven thousand years ago.

Slate Psychologist At Educational Secretaries Parley

The regular spring meeting of the Oakland Association of Educational Secretaries will take place on March 17, at the Clarencville High School in Livonia, at 6:45 p.m.

Speaker for this dinner meeting will be Roger J. Callahan, Ph.D., of Southfield, Dr. Callahan, whose hobby is flying, is in full-time private practice of psychotherapy and marriage and family counseling.

Dr. Callahan has published a number of articles on anxiety in children, psychotherapy with children, and the use of tranquilizers with disturbed and retarded children. His topic: "How to Keep Birds from Building Nests in Your Hair."

New officers of the Oakland County Association for the school year will be installed at this meeting.

In San Francisco

Jeffrey W. Ruppert, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mrs. Wanda E. Ruppert of 6665 Lahser Road, Birmingham, visited San Francisco aboard the heavy cruiser USS Saint Paul, which operates out of San Diego, Calif.

Groves Hosts Math Confab

Mathematics could be less of a homework headache for children and parents if geometry were introduced in kindergarten and taught all the way through school as an integral part of the mathematics program.

This is the premise of a special conference on geometry set for Friday, March 20 at Groves High School.

Dr. David Walls, director of mathematics education for Oakland School, explained that five-year-old children begin to know about lines, planes and space and they have worked out some ideas about their relationship.

Geometry can begin by giving the children a vocabulary to handle their ideas, the same vocabulary that has been reserved to high school geometry courses. Geometric relationships can be used all the way through elementary school, he said, to help children clarify their thinking in other areas of mathematics.

THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER, Dr. Walter Prenowitz, Brooklyn College, N. Y., will outline current trends in teaching geometry in kindergarten through Grade 12.

Sectional meetings will feature Dr. Joseph Payne, University of Michigan, speaking to elementary teachers and principals. Dr. Prenowitz to junior high school teachers, and Dr. Eugene Smith, Wayne State University to senior high school mathematics teachers.

Peter Drees, teacher at Adams School, is a member of the conference planning committee.

The average American today is 29 1/2 years old. In 1920, the average age was only 25 years old.

Fellowship Winners Led by Cranbrook

Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills has produced six Woodrow Wilson fellowship winners in the past six years, followed by Birmingham's Seaholm High School which lists three graduates with the award.

From Cranbrook are Richard T. Booth, class of '58; Howard L. Nack, '61; Charles R. Perry, '60; Malcolm Barry Estes Smith, '61; Irving T. Stone, '60; and Richard J. Wood, '59. Seaholm High School, which lists three graduates with the award, is the sole winner from Kingwood School.

Seaholm's winners include James Fraser Cocks III, class of '63; Robert Carroll Gallorath, '60; and Laura Ann Symke, '63.

Stock 5 Shelters

Stocked air raid shelters in Oakland County showed a 25 per cent increase as five shelters in Birmingham and Bloomfield Township were recently filled with supplies.

Shelters from this area included Art Club Academy, Russell Hardware, Central Junior High School, Adams School, and the Tam-O-Shanter Country Club.

Speakers' Bureau Continues Plans

The Oakland County Bar Association will continue its Speakers' Bureau which has provided local organizations with qualified speakers on various legal subjects during the past year.

Topics include "Planning to buy, sell, or give away property," "You and your taxes," "Your freedom under law," "What happens to your property when you die," "Domestic relations," and "Negligence liability."

Interested groups may contact the assistant secretary to the Bar Association, Mrs. Georgia O'Rourke, two weeks prior to the date of the talk.

Children's Hospital Drive Leader Named

Clarence Hatch Jr., 3405 Broadway Blvd., Birmingham, will lead the north area drive for the Children's Hospital building fund.

A goal of \$4 million is being sought for construction of the new hospital in Detroit.

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