Clubs Spell Out Way Of Life

**By MART ELLEN MEAD  Staff Writer**

During one of her frequent visits to Detroit a number of years ago, Mrs. Ring Lardner, widely traveled wife of the famous writer, commented she had never been in a town that was more club conscious. She dwelt on the social activity transpired within the plush walls of those escrows dedicated to exclusive membership.

As Bloomfield-Bloomingdale grew much the same pattern was established, although suburban living prompted an informal concept as opposed to the nucleus splendor of our neighbor city.

**GRANDDADDY OF THEM ALL**

Bloomfield Hills Country Club, was chartered in 1909, founding fathers including such names as W. T. Barbour, H. A. Hawkins, Howard A. Lovejoy and Earl W. Jones, who selected the site of the course and assumed the preliminary work of organization.

Through the years it has maintained a reputation for being the top golf course in the area, having hosted countless national and international tournaments. This year the Club will again be a host to top golfers from around the world.

A popular annual event is the annual Golf Tournament, which has been held for several years. The tournament is open to the public and attracts golfers from all over the region.

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**ST. JAMES TOWN HALL**

From Afternoon Teas To Show 'Biz'

**By LAURENA FRINGE  Special Writer**

Ten years ago, the members of 'St. James Town Hall' at the Episcopal Church, swore off eating and drink in their efforts to raise money.

For the lifetime of the organization, its 'Doll Tea' had been the main source of funds for its projects. The tea had been a favorite: the dollars had been plentiful, and it was elegantly executed. But, show business is a fickle game and Bloomfield Hills needed a Town Hall to be built. The two groups joined forces to raise the money.

If nothing else, the ladies of St. Anselm's had brought the ladies to the town hall, which was once the site of a collapse.

MRS. T. NOVILIE HUBBARD and Mrs. George Cary, who tried to book Griffin's first play, are planning a five-date series starting Oct. 22, 1954, with nothing less than the largest of a collapse.

The girls were grinned at by the residents of Mrs. E. O. Peabody, at the meeting in which the Town Hall project was introduced and voted into existence: "The most famous project in the world," said the Misses. "The guests would come to little Bloomfield, they would see our homes, our Club, our church, and we would have something to offer the guests.

It ended with Cornelia Otis Skinner not only showing up to open Town Hall on Oct. 22, 1954, but being the first of a long line of celebrities to address the first meeting.

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**BERMINGHAM ATHLETIC CLUB Coming of Age**

For boating, a pool for swimming and courts for tennis. Membership now totals 286.

GOLF AGAIN, is of major interest at Pine Lake Country Club but, as at Orchard Lake, plenty of activities have been provided for everyone.

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**THE SPirit of that hospitality hasn't changed.**

Bermingham Town Hall speakers are the best cared-for in the world. They are chauffeured, fed, entertained (if they care to be), accommodated in the finest style, even doctored if necessary. Comedians, strolling musicians and even impecunious backgammon players can be served up a storm and a healthy smile during his evening's performance. And the performers have not been ungrateful. Jazz-playing Pops, Choral, lighthouse committees, for the committee which made the girls the envy of their contemporaries and all the jazz-lovers of Bermingham.

**TIME MAGAZINE gave Bermingham credit for starting the 15 or 20 Town Hall series now in existence around the state —with the exception of Detroit. The Guild members are not quite sure of that, but they are sure they are the largest and have the heaviest star-bearing attendance.**

Suburban's uniform of sweater and skirt and flats is taken at Town Hall. Everyone appears in Sunday best, and no one misses the luncheon that always follows the lecture.

"We are proud," Mrs. Pearson says, "of our own-minded audience. All come to hear the most influential speakers and subjects to learn, not to dispute. In 10 years there have been practically no complaints or censure."

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All this time, Mrs. Paul B. Reed, Mrs. John D. Durand, Mrs. Arthur P. Chasteller, Mrs. Norman James, Mrs. Clyde J. Hagelman and Mrs. F. E. Kriebel have lent their talents to make each setting different and individual to the speaker of the day, his topic or background. They have had bits of practice since October, 1954, when they needed among other effects a pull and mop and a whiskey case (empty).

Mrs. Janes S. Moon was first president of the Town Hall series, Mrs. George Cary, second, and Mrs. Donald Bay, fourth. Each team was for two years.

Not Hungry, Thanks

In 1879 James Pollock of Gilbert Lake and Ed Adams of Bloomfield deposited 40,000 young white fish in Gilbert Lake. J. Allen Bigelow and James O. Beakley put 60,000 of the same species in Wing Lake and 60,000 in Walnut Lake. These fish were from the Michigan State Commission.