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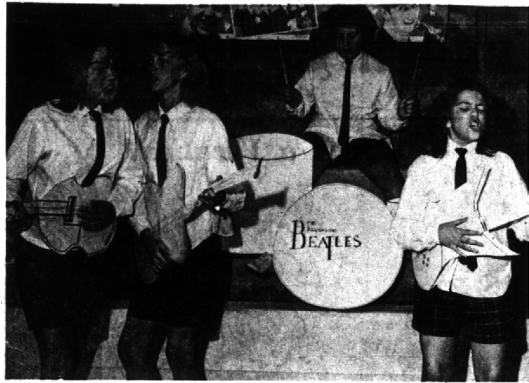
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Beatlemania in Birmingham!

The Beatles have come to Birmingham! Neighbors in the Adams-Maple area might have thought so recently when a group of teen-age girls got together and formed a pantomime group which entertains at local outings. Our own "Beatles" are (from left) Sue Naud, originator of the group who per-

sonifies Paul McCartney; Candy Voelker (George Harrison); Meymo Sturges (John Lennon); and Nancy Sivy (Ringo Starr). The girls, all 13, recently were involved in a "record crash" with Mrs. Joseph Naud, 1346 Hazel, who gave a "Rolling Stone" party.

Encouragement, Help Given Hundreds by Family Service

The use of Torch Drive supported Family Service agencies to straighten out family tensions and head off disaster is rapidly gaining acceptance. Last year, 321 Birmingham and 35 Bloomfield Hills families consulted trained social workers in these agencies.

Cases coming before Family Service workers include elderly persons who feel they have lost touch with their families, married couples

where the wife's employment or possible employment causes a strain, juvenile troublemakers, illegitimate children, mental illness, and many others. In fact, there are about as many different causes for family troubles as there are families.

Still leading all other problems brought before family service workers are marital difficulties. They were present in 56 per cent of the cases handled last year. "Personality adjustment" of adults occurred in 40 per cent. Parent-child relationships were the cause of 39 per cent of the problems.

The complexity of family problems is indicated by the fact that a combination of these causes was present in so many cases.

MARRIED COUPLES usually come to Family Service because referred to it by others because:

- They can't discuss things with each other;
- They argue over money;
- They disagree on disciplining the children;
- They are concerned about sex adjustment;
- They are considering a separation or divorce.

Problems of the aged are a minor cause of trouble in suburban families, living where population explosions consist more of the younger-married couples. They are more frequent in older-settled communities. Wherever they occur, social workers say, they are serious.

MORE FREQUENT are the families like that made up of a couple in their early 20s who had a year-old daughter. The husband noticed that his work was slipping. His supervisor noticed it, too, and called him in for a talk.

"Alice wants to go to work," the young man said. "I think she should stay home with Doris." The supervisor suggested he talk to Family Service.

Interviews brought out the fact that the wife's parents had died within a year while she was in college. The shock was a factor in a hurried marriage. Minor disagreements occurred. Her decision to get a job brought the problem to the surface.

Through skillful interviewing, the counselor was able to bring the problem into perspective. Both the man and wife learned what really was causing their trouble.

"WE NOW know how to talk to each other," the husband commented later.

Sometimes it is more difficult to reach youngsters whose misbehavior has caused worry and estrangement on the part of his parents. There was the mother who

said her 16-year-old son had come home roaring drunk. She was afraid he would become an alcoholic. "Mom always believes the worst about people," the boy said. "She tries to hand-pick my friends."

The counselor talked with the mother several times. She was helped to see the difference between normal teen-age behavior and the acting-out behavior which, in part at least, was the result of her efforts to keep her son under rigid controls. The counselor helped the father to assume more the role of husband and father.

A NATIONWIDE survey recently showed that one in 20 cases which come before family service workers has to do with illegitimate children.

The decision as to whether such children should be kept by the mother or given up for adoption is, in all cases, left to the mother. Once the decision is made, Family Service arranges the details.

Howard Hush, executive director of the Family Service Society of metropolitan Detroit, pointed to two recent developments which he said indicated wider general acceptance of family services by the general public.

One was the appearance in newspapers of letters expressing appreciation for work done by Family Service.

The other was the increase in fees received by the agency from \$21,439 in 1961, to \$13,267 in 1962, to \$21,149 in 1963. A fee is charged families who are able to pay. Torch Drive subsidies, however, make the service available to all who may need it.

"THE INCREASE in fees received shows that not only is family service being more widely accepted but it is considered a worthwhile service by people who are interested in preserving their families and preventing more serious difficulties," Hush said.

Family service agencies in this area are Family Service of Oakland County, 2351 W. 12-Mile Road, Berkley; and Oakland County Catholic Social Services at 53 Franklin Blvd., Pontiac.

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B'ham Pair Steer Plans For Conclave

John J. Raymond, 1011 Trowbridge Rd., and Mrs. James J. Byrnes, 4485 Chisholm Trail, head the arrangements for the first International Retreat convention in the Detroit-Windsor area, July 29 to Aug. 2.

The convention will be addressed by clergy and laymen from United States, Canada and England. Local retreat houses, including the Manresa Jesuit, will house the delegates expected to number 2,000.

Workshops will be held at the Stadler-Hilton and Sheraton-Cadillac Hotels as well as at the University of Windsor, placing special emphasis on retreats for alcoholics and for youths.

Technicians Needed For Computer Jobs

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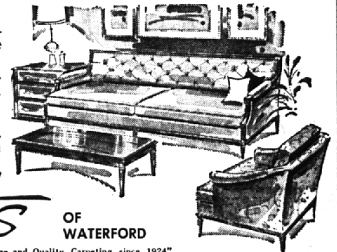
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