

Fashions and tea attract 2,500 to Provident Guild

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The ladies of the Provident Hospital Guild sold 2,500 tickets for their tea on Sunday.

And if any of the purchasers stayed home it wasn't evident at Douglass High School where the annual affair was held. Even the balcony of the auditorium, where Pauline Brooks and Nell Sheridan presented an array of fashions, was filled.

Petit and tireless Marion L. Jones, who was chairman of the affair, was more than happy when the tea was over . . . and passing along a lion's share of the credit for its success to her co-chairman, Mrs. Vernice Vankin-Scott. "My co-chairman was really on the ball," she kept saying.

"I'm going to talk to the committee. We'll just have to have a larger place for the tea. Those beautiful tables . . . all crowded together," she added.

And beautiful the tables were. The most beautiful flowers that could be gathered. The most magnificent silver, crystal and linen from town matrons' collections. And of course the tableholders' know-how in arrangement.

The Guild provided the delicious, cakes and punch . . . but the hostesses provided the fancy sandwiches, nuts, minis, etc. to their own satisfaction.

And the Rivers Chambers Orchestra, clustered near the

central flowing fountain which decorated the auditorium, provided the musical background throughout the evening.

The tables were presided over by the following:

Miss Jones and Mrs. Ruth Brown, who hosted jointly, the Missionary Society of Leadenhall Baptist Church, Mrs. Gertrude Douglass, Mrs. Ruth Tibbs, who was at the table held by Provident Hospital;

Mrs. Eliza Brown, Mrs. Beulah Ellison, Mrs. Bernice Downing, the Just Twelve Club, Mrs. Madie Mitchell, Mrs. Virginia Champ and Mrs. Roxie Brooks, who were joint hostesses.

The Volunteers of Provident Hospital, Mrs. Curran Seals, the Cogans Social Club, Mrs. Trilla Jefferson, Mrs. Daisie Smith, Mrs. Amanda Lowman, Mrs. Mary Jackson;

The Henryton Nuns, the Big Sisters and Mrs. Hattie Clements and Mrs. Ruth Baker Murray, also joint hostesses.

The tea, as you know by now, actually draws more women than any one affair held in the city. This year it also had its quota of men, including the Rev. Thomas B. Davis of Leadenhall Church, who seemingly had more fun than any ten other guests. Also about

was a contingent from Washington, members of the Freedmen's Hospital Auxiliary, who came along with their president, Mrs. Laura Shelton. Here from Philadelphia were John L. Procope, formerly of Provident and now of Mercy-

Douglass Hospital, and Mrs. Procope.

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THE STORK CLUB, that local group of mothers organized over 17 years ago, bypassed their usual open meetings for parents, and concentrated their efforts this year on programs for their children.

Highlighting the youths' many indoor and outdoor social activities were two very serious meetings on Sunday afternoon based on questions teen-agers ask.

At the Urban League, leading a discussion by the Senior Teens and their friends, was Dr. Edie Ellis, pediatrician and staff physician at Provident Hospital. The Junior Teens, after viewing the film "Human Growth," had the expert leadership of Mrs. Carrie Nichols, public school nurse, for the discussion of their questions.

The Senior Teen-agers present were Stephanie LaForest, Roy and Furman Templeton, Oris Walker, Michael Brown, Dale Covington, Rosalie Turpin and Veronica Hackett.

Their guests, also taking part in the lively discussion included:

William Pullen, Patricia Roberts, Jean Harris, David Gaulman, Barbara Strickland, Gloria Forte, Larry Tucker, Freeman Gault;

Nina Adams, Jacquelyn Finley, Calvin Freeland, Patricia Smith, Joseph and Linda Lee, Carolyn Dotson, Catherine Jordan, Linda Sobczak, Virginia Wagner;

Askew Sanders, James Lassiter, Eugene Byrd, Charles Swan, Juanita Arvin and Anita Turks.

Senior teen advisors were Mesdames Irene Templeton and Charlotte Hackett.

The Junior Teens, advised by Mesdames Mary Oliver and Llewellyn Walker, were represented by Reginald Daniels, Patricia Greene, John and Marilyn Oliver, Barbara Prestwidge, Lance Walker and Kenneth and Jacquelyn Bass.

Their guests, showing keen interest in finding out what happens at various stages of human growth, were Tanya Bundara, James Gilliam, Paul Scott and Charlene Cephas. Assisting were Dr. Furman Templeton Sr., Mrs. Gladys Prestwidge, and the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Daniels, in whose home the film was shown.

Mrs. Catherine Greene, ending her second year as president of the group, attended both meetings.

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AN EXCITING evening in Hawaii (cocktail party) was given by the Croles last Sunday at the Famous Ballroom on Charles Street. There was a host of guests present, many of whom were from out of town.

The ballroom was beautifully decorated with palms and the huau (feast table) was heavily laden with a huge succulent pig roasted to a luscious, golden brown (papier mache compliments of George Austin) surrounded with tropical fruits and beautiful flowers.

During intervals throughout the evening, LeRoy Taylor and his boy of lovely young Hawaiian dancers entertained in true South Sea Island fashion. The chorines (under the direction of Cynthia Cannaday) were: Maxine Brown, Sylvia Brooks, Maxine Brooks, Joyce Saunders.

The gals wore sarongs and grass skirts and the fellows donned beachcomber pants and colorful shirts. Each guest was presented with a lei. The hostesses also wore sarongs and the other halves wore shirts made from the same cloth as the sarongs and each of them wore flowered leis. There was an abundance of delectables served and the guests danced to the tropical strains of Gil Monroe.

Incidentally, did you know that flowers worn in the hair has a special significance? If a flower is worn over the right ear the lady hasn't been spoken for, over the left ear she has been spoken for and on top of the head she has been spoken for but is still looking.