

Barrington Hills Group Reconstruct Toys for Ass'n.

BARRINGTON HILLS—Mr. and Mrs. Hyde Gillette and friends have been busy engaged for the past several weeks repairing old toys which will be given to the Visiting Nurse's association for distribution. They have enjoyed excellent success in reconstructing the old toys and making new dresses for dolls, it was reported.

Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes of St. Paul, Minn., are the parents of a son born recently. Mrs. Forbes' mother, Mrs. Robert Buckley, who has been visiting her daughter, returned Monday.

To Form Welfare Group

Mrs. Egbert Spencer is entertaining at tea Wednesday, December 15. She is planning to organize an Infant Welfare group of Barrington. It was learned.

Personals

Mrs. Robert Work entertained at luncheon Monday for the board of the Garden club of Barrington. Also on Monday, Mrs. William Renshaw was hostess to the Junior Garden club.

The Christmas party for the St. James Sunday school was held at the Robert Buckley home Saturday under the sponsorship of Mrs. Samuel Rowe.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Poole are entertaining Mrs. Poole's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rehchets of Erie, Pa., over the holidays.

Dol and Mrs. John Roberts are planning to leave for California December 17.

The Visiting Nurse's association held its last meeting of the year Monday. The next meeting will be on the second Monday of January, Jan. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. J. De Koven Bowen had John Adair of Chicago as their house guest over the week-end.

Mrs. William Renshaw entertained at bridge and tea Friday.

Mrs. E. B. Ryan is entertaining at luncheon Wednesday.

Many members of the younger set are expected home during the week-end for the Christmas holiday season. Joan Hilton and Mary Claire Van Hagen return Friday from Kemper Hall in Kenosha, Wis. Kitty and Evelyn Lawrence arrive Saturday from Warrenville Country school in Virginia to spend their vacation with their mother, Mrs. S. D. Rowe. Also from Virginia comes Betty Cheney and Priscilla White who attend Sweet Briar college. They are stopping in Hamilton, O., to visit a friend and will be met by Jean White Saturday and are to attend a charity ball that night. Other college students returning are Sally Cheney from the University of Indiana and William Hixon and Edwin Salp, Jr. from Princeton.

Invented Gyroscope
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By JOSEPHINE PHILLIPS

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"Oh my, yes!" laughed her neighbor. "But not because they can furnish like playrooms for their children."

"Your grapes!" chided Mrs. Adams.

"No, seriously. While these complete outfits of little chairs and things are delightful, they are often overdone, and I think they're of doubtful value."

"But why?"

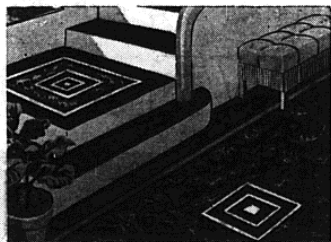
"They don't leave a child enough to aspire to. They don't help him to grow. If his books and toys and everything he wants can be found on a low shelf, he may never learn to hunt around for something to stand on, and his reaching and climbing muscles

won't get any exercise. To a certain extent I suppose it is nice for a youngster to have and use his own property, his own side, even up to having a whole roomful of it, but personally I feel there is considerable of social training and educational opportunity in our big best living-room chair that Bobby has learned to scramble out of and offer to Grandpa the moment he comes home from work."

"After all, one doesn't want to isolate a child or children off to one side as though they were chickens. It's quite well and proper to have secluded chicken accommodations, furnished complete with chicken furniture—drinking-fountains and mash-boxes that are just the right size and shape. But chickens aren't like children. They haven't the imaginations and aspirations that children have, nor do they have, probably, a future of delicate social adjustments ahead of them."

"Chicken-houses for chickens, then, while for children—to my mind—there's nothing quite like a good old-fashioned big kitchen to be brought up in. Lacking that,

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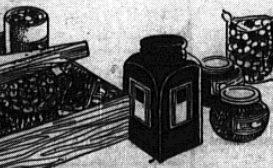
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Suburban Building Effected Little By Business Recession

Neither the business slump nor the seasonal falling off had any great effect on the amount of the permits for building issued in November in the Chicago suburban region. Sixty-four communities reported a total of \$2,985,546 to the Greenbaum Investment Company, which makes a monthly survey of the area. This compares with \$2,239,932 for October, 1937, and \$3,006,949 for November of last year, a total which was greatly enlarged by the inclusion of a \$750,000 addition to the diesel engine plant at McCook. As almost no industrial construction is found in the latest reports to offset this extraordinary item, it is apparent that suburban building in general is well ahead of last year.

This fact is borne out by a com-

parison of the month by month figures of 1937 with those of 1936. Even if December shows a heavy falling off, as of course it may, the total amount of suburban building this year should exceed that of last year by over \$8,000,000. The figures follow:

Jan.	1,837,193	1,837,193
Feb.	1,889,062	513,290
March	2,666,255	2,722,621
April	4,424,193	3,109,248
May	3,592,954	2,291,591
June	3,356,452	2,397,138
July	2,486,729	3,380,963
Aug.	4,102,379	2,918,113
Sept.	2,452,534	2,455,411
Oct.	2,239,932	2,301,635
Nov.	2,985,546	3,006,949

Total \$23,734,106 \$24,374,774

It may be noted that suburban building thus far this year exceeds last year's total by \$8,759,000, or more than 35 per cent. Another interesting comparison is that of suburban building with New building in the city of Chicago where the total for the eleven months is \$27,920,268. The Chicago suburban region exceeds this by \$6,813,538. In November the suburbs had almost twice as much building as the city, the suburban figure being as already noted, \$2,985,546 and

the city,	\$1,566,160.
November	1,927
Barrington	18,600
Cleora	25,140
Crystal Lake	16,500
Des Plaines	9,216
Elgin	56,290
Evansville	851,500
Highland Park	48,870
La Grange	16,800
Lake Forest	52,445
Libertyville	400
Maywood	15,700
Mt. Prospect	43,000
Niles Center	17,500
Oak Park	200,200
St. Charles	17,300
Waukegan	48,000

1927	12,750
12,750	14,850
8,320	5,680
34,436	72,150
305,321	29,300
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