

# British Conservatives get a taste of suburban life

By KATIE KERWIN

Through a friend of a friend of a friend, a group of British Conservative Party members found lodgings with Troy families for the Republican National Convention.

Thanks to a little transatlantic arranging, the Troy Republican Club is sponsoring 22 members of Parliament, representatives to the European Common Market, British city officials and party leaders. The group includes five women Conservatives.

Betty Heltman, president of the National Federation of Republican Women, invited the English group last year when she was a guest at their annual conservative conference in London. The Conservatives get passes for most of the convention doings, — but no hotel rooms.

So Mrs. Heltman called June Beamer, a friend from the days when they had worked in Louisiana politics together. Mrs. Beamer, now a board member of the Troy Republican Club, rounded up friends and neighbors from the Troy and Birmingham-Bloomfield area, to host the foreign visitors.

THE LOCAL FAMILIES are introducing them to a hearty slice of Detroit summer life — backyard barbecues, picnics, Bob-Lo boat rides, auto factory

tours and Greenfield Village — as well as the presidential nominating convention that drew them here.

Scott and Ann Nagel are squeezing their family a little tighter to make room for a London city councillor. The Nagels, with seven children plus dog, have taken in foreign visitors and exchange students before. The family was eager make room for a convention visitor, Mrs. Nagel said.

"That's the spirit of the thing," she said. "I'm kind of excited. We're not getting our traditional Englishman," she said, explaining they are hosting a London councillor of East Indian descent. Her husband has taken time off work for the week their guest will be here.

"That way, if we have time with him, we can take him around Detroit to (see) a lot of neat things," Mrs. Nagel said. The hosts would like to arrange a neighborhood get-together and other activities for their visitor, but they're not sure how much free time he'll have, she said.

Caroline and Fred Roscher planned a small picnic to welcome their guest, a Conservative party official. They went to Metropolitan Airport Saturday afternoon with the rest of the local hosts. Then Roschers got together with several other British guests and host couples for the informal supper.

"We want to make him feel at home and be comfortable," she said. "We hope it will be worthwhile for us, too. We hope he'll enjoy being in our home."

Besides giving the Englishman a chance to watch U.S. politics in action, the visit will give him a taste of American home life, Mrs. Roscher said, "to let him see how we live over here."

FOR RICHARD AND Mary Murray, "it brings back a little bit of England," Mrs. Murray said. "We lived in England for 16 years. We've just been back for a year and a half."

The Troy couple will be looking at the convention through strangers' eyes, too, she said, after the long stint for Chrysler Corp. overseas.

"This is all new to us," Mrs. Murray said. "I haven't seen a convention in 20 years. We're going to learn, too, as well as our visitor."

## Gov. Warner remembered

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and he was bound and determined to set things straight.

He did just that.

Under his administration, and with his backing, Warner fought the railroad interests. A railroad commission was established which set rates and schedules which previously had been determined by back room deals between politicians and railroad executives with money passing under the table.

They've opened their home to a British member of Parliament. Mrs. Murray said they haven't planned specific activities yet.

"We're going to kind of leave it up in the air. I know he's going to be busy — the Republicans have a lot of things planned."

The Conservatives have a lively interest in the Republican politicking, she said.

"I think they'll be more interested in the workings of it, than the whole show that goes with it."

BUT IF THEY have the urge to sightsee or be entertained, there will be plenty of activities available, said Joyce Rosenthal of the Troy Republican Club.

Trips to Greenfield Village, the Henry Ford Museum, shopping at Somerset and Oakland malls and jaunts to Wind-

Warner also was a staunch supporter for a more active role for women in political life. And while women didn't receive nation-wide voting rights until 1920, Warner pushed through the 1908 Michigan Constitutional Convention an article allowing limited voting rights for women.

Unscrupulous lobbyist also were victim to Warner's Progressive wrath. Legislation was passed which fined lobbyists a harsh \$1,000 a day for neglecting to register. Under the law, lobbyists also would be fined \$1,000 a day for failing to file an itemized expense account.

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his and I like the scenery. I like the weather. I know that's crazy but I think with the exception of a month in the winter and in the summer, our spring, summer and fall are beautiful," he said.

HIS ENTHUSIASM for the state leads him to condemn the striking city workers in Detroit.

"I recognize the need for a fair wage, but I don't recognize the unfair use of power, the almost immoral use of power," he said.

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