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We live in an old house, built before the days of standard construction requirements and subdivision uniformity. And in this old house, every bolt, nail, door fitting and piece of plumbing is one of a kind.

We know about the custom quality of our home through the succession of repairmen who come to do the small and large fixings needed to keep a house in running order.

To a man, they come in, look over the job that needs doing or the part that needs replacing and say:

"I sure never saw anything like that before."

Nothing in our house bears any similarity to its counterpart in the more modern homes of our acquaintances. We understand this now.

So I was not at all surprised when the gentleman who came recently to fix a leaky dishwasher told me immediately that he had never in his life seen anything like the plumbing under our sink.

This repairman, however, kept right on telling me about its strangeness for the entire hour and a half he worked.

He muttered and complained about every valve that had to be turned. He worried about breaking each pipe he touched. He was sure each move might cause a flood. And when he had completed a very efficient job of replacing the drain hose, he worried about how much his time was costing us.

He finally relaxed as I wrote a check and thanked him for his services. He even allowed that repairmen "just have to do some complaining sometimes."

We think it's nice of us to provide the house to give them that opportunity.

Area Girl Scouts Attend NMU Meet

A total of 28 senior Girl Scouts from Observerland are among those attending an Arts Workshop on the campus of Northern Michigan University, Marquette. Each of the Scouts was selected by the Metropolitan Detroit Council Scouters attending the Arts Workshop at Northern Michigan University from Redford Township are: Barbara Badels, 11336 Dixie, Linda Dietz, 13041 Levee; Barbara Guregian, 8975 Crossley; Nancy Nampa, 12890 Hemingway; Tam Petachenko, 4959 Brady; Gail Storm, 3535 Fenton; Anna Syriak, 52200 Jay; Janet Alexander, 19263 Lenore; Benita Blecker, 19499 Kinloch; Mary Jo Piechota, 18113 Denby; Frances Rice, 19910 Lennox; Amy Roemer, 19447 Kinloch; Martha Seaman, 16910 MacArthur; Judith Stock, 20162 Kinloch; Martha Barber, 16886 Avon; Tertia Koushynen, 20845 Pickford; Debbie Lewis, 9149 Lucerne; Carol Neil, 17694 Winston.

Livonia scouts include: Annette Villard, 29044 Brody; Patricia Moad, 16210 Hubbard.



BIRTHDAY BOY — Kenneth Caldwell, a visitor from inner-city Detroit, celebrated his tenth birthday during the time he spent with the Livonia family of the Rev. Thomas Estes. Here he admires the cake with Rev. Estes and Scotty, left, and Timmy.

Getting Acquainted Is Great For Everyone

"Five baby rabbits!" wrote Sally Estes of Livonia at the top of her list of inducements to get permission to bring an inner-city child to stay with her family for a couple of weeks.

There also are four lively children in the household, so the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service decided the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Estes would be an ideal one for its "Operation Get Acquainted."

And young Kenneth Caldwell, whose home is in east side Detroit, has been part of the Estes family life for nearly two weeks now.

KENNY, who celebrated his 10th birthday last week with a birthday cake Sally baked and presents from the family, has enjoyed bike-riding with the Estes boys, Scott, 8 1/2, and Timmy, 6 1/2, and the other kids along Mason Court.

He's gone along on trips to the supermarket with Sally and the boys and the family's two small girls, five-year-old Katie and Sarah, 18 months.

He's helped feed the baby rabbits with toy milk bottles, and played with the two gerbils that also live with the Estes gang.

He's attended Bible School with the family at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, where Tom Estes is an associate minister, and where the other children thought he made a fine addition to their class.

IN SHORT, he's had a chance to get to know a family with a different mode of living from his, and the Estes children and the others he has met have had an opportunity to know that a kid with a different background and skin color plays just as they do.

That's what "Operation Get Acquainted" is all about, said Mrs. Kathleen Buffon, home economist with the extension service.

She is placing youngsters, mostly from homes on the Aid to Dependent Children list, in middle class households for periods of a week or two weeks this summer. Several other families in this area are planning to have young visitors, she said, and those who would like to do so still have time to call her at 721-6550.

SALLY ESTES feels the experience has been a great one for her family.

"Kenny is just a nice guy," she said, "Although he's a little older than our boys, he adapts very well to their play and seems to be having a good time with us."

"He's polite and helpful and our children have started picking up their clothes because he does it without being told."

There have been very few evidences of hostility, she added, "and the children have asked about it and we've talked it over."

Kenny goes home this weekend, but the Estes family plans to keep in touch. "Operation Get Acquainted" chalks up a success.



FEEDING TIME — Ken helps Mrs. Sally Estes, his "mother" for two weeks, feed some of the baby rabbits that are important members of the household.

UNICEF Post Given Mrs. Fox

Mrs. Charles R. Fox, 16790 Shannor, Livonia, is the new Michigan State Representative for UNICEF.

Mrs. Fox has been coordinator of the UNICEF fund-raising program in Livonia, and also the United Nations coordinator for the Church Women United of Michigan. She is the current chairman of the social concerns commission of her church.

Her past activities include work on behalf of the March of Dimes, Red Cross, and various projects of the American Friends Service Committee.

Mrs. Fox is currently employed as head bookkeeper for Cregar's Pickwick House, a restaurant in Detroit.

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