

Workshops Scheduled At Oakland

College-bound students can ease this fall's work load at Oakland University's summer College Prep Workshops slated to begin July 7. The four-week morning programs will focus on developing study and learning skills for college success.

In all, three courses will be offered: learning, composition and note-taking skills, which are needed for superior college performance.

Learning skills will meet Monday through Thursday mornings emphasizing increased reading speed and comprehension, library research techniques, study skills, vocabulary development, effective listening and participation in group discussions.

Composition skills workshop, meeting on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, will help students develop written presentations, whether in the nature of examinations or term papers. Workshop enrollments are limited to assure time for individual student attention and counseling.

Students interested in attending this summer's workshops July 7 - 31 should contact Oakland University's Division of Continuing Education, Rochester, Michigan, 48063, Phone: 338-7211, Extension 2171.



By MARGARET MILLER
Women's Editor

Mothers who dread that what-can-I-do-now wall of summer might marvel at the project Marilyn Fisher and her husband Ron will carry out next week. They're in charge of keeping more than 200 pre-schoolers in the three-to-five age bracket busy and happy during 10 sessions of the North American Christian Convention in Cobo Hall July 8 to 11.

The project is called Kiddieland by the convention organizers, and it's a monumental one.

SOME 15,000 PERSONS are expected to attend the family-type meet, and the number of children may well exceed plans, said Mrs. Fisher, who got into her big because her husband is pastor of the Mettetal Church of Christ, a former Detroit church that relocated in Redford Township just three weeks ago.

As co-chairman for convention plans involving the pre-school set, Marilyn Fisher and

Women on the Go Playtime For 200 Kids Is Her Assignment



GETTING READY—Marilyn Fisher, who will be in charge of 200 pre-schoolers at the Church of Christ national convention next week, looks over some Bible material with daughter Nannette and son Brian. (Observer photo)

her preacher husband have made some detailed plans.

"We'll have 10 sessions," she said, "the opening one Tuesday night and then three each day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday."

"So 10 churches in the area have been asked to supply leaders and workers—one church for each session."

THE CHILDREN will be divided into groups of 35, and the groups and their leaders will rotate to several different areas for play.

To keep track of everyone, the Fishers and their assistants have evolved an ingenious animal code.

"Children this age can't read," Marilyn pointed out, "so as they register each will have a card in the shape of an animal pinned on him."

"Then the woman leading each group will wear a large card with the same animal—she's the dog mother and she can keep track of all her 35 pups that way."

EACH SESSION will begin with singing and hand games and then continue with story time before the active play begins.

"We want to do more than just keep the children while their parents and older brothers and sisters take part in convention doings," Mrs. Fisher said. "We want them to feel that they too are part of the action and that special things have been planned for them."

"That way they get a good feeling about the conventions that are a big part of our church life."

The play areas of Kiddieland will include a playground, a trike-riding arena, a spot for several playhouses, a place for art and craft work, a refreshment stand and a rest area.

The groups of 35 will move from one to the other every 20 minutes so no one gets bored.

THE CITY OF DETROIT Department of Parks and Recreation is providing the playground equipment, moving one of its playground trucks into Cobo Hall so the kids will have plenty of swings and slides.

For the riding vehicles, the Church of Christ is most grateful to the S.S. Kresge Co., "They have been marvelous," Marilyn said. "They are giving us about 20 riding vehicles and supplying a lot of other equipment, the crayons and paper."

When convention time is over, the trikes probably will be donated to a children's home. "We

really have no place to store them," Mrs. Fisher explained.

THE PLAYHOUSE area—several toddler-sized cardboard houses and a liberal supply of dress-up clothes—is expected to be another popular spot.

"Then we'll be serving soft drinks at the refreshment area every 20 minutes," Marilyn said. And the rest area should be a good place for weary young convention-goers to catch 40 winks or an afternoon nap.

Marilyn Fisher is well-equipped for her work. She's a graduate in Christian education of Cincinnati Bible Seminary, and it was at that college she met Ron.

They were married 17 years ago and have two adopted children, nine-year-old Nannette and Brian, etc. They've been with Mettetal Church for seven years. This is the second Church of Christ convention the family has attended and they hope to make it an annual experience.

THE FISHERS are hoping to move to Redford Township soon to be closer to their handsome new church building, located at 28505 West Chicago.

While Marilyn feels reasonably confident in dealing with youngsters in general, she figures she'll know a lot more about entertaining 200 at a time when convention time is over.

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Bride's Father Officiates

The bride's father officiated as Susan Kay Blackman and E. Larry Beaumont exchanged marriage vows Saturday, June 14, in the First United Methodist Church of Dover, Ohio.

The Rev. and Mrs. Allen C. Blackman of Dover are parents of the bride. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Beaumont of Farmington.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, R. David Blackman, made a four-foot-long wedding gown that featured a high bodice of heavy cotton daisy lace and an 8-inch skirt of crepe and chiffon. Appliqued daisies trimmed the train and hemline.

HER FINGERING VAIL full from a crepe and chiffon headpiece, and she carried a cascade of white daisy mums and white roses.

Serving as her sister's maid-of-honor was Mrs. Bob R. Austin of Akron. She wore a yellow crepe and chiffon gown and carried yellow and white daisies.

The bridesmaids, Cheryl Wood of Cincinnati, Ohio and Betty Hart of Louisville, wore similar gowns in light green and their flowers were green and white daisies. All three attendants had bow headpieces to match their gowns.

RICHARD WHITING of Rochester, N.Y., was best man. Guests were seated by Clayton Reese, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, and Dale Zimmer of Conklin, Mich. The bride's nephew, David Blackman, was ring bearer.

The bride's mother wore a

peach crepe and lace dress, and the mother of the bridegroom had an ensemble of lilac crepe and lace.

After a reception in the church social hall, the couple left for a northern Michigan honeymoon.

They will live in Lansing, where the bridegroom is employed in the John Bean division of F. M. C. Corp. He is a June graduate of Michigan State University, and his bride graduated from Union College, Barbourville, Ky.



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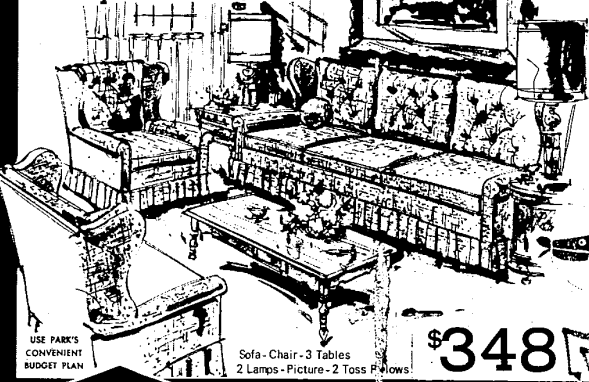
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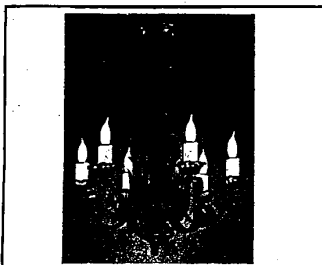
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