

Donna Plewa

Little Miss Michigan faces 42 in national competition

By LORRAINE McCLISH

The 12-year-old youngster who holds the title of "Little Miss Michigan" will go into competition for "Little Miss Nation Wide" in the final throes of recovery from a broken foot.

When asked how she broke her foot, Donna Marie Plewa laughed and answered, "Tap dancing. How else?"

It was her tap dancing know-how that accounted for the bulk of her score in capturing the state title, and a talent she expects will turn into her life-long career.

She practiced her wags, "the hardest step I know," on one leg and performed with her dance line, the La Petite Sherry-ettes, in Sherry School of Dance spring recital the day after her cast was removed.

She's back in rehearsal now "coming along pretty good," for the weekend of Aug. 12-14 when she will face 42 other young title winners in Illinois.

The Beechview Elementary School student is the eldest of three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Plewa of 3040 Lakeland Drive, Farmington Hills and has been dancing since she was two-and-a-half.

GUESTS AT THE All Sports and Variety Show saw her last spring in Harmon High School when she donned her pink satin and tasseled costume to perform her prize-winning rendition of Twelfth Street Rag.

More recently, she appeared with her dance line on the Showmobile during Farmington's Founders Festival, when students at her dance school gave several hours of entertainment.

Her Twelfth Street Rag number, which won her the state title, must be performed for the national competition. The problem is that the choreography contains eight wings and so far, Donna is only "up to four."

She feels it was a wasted summer "just laying and sitting around," though some diversion came with teaching her sister Darlene some advanced steps so Darlene could take Donna's spot in a few summer performances.

She caught on real quick, even wore my costume," Donna said of her little sister. Darlene was also on the showmobile in Farmington Downtown Shopping Center last week dancing with the Petite Sherry-ettes but thanks her talents lean toward gymnastics.

ALONG WITH DONNA'S crown, a bouquet of roses, a trophy, a banner and the title she won an all expense paid trip for the competition in Bowlingbrook, Ill.

But the entire family will be making the trek to cheer her on.

"Only the baby four month old Danae will have to stay at home," she said. Her mother has designed and made her costume and arranged her long dark hair into a topknot bun to accommodate a 1929 hair band with large curly leather. Her father acts as her "record man," she says.

"If I lose I'm not going to cry about it," she says. "This will be a new experience and I like the competition."



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Center classes cure for summer doldrums

If summer days are beginning to drag a little at your house, the Farmington Community Center suggests investigation of some special August classes geared to give young people a whole new area of interest and keep them busy practicing the skills they will be learning in class.

Choreography and pantomime classes for both children and adults are set to start the week of Aug. 9. Each class stimulates a quantity of home activity, as children practice their tricks, experiment with make-up, put together costumes and work on techniques.

"My granddaughter and her friends who took the clowning class spent hours mastering the rope trick, Ricky the Clown taught them," said Alberta Taylor, executive director of the center.

"I couldn't believe an 18 inch length of

clothesline could be so fascinating. Then they spent more hours collecting the props and practicing new tricks and acts." Clothing classes start Aug. 10 for youngsters and the young at heart. "We find they blend beautifully in this class," Mrs. Taylor said.

THE ART OF pantomime with Rachel Derabry also begins on Aug. 10, with classes set at 4 p.m. for youngsters, and 7 p.m. for adults and young adults. Ms. Derabry is a member of the Michigan Mime group, founded by Tom Aton of Oakland University.

The Art of Magic, with Jim McMichael, a professional magician, begins Aug. 9 at 9:30 a.m. A special class for adults in close-up magic begins at 7:30 p.m.

All of the young people's classes meet

twice a week so that there is time before school to acquire the necessary basic skills.

The last session of horsemanship riding at Rochester Hills begins Aug. 9 for a two week period.

Youngsters six through high school travel by bus from the center for a day of rid-

ing, learning horse care, swimming and crafts.

Children are divided into groups by age and riding ability. There will be other children, from Birmingham and Grosse Pointe, in camp at the same time. Teenagers form their own group.

All registrations must be made through the center in person, or by calling 477-8464.

Lone Pine nursery enrolling children for fall classes

Lone Pine Co-Op Nursery at Woodward and Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills is ac-

cepting fall enrollment applications for the 1976-77 school term. Three classes are offered—separate morning sessions for three year olds and four year olds, and a combined afternoon session.

The teacher is assisted by three coop members at each session.

A housekeeping corner, climbing apparatus, carpentry workbench, easels and other art materials, planned cooking projects, educational toys, a science table and library section are offered.

In addition to outside playground equipment, there is a duck pond and enough acreage to permit nature walks.

For further information about the nursery and applications, call 332-5128.

Club Circuit

AMERICAN LEGION, Grover Walker Post and its auxiliary will hold a part in a stallion meeting in the American Legion Hall, 3173 Grand River on Aug. 5. The event will begin at 8 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZEN DROP-IN CENTER is open every Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Farmington Masonic Temple, Grand River and Farmington Road. Guests may bring a sack lunch if they wish. Coffee and tea are furnished.

WELCOME WAGON CLUB of Farmington will hold a morning coffee Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. in the home of Gerda Lockhart, 36172 Old Homestead in Independence Commons subdivision. The event is open to residents who have lived in Farmington or Farmington Hills for less than a year. Persons wishing to attend the coffee are asked to call Dr. French, 478-3728.

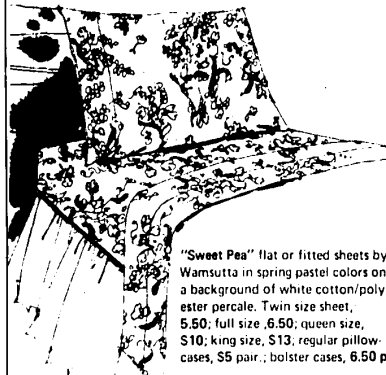
FARMINGTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB will meet Aug. 11 in Room 101-G in Farmington High School, 2200 Shawanoe Road at 7:30 p.m. All meetings of the club are open to all persons interested in amateur radio.

SISTERHOOD BETH ABRAHAM-HILL, Ill., is preparing for a three-day rummage sale, to be held Aug. 17-19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. It will be held in the arena area of the synagogue, at 5075 Maple Road, in West Bloomfield.

Heleen Fish and Mollie Blum of Southfield, and Bea Mondry, president of the sisterhood, are heading up the sale.

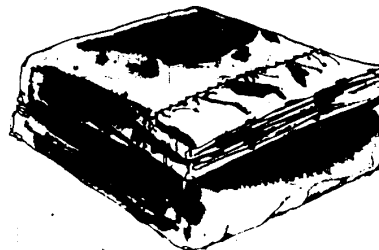
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WHITE SALE



"Sweet Pea" flat or fitted sheets by Wamsutta in spring pastel colors on a background of white cotton/polyester percale. Twin size sheet, \$5.50; full size, \$6.50; queen size, \$10; king size, \$13; regular pillowcases, \$5 pair; bolster cases, 6.50 pair.

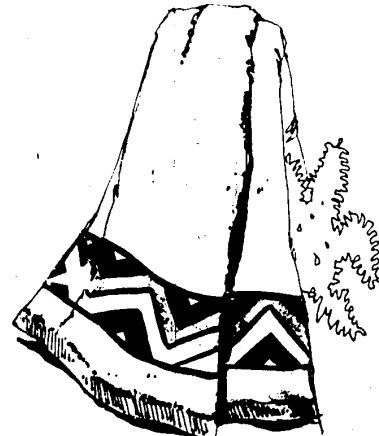
Coordinating comforter by Wamsutta in solid pink, green, blue, camel or yellow. Polyester/cotton with Dacron polyester bonded filling. Twin, \$23; full, \$30; dual, \$45.



Glendale blanket by Faribo is machine washable and dryable—and all wool with a long wearing nylon binding. White, blue, camel, terra cotta, gold, green or cocoa. Twin, \$29; full, \$34; queen, \$39; king, \$45.



Laurel thermal blanket by Faribo is soft and delicate to the touch, but wears beautifully. Of wool and acrylic with a floral-embroidered nylon binding. A perfect cover-up for summer or winter in shades of white, yellow or blue, and a perfect gift for a bride. Twin, \$19; full, \$22; queen, \$25; king, \$27.



Mirage, Super-rich towels by Avanti in blue, brown or cognac with a handsome geometric border design that stimulates ultra-suede. Made of super-thick and lustrous cotton terry on a polyester base for long wear. Big and comfortable, perfect luxuries for a man's bath. 25x50" bath towel, \$11; 16x30" hand towel, \$8; 13x13" washcloth, 3.50.

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