



A new home

Edna Dillon, a new resident of Marian Oakland West, admires the grounds of new senior center facility which opened last week.

MOVIN' IN

Seniors find a home

By CORINNE ABATT

Marian Oakland West on Ten Mile east of Middebeek opened its doors to its first crop of senior citizen residents last Friday.

The grass was green, the sun shining and the new rooms furnished and waiting to be occupied.

This 36 resident complex was built with funds from the Ryan Foundation administered by the Archdiocese of Detroit. It is a red brick colonial in design, one story with frost doors under sheltered walkways on three sides of a rectangle. The open side faces the playground of Middebeek Elementary School.

The new residents viewed the playground in the distance with warm approval, saying it will be used when grand children come to visit.

Each of the new residents was personally accompanied to the new quarters and introduced by members of the Foundation area senior citizens group.

They were in the activities room to hold out name tags and talk about interests and future plans.

New resident Frank Schafke waved his friends that he had lived in the new quarters for an audience.

Administrator Sister Rita Goscowski said she placed to call on each new resident before the day was over to become acquainted and make certain they understood what the various safety switches and buttons in the apartments were intended for.

THE APARTMENTS for couples have a small kitchenette complete with sink,

stove, cupboards and refrigerator. Those for singles have refrigerators only.

All meals are served in the main dining room. Cook Ada Simon was carefully checking the first meal to make certain it met her expectations.

As she removed the lids on Swedish meatballs in gravy, mashed potatoes and a vegetable at the steam tables, several volunteers placed bowls of tossed salad on the tables. The residents already signaled by the familiar aroma had gathered in the activities room and reception area in anticipation.

Fr. Joseph Dzwowski was on hand to greet the newcomers and renew some long-time friendships.

The cost per month for each resident \$150 covers rent for the furnished units, all utilities, services and meals.

"When I tell you that then you understand what we mean when we say we are a non-profit organization," Sr. Rita said.

She explained the Foundation specifically organized for senior housing, paid for the building and its furnishings, but Marian Oakland West will be on its own financially from now on.

THERE IS A WAITING list of close to 100 and 400 applications have been requested.

It is located on a parcel bordering the Community of St. Clare, which operates and administers the non-denominational housing. Sister Rita is aided by Lea McBeath, secretary, and activities co-chairman, Linda Giesey and Valerie Singer.

The complex which is the first phase of an intended larger unit, includes laundry rooms in each wing, several smaller meeting rooms as well as the activities lounge, an ample parking area and a beautiful view of the woods to the East.

For the 36 new residents, it was a day to remember the start of a new life.



Margaret Asbury has an armload of clothes and a bag full of books as she moves in.



Frank Schafke checks out the record selection at the Marian Oakland West home. Residents were invited in last Friday to see how they liked their new home.

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Andrea Bates, a willing volunteer, helps prepare the dinner table for the residents' first meal in their new home.



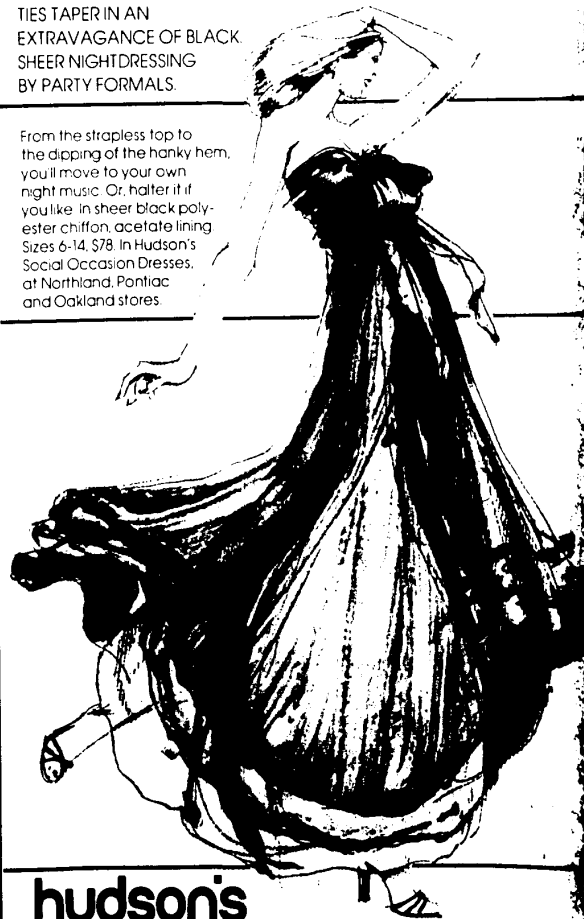
Ada Simon knows that cooking counts in making a house a home. As one of the cooks at Marian Oakland West, she takes pride in preparing the food. Here she instructs one of the aides how to serve the food.



Bee Honstain tries out the comfort of the furniture in Marian Oakland's communal living room.

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