

Girl Scout calendars go on sale Nov. 13

About 400 troops from Southern Oakland Girl Scout Council will be out in full force Nov. 13, which is opening day of the 1977 Girl Scout calendar sale.

Girls age 6-12 benefit both directly and indirectly from the sale. A portion of calendar sale profits goes directly to the girls' local troops. This helps each troop supplement their weekly dues income in order to broaden troop activities.

Last year troops received nearly \$23,000 from the sale. A smaller portion of the sales goes to the council, and indirectly benefits 12,000 girls through the training of leaders and other volunteer personnel, through developing and implementing new and challenging programs for the girls. It also supplies funds for the two camps owned, operated and used year round by county scouts.

Calendars will sell for a standard price of \$1. Adequate jutting space makes the calendar a popular one for home or office wall or desk.

THIS YEAR'S sale is being planned and directed by three volunteer co-chairwomen: Mrs. Norman Probst of Farmington, Mrs. Robert Johnson of Franklin

man of Troy, and Mrs. Thomas Powell of Farmington. Mrs. Walter Kelly of Farmington Hills are among the sale co-chairwomen who are responsible for training sale personnel, distributing calendars and maintaining sale records.



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JILL HELD



LIZ CHEYNE

60 handcrafters turn out for arts and craft sale

By LORRAINE MCCLISH

Sale tables are set up and ready to be filled with a large variety of arts and crafts, ranging from Farmington handcrafters who will be part of the second annual Arts and Crafts sale, staged by the Farmington Jayettes.

Sale date is Nov. 13 and hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Farmington High School on Shawansee.

We graduated from a junior high to a high school, said Janet Reed, spokeswoman for the Jayettes. She was referring to the success of the pre-Christmas sale in 1975 that moved the group to secure larger quarters.

The sale is strictly one of its kind in the area which provides a market for persons who create handcrafted items but have no place to display and sell them.

Participants set their own prices, arrange the items display, handle their own sales and keep all the profits.

The Jayettes handle the administration of the sale and all the publicity. They also will furnish coffee and sandwiches for sale throughout the sale hours.

MRS. REED estimated about 75 per cent of the handcrafters who will be at the sale Saturday are those who were there last year. One of the display tables last fall was manned by members of Xi Epsilon Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, and they will be back again.

Of the women who met this week who will be part of the show, one is a newcomer to the craft world and will be showing her pieces for the first time. Another said she has been at it since 1945, five years ago.

Carol Howe of 23750 Bay Tree will show her stained glass sun catchers to the public for the first time. She creates her own designs, some that can stand alone, some for hanging, and some very tiny and delicate to be used as tree ornaments.

Beadwork bracelets will remember Margaret Whitey, rag dolls from last year's show, and more recently, in "Autumn Art at Incarnation," staged by members of Incarnation Lutheran Church.

Her specialty is Raggedy Ann and Andy, but her repertoire includes just about any kind of stuffed doll known and she's perfected her art since the time she was able to sew.

Mrs. White of 2400 Creekside will show apple head dolls, up to down dolls, four face, three dolls, all color sock monkeys but for now she's sold it. Betty McCully.

JILL HELD and Liz Cheyne work together out of their homes and staged their own craft show called "Strawberry Patch" in Mrs. Held's home at 32261 Red Clover.

She specializes in wreaths, fashioned of straw or braided raffia. And she also creates delicate and detailed tree ornaments of felt.

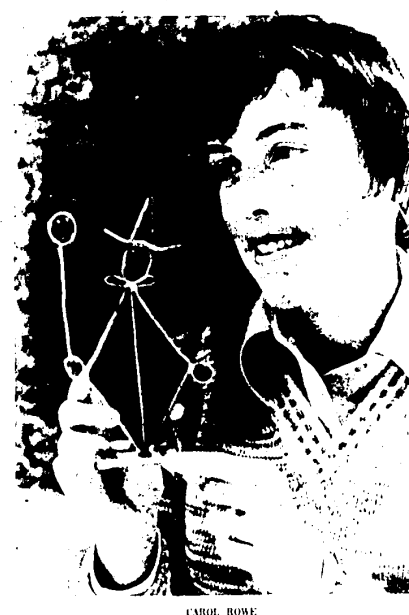
Her neighbor, Mrs. Cheyne of 32101 Red Clover, showed us a basket of patchwork and quilted, fashioned into colorful tree ornaments.

She'll also offer pillows in the shape of turtles. On that item, teenagers, she says are her best customers.

Profits from the table rental the Jayettes will realize will be earmarked for vocational scholarships and food baskets for the needy to be distributed during the holiday season. Both are standing annual Jayette community service projects.



MARGARET WHITE



CAROL ROWE

They can see clearly—need for eye care

By SHIRLEE IDEN

Some children never learn to see, since seeing is a learned process.

Dr. Herman Bennett, Southfield optometrist, explained that such disabilities are part of a whole gamut of learning disorders being investigated by educators and scientists.

After a certain amount of time passes, there is nothing you can do to correct the defect," he said.

Because Dr. Bennett and at least 25 other optometrists are concerned about discovering such problems early enough, they volunteer their time regularly at the Optometric Institute and Clinic of Detroit.

Before the institute opened in 1969, Medicare and Medicaid did not exist," he said. "But a great need for such a facility did. There was nothing like it in the inner city of Detroit."

Optometrists and other volunteers, who man the institute five days a week, do so to provide service and receive no pay. Patients pay what they can afford and sometimes third-party payers like insurance companies or Medicaid pay something.

The institute is a non-profit service agency with some lofty goals. They try to

provide all phases of optometric care to anyone who may need it. It acts as a public center of professional and scientific knowledge in optometry and the sciences related to vision and vision care and to do it with fees based on ability to pay.

DR. BENNETT, who lives in Southfield, has offices in Ann Arbor and is affiliated with offices in Troy, West Bloomfield and in Redford. He and his wife, Gerre, are parents of Steven, 25, who will soon graduate from optometry school in Boston and twin daughters, Laurie and Debra, 22.

Steven is presently at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. Dr. Bennett said, "When I was in school, we didn't experience this association with medicine. It's a good thing."

Dr. Bennett's personal dreams include someday setting up a clinic for learning disabilities which would include screening for vision problems and other defects in function which lead to the impairment of learning.

Because the institute is one of a very few places where people who cannot pay can go for visual help, they get a large number of referrals from a variety of agencies.

They include schools, hospitals, other clinics, Social Welfare Departments, Lafayette Clinic, the League for the Handicapped, VISTA, Jewish Vocational Services and Urban Indian Affairs.

Accredited by the American Optometric Association, the institute served about 7,000 patients this past year.

Many of the volunteer optometrists give as much as an entire day of each week to work at the clinic, which also offers seminars and does research.

"WE GET SOME funds from grants and a small amount from fees," Dr. Bennett said. "But an operation like ours can be very expensive. We're always struggling for existence and we need to go out to the public for fundraising."

A benefit dinner for the Institute has been planned for Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the Hyatt Regency House in Dearborn. A cocktail hour will begin at 7 p.m. followed by dinner and entertainment.

"The Optometric Optician," a professional group of five opticians, will provide some of the evening's fun. A bevy of prizes for patients will provide the excitement.

They include a 1977 Plymouth, a \$1,000

trip for two, a Zenith color television, a Panasonic color television, a CB radio and many others.

Dr. Bennett said that 50 per cent of the price of the dinner ticket is tax deductible. Ticket prices are \$100 and \$25.

This is our fifth fundraising and they do help to get the name of the institute known," Dr. Bennett said.

The institute has set up many screenings in cooperation with schools and the Department of Social Services. They work with vision devices to aid the legally blind and give specialized training to children with vision-related learning blocks.

Testing through Visually Evoked Responses (VER) is another service which requires special equipment to diagnose the visual problems of those not able to communicate through the usual means.

"Sinai Hospital is the only other facility in the area which makes this equipment available to the needy," he said.

Low vision problems refer to those people who are near-blind and cannot be corrected by normal glasses.

"We can give some victims microscopic lenses that magnify greatly for close vision," he said. "Visual appliances also

have been devised with telescopic lenses.

Dr. Steven Bates is the executive director of the institute and Dr. Philip Plank is another Southfield optometrist who was a driving force behind organizing the institute," said Dr. Bennett.

Two senior optometrists, students from Ferris State College's new optometry school serve their internships at OIC on a rotating three-month basis.

Although the doors of the institute are always open to patients who may need its services, Dr. Bennett explained the great need to not more patients but more funds.

Operating funds and bigger and better clinic facilities are urgently needed. The agency is erecting a building on Cass, near downtown. We also need help to continue our work and expand our capacity to serve.

OIC's principals are men of vision. They care that there are people of all ages who cannot see, read, learn and work as well as they could. They want to give these people access to technology that can bring new light and life into their worlds.

Anyone who would like to help, may call for dinner reservations or other information. The number is 822-0028.



DR. HERMAN BENNETT