

The lively needle

Church needle work is triumph

I feel like a proud mother hen. Much of the needlepoint I designed for our church is returning, finished and beautiful.

When one considers the hundreds of stitching hours that have gone into each piece, it's just as well as I'd have been ridden out of town on a rail.

We began this project (to work 130 pieces of needlepoint) sixteen months ago. Everyone in the church was welcome to stitch, and weekly classes were held so those who wanted to, but didn't know how, could learn.

It turned out to be a wonderful experience. The classes are fun and we can stitch and chat for two hours without feeling guilty. Old time sewing bees weren't such a bad idea.

But I must admit, when the finished pieces started coming home to mother, I began getting cold feet.

What if I'd measured wrong, chosen awful colors, or made a disastrous mistake in designing? Maybe I would have to emigrate to New South Wales,

and even that might not be far enough. ONE DAY, with fear and trembling, I gathered up the needlepoint and sneaked into church when nobody was looking. And it's OK—we don't have to move.

I knew that for sure the day I saw the rug which will lie in front of the altar.

It measures 6 feet by 2 feet and is worked on no.12 canvas with lots of basketweave.

I hadn't heard from the poor stitcher in months and was afraid to call her—the rug and I might have done her in.

Fortunately, she's alive and working like mad, and the rug is almost finished.

There's only one hitch. Neither she nor I can bear to think of anyone standing on it. But we can't imagine asking our ministers to officiate in their stocking feet. We haven't solved that problem yet.

FOR THOSE who might be contemplating a needlepoint project for



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your church or synagogue, here are some tips:

- Determine what design the needlepoint should take.
- Find an organization within the congregation to sponsor and, at least partially, offer funding.

Helen Milliken is willing BPW sub

Michigan First Lady Helen Milliken came up with an impromptu speech for the Heritage Banquet of the Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club when the scheduled speaker was unable to appear.

The governor's wife, long an outspoken proponent of the rights of women, filled in as keynote when Thelma Stovell, lieutenant governor of Kentucky, had to cancel at the 11th hour.

Mrs. Milliken congratulated nine winners of BPW distinguished service awards and told them and the other delegates gathered they must consider themselves "agents of change in this country."

"There can be no peace in America unless there is equality," she added.

"and that means equality for men as well as women."

She said she would donate the \$500 gratuity paid her as keynote to ERAmerica to use in its continuing drive for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Phyllis Harrison, Troy insurance agent and second vice president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women, introduced the speaker.

Honored at the banquet were Michigan women who have given distinguished service in the areas of arts, business and finance, education, humanitarianism, labor, media, professions, politics, and public affairs.

A special award went to Jean L. King, Ann Arbor attorney.

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Women plan gala

Joan Sommers (right) of Troy, president of Women of Wayne State University Alumni Association, runs over some minute details of the dinner, fashion show and dance planned by the organization for Oct. 27. With her is Diane Scott of Grosse Pointe, chairperson of the event which will be held in the Detroit Yacht Club. Reservation for the event to benefit the WSU scholarship fund should be made by Oct. 20. Contact the Alumni House at 577-2166. Tickets are \$17.50 per person.

Peace league plans tea

Nancy Ramsey, national legislative director of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, will be the speaker at the annual Jane Addams Tea scheduled Saturday, Oct. 21, by the Detroit chapter of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

The event will be held 2-4 p.m. in the Reuther Library at Wayne State University.

Ms. Ramsey will discuss league activities at the congressional level

directed to convincing Congress to implement the organization's goal—feeding the cities, not the Pentagon.

Sister Joan Michalik is chairwoman for the event which is held annually in observance of the birthday of Jane Addams, a founder of WILPFF in 1915.

Jane Addams was the first president of the international organization and the first American woman to receive the Nobel Prize for Peace.

Ms. Ramsey's presentation will be followed with questions and discussion. The public is invited.

Women offered scholarships

Scholarships designed to encourage women who have been out of school at least two consecutive years and who wish to attend the University of Michigan have been offered by the university's Center for the Continuing Education of Women.

Applicants may be at any stage of an undergraduate, graduate or professional program as full or part-time students.

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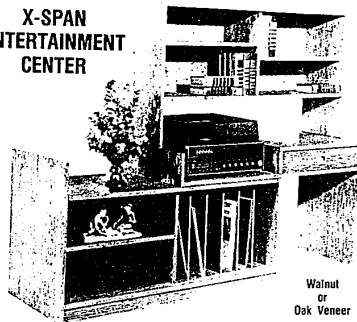
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