In a yellow house on Green Lake
Road, a West Bloomfield family makes
plans for Thanksgiving just like other
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of six retarded women. Five have just come home after a day of workshops in Pontiac. One has spent the day in school. They are under the supervision of West Bloomfield resident Colleen Brayton, who administrates three such foster care homes

In their new home less than three menths, the six women have a comfort-able sisterly relationship. Like other sisters, they joke, share and even quar-rel sometimes.

As dinner hour approaches, Arthur (Butch) Stewart lights the logs in the

spacious living room fireplace. A teacher at Oakhand County Children's Village by day. Stewart comes to the Green Lake residence four times a week to lend a helping hand.

"It's a family environment. That's just one of the things that keeps me coming here," he says.

The women, he adds, help with chores like getting dimer ready.

"I don't let them use the stove, but they set the table and help in other ways."

STAFF HOME manager Kathy Zeed of Redford looks at \$2-year-old Phyllis' needlework. Phyllis also has a Jigsaw puzzle laid out.

Shevawan Klingenberg lives full time at the house, By day, she is a dancemusic student at Marygrove College. Tonight she helps 25-year-old Diane color a Christmas picture.

Emily, 37, is one of the three described as 'non-verbal' by Mrs. Bray-ton. Emily manages to communicate easily, however. She shows a guest her new hearing aid. She clutches a tiny picture book.

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Because they come from an institu-tional life, the retarded guard their possessions carefully, Mrs. Brayton ex-plains

plains.
Staffers Sue Petraitus and Debbie
Barber, both of West Bloomfield, get a
lot of hugging in the course of their duties. The staff supervision is constant,
patient and firm but consistently affectionate.

A stranger is accepted with an immediate embrace from some of the women. But as in any family, there are the shy ones who hang back for awhile, then this is

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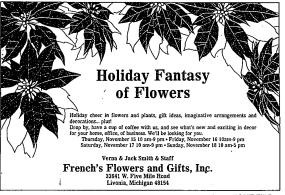
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