

# Ladies are knocked out by lecture

Lecturing is not always the ego trip that it's cracked up to be. I travel around, speaking on America's decorative arts and textiles, and my audiences are always delightful but not always the same. Let me tell you about one group of ladies.

I was hired to give my quilt lecture to an organization of senior citizens who lived a short plane trip away. The slide show was to be held at the home of a member, and would follow a luncheon to which I was cordially invited.

Half an hour early, I arrived — full of pep, flashlights slides, projector, extra bulbs and everything I could think of to stem emergencies far from home. Most of the ladies had already arrived and a sherry hour was in full swing.

After my equipment was set up, I joined the cocktail hour which seemed to go on for quite a while. I'm used to yogurt at high noon and all of this seemed quite epicurean — but the ladies were delightful, the hostess was a



the lively needle

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dear, and I didn't have to exit for three hours.

Luncheon was served — finally. The tables were beautiful and the food, delicious. Creamed something, wine, stuffed whatever, and, and all of it followed by something equally luscious.

Nobody seemed to be in any hurry. I began to wonder if I'd be able to catch my plane. Finally, the group got to its feet and languidly strolled toward a large and comfortable family room. When the ladies finally settled down,

reliable manner are being recruited by the Oakland County Juvenile Court. This would involve being on call to offer a home to a youthful offender on a short term basis. Training is provided.

**SPEAKERS** — Volunteers who can give one hour a month are needed by Michigan Cancer Foundation. Speakers present a filmstrip and explain about services offered by the agency. Training is provided.

**DRIVERS** — American Red Cross in Bloomfield Hills needs drivers to transport blood from bloodmobiles to the Red Cross office in Detroit and deliver blood to participating hospitals.

**FOSTER PARENTS** — Oakland County Juvenile Court is looking for married couples interested in serving

the lights went off and I charged forward.

All went well for the first two minutes until I told a joke. There was total silence. Now, this is not a hysterical joke, but never before had it failed to raise a giggle. I peered through the murk at the audience. It was a sight to behold.

Forty-three elderly ladies were settled down in deeply padded chairs with their mouths open and their eyes shut. Every one of them must have gone to

sleep the minute the lights went out. The hostess, standing in the back, was trying not to giggle hysterically. She seemed to be the only member of my audience who was still with me.

The situation needed examining so I stopped talking. Eighty-six eyes popped open. I started speaking again. Every eye slid shut. I could have put Sominex out of business.

But they paid for my time so I kept on going. I lectured for 55 minutes that day, to the gentle accompaniment of ladylike snores.

Finally it was all over. I thanked the assembled multitude and turned the lights on. Forty-three dear ladies stood up, approached to shake my hand and complimented me on a marvelous presentation. But I found the adjective that most of them used intriguing.

It's the first time I've every been called "refreshing."

as foster parents to delinquent and neglected youth. Foster parents may choose to work with young children or

adolescents. Duties include providing a home and giving support and encouragement for up to six months.

## Dealing with fakes

The unmistakable sophisticated fragrance of Yves Saint Laurent's Opium was introduced last summer by Charles of the Ritz. Its twin is available in the new line of Pierre Vivion perfumes at Kitty Wagner's Southfield or Novi sales. At \$12.50 for a 1-ounce bottle, sophisticates can fool a lot of other sophisticated people for quite a long time.

**FAKING** fashionable foot gear is a really big challenge. Finding a look-

alike Maude Frizon, cone heel, shell-cut, removable ankle-strap pump for \$58 was not easy.

But Jack Cohen, owner of the new Shoe Time store in Southfield's Harvard Row, has an almost perfect copy in black suede.

Although man-made furs are not shockingly new anymore, sophisticated technology is making a close inspection necessary to ferret out the fakes among several new offerings. One charcoal grey feathered and fake racoon coat at Saks Fifth Avenue, Troy, is \$375. It doesn't have to be insured or cleaned or stored during off-season months.

## class reunions

### DETROIT AUSTIN PREP

The class of 1959 at Austin Catholic Preparatory School will hold a 20-year reunion Friday, Nov. 30, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Those interested in attending may call Robert Kennedy, 831-8355.

### REDFORD THURSTON 1974

The Thurston High School class of 1974 will hold its five-year reunion Friday, Dec. 7. Those who have not received invitations may call Jay King, 534-6624.

### LIVONIA BENTLEY 1970

The Bentley High School class of 1970 will hold a 10-year reunion in the fall of 1980. Those interested in attending may call Carrie (Stalzer) Corrigan, 464-9227, before 3 p.m., or Joyce (Cunningham) Myers, 255-4899, after 3 p.m.

### DETROIT ALL SAINTS 1970

The graduating class of 1970 at Detroit All Saints High School is planning a reunion, tentatively in the late fall of 1980. Those interested in working on the reunion or having knowledge of whereabouts of class members are invited to call or write Betty (Soter) Schepens, 3491 Richmond, Lincoln Park, 381-3557.

### DETROIT PERSHING 1955

The Pershing High School class of 1955

will celebrate its 25-year reunion Feb. 16 and the planning committee is seeking to locate classmates. Those interested in attending or helping to pass the word may call Loretta Tottis Gates, 709-3781, Barbara Henderson Miller, 646-6325, or Marlene Kunze Miller, 866-3785.

### GARDEN CITY EAST 1974

The class of 1974 at Garden City-East High School is planning a reunion for early in 1980, with tentative plans calling for a dinner dance at \$38 per couple. Those interested in working on the project or wishing to suggest alternative ideas may call Jude (Carroll) Grigal at 525-5194.

### DETROIT CENTRAL 1928-1933

Organizational work is beginning on a 50-year reunion for the Detroit Central High School class of 1929 and the years just before and after. Those interested in such a project may call Lee Helfman, 535-5256, during the evenings.

### DETROIT COOLEY 1960

Plans are now being made for the 20-year reunion of the class that graduated in January of 1960 from Cooley High School. Those interested in attending or helping locate classmates may call Sharon Rankin, 421-2573, before 5 p.m., or Cindy Muller, 722-6580, in the evenings.

## volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, a program of the Volunteer Action Center of United Community Services, has weekly listings of volunteer opportunities. Further information about these and other volunteer needs at over 200 agencies may be obtained by calling the bureau at 642-7272. Any non-profit organization needing volunteer assistance may also call the bureau.

**CRISIS FOSTER PARENT** — Married couples with a concern for young people and an ability to deal in a firm,

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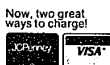


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