

m.m. memos

The Christmas toy is a nearly-universal after-Christmas discussion topic, so I might as well join the chorus.

Not that I'm an authority on the subject this year. One friend tells me she took her life into her hands to enter the room containing a few grandchildren and many scolding, squirming and flying objects.

I'm sure she knows more than I about what's new in toydom.

But her report indicates their toys at least operated, which is more than you can say about the ones at our house.

Of the few we had, the toddler doll refused to toddle in her cart—which had promptly lost a wheel. The knitting machine absolutely wouldn't knit. And the goop that was supposed to harden into monsters stayed goop.

But others have done enough complaining about the high cost and high vulnerability of toys.

For my part, I'd just like to mention that the books under the tree received immediate and steady attention. Old drawing and coloring equipment was in use a day or so after Christmas. The perennially-favorite game came out to enjoy the holiday decorations, and even the old blocks in the basement have seen some vacation service.

With toys, the new may catch the eye, but the familiar keeps the attention. In spite of all the ads, the really played-with toy doesn't change much.

Margaret Miller

County Clinic Sets Family Planning Season

The Inkster Family Planning Clinic, held at 3506 Walnut in the basement of the Smith Chapel, will open a Friday morning clinic session Jan. 9. The clinic will still be open for its regular Thursday afternoon session.

Staffed by Wayne County Department of Health nurses and a physician who is a gynecologist, the clinic has been operating since 1964.

The medical staff is under the supervision of Doctor Thomas P. Hamilton, deputy director of the Wayne County Department of Health.

Health Director Attends Meet

Mrs. Lillian Kelmenson, associate director of allied health programs for Oakland Community College, was a participant in the second annual convention of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, which was held recently in Washington.

The keynote speech for the convention was given by Dr.

Dieters Set Open House

The Garden City Weight Control Club will hold open house during the month of January from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays and from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the Log Cabin in Garden City Park.

All Kids Dan Gerber's Interest

The man whose far-flung company tells the world that "babies are our business" has demonstrated that his interest in all children is very real.

Dan Gerber, president of the Gerber Products Co. of Fremont, recently visited the Michigan Children's Aid Society Farmington office in his capacity as chairman of the society's advisory committee.

He toured the office and met staff members who annually supervise scores of adoptions, saw a film explaining its operation and had some pertinent questions about the problems of placing children and how community members can help.

GERBER WANTED to know the MCAS policy on racially-mixed adoptions.

"We've accepted the possibility of placing racially mixed or Negro children with white couples," he was told by Al Morris of the society. "But so far we've had very few couples interested."

"Most adoptive couples want a normal, healthy, vanilla baby," he added, explaining that his interest in all children is very real.

"When you start talking about that kind of child," Morris said, "you're talking about a different kind of family."

"We find that now we're going after Negro families for the children in our care."

GERBER, who in his new post with the advisory council will head a group of business leaders throughout the state advising the society on present and future programs, said he has a close personal interest in adoptions.

"We have twin granddaughters that are adopted," he told the MCAS social workers.

"My daughter and her husband were very impressed with the thoroughness of the investigation the adoptive agency gave them as prospective parents," he added.

"There even seemed to be some consideration as to whether they were in a financial position to give too much, and they thought that was a good question to ask."

"Of course, after they had been approved, they were pretty surprised when their baby turned out to be twins. But they scurried around and managed to get two of everything."

"Then, as often happens, after the adoption they had a baby of their own."

GERBER SAID he first heard of the Michigan Children's Aid Society some 40 years ago when some friends, a bit older than most first-time parents, adopted a baby.

"They called us once in the middle of the night worrying about the baby crying," he recalled. "My wife told them to go back to sleep."

In his new post, Gerber joins an organization with branches

The Observer Women



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY ALUMNA - Albert Schiff, past president of the College of Education Alumni Association of Wayne State University, congratulated Marion M. Dunbar of Farmington, a 1919 graduate, during the association's tea to honor graduates celebrating their golden anniversary.

Retired Teacher Recalls Early Days In Gym Class

One of Detroit's first lady gym teachers, now a Farmington resident, looked back to the earlier days of physical education during a recent college class reunion.

Marion Dunbar, 2400 Pickett, was among some 30 ex-teachers who attended the golden anniversary tea for the Detroit Normal Training School classes of 1919.

The gathering was held in Wayne State University's Alumni House, since Detroit Normal was the predecessor of the WSU College of Education. The Education Alumni Association was sponsor.

TEACHER TRAINING was a shorter program when she graduated, Miss Dunbar recalled.

"In those days, we went to school just a year and a half," she said. "They needed teachers so badly they sent us out then."

And most of the graduates at that time, she pointed out, hadn't yet celebrated their 50th birthday.

Miss Dunbar taught first at the Angell School because it was one of the first in Detroit

Lady Manager Named By Bank

Livonia Marie Ettinger is the new manager of the Livonia National Bank's main office at 33014 Five Mile.

Mrs. Ettinger was promoted to the post this month after serving nearly a year as assistant manager of the office.

In her new capacity, she handles all the branch's loans, taking the applications and approving or disapproving each one.

SHE ALSO is manager of six office personnel who handle new accounts and nine or 10 tellers in the branch.

In announcing the appointment, Livonia National Bank Vice President C.A. German said the bank's management felt the choice of Mrs. Ettinger put



MARIE ETTINGER

the bank "in capable hands."

"The branch manager is responsible for the bank's growth and development," German added. "We felt Marie was the one to take over."

MRS. ETTINGER has been in the banking business since graduating from high school. She worked for the National Bank of Detroit before her marriage eight years ago to Rex Ettinger, associated with the Wayne Federal Savings and Loan.

She also was employed by Manufacturers National Bank before joining Livonia National Bank nearly six years ago as a teller.

The Ettingers live at 28854 Richland and enjoy skiing on weekends.

Northwest YWCA Will Start Winter Registration

Registration for the winter term of classes at the YWCA, 23940 Grand River, will open on Jan. 5 for the program beginning the week of Jan. 19.

A wide selection of activities for men, women and children will be offered daytime and evenings.

The Saturday Ford Program is geared to sub-teens and includes a morning's activities with a choice of skill classes such as swimming, fencing, creative dance, baton, gymnastics and sports and crafts.

REGISTRATION for all programs will be taken at the YWCA building, 23940 Grand River, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m., beginning Jan. 5. Yearly family membership dues in the YWCA are \$15. There is a nominal class fee charged for those activities in which enrollments are made.

Further information may be obtained by calling Northwest YWCA at KE 7-8500. The YWCA is a Torch Fund Agency.

New RN Program Graduates Three

Three Observerland women were in a class recently graduated from the Department of Health Education and Welfare. It was designed to help alleviate the critical shortage of registered nurses in the community.

Agnes McMenemy of Farmington is director of the Providence Hospital School of Nursing.

The women who became RN's were Mrs. Ann Clara Crouse, 2326 Bayberry, Farmington; Mrs. Betty Jean Pietrak, 15428 Northville Fordist, Plymouth; and Mrs. Diane Bolda, 29207 Rush, Garden City.

They were members of the YWCA Youth and Teen program is also geared to both boys and girls and activities are held after school and at Ford High School on Saturdays. New for teens this term is bridge, jazz dance and karate art, addition to the usual sewing, guitar, ballet and

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Long-Time Livonians Celebrate 50 Years

A couple who has watched Livonia's growth since 1937 marked a golden wedding anniversary with a gala party recently.

Present at the Sussex House in Southfield to honor Mr. and Mrs. Oscar A. Swanson, 30294 Schoolcraft, were 80 dinner guests, including five children and 11 grandchildren.

Also on hand were Mr. Swanson's brother from Dearborn and cousins from Whitehall and Grand Rapids.

The elder Swansons were summer residents in their home on Schoolcraft from 1937 to 1955.

Since retiring from their moving and storage business in Detroit, they have been year-round residents.

Witnessing the growth and progress of the city as few Livonians have been able to do, they can recall the time when half a dozen farms stretched along Schoolcraft between Inkster and Farmington Roads and a small airport occupied the site of the Wonderland Shopping Center.

Three of the couple's children live in Livonia — Mrs. Arthur (Jane) Reum and sons Harold and Arthur. Daughter Gladys and son Donald live in the Chicago area and Kenneth makes his home near Tulsa.

Gerber is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Gerber Products Co. He is a director of various subsidiaries of the company, and the Old State Bank of Fremont.

He is a member of the executive board of the Timber Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America and has long been active in scouting work. Gerber also is a trustee of the Citizens Research Council of Michigan and the Food and Drug Law Institute. He is also a member of the board of directors executive committee of the Greater Michigan Foundation.

MR. AND MRS. OSCAR A. SWANSON