

The Observer

Women

From Family Y Ladies Take To Slopes

m. m. memos

"If you have rapport with a mimeograph machine, your help is needed," read one of the organizational newsletters that I read regularly.

I loved the terminology and hope the good ladies found that needed/kindred spirit of the machine world.

But even if I belonged to that group, I wouldn't think of volunteering.

I have absolutely no rapport with a mimeograph or any other machine.

There was a mimeograph I met once in a brief encounter when I decided to be a good guy and help out on some clerical work. It broke my spirit in such a hurry that it really was no contest.

My mind is so unmechanical I can't even change a typewriter ribbon. The fellow worker I con into doing it for me thinks this is a pose to get out of a messy job, but the man of our house who does it at home knows better.

He also, though making no claims to handy-man expertise, manages to get the electric can opener back on track when I use my reverse talent to get it off.

And he has decreed that I am to keep a large distance between me and the mower, though our oldest daughter now helps with the mowing.

I'm afraid mechanical contraptions and my completely unmechanized mind are forever unportable.

—Margaret Miller



POLLY BERGEN is guest speaker for the third annual "Heart of Gold" awards luncheon Feb. 10 in Ebo Hall. The luncheon will honor outstanding women volunteers from throughout the Wayne-Oakland-Macomb area. Reservations may be made at the United Foundation office (965-7100).

Ukrainian Egg Demo Planned

The West Suburban Junior Women's Club will meet at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, in the Spirit of the Spirit Lutheran Church, 34563 West Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

A Ukrainian egg painting demonstration is planned for the program. For reservations to attend the meeting, contact Mrs. Dale Starr at 349-8966 or Mrs. Charles Nittel at 453-9230.

The club has just presented record players to Our Lady of Providence School and Home for the retarded in Northville and the South-West Wayne County Regional Training Center in Wayne. The presentations were part of the club's project for the year of assisting the two schools.

St. Theresa Plans Reunion

The class of 1945 of St. Theresa High School, Detroit, will celebrate its silver anniversary May 15. Ann Gibbons Doran, 476-6798, and Jack Bourke, DU 1-2024 have asked fellow alumni to call them about plans for the festivities.

Typing Brush Up Set By YWCA

As a part of the YWCA job readiness program, the typing "Brush-Up Center" for women will open with a registration and testing day Monday, Feb. 9, in the Northwest YWCA building, 2840 Grand River.

The brush-up center is offered in cooperation with Kelly Girl Services and is designed to test and place those who are interested in part-time clerical work as well as offer a four week program which meets twice a week designed to improve typing skills.

An active YWCA membership (\$5 a year) is required for those attending as well as a \$5 fee for those who continue with the eight-session brush-up.

Those interested are urged to make their appointments immediately. The center will run from Feb. 11 through March 9, and participants will be scheduled daytimes on Wednesdays and Fridays or evenings Mondays and Wednesdays. Those participating must attend the testing and registration day Feb. 9.

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In Westland Shop

Barbering Goes Feminine

Patrons of the Hamby Barber Shop in the Westland shopping center may do a double take when they spot an attractive brunette working at one of the chairs.

But those who sit down to have Mrs. Pattie King cut their hair find a competent barber is working that spot and are beginning to come back to her on the next visit.

"She does a good job," one customer said. "The only problem is that it keeps growing back."

Mrs. King, resident of Detroit, wife of another barber and mother of a four-year-old son, graduated from Detroit Barber College last fall, the only girl among 14 who took the qualifying examination.

SHE'S QUITE matter-of-fact about invading one of the trades that still is pretty exclusively male.

"I decided to go to barber school because my husband Larry and I would like to go into business together," Mrs. King said.

"And I like the work. It's easier than being a beauty operator because you just cut hair—no learning curling and rinses and the rest. And the pay is better—we get a percentage of each haircut we give plus tips."

PATTIE, who visits a beauty shop regularly to keep her own hair manageable, also prefers barbering to the office work she has done in the past.

"Much more interesting—you get to meet more people," she said, adding that she's getting used to one difficulty, being on her feet most of the day.

Pattie's course at Detroit Barber College lasted a year and she took her examination in November and went to work in Westland a short time later.

HUSBAND LARRY had been holding down two jobs, barbering and factory work. Just now he's concentrating on working in the General Motors Corp. Cadillac Fleetwood plant, while Pattie gets some experience and they prepare for their business venture.

A baby-sitter cares for young Dwayne while his mother is at work.

PATTIE SAID there are men who come into the shop who wouldn't think of having a woman cut their hair, but most have shown no objection.

"And the men I work with have been great about accepting me," she said.

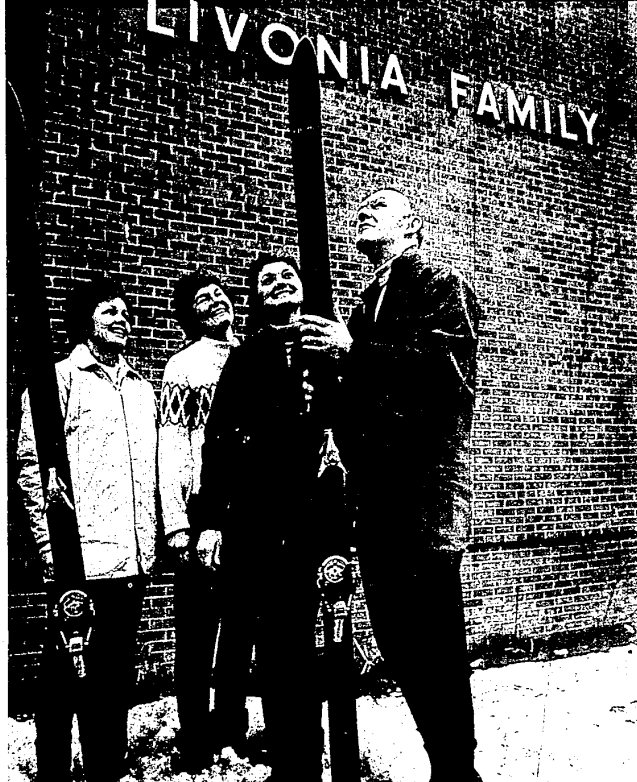
Actually, this lady barber reflected, she's always been a bit of a tomboy in her tastes.

"I loved playing baseball and football and all kinds of games when I was a girl," she said. "And now my husband and I are crazy about stock car racing."

"I love to drive a stock car, but so far no one has been crazy enough to give me one," she added.

Pattie has no difficulty keeping up with the current trends in men's hair-styles.

"We but just the way we learned in school," she said. "We just don't cut as much off."



READY FOR THE SLOPES -- Set to take off for a day at Mt. Brighton are three Livonia Family Y Ladies Ski Day students and their instructor Bill Cameron. The women, from left, are Nancy Norris, Lucille Kimpel and Yvonne Schmidt, all of Livonia. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

"It's a wonderful feeling, that first time you get out on the slopes," says new skier Nancy Norris of Livonia.

Mrs. Norris, who lives at 3537 Oakdale, is one of more than 20 women who are joining the Ladies Ski Day sponsored by the Livonia Family Y each Thursday at Mt. Brighton.

For a cut-rate price, the women travel together to the ski area and have four hours on the slopes with Bill Cameron, Y staff member, on hand for instruction and assistance.

"Everyone is most enthusiastic," said Mrs. Lucille Kimpel, 1820 Gary Lane, Livonia, another beginner in the sport.

"I've wanted to try skiing for a long time, but never had the opportunity. But you can't beat the price we pay, and the hours are just right for mothers with children in school."

MRS. NORRIS agreed "it's a great way to learn."

She explained that her junior high daughter had tried for a while with a school group and decided she didn't care much for the sport.

"So at my age, I was a little dubious," said her 34-year-old mother. "But I just love it."

Cameron also thought there's plenty of enthusiasm among his lady skiers, many of them beginners and most in their 30s or a bit older.

"There's no reason why you have to be a teenager to learn to ski," said Cameron, who deals with this aspect of the sport in his column "Ski Hill," published in today's issue of this newspaper.

"I think this group is delightful," he added. "About 90% of them are beginners, and they've enjoyed themselves."

"And they have a sense of humor, which is an absolute requirement for learning to ski," he added. "They're fun to teach."

THIS COURSE began Jan. 22 and new members are continuing to join. They meet at 9 a.m. at the Livonia Family Y, 14255 Stark, and travel by car pool to the Mt. Brighton slopes. Some go directly to the area and meet the others there.

There is a \$1 registration fee and the other costs are \$2.75 a week for lesson and rope tow tickets, \$1.50 for lesson and rope tow tickets, and \$5.50 for lesson, rope tow ticket, and rented ski, boots and poles.

Not all the women participating are beginners.

Mrs. Rusty Farrell, 2888 Greening, Farmington, said she had been skiing for a dozen years and recently has gone to Mt. Brighton quite frequently with her ski-enthusiast husband, Mark, and their eight-year-old daughter, Colleen.

"I like to get out a lot, and find the winter draws without skiing," she said. "I sometimes go alone during the week

can't find anyone to go along.

"That's why I was so pleased to read about this

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LWV Plans Consensus Meetings

Unit meetings of the League of Women Voters of Livonia are planned during February to take consensus on financing education in Michigan.

A Feb. 11 meeting from 9 to 11 a.m. will be held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 2747 Five Mile, Livonia. Babysitting will be available.

Mrs. Jerome Pikkulinski, 33486 Cindy, will host the Feb. 12 unit meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Other meetings will be held Feb. 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Robert Barnett, 1950 Flamingo, and Feb. 18 at 8:15 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Thomas Buckley, 9945 Garden.

The league is a national, non-partisan volunteer organization open to all women citizens, 21 years of age and over.

Those interested in joining may call Mrs. Ray Wyatt at 425-9338.

Transplants—Good Or Bad?

Transplants will be the topic of the Feb. 4 talk by Bob Miller entitled "Close the Door, St. Peter, I'm Not Ready Yet."

The program begins at 8:30 p.m. in room 135 of the John Glenn High School in Westland located two blocks west of Wayne Road on Marquette.

Sponsor of the program is the Wayne-Westland chapter of Parents Without Partners.

Women's Club Hears Straley

Plymouth Police Chief Herbert Straley will address the Women's Club of Plymouth at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, in the Massie Temple.

Mrs. Howard Beck will be tea chairman and her committee includes Mrs. Edward Wittthoff, Mrs. Frank Allison, Mrs. R.E. Ward, Mrs. Charles Dickey, Mrs. William Hartmann and Mrs. Austin Whipple.

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LADY CLIPPER -- Merle Bronstein, who lives in Southfield and does window trimming in Westland shopping center stores, has his hair cut by Pattie King. (Observer photo)