

The Sparkses mark 69th year

Still married after 69 years. The odds are against it these days, but don't tell Logan and Eliza Sparks. The pair celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary recently with friends who gathered in Farmington Nursing Home for the big occasion.

The Sparks were married in Key, Ky., Nov. 2, 1911. They have five sons and five daughters, all living in the Detroit area. And they helped raise 14 other children "from time to time, kids whose parents were in distress of one sort or other," Sparks said.

They have 26 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren, "but four more are on the way this year," Sparks added.

Sparks was 91 years old in May. Mrs. Sparks will be 84 in February.

While in Key, Sparks was postmaster and owned the general store there for 20 years, but in one way or another he was involved in home construction stemming from the time he was a logger in Kentucky.

The couple moved to Brighton about 1940, and Sparks built his first home for his family in Walled Lake. After that he built several of his children's homes.

During World War II, Sparks served as justice of the peace when Walled



MR. AND MRS. LOGAN SPARKS

Lake became a city and was employed by Kelsey Hayes. He was one of the founders of Walled Lake Church of Christ, and served that church on its board of trustees and as an elder.

The Sparks celebrated their anniversary a few days late this year. A few days before the planned party, Sparks was admitted to hospital, but was back

in Farmington Nursing Home within a week.

Gingerbread houses created in workshop

Interested persons can learn how to duplicate a gingerbread house, on display now in Farmington Community Center, in a workshop led by Diane Ekizian, president of Farmington Hills Garden Club.

In two sessions, participants will assemble and complete the Christmas decoration, which will last for many years.

A morning class will meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m., Monday, Dec. 1, and from 9:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 3. An afternoon class will meet on the same days from 1-2 p.m. and 1-3 p.m.

The workshop is a special addition to the center's roster of holiday-minded classes and was not included in the fall brochure.

Ekizian calls the creation of her gingerbread house "an easy project." She has introduced the method of assembly to members of the garden club and conducted workshops for others in her home.

The base is made of graham crackers held together by a special icing that sets immediately. The house can be decorated with gum drops, life savers, candy canes or whatever strikes the creator's fancy.

"It is a simple process that children have completed successfully," Ekizian said.

Fee is \$8 plus materials. Students may register in the center, 24705 Farmington Road.

U.S. Air Force Association meeting set

The Air Force Association, (AFA) General Claire Chennault Chapter No. 180, meets at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20, in George F. Monaghan Council 2960, Knights of Columbus Hall, 18801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads. This meeting is open to guests.

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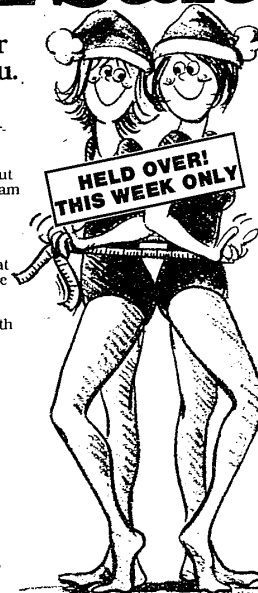
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