



## 'Godspell'

Our Lady of Mercy High School Summer Theatre repeats last summer's successful production of "Godspell" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and Aug. 14-15 in the school auditorium, 24309 11 Mile Road. Members of the chorus are Lea Hano and Dawn New (at left). At right, Jim Wiggin, Bob Carey and John McGowan sing and dance in the "Bless the Lord" number. Female cast members are either students or alumni of Our Lady of Mercy. Most of the male members of the cast are either students or alumni of Brother Rico. Tickets are \$3, available at the door.



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### Marianne Willman

## Nurse turns author to write of romance — Regency style

By Lorraine McCleish staff writer

A Farmington Hills nurse who says she was very apprehensive about submitting her work to a publisher saw her first full-length novel go into print last month.

Two weeks later, copies of "An Artful Lady" by Sabrina Clark were sold out at local B. Dalton Bookseller and Waldenbooks.

Sabrina Clark is the pen name of Marianne Willman. The pseudonym was requested by the publishers of "The Second Chance at Love," a series of Regency novels, and is Mrs. Willman's mother's name.

"She wrote most of her life, the same as I did, but never had anything published, so taking her name was a tribute to her," Mrs. Willman said of her mother.

"An Artful Lady" is Mrs. Willman's first full-length book, written after two short stories had been rejected by publishers.

She connected up with Jove Publications after browsing through writers' market magazines in the local libraries and responding to an ad, "just to see if they were legitimate," she said.

"I SEEM TO start a new profession

every 10 years," said the mother of four children.

"I started raising a family at 20, went into nursing at 30 and writing at 40. I can hardly wait to see what I do when I turn 50."

She described herself as an avid reader, with history high on her list of reading preferences but favorite fiction from the Gothic and Regency periods coming in strong after she became a nurse.

"A mark of the Regency novel is that all characters end up happily," said Mrs. Willman, who just recently resigned from her job as head nurse of the intensive care unit in Botsford Hospital.

"This type of book is almost a necessity for the nurses I worked with to get away from the emotional trauma that is constant in critical care nursing. We need that happy-ever-after once in a while to just keep going."

Because of her penchant for history, however, Regency novels that fell short of accurately describing the mores of the people or the tone of 1790-1850 England were both glaring and jarring to her.

Writing the first chapter of "An Artful Lady" for the publisher's appraisal was easy.

"But receiving the contract — actually having the money in my hand



Marianne Willman

scared me to death. I don't think I wrote a full sentence for about four weeks afterward and I didn't have any idea of what I was going to do with my characters through the rest of the book," she said.

THE AUTHOR does know what she's going to do with characters she's forming for the next several books outlined and under way.

She is using her experience as a

nurse to get a group of three in the medical profession involved in a murder mystery.

And she will also draw on that career to do an in-depth and definitive work on "what nursing is all about," she said.

"It's never been done before," she continued. "There has never been a book about nursing, even best sellers, that I felt went far enough or deep enough to give a true picture."

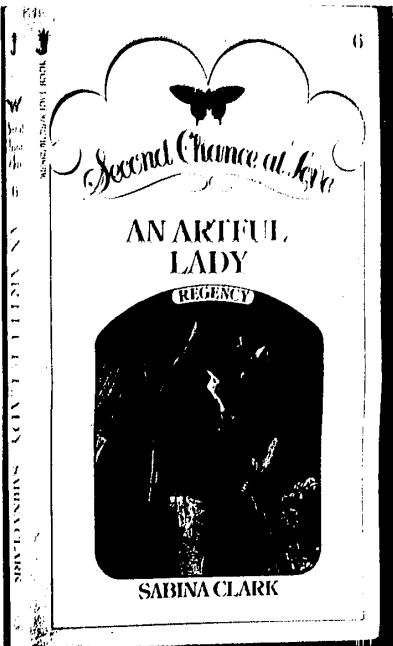
Her murder mystery characters are all composites of nurses she knows "with the drama and the humor just as bad as just as good as in 'MASH.' If it weren't for the humor, we couldn't survive," she said.

That book has been submitted to another publisher and will be printed under her own name. "After being published once, the second time around is a lot easier," she said.

Sara, the lead character in "An Artful Lady," was typecast for no other reason than that Regency novel characters and plots stay close to a formula.

But Mrs. Willman's nurses are her own creations and she plans to follow their careers through what she hopes will become a series.

She continues to work part-time as a nurse, "sort of like a Kelly Girl," she explains, because she has no intention of losing those ties which will continue to give her material for more novels.



### Farmington Area Jaycees

## President invites newcomers to learn what club is all about

By Lorraine McCleish staff writer

Recruitment is constant for Farmington Area Jaycees as both routine changes as well as age keep the membership in perpetual rotation.

In the words of the group's new president, Gerald Horner, "We just keep coming and going. We just keep moving."

He continues by explaining that rotating membership for men aged 18 to 35 is the foundation of the service organization.

"It is a club to help young men get themselves involved in their community, make contacts, take advantage of the individual development courses and workshops that are offered, learn all they can, then move on."

Even though members come and go, the roster of the local group holds steady at about 200. Each year, about 40 percent of that number are newcomers.

Formal "membership nights" are sponsored about four times a year, but Horner invites men 18-35 years old to stop in at any regular meeting to learn what Jaycees are all about.

The group meets at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in Farmington Community Center, on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile Road.

HORNER, WHO is administrative assistant to the city manager of Farmington, was elected president of Farmington Jaycees in April and assumed his position in June.



Gerald Horner Jaycees president

He holds away over about 15 committees that lead community involvement and action affairs, fund raising projects, and personal development sessions for the members.

The agenda for August calls for a theater party to raise funds to be turned over to Muscular Dystrophy Association of America during the Jerry Lewis television days in September.

During the summer, members will host an ice cream social for residents in Oak Hill Nursing Home, participate in the Jaycees state softball play, hold an in-house raffle and plan a car wash.

Those who wish can sign up for a workshop on communications or public speaking.

The August schedule runs similar to the schedule for the other 11 months of the year, with activities equally proportioned to coincide with its three mu-

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ju areas of concern — community affairs, fund raising and personal growth sessions for its members.

HORNER DOESN'T think of the three-year rule as a division between fun and games and work, but rather as one of overall enjoyment and reward for the participants.

"Just realizing areas of concern in your community, then getting involved in a project to do something to help alleviate a problem in a very rewarding thing," he said.

"Sitting a bingo game for seniors or helping a kid at Boy's Republic or delivering Christmas gifts is not work. And the more people involved the more rewarding it is for everybody."

"If you are learning how to manage stress at one of our workshops or thinking up ways to improve the haunted house for next Halloween, that is a benefit for the member."

The Haunted House that is opened by the Jaycees every October and the spring Millennial's Party that is staged each year are the group's two biggest fund-raisers.

Horner retains these projects on his

activity agenda for the year, but the all-day theater party for youth, set for the last Saturday in August in the Clevel Theatre, is a first-time project to be tried "just to see how it goes," Horner said.

THE FARMINGTON Jaycees' new president grew up in Farmington and attended Our Lady of Sorrows Elementary School.

He earned a degree at Eastern Michigan University, did graduate work at Wayne State and has been a member of the local club for a little more than three years.

Now he's looking for new members "who want to get involved in their community and want to learn about it," he said. "That's what makes us the viable organization that we are."

New members can become immediately involved in projects that run the gamut from organizing a Neighborhood Watch program to running a substance abuse program for youth, from planning a holiday dinner for seniors to teaching youth about fire safety.

Horner will take inquiries by calling him at 474-5558.

## Volunteer training begins in September

Those interested in informally continuing to learn, share their knowledge and find intellectual stimulation may accomplish all three as volunteers at Cranbrook Institute of Science.

The basic tool needed is willingness to learning and a strong interest.

Volunteer opportunities include positions in community relations, education, the museum shop, exhibits, library and gardening.

A comprehensive, free training program for prospective decently teachers will be held at the Institute Sept. 16 through Nov. 18. The 10-session course — a 9:30-11:30 a.m. session once a week — is designed to offer a museum overview.

The first session will be conducted by her expert and institute volunteer Norton Williams, recent recipient of the Heart of Gold award for service to Cranbrook, science and young people.

OTHER CLASSES will explore physical and cultural anthropology, earth and natural history, rocks and minerals, animal life, botany, physics, museum exhibits and the process of learning. Clerks can work in the community relations department or library, and gardeners can help beautify the grounds.

The volunteer is expected to donate his services on a regular basis for at least two years according to his own schedule.

For information, call 645-3229 or 645-3231.

The Institute, founded in 1930, is both a natural history museum and science center. It attracts nearly 140,000 visitors a year. In addition to varied exhibits, a planetarium and public observatory, 3 1/2 acre nature center and 50-acre nature sanctuary, there is a library of 15,000 books and periodicals.