



BIRTHDAY GIRLS—Farmington Camp Fire Girls Carolyn Peck (left) and Sheila Crosley helped celebrate their organization's 60th birthday by joining in a special demonstration in the Tel-Twelve Mall last week. The girls are using a clear acrylic coating to decorate plaques and Easter eggs. (Observer photo by Jerry Gozda)

## Spring Brides-To-Be



MARY RUELLE

Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Ruelle of Florida Avenue, Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Antoinette, to Michael Allan White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward White of Jordan, N.Y. The bride-elect is a graduate of Ladywood High School and attended Schoolcraft Community College. Her fiancé served four years in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Ticonderoga and attends Auburn College. They plan a June 19 wedding.



CATY ANN BERNER

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Berner of Church Street, Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cathy Ann, to Mel Raymond Meck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meck of Irving Street, Plymouth. The bride-elect is a graduate of Northville High School and is employed as a key-punch operator in Ann Arbor. Her fiancé graduated from Plymouth High School and is in a training program at Wrigley's supermarkets. They plan to be married April 25.



GLORIA SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Smith of Richmond Avenue, Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gloria Ilene, to John Dale Delora, son of Mrs. W. W. Haggith of Taylor Township and the late Dale Delora. Miss Smith and her fiancé both attend Wayne State University. She is employed at J. L. Hudson Co., and he is with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. A May 14 wedding is planned.

## Easter Means Renewed Life

Apart from the resurrection itself, the most direct connection between Easter and the idea of new life is the timing of the celebration. For most Christians

namely those in the northern hemisphere, Easter comes in the spring, when all nature comes back to life.

## The Observer Women In Farmington

### AAUW Honors 2

Two members of the Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women—Irma Lelino Benson and Margaret (Groszema) Schaeffer—will be honored this year through named grant awards.

Grants bearing their names will be sent by the branch to the AAUW Fellowships Foundation to enable American women and those from foreign countries to pursue goals in higher education.

Funds for the two grants, as well as a contribution to the AAUW national general educational foundation, and a gift to the Farmington District Library, came from the branch's 1969 sale of used books in the Livonia Mall.

Mrs. Sacid Osler, announcing the two named grant honorees during a recent branch meeting, said both were chosen by the Fellowships committee because they were outstanding for making full use of their educations.

MRS. BENSON was named in a contribution for international scholars and Mrs. Schaeffer in a similar gift to be used by American women scholars.

The AAUW's Fellowships Foundation program, now in its 82nd year, is the oldest non-profit program of fellowships in the United States and the second oldest international program.

Aimed at enabling gifted women to use their intellectual powers for the good of humanity, it supports 30 fellowships

for American women and 30 for women in other countries, as well as 11 post-doctoral and research awards for women of any nation.

BOTH MRS. BENSON and Mrs. Schaeffer have been active AAUW members while pursuing many other interests and responsibilities.

She was instrumental in starting the Well-Baby Clinic and the Visiting Nurses service in Farmington and has contributed service to the Girl Scouts in Farmington and the Farmington Community Center.

She also is treasurer of the Universal-Unitarian Church of Farmington.

MARGARET SCHAEFFER, a practicing attorney, is a member of the Farmington Township Board of Trustees and chairman of the Township Beautification Committee.



IRMA BENSON



MARGARET SCHAEFFER

Irma Benson is a charter member of the Farmington branch, has served as its treasurer and frequently audits its books.

A graduate of Michigan State University and Western Reserve University, she is an active businesswoman, serving as secretary-treasurer and a member of the board of Control Design and Fabricate, Inc.

She also is serving on a committee investigating the possibilities of providing housing for senior citizens.

Also known for active service to Girl Scouting, she has been a branch member since 1956 and has served as its legislative chairman and as a member of its board of directors.

Women interested in applying for 1971-72 fellowships may write to the AAUW Fellowships office, Educational Foundation, 2401 Virginia Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

## Family Living Leader To Head New YW Class

A new course aimed at helping families by involving mothers in small group guidance will be offered beginning April 8 by the Northwest YWCA with Mrs. Lucille Cantoni as leader.

Mrs. Cantoni is director of Family Life Education for Family Service in Metropolitan Detroit and has been a speaker at the Northwest YWCA on two recent occasions.

THE FAMILY LIVING course will meet from 10 a.m.

to 12 noon on Wednesdays as part of the Ladies' Day Out package program at the Northwest branch, 2590 Grand River, Redford Township.

The course is aimed at helping women meet the challenges of varying family problems through group discussion. "The Ladies' Day Out program," Mrs. Cantoni said at a recent YWCA luncheon, "offers a great service to women by giving them an opportunity to get away from the duties of mothering."

"Some women like to use this opportunity to get some new perspectives on their job as wife and mother."

THE NEW CLASS also follows the guidelines set forth recently in a Family Services brochure, which stated:

"People can help each other learn better family living by talking together in small groups with the guidance of an experienced family counselor."

Complete information on registering for Northwest YWCA courses is available by calling the YWCA KE 7-8500. Most spring term classes begin the week of April 6. The YWCA is a Torch Drive agency.



LUCILLE CANTONI

## Goodwill Fair Set

The annual Spring Fair sponsored by the Women's Association of Goodwill Industries will begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, in the Goodwill Building, Brush at East Grand Boulevard, Detroit.

Included in the day's activities will be a bazaar and sale open to the public and a dessert luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

Following luncheon, women attending may play cards or hear Mary Alice Shepherd review the autobiography of

Helen Hayes, "On Reflection." Mrs. Nathaniel Banks, 7345, and Mrs. Wallace Sloan, 534-2473 of Redford Township, are ticket chairmen. Reservations should be made by April 11.

## Conversation Starters

On Saturday, November 28, 1942, one of our country's holocausts occurred—492 revelers died

in 13 minutes in a flash fire in the Coconut Grove night club on Boston's Piedmont Street, near famous Park Square. Residents of 38 states were among the victims. It was Boston's worst disaster and took the fourth highest fire toll in history. The number of dead exceeded only by the 1,182 who died in the Pushiga, Wisconsin forest fire in 1871; the 850 who died in the Ring Theatre fire in Vienna in 1881; and the 602 who perished in the Iroquois Theatre fire in Chicago in 1903. The memory of this terrible conflagration still strikes cold fear into the hearts of many, even now, over a quarter of a century later.

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GERONTOLOGY PLANS—A proposed program to train personnel in the field of geriatrics at Madonna College came up for discussion in a tri-county meeting at the college last week. Madonna staff members seated here are Sister M. Lounana (left), Madonna academic dean; Sister M. Raynold, chairman of the gerontology committee, and Sister M. Valencia, a semi-retired part-time staff member. Behind them are Donald Flint (left), branch director of Herman Gardens Senior Center, and Dr. David Peterson, director of training programs for the Institute of Gerontology sponsored by the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. (Observer photo)

## Curfew Ends For Coeds

University of Michigan Regents have abolished the requirement that certain women living in residence halls observe a curfew.

The Regents acted on the recommendation of the student-faculty-administration Residence Halls Board of Governors and Dr. Barbara Newell, acting vice president for student affairs, during the March 19 meeting.

The evening curfew had been lifted in 1962 for women over 21 and experimentally in 1968 for those under 21 who had their parents' permission. All men in residence halls had such privileges already.

THURSDAY'S action extends the privilege to all women, regardless of age. In a letter to the Regents, the Board of Governors said:

"Women's hours no longer serve a legitimate function in our educational community. If women's hours serve any role it is their apparent responsiveness to parental anxieties. For the women themselves buildings are secured at midnight and a voluntary sign-out procedure is in effect whereby investigations are initiated if a female resident does not return at the time she designates."

"Responsiveness to parental

anxieties is a concern the Board of Governors accepts as legitimate for students under 21 years of age. The board has serious concern, however, that parents not be given false or unrealistic expectations about what the University can do to protect their daughters."

"Women's hours in the context of present-day concepts of privacy and non-intrusion generate serious false expectations. As the Board of Regents knows, the women's hours policy is easily circumvented by a girl's merely not signing out.

The effect is often to force this girl to spend the night in an apartment to avoid being found in violation of women's hours."

VICE PRESIDENT Newell, in her recommendation to the Regents, noted that the curfew "is in marked contrast to the increasing freedoms provided to students both in their academic and nonacademic development. These restrictions become increasingly more difficult to administer due to the lack of any significant support within the University community."

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Mr. and Mrs. E. Eugene Kress of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Jane, to Stanley Steven Pastuszka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Pastuszka of Natholite Street, Redford Township. The bride-elect is a junior at the University of Michigan and a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. Her fiancé is a junior at Michigan State University. The couple plans to marry Sept. 12 and will then complete their educations at MSU.

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