



By MARGARET MILLER
Women's Editor

Mary Pelto of Plymouth wasn't always the flying enthusiast she is now. Her husband, Robert, was the first family member to get starry-eyed about that wide blue yonder.

"As he tells it, they had to scrape me off the ceiling when he first mentioned learning to fly," Mary laughs now. "I was sure he was going to leave me a widow."

And she got her license first. Bob Pelto took up the tale proudly.

AS THINGS have worked out, Mary and Bob Pelto are out even now in their love of planes.

But Bob, possessor of a private pilot's license, has to squeeze his flying in to the hours he is not on the job with Cartron & Co. in experimental sheet metal work.

And once-fearful Mary went on from the private pilot license to an instrumental rating as well as flight and ground school instructor ratings.

She has logged more than 2,700 hours in the air and in the last three years has put 47 students through flight training.

MARY ALSO has picked up another side interest in her love of flying — the treasurer post in the Michigan Chapter of the Ninety Nines, Inc., an international organization of women pilots that will hold its sectional spring meeting in Detroit this weekend.

Women pilots in the organization, set up in 1929 with Amelia Earhart as its charter

Women on the Go

Mother Of 6 Finds Flying An Acquired Taste



MRS. MARY PELTO, right, poses beside a plane with five of her six children (from left): Joan, Jim, John, Pauli and Cathy. (Observer photo by Vince Witke)

president will be coming from one state, and Mary Pelto is looking forward to getting acquainted and reacquainted with many women who share her enthusiasm for the skies.

She met some before when participating in several air page events in recent years, the SMALL (for Southern Michigan All Ladies Lark) and the Cape Girardeau page in Missouri.

Mary enjoys her Ninety Nines association, she and Bob agree you get to know people all around the country — it's like a fraternity.

And there are some really fabulous people in the Ninety Nines — it's amazing what women can do," Mary added.

The chapter in which she holds office includes women pilots from all over Michigan.

"I wouldn't want to cut it to a Detroit chapter," Mary said.

"We'd wind up driving to meetings, and it's much more fun to fly."

possibly do on a commercial airline," Mary added.

"We went wherever we felt like going and stopped to see many friends and relatives on the way."

The plane took them along the southern route for a stop at the Grand Canyon and into southern California where Disneyland was the remembered visit.

And in the summer of 1966, they rented a plane big enough for Bob and Mary as well as Faith, who now is 17, Cathy, now 15, Pauli, 15, Joan, 12, John, 10 and Jim, 8, and headed for California.

"We took 23 days for the trip," Bob said, "with about 40 hours flying time."

"We did what you couldn't do."

Germer residents' of Redford Township who have lived in the Plymouth area three years, also found time to be active members of Salem Bible Church and recently had a missionary intern sharing their home.

"Mary also is sponsoring a friend who is a missionary in Africa as a member-at-large in the Ninety Nines."

Has the family thought of owning a plane?

"Right now we can't justify it economically," said Bob, who can rent planes reasonably as a member of the Southgate Flying Club. "But someday, after I get my instructor rating, maybe we will have a flying school."

The idea brings a dreamy look to two pairs of eyes.

She's An Alto

Cheryl Stewart of 15426 Williams, Livonia, has been named as a second alto in the choir of Carroll College, Waukesha, Wis. Director is Dr. Gordon V. Burnham.

Students will live with Mexican families and attend school, studying the language and cultural and historical aspects of Mexico. Cost of this program is \$500 and this includes the \$50 registration fee.

Applicants for either of the programs should write to Youth For Understanding Headquarters at 2015 Washburn Avenue, Ann Arbor 48104. Application forms and informative material will be sent by return mail.

It's A Boy

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Reichle of Hillsdale announce the birth of a son, Andrew Lowell, on Feb. 28. Mrs. Reichle is the former Margot Kidston of Plymouth.

Beta Sigma Show Helps Retarded

The Detroit chapters of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will host a fashion show beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, in the Polish Center Club, 5181 East Outer Drive, Detroit.

The show will benefit the Detroit Association for Retarded Children. Tickets, including dinner and the show, are priced at \$6.

Kathy Glumb of Livonia is corresponding secretary of the Detroit City Council of Beta Sigma Phi.

Moldwin Is Bulman Speaker

The Rev. William Moldwin will discuss sex education at the April 8 meeting of the Bulman Nursery. The program will begin at 8 p.m. in St. Paul Presbyterian Church, on Five Mile just west of Inkster Road, in Livonia.

Moldwin is currently pastor of St. Philip Workers. He was formerly with the Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Applications for the fall term of the school are now being accepted. Registration forms may be obtained by contacting Mrs. William Hulbert at 476-3037.

Pair Named To State Posts

Two area women have been named to posts by the national council of Delta Zeta Sorority. Both are members of the Western Wayne Alumnae chapter of Delta Zeta.

Mrs. Donald Massey of Livonia has been named province collegiate director, while Mrs. Michael Frederick of Plymouth was appointed as assistant province collegiate director.

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YFU Seeks 2,700 For 1970 Visits

There are more than 2,700 homes for high school students to visit throughout the world this summer under the Youth For Understanding program.

Locations of the homes are in Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Ecuador, the Philippines, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland and Japan.

The YFU program is open to juniors and seniors in high school, who should apply right away. Cost of the program is \$350 plus a registration fee of

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