

Northwest YWCA Examines Changes At Groundbreaking

The thought of a man walking on the moon was science fiction fare, there were American soldiers fighting a police action in Korea, and women were wearing their skirts just below the knee in 1952.

That's the year that the Northwest YWCA broke ground for its present building at 2640 Grand River in Redford Township.

Last Sunday, the Y broke ground for a million dollar addition designed to double the present facilities.

THEME OF the groundbreaking ceremonies was the passage of time and all the things that have changed or remained the same during the past 12 years.

When the YWCA moved into its new quarters in 1952, the branch had 1,500 members. Today there are 7,500 members from Redford Township, Livonia, Farmington, Southfield and northwest Detroit.

The 20,000 square feet of additional building will contain a swimming pool, women's and men's locker rooms, a craft room, new office space, several general-use rooms and an area to double as a second nursery and a teen room.

Representatives of the Metropolitan Association of YWCA's, the leadership of the branch, the Y's swimming group and the teens grade

To Address WSU Group

G. Mennen Williams, former governor of Michigan, will be guest speaker at a dinner meeting of Wayne State University chapter of Phi Delta Kappa fraternity, Friday, May 15. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. in Room D of the McGreggor Memorial Building.

Williams will discuss issues confronting educators today. Mrs. Williams will also be a guest at the dinner.

Those wishing reservations should mail checks payable to Phi Delta Kappa to Tom McLennan, 22740 Sherman, Dearborn, 48128. Dinner tickets are \$4 per person.

Those who spoke were Miss Duey, Miss Dorothy Mignault, executive director of the YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit; Mrs. George Sweet, president of the YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit and a former board chairman at Northwest;

and Mrs. Matheson. Rev. Edward F. Haggerty of St. Agatha Catholic Church gave the benediction.

General chairman of the ceremonies was Mrs. Milton Drake.

A two year building fund

campaign, conducted by a committee headed by Judge James N. Canham of Redford Township, made possible the addition designed and supervised by O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach, Inc., architectural firm.



ON GROUND-BREAKING DETAIL—The McCormick triplets were among those helping break ground for the addition to the Northwest YWCA Sunday. The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O. McCormick of Northville, the youngsters, from left, are Jill, Cynthia and Jennifer. They are pre-school members of the Y. (Evert photo)



Northville Woman Gets Coop Nurseries Post

A Northville woman was elected president of the Michigan Council of Cooperative Nurseries Tuesday during the council's state-wide conference in Lansing.

She is Mrs. William R. (Karen) Wilkinson, who has been vice president and conference chairman during the past year. She has also served as vice president and area coordinator for the Greater Detroit Cooperative Council.

Mrs. Wilkinson is a member of the Northville Cooperative Nursery and was a member of the Cray Nursery in Detroit for three years.

A graduate of Albion College, Mrs. Wilkinson taught math, Spanish and French in Dearborn.

For relaxation, she plays tournament bridge, sails and skis.

Her husband is projects planning manager for the corporate planning staff at Ford Motor Co.

As president of the council, Mrs. Wilkinson will guide parents in their efforts to operate cooperative nurseries and to direct the adult education programs sponsored by the nurseries.

She says that a cooperative nursery was the logical choice when her oldest was ready for group activities.

"I quickly discovered that

one of the greatest benefits was being able to get in touch with the school and its program, precisely designed for the learning and pleasure of three and four-year-olds," Mrs. Wilkinson explains.

"But, the unlooked for bonus was almost the first opportunity

to broaden my own social contacts from the daily confines of a young mother," she adds. "As I attended the parent education programs, many speakers presented me with new insights and understandings into the growth and development of the preschool child."

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Almost two months ago Margaret Miller announced that she and husband, Joe were planning a week's vacation for just the two of them.

When the problem of finding an adult to oversee the activities of the four Miller daughters came up, I heard that my name had been suggested, and I was the children's favorite choice.

"Don't worry," Margaret cautioned. "We still have the names of some women who stayed with the children when they were little, and I'm certain that one of them will be available."

The result was that the women weren't able to come for the week, and this 31-year-old single, career woman has drawn the chore.

It didn't sound frightening two months ago, but now the time has come.

Kids scare me, but I imagine that I will manage to survive.

My biggest fear is that with the combination of filling Mrs. Miller's slot both at the office and at home, I will be suffering from an identity crisis by the end of the week!

Sue Shaughnessy

Farmington Thespians Present Polished Comedy Production

STAR SPANGLED GIRL by Neil Simon. A comedy in three acts, produced by the Farmington Players and directed by Joel Hepler. Set in 1942, the play revolves around the staff of a protest magazine and the red-headed, patriotic girl who moves into the apartment next door.

CAST
Andy Hobart Dennis Broadhead
Norman Cornell Pete Turgeon
Sophie Rauschmeyer Carol Long

By SUE SHAGHNESSY

The Farmington Players current offering of "Star Spangled Girl" is a polished and sometimes sparkling production.

There are only three characters in the Neil Simon comedy, and the local thespians have cast Dennis Broadhead, Pete Turgeon and Carol Long for the final production of the season.

The production is Joel Hepler's first directing assignment, and he exhibits a deft touch with modern comedy

that relies upon both political satire and human failings for laughs.

Set in San Francisco, the play revolves around the staff of a protest magazine and the red-headed, patriotic girl who moves into the apartment next door.

BROADHEAD, who has had numerous appearances on the Players stage, appears as Andy Hobart, the "organization man" of underground journalism, while Turgeon is the only editorial staff member, Norman Cornell, a brilliant but erratic writer.

The star-spangled girl, Sophie Rauschmeyer, is a person whose accomplishment is that she represented the United States in the Olympic swimming competition. Her greatest disappointment is that she was defeated by the entry from the U.S.S.R. and a "fat girl from the desert" country of Turkey.

Broadhead is the best of the

cast, while Turgeon seems more concerned with playing the comic jester than an intense, but not-too-sensible, youth.

Miss Long's problems with her role are harder to define. Somehow she seems to lack the aggressiveness that one would expect from a person competitive enough to reach the Olympics. Because of this, her problems with Norman seem to be of her own making.

ON THE POSITIVE side, the production is guaranteed to make you laugh.

There are moments when the three actors all hit the same pace, and the result makes you believe that there are young idealists who date their landladies and eat light-bulbs for sustenance.

On the technical side, the set is constructed with all the elements of a bachelor apartment. The problem is in the dressing of the set, because it looks like the suburban mother's concept of a bachelor's apartment.

If you have ever seen bachelors' apartments, however, you know that they just aren't that clean and neat.

Wives Meet At Selfridge

The Waiting Wives will meet Tuesday, May 19, in the chapel center of Selfridge Air Force Base.

The program will feature a film on the Lamaze-Pavlov method of painless childbirth Mrs. Flora Hummel, a representative of the Childbirth Without Pain Education Association, will be present.

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MOTHER'S DAY PRESENT — Dorothy Anders of the Wayne County Chapter of the National Foundation of the March of Dimes presents a layette to Mrs. Johnny A. Pace and her son in St. Mary Hospital. The 7 pound, 10 ounce youngster was born at 6:29 a.m. Sunday, May

10, and was the first baby born in the hospital on Mother's Day and during "Healthy Baby Week." The March of Dimes emphasizes the need for good prenatal care as one step in the movement to combat birth defects. The Paces live in Dearborn. (Observer photo)