



Questers Convene They Study Heritage

They came more than 300 strong to Plymouth, ladies from all over Michigan who love to learn more about their heritage.

They made a colorful group in the Mayflower Meeting House, wearing old-fashioned bonnets and plumed hats of yesteryear with their chic spring outfits.

They filled the big hall with enthusiasm—over a fashion show of old gowns that one chapter presented, over the exhibits of antiques several groups set up, over the winners of the first state yearbook contest.

The ladies are members of the Questers, an organization that numbers about 1,000 in Michigan and more than 7,000 nationally.

"We're a study group," one leader said. "Our motto should be 'dig and learn.'"

"We're at our best when we study some period of history instead of listening to guest speakers."

Ten Queter chapters of the Greater Detroit Northwest Area were hosts for the state meeting. That list included two new chapters in the Plymouth-Northville area—Meads Mill, named for that almost-forgotten settlement founded along the Middle Rouge Parkway; and Silver Spring, named for a Northville landmark.

Other host chapters also have names with interesting local histories.

There's Baseline, named for the old road that stretches across the state and now is called Eight Mile in this area, and Bell Branch, named for a Rouge River tributary that in turn was named for Israel Bell, first settler in this area.

You'll also find Sand Hill, the original name of the Redford settlement, and Quakertown, the name often given to the settlement founded by Quakers from New York State in the Farmington area.

At the state meeting, Mrs. Roderick A. Cassidy brought greetings from Plymouth and Mrs. Ross Sutherland, president of the Sand Hill chapter, was commentator for the fashion show put on by members of her group and women from the Westlawn Methodist Church in Detroit.

Florence Wright, former member of the Cornell University faculty, spoke on decorative stenciling for furniture of the Federal period, this year's study topic for the organization.

Next year, it was announced, the study subject will be American samplers. The Questers will continue their historical quest.

NOSTALGIA -- The Sand

Hill Questers' style show took you back a few years.

DOLL CORNER -- Mrs. Ross Sutherland, Sand Hill president, examines some antique dolls from the collection of chapter member Nancy Curtner of Livonia. Mrs. Curtner has collected about 300 dolls and had "a smidgen" on display. (Observer photos by Vince Witke)



Spotlight on Women

Pollution Is Topic

"Let's Take a Deep Breath, Dure We?" will be the theme of the Livonia Garden Club at its meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, in St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30909 Six Mile Livonia.

The program dealing with problems of air pollution will be presented by the Wayne County Air Pollution Control Center.

Members also will bring flowers from their garden for judging at the meeting.

Those interested in attending may call Mrs. Ray Collins, 427-6965, or Mrs. Robert Book, 261-4547.

Garden Club Says Thanks

A garden club that gave a helping hand in helping another to organize and begin a program will be honored in an appreciation coffee Thursday, June 4.

The party will be given by the newly organized Livonia Green Acres branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association for the Plymouth Lake Pointe branch. It will take place in the home of Mrs. Jack DePodesta, 36520 Kingsbury, Livonia.

The Green Acres began its program last year with the aid of the Lake Pointe branch.

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There's nothing like distance to add a new perspective.

In any job, including mothering, you get tied up with details and miss a larger view.

So, when preparing to leave for a week's vacation, I was determined to have every movement the family would make plotted and charted down to the last dotted line.

I made lists, planned menus and made out schedules on who was to be where when. Also how and why.

Then, when I called home mid-week, I learned how unimportant were many of those details.

"We got up too late to get to band," I was told, and "the pot roast and pork chops burned, but we ate them anyway." But I also learned that life in the household was going well when I wasn't there to direct it.

When I arrived home, another new perspective became clear.

I had returned determined to be less the harassing mother. My substitute had been pretty proud she didn't lose her temper—except at the cat—and surely I could do as well.

That mood, of course, lasted maybe 24 hours. Then I was insisting with the old vehemence that a certain littered bedroom be straightened.

Miss 11 made me feel really at home. "Mother," she said, "It's so nice to hear you yell again!"

—Margaret Miller



TAPPED FOR HONORARY -- Kristine Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams, 14000 Richfield, Livonia, is one of 45 Michigan State University coeds tapped for Tower Guard, a service organization for outstanding sophomores that chooses its members on the basis of scholarship, leadership and service. Miss Williams, a 1969 graduate of Lutheran West High School, is majoring in psychology.

It's Strawberry Festival Time

The annual Strawberry Festival at the Northwest YWCA Thursday, June 4, will offer a lot more than the luscious red berries with ice cream.

Those who attend also will hear a band concert on the lawn and join in dancing in the gymnasium. The YWCA is located at 2940 Grand River, Redford Township.

Datus Moore will be the director.

the lawn, the program will move inside to hear first a choral group from the Westland Elementary School, Detroit, directed by Mrs. Dorothy Meadows.

Jennie Powell, a graduating senior from Redford High, will follow with a medley of songs from the musical "Guys and Dolls."

A DANCE BAND, made up of the musicians from Pearson and Hilbert, will then turn the

all-purpose room into a ballroom where families and friends can enjoy dancing until 9 p.m.

During the entire evening, fresh strawberry sundaes will be on sale. Tickets for the sun-

It's A Boy!

Mr. and Mrs. David Eisenlord announce the birth of a son, Scott David, May 18. Mr. and Mrs. Eisenlord, formerly of Plymouth, are now living in East Lansing.

daes may be purchased at the Y throughout the evening.

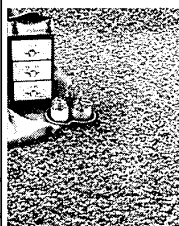
Mrs. Robert Albertson, chairman, said if the weather is bad, the entire festival will be held inside the building.

Mrs. Eisenlord is the former Debora Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perlongo. The fraternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eisenlord.

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