

Getting reacquainted with 'old friends'

WE'RE RENEWING acquaintances these days with some portions of our lives that have been missing for a while. It's like picking up old friendships with new twists.

For me, the returners are some bowls and glasses and plates and a bell, all fashioned in my favorite shade of blue glass. For Joe, it's pictures of the University of Illinois sports stars he covered at the very beginning of his newspapering days.

All are now sharing our retirement space, and they are a welcome addition.

THE BLUE GLASS collection — most if it acquired year by year back in the days when I attended "Ladies of the Press" luncheons at Greenfield Village each Christmas season — had for years been part of our



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

household furnishings. I kept it on a pine shelf that hung in two dining rooms in Michigan.

The shelf and the glass came with us to Florida. The former was duly hung in the only possible spot in smaller quarters, but when I added the glass it looked terrible. Too far from the window to pick up any light. So we substituted some white objects on the shelf and packed away the glass.

Only temporarily, though. I decided the blue would show well on a long shelf over the opening between our kitchen and dining room. Painted wood and glass were considered, but acrylic seemed the best choice.

I found a firm where acrylic shelves could be made, but it went out of business before I could put in an order. Several other leads flamed. The mail order catalogue showed what I wanted, and after a few out-of-stock please-reorder messages the shelves arrived and were duly installed.

I put the pressed-glass pieces and added a glass bluebird, and the apartment seems much more complete now.

JOE'S PICTURES are new, but the faces are familiar. He wrote to the Illinois alumni office and Duke Eddleman, a football-basketball-track star he had known and written

about. Eddleman sent him photos of himself along with some of football greats Dick Butkus and Mel Brewer, baseball's Lou Boudreau and the White Sox's 1943 college basketball season.

These were framed and matted in Illinois orange, and they've joined a signed print of Red Grange in a display over Joe's desk.

Nothing like a few scene changes to spice up the retirement picture.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer-News-Paper for 16 years. She and her husband, Joe, have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement memos.

Clarencville celebrates Michigan's 150

Clarencville will celebrate Michigan's 150 years of statehood with a Sequelentennial Dinner Dance, set for June 26. Tickets for the reunion of Clarencville friends and neighbors is \$20, available by calling the Clarencville Board of Education Office, 473-9900.



Plagiarism suspected

A suspicion of plagiarism among mystery writers provides the plot for "The Lady Cries Murder" staged by Harrison High School students with a 7:30 p.m. curtain Thursday and Friday in the school auditorium. Jeff Weiner (seated) takes the role of the suspected plagiarist, Larry King plays the attorney and Steve Bissell is mystery writer Raymond Chandler in the show that takes place in the early 1930s. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

Casa Maria Fiesta set

Friends of Casa Maria will host the seventh annual Casa Maria Fiesta which begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, in Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Among those planning for the auction and dinner dance benefit are Dr. and Mrs. Jamie Ayala of Farmington.

The event is given to aid Casa Maria Family Services, an agency of League of Catholic Women, which

serves the needs of a diverse population in Detroit's Corktown area. The center provides the area with Headstart, counseling for children and adults, youth recreational activities, referrals, runaway services and academic tutoring.

Tickets for the event are \$62.50 each. Reservations are taken by calling Casa Maria, 962-4230.

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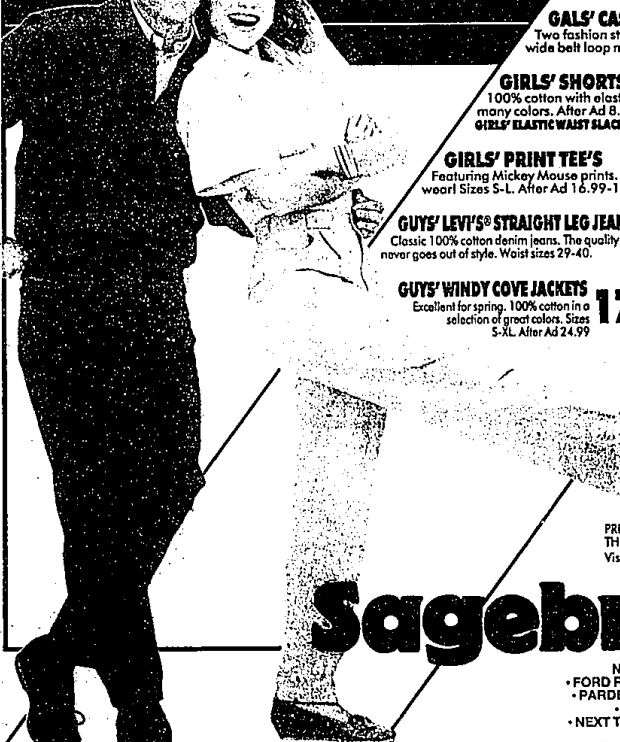
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