

Letters Might Rescue OEO Pilot Program

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Women's Editor

A pilot program that in three months brought vital family planning information and medical check-ups to 127 women in out-of-the-way areas of western Wayne county goes down the drain this week.

Hopes that it may be revived now depend on Congress.

Operation of a medically-equipped mobile unit, set up to give physical examinations to women and teach them about the use of contraceptives, comes to an end with last week's order that the federal government is withdrawing support from the Office of Economic Opportunity anti-poverty program in the county.

MRS. SOPHIE DRUTCHAS of Redford Township, one of two registered nurses working on the project, said the unit would finish its work—at least for the foreseeable future—with visits to the College Park Trailer Court near Belleville on Thursday and to the Romulus Neighborhood Action center in Wayne on Friday.

"We feel it was a worthwhile program that didn't have the chance to develop its potential," Mrs. Drutchas said.

She and Mrs. JoAnn Tolliver, registered nurse in charge of the family planning project, thus lined up with other Wayne County officials who have disputed charges made by the Chicago branch of the OEO.

In cutting off some \$776,000 in federal funds that had been allocated to the county for the anti-poverty program.

The regional office had called the program "generally ineffective."

THE ONLY CHANCE for the well-equipped trailer to begin its rounds again, Mrs. Tolliver and Mrs. Drutchas indicated, is if a bill that has passed in the United States Senate can also be passed in the House of Representatives.

That bill, it is felt, would bring the project under the department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Known as Senate Bill 2108, the Family Planning and Population Act, the bill provides for a central family planning agency in HEW, an additional \$30-million for project family planning grants, and \$150-million by 1975, and funds for training of family planning workers and for bio-



SERVICE ENDED—Mrs. Sophie Drutchas (left) and Mrs. JoAnn Tolliver work with a patient in the Office of Economic Opportunity Family Planning Project just before funds for the project were cut off last week. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

medical and behavioral research and for construction of research centers.

Those interested in perpetuating the work begun by the mobile unit may write to Rep. John Harman, chairman of the House subcommittee on public health of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and to local congressmen, asking for support of Senate Bill 2108.

AS THE UNIT operated beginning the end of August, four visits were made each week to areas where it is difficult for women to get to medical facilities.

The Canton Township Hall and the Ecorse Neighborhood Action center are the spots visited, in addition to the trailer court and the Romulus center.

"We gave the women a general physical examination, a Pap test, breast examination and blood test," Mrs. Tolliver said.

Then, working with Dr. Hugo Sanchez, obstetrician and gynecologist with a practice in Westland, the nurses helped the women understand the contraceptive devices available for family planning.

"We took the time to explain to each of the women who came," Mrs. Tolliver said. "We wanted to be sure to have each woman's trust and the officiating clergyman, is ill in Carmel Hall and was unable to go home for the weekend as planned."

Tiffany was born Oct. 2 to Mrs. and Mrs. John McEvilly of Westland.

Walter McEvilly Jr. was godfather and Darlene Dargo was godmother. Attending the christening, in addition to family members, were a number of Carmel Hall residents and nuns who serve there.



EARL WILSON



MRS. ANGIER BIDDLE DUKE

Earl Wilson, Robin Duke At Town Halls

An American woman who "knows how to do practically everything" and a newspaper columnist who has met practically everybody will tell of their experiences at Town Hall meetings this month.

The lady speaker is Robin Chandler Duke, who earned the reputation of being versatile when she lived in Spain with her husband, U.S. Ambassador Angier Biddle Duke.

THE COLUMNIST is Earl Wilson, the most widely syndicated writer in America.

Wilson will speak at the Livonia Town Hall, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18, in the Terrace Theatre, 30400 Plymouth. A celebrity luncheon will follow in the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth.

Tickets are available from Mrs. Robert Jones at GA 2-6635 or Mrs. William H. Bolton at 861-3443.

Mrs. Duke will tell about

her many careers at a meeting of the Farmington Town Hall, Thursday, Nov. 19. The Town Hall is held in Northland Center at 11 a.m., with the celebrity luncheon in Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington.

TICKETS FOR the Farmington Town Hall may be obtained from any Soroptimist Club member or at the Farmington Community Center.

Mrs. Duke is a former woman's page editor, a television panelist, a Wall Street broker and a public relations executive. As an ambassador's wife, she has met many interesting personalities in the diplomatic world.

Wilson is an ex-Olio farm boy, who has won fame and fortune reporting on world-famous personalities of stage, screen, radio and television.

Handicapped Plan 3rd Open House

The Livonia branch of the League for the Handicapped-Goodwill Industries will hold open house from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, and Thursday, Nov. 19.

The agency is located in the former Newburgh School at Newburgh and Ann Arbor Trail.

This is the third annual open house and the first since the merger of the League for the Handicapped and Goodwill, which now are combining resources to help give work to persons disabled in varying ways.

All interested are invited to visit and see the arts and crafts produced in the league activities center under the direction of Mrs. Julia Harvey and Mrs. Gertrude McCullough, teachers. Displayed will be a large selection of ceramics, Christmas decorations and some wood and sewing projects.

The teachers will be on hand to welcome guests and answer questions, along with director William Ebert and other members of the staff. Refreshments will be served both open house days.

AAUW Sets 'Punch 'n Play' Party Nov. 22

"Punch 'n Play," an entertaining evening of cocktails and live theatre, is being offered to all Observerland residents on Sunday, Nov. 22, by the Plymouth branch of the American Assn. of University Women.

Wine punch and hot delectables will be served in a number of area homes from 5 to 6:30 p.m., with AAUW members acting as hostesses. The evening will continue with a 7:30 p.m. curtain at the Farmington Players' Barn, 12 Mile Road, Farmington.

The play to be presented is "Halfway Up the Tree," Peter Ustinov's contemporary English comedy about a retired Army general who shucks the military to join a hippie commune, with predictable hilarious results.

Reservations may be made by sending \$2.50 per person to Mrs. Phillip Settles.

Lawyers Set Dinner Dance

The Livonia Bar Assn., in conjunction with the Lawyers' Wives of Livonia, will sponsor a dinner dance Saturday, Nov. 14, in the Dun Roving Country Club.

Charles W. Joiner, president of the State Bar of Michigan, and Mrs. Joiner have been invited to be guests of honor.

Christening Is A First

Wearing the dress first worn by her grandfather more than 50 years ago, tiny Tiffany Alana McEvilly of Westland was christened Oct. 17 in the chapel of Carmel Hall, home for the elderly in Detroit.

It was the first ceremony to take place there, and special permission was granted because Monsignor Merwin Lank, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in northwest Detroit



IT'S A TURKEY — A novel pine cone creation is displayed by Mrs. Kenneth Brown Jr. (left), chairman of a pre-Christmas sale of decorations scheduled Nov. 12 to 14 in the Livonia Mall, and Mrs. Howard Cossin, president of the Livonia branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association which is sponsoring the sale. There also will be decorations made of milkweed pods, tiny cradles made of walnut shells, Christmas candles and many other handmade items. Hours for the sale are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and all proceeds will go for the various scholarships given by the club. (Observer photo by Vince Witke)

Spotlight on Women

Conference Notes Problems Of Aged

A Nov. 12 conference at Oakland University will be entitled "You And The Olds: Agencies In Your Life."

Mrs. Charles Cannon is co-chairman of this second annual conference with Mrs. Douglas Owen, associate director of conferences at Oakland University.

The program will include a variety of sessions, some giving professional advice, some showing ways to cope with the emotional problems attending old age. Conferees will hear Ann Mok, R.N., describe services of the Visiting Nurse Assn. Patricia Seibert, R.N., on the Oakland County Health Dept.; Dr. Robert J. Kastenbaum of Wayne State University on changing roles within the family.

Dr. Howard Y. McCluskey will present a positive approach to dynamic maturity. Dr. McCluskey is professor of educational psychology, and consultant in community adult education, University of Michigan.

A panel of adults who have experienced assisting aged relatives through severe changes will tell how they met their problems.

The conference format will describe ways to foster feelings.

Beat The Blues

Theodore Reik, M.D. advises that to help avoid depression, begin each day by reviewing the current situation, their causes and what they mean to you. You will develop a habit of thinking through each problem before it becomes too serious or insurmountable.

ings of independence and well-being among the elderly. Medicare, Social Security and OEO agencies will also be represented.

Sessions will run from 9 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. The fee of \$7.50 includes registration, tuition, coffee hours, luncheon. Reservations may be made with the Conference Dept., Oakland University, Rochester, 48306.

Delta Zeta Members Plan Flame Fantasy

Delta Zeta sorority will sponsor its Flame Fantasy III at 12 noon Saturday, Nov. 14, in the Haleigh House restaurant in Southfield.

Proceeds from the luncheon and fashion show will be used to further the national sorority's varied philanthropic projects concerned with the deaf and hard of hearing.

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The Metropolitan Detroit alumnae will give their portion of the receipts to the Detroit Hearing and Speech Center, and outstate groups will select local facilities dealing with hearing difficulties.

The style show will feature resort fashions from Saks Fifth Avenue, with emphasis on resort wear. Music will be provided by the Freddie Busch trio.

Tickets and reservations are being handled by Mrs. William Kamm, TU 4-5512; Mrs. Donald Massey, 261-0334; Mrs. James Barry, 427-4712, have opportunity tickets in connection with a tree trip to Jamaica for two.

FAR FROM AGREEING with the order to stop the

work, Mrs. Tolliver and Mrs. Drutchas felt the project was worthy of expanding.

"We should be able to offer medical and dental services on a similar basis," Mrs. Tolliver said. "We had hoped we would soon be able to add a pediatrician to the project so the children could get inoculations."

Letters went out this week to those who had visited, instructing them to go to the Wayne County General Hospital or private physicians for any further treatment.

"But it's hard for so many to get transportation," Mrs. Drutchas said. "We can only hope the program will be funded again."

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